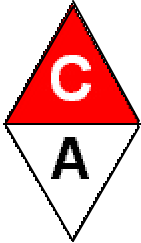


CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

VESSEL TRAFFIC SAFETY WILL BE TOPIC AT MAY MEETING; TUNE TO VHF 14 FOR PREVIEW



- C36s end up squished between a million power boats in Poulsbo
- Shilshole is still venue of NW Catalina Regatta

Now that you have figured out how to rearm and refold your self-inflating life jacket after our eye-popping explosive session with Jim Fielder last month — you have done that, haven't you? — you can settle down to serious business this month with the low-down on those huge container ships that are bearing down on you in Puget Sound much faster than you expected! Tony Zecca from Vessel Traffic Safety will give us some hints on how not to scare yourself, and how to anticipate their traffic (without buying one of those radar gizmos that tells you exactly when and where you are going to crash). Jim

Fielder may have an extra surprise, too.

The meeting will start at CYC Leschi at 6:30 with all-you-can-eat pizza for \$5 per person, and the BYOB "Banquet License" that enables you to bring an alcoholic beverage for a modest contribution to the kitty. We're going to start planning for the NW Catalina Regatta at the end of June. So far, it's still at Shilshole at CYC in spite of the mess there — between Shilshole's marketing department and good ole Carl Raffello we should be able to find enough guest slips for the racers. Dick Eagle will fill us in on Page 3.

See you at the meeting Friday, May 12.

MEMORIAL DAY IS IN PORT TOWNSEND AGAIN

Even though Chewey is not doing any cruising any more, thus no suite for a party, this won't stop CAPS from gathering at the public Marina at Port Townsend for the annual PT Memorial Day Weekend Cruise May 26-29. Moorage at the dock is first-come, first-served, and the status changes from minute to minute but we've always gotten in, even if some are at the commercial dock next door. Just call them

on the VHF when you get there and they'll tell you where to go.

The town has all sorts of attractions, not to mention good restaurants. The host (yet to be determined) will be flying the big CAPS burgee, with hors d'oeuvres on that boat Saturday at 4 and dinner at a spot they'll designate. The rest of the fun is up to you! **Be there!**

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BELL STREET BLUSTER DOESN'T DAMPEN CAPS

There may not have been many boats — but the weather didn't deter those who made it to hors d'oeuvres and dinner! Dick and Peg Eagle and Sammy came in on **Aerie** while the weather was quiet, Bruce Moulton single-handed **White Feather**, and Mike Anderson with his sister Stacey wrestled **Simply Splendid** into a slip on Saturday afternoon at the height of the bluster. The wind had picked

up on Saturday to over 25 knots and it was raining horizontally while John Hamel was washing the boat, so he and Sally chickened out and left **Auntie Beryl**³ at Shilshole (but their reservation day could be changed, so they weren't out any money). For hors d'oeuvres on **Simply Splendid** we had the delight of leftovers

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By **Bob Armstrong**



Bob loves to place in a race — even when it's last over the line!

**Bob
Should know
Better than to
Bring up anything
That your editor
Might use
In print!
It's all too
Tempting...**

Sally called me to remind me it was time for the Commodore's Corner...again! Can't be, it seems as if it was just last week that we did the last one [*Is that the royal "we", or is Joann really the authoress? Ed.*] This year has been very very busy. Joann not has a 25 foot trailer that is going to keep us busy when we are not busy doing boating stuff. With other members of the group getting trailers or motor homes, are we in danger of becoming an RV club also?

I want to thank Sally and John for the great cruises. The hors d'oeuvres and later dinner at Anthony's were wonderful. I'm not sure who upset the weatherman so much that we have had rain five weekends in a row, but that's how it goes in the Northwest.

I did have a "Sailing with Bob" moment this week. Bob Jr. helped me move my boat from the trailer to moorage. We took the boat to the Redondo boat ramp on Saturday. Bob was to drive the truck and trailer back home. Joann would meet me at the Tyee Marina because it is only 7 miles from her house. Saturday was a really windy day, and the Redondo ramp is a very rough ramp to use when the wind is up. It is also tough to turn a large boat around at the ramp (I think it was designed for the 10-12 foot aluminum fishing boats). The grandkids were going to go out with me, but it was way too windy and rough to take them out. I told them and Bob that I didn't want to come back to the bouncing dock once I left it. Of course, when I'm 20 feet from the dock, Bob yells out that I had the truck keys, and I would need to come back with them! So much for planning ahead! After that, all

went well and now **Good Tide'ngs II** is moored at the Tyee Marina in Tacoma. It sure felt good to just lock up the boat and not have to unstep masts, lug engines, etc; just coil a few lines, arrange the halyards so they don't clang and just walk away. Very nice indeed!

June and the Northwest Catalina Regatta are fast approaching. There are so many things that need to be done, but everybody seems to have their jobs down pretty well. That is, except for the Commodore; he's a nervous wreck. Everyone else seems to know what to do and when to do it. You folks with CAPS sure make my job easy. Thank you so much.

