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## Catalina Association of Puget Sound Newsletter

**June 2009**

**Northwest Catalina Regatta**

**June 27**

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### Commodore's Corner

**By Dan Clawson**

The June 12 meeting with Dick Dreschler should not be missed. Good job Rich for lining this one up! Be sure to get it on your calendar.

Just finished reading Dick's book "Manning Up in Alaska."

Dick has been sailing since his teens and has owned a Catalina 30, a 36 and now a 47. Last summer (08) he has his wife Sharon cruised from Mexico as far as Glacier Bay and Tarr Inlet in Alaska, making the northbound trip via the Inland Passage and returning through the Gulf of Alaska, stopping along Chicagof, Baranof and Prince of Wales islands.

I would recommend this book (got it from Amazon) not only for the inspiring story but the good stories of his many cruises and experiences. There are lots of pictures of the Alaska cruise on his website:

<http://www.voyagesoflastresort.com/>.

The Catalina Association of Puget Sound (CAPS) invites all Catalina sailboat owners to the 34th annual Catalina Regatta to be held in Puget Sound on June 27th 2009. This is a non-flying sails event. We encourage all sailors, regardless of experience to participate. This event will be held at Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) Seattle located at Shilshole Bay. Following the race we will have a barbeque dinner for \$15.00 each, a raffle, silent auction, and trophies for the racing event. Call Ken McKenzie @ (425) 823-2849 or email @ [mckenzie.k@portseattle.org](mailto:mckenzie.k@portseattle.org). You can also find the entry forms, dinner reservation forms and the race notice on the web @ [capsfleet1.com](http://capsfleet1.com). Everyone is invited to come whether you want to race or just enjoy a great dinner. CYC has a no host bar and the barbeque will be great! Please reserve your place for dinner so we know how much food to prepare. Race entry is \$25.00 until June 23rd, after that date it's \$30.00.

Please get your entry/dinner reservation from the CAPS website and send it to me. Whether you race or just join us for the after race festivities, it will be a fun day you don't want to miss!

### Sloop Tavern Spring Regatta Race Report

**By Tom Madden**

May 9, 2009

The race began at 10:00 AM at the southern hamburger buoy (mark "L") in Shilshole Bay. The weather all week had been rainy and windy, but the weatherman promised sunny and cool for the

weekend. That morning, the forecast was for light winds in the morning, turning to northerly breezes at



Just after the start, reaching towards West Point Under Spinnaker. What a beautiful day for a race!

5 to 15 in the late afternoon and evening. The reverse start race ran from "L", around Blake Island (in either direction) and back, with a time limit of 7 hours. There were 24 boats (in three divisions) signed up for the race.

At the skippers meeting, there was discussion of running the short course for the NFS class, since the weather report of light winds until late afternoon would make it problematic for the slower boats to finish all the way around the 18 mile course within the time limit. That could have made for an interesting start, with the first division starting to the north and the second and third divisions starting to the south. As it turned out, a few minutes before the start, the wind was a pretty steady 10 to 12 knots from the north, and the committee boat decided that all boats would go the full course around Blake Island. In hindsight, that was the right decision, as the wind held all day, everybody finished within the time limit, and it was a beautiful day to be out on the water.

I was in Division 2, which was the slower half of the flying sails boats. After the first division made their start, we positioned ourselves to be on starboard tack with enough cushion that we could pop the chute as soon as we heard the starting signal. With a fairly good start, we reached off towards West Point under spinnaker with "*Tenacious*" right on our starboard hip. As we made our way past West Point, we opted to jibe and head off towards West Seattle, to try and take advantage of what was left of the back-eddy in Elliott Bay. *Tenacious* and some of the other boats in the race opted to head across to the west side of Puget Sound,

and work their way down the shore of Bainbridge Island. We lost track of most of our competition at that point, as the Seattle Yacht Club was also running the Vashon Island race that day, and between the two clubs, there were nearly 100 boats heading south under spinnakers.

We reached the Island about 30 minutes before low tide, and tried to keep from sailing into a wind hole in the lee of the Island. After a gentle rounding on the south side of the island, it was back into the upwind configuration and heading north back to Shilshole. There was lots of head-scratching and discussion about which shore to hug, and when to head back across Puget Sound, but we pretty much just cleared Blake Island and headed northeast on port tack hoping to clear West Seattle and run up the bluff along Magnolia to West Point. By now the air temperature had come up a bit, so all that was needed was a decent coat to stay warm. A few tacks and grinding in the jib helped keep our body temps up too. We did get a lift as we crossed the sound, and didn't have to tack until we were just north of the Elliott Bay marina. In the end, we found some of our competition again, and made our way up the bluff with the wind gusting up into the high teens. We made our way inside the West Point buoy, and after a few minutes tacked back onto port and headed for the northern shore along West Point, and out of the current. Two more tacks found us laying the finish line, and we crossed in just under 4 hours, 12 minutes.



Heading back up to West Point with the winds now running between 12 and 18 knots. The skipper (Tom) on the helm and Bob Chandler grinding in the genoa.

All in all, a great day for a race. Winds were pretty steady in the 8 to 16 knot range, with sun and beautiful scenery to keep us occupied.

<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>Apr. 4 <b>Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race</b></p> <p>Apr. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park \$5/ea. for subs <b>BYOB</b></p> <p>Apr. 24-25 <b>Bell Harbor Cruise</b> Reservations: 206-615-3952</p>	<p><b>MAY</b></p> <p>May 8 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park \$5/ea. for subs <b>BYOB</b></p> <p>May 9 Sloop Tav. Spring Regatta</p> <p>May 22-25 CAPS &amp; CATSS <b>Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>Jun. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park \$5/ea. for subs <b>BYOB</b></p> <p>Jun. 19-20 <b>Manzanita Bay</b> Anchor-out Cruise</p> <p>Jun. 27 Shilshole CYC <b>Northwest Catalina Regatta</b></p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p>Jul.3-5 <b>Gunkhole Anchor-out Marathon</b> — Liberty Bay Manzanita, Port Madison, <i>Poulsbo 3rd Fireworks</i><b>NO MEETING GONE CRUISING</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <p>Aug. 7-9 <b>Everett Cruise</b> Birthday and Crab Feast (If the season is still open) At the guest dock</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>Sep 4-6 <b>Poulsbo Cruise</b> CAPS &amp; CATSS Sept. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park</p> <p>Sept. 12 Sloop Tavern Jack &amp; Jill Bremerton</p> <p>Sept. 18-20 CAPS &amp; CATSS <b>Catalina Rendezvous</b></p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>Oct. 2-3 <b>Brownsville Cruise</b></p> <p>Oct. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> Saturday Couples' Cook-off Laurel Park Program: TBA</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>Nov. 13 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park Program: TBA <b>Elections HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>Dec. 5 <b>Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange</b> (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) Laurel Park</p> <p>Dec. 31-Jan. 1 <b>Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise</b></p>

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