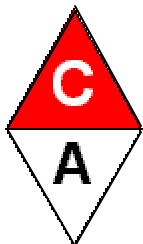


CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

CRUISE DESTINATIONS FROM EDITOR OF NOR'WESTING TOPIC OF MARCH 10 MEETING



- C36s Belly Up to the Docks in Poulsbo
- Racing Season starts on the lake and moves to the rock
- Warm up to the spices and then the big cheese
- Chandlery Day at Fisheries March 23

The Destinations Editor of *Nor'westing* and its Canadian cousin *Boat Journal* will be our guest on Friday, March 10. Chuck Gould, seasoned gungholer, will be telling us about lesser known places to visit in the Gulf Islands and also "5 things your mother never told you about the Pig Wars." How can you resist?

The meeting will be at its good ole venue, the CYC clubhouse at Leschi, under the Bluewater Bistro. Be sure to get there at 6:30 to have your choice of the pizzas that

Jim Fielder is bringing. It only costs \$5 a person, and he has promised at least one extra this time so you can eat your fill. Of course, the beverage is "you bring it, you drink it" including alcoholic ones because we have that banquet permit. We'll pass the hat to cover that one.

A few items of business, including a discussion of a pop cruise to Bell Street Pier in Seattle — maybe the Upland, All Wet substitute, will precede the speaker, and we hope to see you there, once more!

BELL STREET PIER MAY BE AS GOOD AN UPLAND CRUISE AS WE GET — ALL WET!

The Cruise committee has talked to Bell Street Pier — here's the skinny: weekend rates are \$1.25 a foot and may be reserved for the first night (non-refundable, but can be moved forward), with payment for the second night due when you dock. They'll put us all in on the same dock, and you will save the price of a spendy hotel and still be in downtown Seattle.

We looked into the weekend of March 17,

but it is full up. There are races the next weekend and on April 1, so that leaves a pop cruise this Saturday night, March 11, or something at the end of April or in early May. We can only make a group reservation for 8 or more boats, so that isn't practical, but if we can pick a date, and individually make reservations, this might be fun. We'll talk about it at the meeting on Friday.

BLAKE ISLAND CRUISE INTIMATE, & SHORT!

By Carol McManus

For readers with limited time, here is the cruise report in a nutshell: two boats, two days, one night, one new boat dog, marauding raccoons, and budding new friendships. (Apologies to any who might have arrived after 3:30 PM Saturday afternoon.)

Now here is the longer version, again with apologies to any who might have arrived

after we left. **Simply Splendid**, the C350 owned by new CAPS members Mike and Donna Anderson, arrived first, around 2:30 Friday afternoon, followed a couple of hours later by yours truly, and Paul, too, on **Sea Sea Rider**. Paul and I had a wonderful time getting to know Mike and Donna and their cute little Westie, Miss Mindy. *[We gotta lotta these little feisty*

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COMMODORE’S CORNER

By **Bob Armstrong**



Cap'n Bob is steering in the dark, as usual! Found himself a shrimp boat, though.

**Now
Our dear
Commodore
Is rambling on
Back roads
Near the
Dismal
Swamp!**

[Bob’s son, Bob, almost cheated yours truly out of her favorite headline — Commodore Craps Out — by tattling to his Dad in Florida that there wasn’t a CC for the newsletter about to be written. Hah! Still got it in! And got a CC to boot! Ed.]

As Commodore, I feel the need to write a SYS-BOOM-BAH rousing column that will get the whole group up and going, so here it is. **SYS-BOOM-BAH!!!** Now that’s done, let’s get on to the rest of my tale.

I’m having so much fun on the East Coast that the West Coast has been slightly forgotten. Joann and I arrived in Sarasota, Florida, to sunshine and warm temperatures. We didn’t realize we’d left a day early so we had to lay over somewhere (Joann is still learning to “Sail with Bob”), so we stopped in the middle of nowhere better known as “Eulonia,” Georgia, with 5 fast food places and no real restaurants. Since we had lots of time to kill, it was decided that we should drive anywhere and try to find some real food. An old sign said *Pelican Point Restaurant—10 miles* thataway (Crescent, Georgia). After driving in the dark, and I do mean dark because there was nothing for 8 miles, no lights, no houses, no farms — nothing — we came to a cross road with a streetlight — no stop sign. This was Crescent, Georgia! Two or three buildings, no people, but a sign did

say “*Pelican Point*”, a mile and a half. So off we go into the dark again. Finally we came to a sign that said “*Pelican Point*” 500 yards. It can’t be — it’s still dark and no lights. After a very long 500 yards, by golly there is a restaurant out here. Turns out to be a very quaint place with some of the best shrimp either of us has ever had. We know the shrimp is fresh because the Shrimp Boat is tied up just outside the window. Serendipity can be a very wonderful thing.

