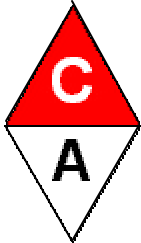


CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound



TEST YOUR INFLATABLE PFD AT APRIL MEETING...AND OTHER LIFESAVING SECRETS

- C36s to check out Brownsville again
- Racing on the lake is fun but Blakely Rock is more fun for Ken
- Veteran cruisers confess inertia

As we get ready for the cruising season, what is more important than safety? The excitement at this meeting will be rather explosive — if your inflatable life vest (PFD, to the initiated) works the way it should. Bring it with you and find out. Jim Fielder, our Safety Focal, will be at the helm for this one — he promises “Five things your mother should have told you to save your life” and we know Jim can deliver!

The meeting will start off at 6:30 PM at the

CYC Leschi Clubhouse (under the Bluewater Bistro) with pizza at \$5 each for all you can eat. Bring your own beverage — \$10 banquet permit applies for those who want to drink alcohol, and we’ll pass the hat to pay for it.

The program will start after a short business meeting — don’t know if Jim Fielder will have us blow ourselves up first, or after giving away the secrets!

At any rate, this will be a good one. **See you there.**

BELL STREET PIER NEXT CRUISE APR. 28-30 — DOWNTOWN SEATTLE HERE WE COME!

Yup, the Upland Cruise is in the water, and right here at home...Bell Street Marina was a happy choice for cruisers and land yachts alike. You do need to call if you haven’t already to be sure there is a space for you — their phone is 206-615-3952. It definitely beats the price of a downtown hotel room, and a couple of our members have pronounced it a lot of fun (the Purdys went with the Port Ludlow Yacht Club a

few month ago).

There’ll still be an hors d’oeuvres potluck on Saturday at about 4 PM, but with all the good restaurants around, we may not munch our way through dinner this time. Several will be coming for one night only, so let’s live it up! The latest information is that there is more security than there used to be, so you can relax about that. Just come and plan to have some fun!

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KINGSTON DRAWS A BOATFUL IN THE CONDO

After the meagerly attended Blake Island Cruise, it was time for a big one — and Kingston qualified April 7-9.

Rod Sparks claims he was first on Friday in his new **Windrunner**. The other Everett boat, **Northern Light**, wasn’t far behind (and Mike and Marilyn Parker have a “condo” too, having enclosed their cockpit completely in the past year). Linda Loux, George Fogg (and Hailey, the Schipperke

with the attitude) came in on **Branwen**, as did Peggy and Dave Fend (fresh from Mexico) on **DeFender**. Then came Sally and John Hamel (this time with Ruby, the party animal) on **Auntie Beryl**³. Last, but not least on Friday, Donna and Mike Anderson sailed in on **Simply Splendid** (accompanied by the venerable Miss Mindy, who is actually 17 and still trots

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By **Bob Armstrong**



Bob can cleat a dinghy as well as the next guy — grumpy sailor notwithstanding!

**Exploring
The dictionary
Seems to
Be a new
Passion
For our
Dear
Commodore.
Semiterrestrial
Indeed!**

We returned from the East Coast before I wrote this, so I will be jumping back and forth from here to there. Speaking of there, as we traveled back from a very cold Myrtle Beach (down to 32° one night), we stopped at George Town, South Carolina, to see the Historic Water Front. While I was trying to get a photo of an old Pirate boat that I thought was named “Jolly Roger”, turned out that it was the “Jolly Rover”, Joann watched a fellow boater row in from a beautiful 75 foot schooner. When he pulled up to the dock in his little inflatable, I asked if he needed help. His reply was a gruff “not really”, but he threw me his stern line anyway. While he cleated off the bow, I cleated off his stern line. He came around the pilings and bent over to redo the stern line, but stopped half way, straightened up, turned around with a nice smile, and said, “Thank you.” I think he felt we were just a couple of tourists that did not know how to tie up a boat.

Joann asked him about his big boat and he told us he had recently returned from Venezuela after sailing all over the southern oceans for the last eight years. It was a steel ship, and had developed some severe rust problems. The very low price of steel and high quality of craftsmanship down there made it possible for him to do major repairs instead of having to junk it. He claimed the high cost of materials and labor here in the US would have cost him his sailboat. He did say he was done sailing for awhile. Maybe it was just too much of a good thing.

We visited a couple of harbors here and there, and one of the things I noticed was that the docks are all fixed in height. They don't float up and down with the tide. That is OK for normal tides, but what happens when those famous hurricanes come with their tremendous tidal currents? It doesn't look like there is any place to hide your boat when the extremely high winds come. It may be beautiful in the nice weather, but look out for those storms.