[Bob and yours truly had a bit of a discussion about the spelling of the word "commodore". He had titled his file "commadore". Then he said he knew how to spell commode, and I thought it only had one "m". Spell Check says I am wrong — there's a first time for everything. It occurs to me that the nautical word for commode is head — and that's what Bob is of CAPS — and maybe the relationship is closer than I thought. And then again, maybe I'm just trying to fill up space! Who, me?]

By the way, "windy" is an understatement for the condition of weather over the weekend. I was on the phone with Lynda McCann when the power blinked in Lake Forest Park and the computer went blank in the middle of writing this tome. I panicked because I hadn't put a "save" on it. But the new MS Publisher saved it anyway. Be grateful for small favors! Ah, here's the end of the column. Love & Kisses, Ed.]

C36s END UP IN POULSBO — IN SPITE OF YACHT CLUB

Fleet Captain Mike McCann forgot to reserve space at Brownsville, and the Roche Harbor Yacht Club had most of Poulsbo, but that didn't deter the C36s (and one C380) from squeezing onto F-dock for their first cruise of the year. Squeeze was the operative word — **Auntie Beryl**³ had all her fenders out, and the very wide power

boat on the other finger pier had all his out, too. Hers were squished against the dock and his were mashed between the two boats — at least he left later that afternoon and the smaller power boat that took his place fit — but he did have to borrow a "rope" to spring his boat so the swim step could be used for



Getting there can be half the fun!

C36 Cruise to Poulsbo Cont. on P. 3

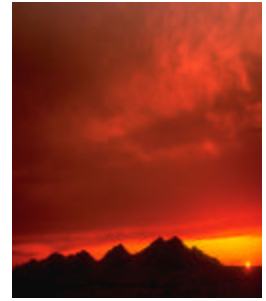
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from a party that Donna Anderson had gone to at Wells Fargo the night before, in addition to the usual goodies from other CAPS members. Car cruisers, in addition to the Hamels, were Bob Armstrong and Joann Curnow, George Fogg and Linda Loux and Roger and Barb Jenkins. At Anthony's Bell Street Café, the group was rounded out to include Ken and Nancy McKenzie. The only one who didn't make it was Donna Anderson whose bad back was acting up so she stayed home. Stacey (Mike's sister) more than made up for her sister-in-law's absence — and Mike has no

more secrets. He may have been the baby of the family, but the influence of his elder sibling probably thoroughly corrupted his soul. And she is even a Hunter sailor, though an older model without the roll bar and actually has something holding up its mast!

The food at Anthony's was delicious, and by the time dinner was over, the wind had died, the rain had ceased and there was a lovely sunset, followed by a quiet night.

The boats went back to Shilshole under sunny skies the next day, and **Auntie Beryl**³ took a private cruise to Tacoma's Dock Street Marina for the next two nights.



What can beat the silhouette of the Olympic Mountains?

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debarkation. Scattered along the dock were our C36s, Dave and Peggy Fend on **DeFender** who had rafted in Manzanita Bay with Jim and Kelly Hettinger's **Cutting Edge** the night before, Jim Ventris and Shelly Syvertson on **Serenity**, Walt and Meryl Conner on **Endless Summer**, and Mike and Lynda McCann on **Jaded**. Somewhere along there was Paul McManus single-handing **Sea Sea Rider** because Carol was in Florida taking care of her parents. Where did all those stink-

potters come from? They obviously hadn't wintered over in Roche Harbor. At least there were a couple of sailboats, even a C320. We didn't mingle.

The hors d'oeuvres were yummy and ample, and we did Atsa Some Italian Restaurant for dinner, so all were well-stuffed and lubricated by the end of the evening.

Sunday, after the power boats roared out, we all took a leisurely trip home — some even sailed!

Next cruise is to Quartermaster Harbor on Vashon Island May 19-21.

SHILSHOLE STILL SITE OF CATALINA REGATTA**By Dick Eagle**

As many of you know, there will be a substantial amount of construction activity at Shilshole Bay Marina from May to August. This means we will not have advance reservation temporary moorage available at the marina as we have all had in the past for the Catalina Regatta. However, we think we'll be able to accomodate all participating boats, regardless.

CAPS has spoken to the Port of Seattle staff, the Windworks Sailing School, Admiralty Yachts and the Seaview West Boatyard. All of them will be glad to make any vacant slips they have available to boats participating in the regatta.

However, none of them will know how

many slips are available until about a week before the regatta!

If you plan to race and would like moorage for June 23rd and 24th, please let me know. I will begin contacting the businesses previously mentioned as soon as I know how many slips we need. Please email or phone me as soon as possible (Dick Eagle: dpeagle@earthlink.net, 425-885-2823).

Just as a backup plan, consider reserving moorage at the Fisherman's Bay Marina just inside the locks.

[Dick has been talking, to everyone, about the problems that Shilshole, in its present condition, creates for the Regatta — nonetheless, there is a consensus that it must stay there! Thanks, Dick. Ed.]

**Have you
Looked at
Our Web Site
www.capsfleet.com
Lately?
Our webmaster,
Dave Fend,
Is only juggling
More than a dozen
Of them
But it's always
Updated
Immediately!**



Does anyone know what's going on at Shilshole? And they have the nerve to raise the cost of moorage before they're even finished!



What will these guys think of next?

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



Who cares if you're supposed to be a work? You've got better things to do!

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