As we were driving up the east coast of Florida through Georgia and up to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, we would cross some very high bridges over some small rivers that turned out to be part of the Intracoastal Waterway which runs up the East Coast. The Intracoastal Waterway is a great way for boats our size to travel up and down the coast without ever having to go out into the Atlantic Ocean. Surprisingly, it doesn’t look very well used at this time of the year. There were just a couple of power boats and one sail boat; that’s all we’ve seen so far. For the amount of money it cost to build and maintain the Intracoastal Waterway system, I assume it will get quite busy as the summer season approaches. More about our trip in the future.

Our cruising and racing season had already started and **Good Tide’ngs II** missed the start of both. We look forward to a strong finish and fun season with all the CAPS members.



Can this many officers need to use the head at the same time?

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dogs, what with Oscar and Abby, too! Ed.] We shared appetizers Friday afternoon on **Sea Sea** and met for coffee the next morning on **Simply Splendid** [*A couple of S-Ss, so to speak. Ed.]* before Mike and Donna had to leave. (Poor Mike had to work.) Simply Splendid is moored at Shilshole, O-Dock if memory serves. She will soon sport her name — Mike and Donna have the vinyl lettering and are just waiting for the right conditions to apply them [*Hey, I can relate to that, and it only took a year! Ed.]* Miss Mindy will fit right in with all the other boat dogs, giving Oscar, Abby and a any other little white dogs I may have forgotten a run for the money as cutest little white dog, and causing grumbling (or should I say growling?) amongst the ranks of canines because she has trained her owners to carry her anywhere she needs to go. If memory serves, she even rates her own little dock cart! She's fourteen — age does have its privileges! [*As we all know from another "non" boat dog, Chewy. And Carol's memory, a subject often referred to in this article, is, of course, a testimonial to her own venerability! Ed.]*

As we docked we were met by our Blake Island dock mates on their Bavaria 46 with warnings of the bandits who had boarded them without authorization. The little

masked culprits apparently had sentinels on shore looking for careless boaters who left their companionways open, whereupon they would send a hunting party down to raid the pantry. While apples were eaten and arguments broke out over who got to open the box of crackers, another lookout watched for the return of the boaters. A warning signal was given and one and all made their getaway, leaping over the dock and hanging there upside down by their little paws until the coast was clear. Mike happened to be out and saw the whole thing, chasing the critters away before they did too much damage. [*Who said raccoons were cute — one pregnant female cost us an entire new roof! Ed.]*

After we said good-bye to new friends, Mike and Donna, we spent the day relaxing, reading, working crosswords and Sudoku puzzles, popping up from time to time when we heard a motor to see if any other intrepid souls from CAPS had arrived. When it looked as if no one was going to show and the forecast said rain, we opted to return to Port Orchard while it was still dry. We got to the marina about 5:30, enjoyed appetizers at the dock and then headed for home.

[Thanks, Carol. The Cruise Chair continued to have the flu, & his spouse, who was "protected" by a flu shot, still got the symptoms, only not the fever and chills, and both are still coughing over two weeks down the road. Just see what you missed! Ed.]



This seems to be the primary off-season inhabitant of Blake Island. Wonder how it does when there are tourists?

C36s GATHER IN POULSBO FEBRUARY 11-12

By Michael McCann

The meeting in Poulsbo was quite enjoyable. Four C36s made it to the dock, two from Shilshole, one from Elliott Bay, and one from Kingston. Two new members to C36 Fleet 4 are Jim and Tara Maltby aboard **Liberty** ('87), and Stan and Robin Howell who are now be the proud owners of an '89 named **Escapade** (just surveyed that day for purchase). Walter and Meryl Conner brought **Endless Summer**, John and Sally Hamel came in on **Auntie Beryl**³, Michael and Lynda McCann sailed down on

Jaded, and special guests Carol and Paul McManus drove in to complete the party. Great eats, and lots of good wine made the evening aboard Jaded very enjoyable. Some of the subjects discussed were anchor rodes and battery banks.

Lynda and I are working on a schedule of the fleet this year, and will release it soon. Please let me know if there is a place the C36s should go this season — we have a few South Sounders in the group too.

Fair winds, favorable currents, and may all the bridges be up!

**Send your
2006 Dues
NOW
to
Nancy McKenzie,
11945 80th Pl. NE
Kirkland, WA 98034
It's still
\$29 without Mainsheet,
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Write the check to
CAPS**



A cruise is any collection of boats at a dock that seem to have something in common, or seem to be having more fun than everyone else!

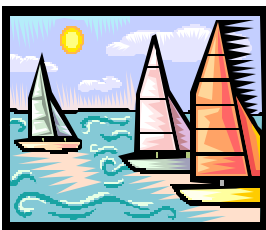
ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2006

Subject to revision (speaker names will be added when booked)...



Here's the latest update on the CAPS calendar — thanks, Linda, for finding the discrepancies between this one and the website calendar!

Changes for this calendar will show up on the Web At www.capsfleet1.com



Follow those boats; they must be going to a party.