Back to Seattle. At the Kingston Cruise (I'll let the editor tell you about the cruise) I mentioned a new word: “semiterrestrial” (now those of you who were there will find out what it means). Last month, I used the word “serendipity” and someone questioned the use of it. Checking out the dictionary, I found the use to be correct, however, there was a word on that page that caught my eye: “semiterrestrial”. Being into aliens and space stuff, I had to see what it meant. Webster says it means, “mostly land-dwelling creature that loves moisture and water.” Shouldn't he add “Northwest Sailors” to his definition?*

We are all looking forward to the Northwest Catalina Regatta in June — but there may be a slight problem. What if Shilshole Marina shuts down the guest dock before the end of June? Please keep in back of your mind an alternative place we can have our fun!

It is so much fun traveling by boat or car because you see new sights and make new friends on the journey.

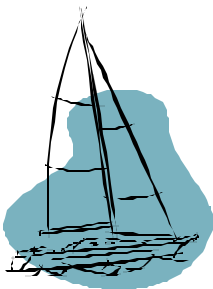
**[My dictionary says “semiterrestrial” means partly terrestrial...Gorillas, equally semiterrestrial...Hmmm. Ed.]*

NEXT C36 CRUISE TO BROWNSVILLE APR. 21-23

Nominal Fleet Captain Mike McCann (because he's a nice guy, and almost retired) has set up a cruise to Brownsville for the weekend of April 21-23 *[Now that's where yours truly almost earned her rubber ducky award, but was saved by the 8" space between the water and the tie-down bars on the dock. Ed.]*. Fleet 6 was a cozy group, but has been acquiring new

members every year and more and more people are snapping up the older C36s. For many of our members this will be a busy cruising month, with two CAPS cruises and a C36 one to keep them on the water — gee, as if any of us needs to have an excuse to use the boat!

We'll report on this one in the next issue.



They're off once more to strange and exotic destinations — yeah, sure!

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along like a puppy, even if she is occasionally grumpy). In the future we will be more clear to all members about what the difference between just potluck and hors d'oeuvres potluck, because the Andersons actually ate dinner on their own boat while the rest of us ate out of the crockpot. But they did join the rest of the party on **Auntie Beryl**³, and the evening resulted in a relaxing nosh and slosh.

George and Linda joined John and Sally for a French toast brunch since lots of bread was left over from Hamels' borscht, and Linda had just bought a dozen eggs. The crowd started getting bigger in the afternoon. JoAnn Kurnow and Bob Armstrong came off the "Big Boat", Peg and Dick Eagle (with Sammy, the wonder dog) docked **Aerie**, and the very windblown and wet Laura and Dan Clawson came all the way out of the lake and across on **Good Tide'ngs**, very fast! Paul McManus drove up (Carol is in Florida helping to take care of her Dad who had surgery) and planned to spend the night on **Branwen**, and, on the next "big boat", Barb and Roger Jenkins completed the group. Unfortunately, Marilyn Parker had to leave on the same boat to go to work.

Dick got worried we'd have to split up or go into the shelter on the dock (nice, but a bit

chilly) because of the weather. Never fear sez your truly — the capacity of a C36 is 18, Count on it! *[That's what turned us on about the boat in the first place. At the Kingston Cruise 3 or 4 years ago, there were that many on **Jaded** and the party only ended when the last boat ran out of red wine! (McCanns had an excuse to be absent from their own marina — a 6-year-old grandchild's premier soccer game in Boise) Ed.]* **DeFender** got to be host boat because of their condo, and we feasted and partied through the dinner hour, and several bottles of wine! Mike Parker pulled off another *tour de force* with his bacon-wrapped dates, but what can you expect from a chef wannabe? Donna brought a great cheesy dip, and there was a quiche-like wafer, and something with a lot of chocolate on crackers, and an artichoke dip, and lots more! We eat well! The big boat people quietly left; the rest wandered back to their boats and spent the rest of the evening in happy repose.

Although it was blustery until about midnight Saturday, it quieted down Sunday, and it wasn't raining very much; there was just enough wind so those who wanted to sail home could do so in relative comfort. Last seen, the Clawsens were tacking in the Richmond Beach area! Going back to Shilshole between two races that were on their spinnaker runs was pretty spectacular, and a great ending to another successful cruise.



Just watching the races can be quite colorful!

**The
Cruise Season
Has gotten off
To a delicious
Start.
Next one
Is to Bell Street Pier
On the
Seattle
City Waterfront
The last weekend
In April.**

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It's hard to find a picture that will do justice to a team like our officers!

TWO RACES DOWN, FOUR MORE TO GO: MBYC LOSES LEEWARD MARK; BLAKELY RACERS SHINE OVERALL



Are these boats in the same race?!

By Ken McKenzie

The 2006 racing season has started off with a bang! There were 5 boats from CAPS in the MBYC Spring Regatta March 25th and 26th. The first race on Saturday had to be thrown out because the leeward mark came untied and floated up to the I90 bridge (too

bad, as S & S would have won the NFS division). The rest of the races were raced in great conditions — 12-16 knots of breeze and overcast skies. Sunday most of us put in a reef, as the breeze was a bit higher. **Scotch & Soda** was sitting in first place in NFS at the start, but accidentally went through the start/

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ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2006

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

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



Hey, where's the cruise?

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Apr. 1 Blakely Rock Race	May 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Jun. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
Apr. 7-9 Kingston Cruise	6:30 PM, CYC Leschi	6:30 PM, CYC Leschi
Apr. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i>	\$5/ea. for pizza BYOB	106 Lakeside Ave.
Sailing Safety Focus	Vessel Traffic Service	\$5/ea. for pizza BYOB
Bring your inflatable PFD	May 20 Milltown Mid-Distance	Program: TBA
Apr. 21-23 C36s Brownsville	May 26-29 CAPS & CATSS	Jun. 24 Shilshole CYC
Apr. 28-30 Cruise to Seattle's	Memorial Day Cruise	Northwest
Bell Street Pier	to Port Townsend	Catalina Regatta
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Jul.1-3 Gunkhole Anchor-out	Aug. 11-13 Everett Cruise	Sept. 1-4 CAPS & CATSS
Marathon — Port	Combining the	Poulsbo Cruise
Madison, Manzanita,	Crab Cruise with the	Sept. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i>
& Liberty Bay for	Birthday Meeting	Sept. 15-17 CAPS & CATTSS
Poulsbo 3rd Fireworks	making it the	Catalina Rendezvous
NO MEETING	Cruise for Crabby	at Port Orchard
GONE CRUISING	Birthday People!	Sept. 23 Sloop Tavern
	Lifesling Clinic?	Jack and Jill Race
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Oct. 7 CYC Edmonds	Nov. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Dec. 9 Annual Christmas
Foulweather Bluff Race	6:30 Pizza, BYOB	Party Potluck
Oct. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	CYC Leschi	and Gift Exchange
6:30 Pizza, BYOB	Elections	(Boat Gift and/or
CYC Leschi		White Elephant)
Program TBA		CYC Leschi
Oct. 20-22 Brownsville		Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Elliott Bay
Cruise	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	New Year's Cruise

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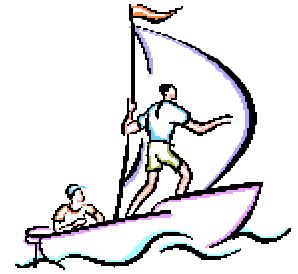
finish line on the downwind leg, had to drop the pole, go upwind around the mark and continue on downwind. My arch rival (on the water) **Magician** took 1st in the last race and vaulted to 1st overall for NFS, **Scotch & Soda** was 3rd, **Chinook** was 5th, **Starbird** was 7th, and **Good Tide'ngs** was 8th. Dan Clawson didn't make it out on Sunday. In the FS Class, **Sea Trek II** was 5th. This regatta is one of the fun races to do. Don't be afraid to go out and try it next year! I brought my boat down from Everett on Friday single-handed in up to 38.5 knots of wind, against the tide, with HUGE waves. That was a whole lot scarier than racing!

The next race was the Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Benefit on April 1st. This race again featured 5 CAPS boats. Whoopee! In the 3 NFS divisions we had **Scotch & Soda**, **Good Tide'ngs II**, **Starbird** and **Sea Sea Rider**. In the FS division it was **Sea Trek II**. It was a magnificent day to sail! It stopped raining just before the skippers' meeting and didn't rain on us the rest of the day. The wind

was good, 12-20 knots. It was a bit shifty, but manageable. **Scotch & Soda** was in the 1st start and was only passed by 3 boats the entire race! We finished 3rd across the line because the trimaran that passed us couldn't get around the Meadow Point buoy. **Scotch & Soda** was 1st in class, 3rd overall; **Good Tide'ngs** was 7th in class, 20th overall; **Starbird** was 7th in class, 19th overall; **Sea Sea Rider** was 5th in class, 15th overall, all in Non-Flying Sails. **Sea Trek II** was 6th in her division, 42nd overall in flying sails. There were 22 boats in the NFS class and 70 boats in FS — all in all I think the Catalinas had a pretty good showing, don't you?

The next race is in Everett. It's a Mid-Distance race, with a 6 hour time limit, and it's only \$20. Come up to Everett and race with us. I'll have the forms at the April 14 meeting.