<p>THIS IS ANOTHER GENTLE REMINDER TO PAY YOUR 2006 DUES OR WE WILL DRILL A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF YOUR BOAT!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p>Mar. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Chuck Gould - <i>Norwest ing</i> Gulf Islands & Pig War</p> <p>Mar. 23 Chandlery Day</p> <p>Mar. 25-26 MBYC Spring Regatta</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <p>Apr. 1 Blakely Rock Race</p> <p>Apr. 7-9 Kingston Cruise</p> <p>Apr. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Bring your inflatable PFD</p> <p>Apr. 28-30 Cruise to Seattle's Bell Street Pier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>May 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA</p> <p>May 20 Milltown Mid-Distance</p> <p>May 26-29 CAPS & CATSS Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>Jun. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi 106 Lakeside Ave. \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA</p> <p>Jun. 24 Shilshole CYC Northwest Catalina Regatta</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>Jul. 1-3 Gunkhole Anchor-out Marathon — Port Madison, Manzanita, & Liberty Bay for Pousbo 3rd Fireworks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MEETING GONE CRUISING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>Aug. 11-13 Everett Cruise Combining the Crab Cruise with the Birthday Meeting making it the Cruise for Crabby Birthday People! Lifesling Clinic?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sept. 1-4 CAPS & CATSS Poulsbo Cruise</p> <p>Sept. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i></p> <p>Sept. 15-17 CAPS & CATTSS Catalina Rendezvous at Port Orchard</p> <p>Sept. 23 Sloop Tavern Jack and Jill Race</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <p>Oct. 7 CYC Edmonds Foulweather Bluff Race</p> <p>Oct. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Pizza, BYOB CYC Leschi Program TBA</p> <p>Oct. 20-22 Brownsville Cruise</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>Nov. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Pizza, BYOB CYC Leschi Elections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>Dec. 9 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) CYC Leschi</p> <p>Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise</p>

RACING SEASON IS UPON US; MBYC SPRING REGATTA AND SLOOP TAVERN BLAKELY ROCK RACES ARE NEXT

By Ken McKenzie

The first race for the "coveted" CAPS trophy is close at hand! The **Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club's Spring Regatta** is March 25th and 26th. I will have entry forms at the CAPS meeting on the 10th. There is also a dinner Saturday evening that is good and cheap! The dinner is \$12.00 per person, cheap at twice the price. I buy dinner for all of my crew and their spouses. The moorage is free at the dock, limited power available. I encourage anyone wanting to race to enter. It's \$25 for the weekend of racing, all in the lake with no tide or currents to contend with. The cut-off is March 8th, but if you call Joe and hand deliver your form they should take you. Come and join the fun!

The next race is the **Sloop Tavern Yacht Club Blakely Rock Benefit Regatta** on April 1st [Really! Ed.] This is one of the best races in Puget Sound!

Lots of boats participate in this one. I will have entry forms at the meeting on the 10th. The cost to race is \$25. They serve breakfast on Saturday for \$6.00, or breakfast and a raffle ticket for \$10.00. Raffle tickets are also available for \$5.00 each. All of the monies collected go to the chosen charity. Again, come and join the fun! Entry deadline is 6:00 PM at the tavern on March 29th.

The third even of the racing calendar is the **Milltown Sailing Association Mid-Distance Race # 5** on May 20th. There is an 8:00 AM skippers meeting and a 10:00 AM start. Again I will have entry forms at the meeting and the race fee is \$20.00. So come up to Everett and see how we race around the pond!

Don't forget the **Northwest Catalina Regatta** on June 24th. I expect all of you to be there, racing or not.

Your Humble Measurer, Ken McKenzie



Here's where Tom gets to fly his kite!

**Ken
Loves to
Beat the
Bejeesus out
Of any boat
On the water
But at least
These races
Count toward
A trophy!**

'BAMA LADIES KNOW BOOZE, AND SPICES TOO!

Cynthia Jones forgot a couple of spices in her **Sweet Potato Pie** recipe last month. Dunno if any of these can overwhelm the bourbon, but she says to add

1/4 tsp. cloves and 1/2 tsp. ginger to the cinnamon and salt.

Go Crimson!

THEN WE HAVE LYNDA'S PLATE LICKER CHEESE DIP!

At the C36 cruise last month there was a fight to the finish between Carol McManus and Sally Hamel for the last of this cheese dip Lynda McCann invented. Give that girl her own laboratory!

Baked Cheese Spread

2 cups mayonnaise
2 cups grated Colby Cheese

2 cups chopped onion
Dash of hot pepper sauce
Dash of Worcestershire sauce

Mix all ingredients and place in a baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

It was delicious — on anything — bread, crackers, fingers!



Don't burn your tongue! So easy and so good.

CHANDLERY DAY IS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 9 AM TO 6 PM AT FISHERIES SUPPLY — GREAT DISCOUNTS FOR ALL CAPS MEMBERS. THANK MANAGER STU MULLEN WHEN YOU COME TO HIS CANDY STORE!