[At the Kingston Cruise Bob Armstrong, Good Tide'ngs II, confided to yours truly, "I got a gun this time." "So," sez me. "The gun means you're last over the finish line!" Here we are, Sailing with Bob, all over again! Ed.]



Whatta crew — they're bigger than the boat!

***This time
In the Blakely
Rock Race
Ken really did
Beat
Everyone!
CAPS is
Showing its
Colors
Well
This
Year!***

OLD CRUISERS NEVER DIE...**They just don't leave the dock!**

[You have been hearing about the adventures of yours truly's friends, "Yudy and Yorgen" as they have cruised on their Norseman 440 from the West Coast of Mexico, through the Panama Canal, in the islands off Central America's coast, and ending last spring in Cartagena, Columbia. This was the last long letter received from Judy — an eye-opener. Ed.]

From: J Mork

To: sally_john@comcast.net

Subject: no news from cartagena

Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 18:54:38 +0000

Dear Sally and John,

I expected to be able to write about sailing to new and exotic places...but, here we are, still in Cartagena. We have not even put the sails on this year! And the dock lines are in danger of turning to concrete, as they say of people like us. Well, what can I say? It's all part of cruising, and it's not a bad place to get stuck, after all. I figure we have the best real estate in the town, at the far end of the marina on the outside, with a fantastic view of the old city from the cockpit. Running water, limitless electricity, a supermarket within 5 minutes' walk. (Cruising to remote spots has its many charms and attractions, but



Foreign cities can really grow on you.

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not these.) Fresh tropical fruits are brought to the dock daily, carried in an impossibly huge and heavy basket on the head of Carmen, a sturdy and friendly local black woman.

How did this happen, going nowhere for the more than three months we have been back on the boat? We were going to leave in November, before the strong winter trade winds set in...but, well, there was the independence celebration, then the many festivities around Christmas time, which then merged into the Virgin of Candelaria fiestas, etc., etc., (each festival lasts at least 2 weeks it seems), Jorgen's brother came for three weeks to study Spanish, and pretty soon, before we knew it, it turned into a life!

I go to exercise class where I have met some really nice local women whom I have done things with. My Spanish is getting better. Cartagena is full of wonderful restaurants. And the 16th century walled town, narrow streets, overhanging balconies festooned with bougainvillea, church towers, monasteries, plazas, continual folkloric dancing and music everywhere...it's, as the brochures say, unique in the new world. Well, now that the winds have set in for real, it seems reasonable to wait a bit longer.

But why not? It's like having a winter condo in a nice warm place. There are cruisers who end up staying here, or buying apartments, or condos.

What happens to old cruisers? They don't die, they just don't put up their sails anymore.

Truthfully, we are winding down the boating phase, anyway, as we have satisfied the lust to cruise now (my 5 or 6 years have been a wonder, and Jorgen has checked out the rest of the cruising world and assured me that it doesn't get any better than this) (Note, especially the San Blas and Perlas Islands) (Note, from all reports, it

sounds as though the traditional cruising destinations — e.g., Polynesia, Galapagos — are overrun nowadays, and the remaining 'remote/primitive' places to discover are here in Central America.)

So we are not in a rush to get to the next port. Well, besides — we ARE getting old. We've been spending more time in the house each year, and enjoying it. We will see some more of this part of the world, and then head back north. It is nice to have a boat at Shilshole, isn't it? And there's always Alaska and B.C. calling — still some of the best boating anywhere, in our estimation.

We think we'll be heading over to Panama in a few weeks, and leave the boat there for the summer. BUT... don't count on anything we way we plan to do!

People are leaving in droves now, but **Cabaret** is still here [A boat owned by friends of friends of ours who also happen to be friends of George Fogg and Linda Loux! Ed.]. There is another boat that we were in the Darien with. She had an article about it published in Blue Water Sailing. I was going to show her my writeup, but discovered that, after the old computer crashed when the boat tipped over (Darien), that I don't have it anymore. Do you still have it on a newsletter file by any chance? [Is the Pope Catholic? Ed.]

Hope all is well with you and Sarah & Amy and the animals.

Judy

[Well, I don't think this is the end of the tale; after all, they do have to make their way back up to Seattle. But we've known Jorgen since he was showing us videos of being hove to near Antarctica in 100 knot winds. He's come the full circle! Hasn't mentioned moving to a trawler yet! I'll keep you posted. Ed.]



Can't pass up a basket of food that came in on a hear!

**Guess
That's why
We call our boat
Our
Waterfront
Property.
It always
Has a
Great
View!**



Always secure your computer well before you leave the dock — it never works quite the same after it hits the deck, or gets drowned by a wave!

