



## Catalina Association of Puget Sound Newsletter

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#### Editor's Note

By Dick Eagle

This will be the last newsletter until October. Next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be a presentation from Marine Service Center. Enjoy your sailing in the wonderful weather!

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Northwest Catalina Regatta

By Dick Eagle

June 12<sup>th</sup> was an absolutely perfect day for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Northwest Catalina Regatta. Considering the Puget Sound Weather up until that Saturday, it was incredible. There was sun, wind, and warmth! And following the racing, there was the world's best barbecue, an exciting raffle and silent auction, and the company of convivial people.

Twelve boats were divided into three classes and completed three races. With the wonderful weather, it was tough to complain about the big negative tide and the serious incoming current during the races. The most interesting race was race two with serious current and a super short finish line. Be sure to ask Rich Lerz about race two. Here are the racing results:

Boat	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Overall
Sea Trek II	Tom Madden	1	1	1	1
Aerie	Dick Eagle	2	2	3	2
Scotch & Soda	Ken McKenzie	3	3	2	3
Starbird	John Segerstrom	4	4	4	4
Sweet Sue II	Dave Motter	1	1	2	1
April IV	Tim Brogan	2	2	3	2
Spirit Wind	Rod Johnson	4	4	1	3
Chinook	Bill Disney	3	3	4	4
Alo	Gary Wilson	1	2	2	1
Blue Fin	Alan Vogt	2	3	1	2
Sea Sea Rider	Paul McManus	3	1	3	3
Sol Pacifico	Rich Lerz	4	4	4	4

After the racing was complete, everyone gathered at the CYC Shilshole clubhouse for refreshments and relaxation. Dinner, featuring John Segerstrom's famous pulled-pork barbecue, followed the relaxation. Then on to the raffle, silent auction, and presentation of trophies. We were fortunate to have 17 boat-oriented businesses support our regatta through donations of goods and services. Please look at the names of these fine supporters and frequent them.

And huge thanks to all of the CAPS members who helped set up the regatta, man the committee boat, cook and serve the food, and clean up afterward. What a crew!

Thanks to Tom Madden, Norm and Kathy Wells, and Laurie Motter, for soliciting great raffle and auction items!

In addition, we were privileged to have works of art created and donated by Cynthia Ellis, Barb Jenkins, and Skip Meisch!



### Regatta Donors

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## CAPS Manzanita Cruise

By Sheri Wilson

On June 18 we left MBYC by 10:00 and made it to the locks where we had to wait for the large lock so we decided to tie on the wall while doing so. After the locking procedure the lock master instructed all the boats to stay put as the train bridge had a malfunction and they wouldn't be able to open it right away. We were one of several sailboats in addition to three or four very big cruisers/motor yachts that definitely needed to have the bridge upright in order for us to clear it. We could see several repairmen on and under the bridge span so after approximately 15-20 minutes it opened and opened and opened – so slowly that we wondered if it would really make it to its normal upright position. It didn't seem very likely that it would but we were finally given the green light to depart and away we all went. What a slow process for us this time. That's the breaks though, as sometimes we make it through quickly and other times, like this one, it took us longer. Oh well.

We had a nice crossing but decided to power even though there was a nice northerly breeze of 13-14 knots but we wanted to get to Manzanita by 2:00 in order to get our anchor set and then be ready for any cling-ons, oh, I mean raft-ons!!! As we got to the north end of Bainbridge Island we saw Branwyn powering with George at the helm. As we got into Agate Pass we saw Echo (Joe at the helm and perhaps Evelyn relaxing below) under sail (or should I say trying to sail) as the current was running at approximately 3 knots. We powered on by and waved and soon thereafter when we looked back Joe's sails were down and he was under power. Not too much further was Wind Runner (Rod Sparks) who was also powering. The bay was basically deserted from any transient boats so we got our anchorage of choice, got set and in came the other boats. Branwyn came on our starboard and Wind Runner on port. We asked Joe to put his anchor down and raft on to Branwyn so we'd have two at this point which he was more than willing to do. I was standing on our bow checking things out and all seemed to be going well until I heard Joe say an expletive. Having known Joe for about two years I have never heard him swear – until now and for very good reason: he got some fingers caught in his anchor chain which did something very bad to his left hand. He stayed so calm it was unbelievable. Questions were being asked of Joe so we could determine the severity of the situation. He quickly went back to his cockpit and Linda quickly got some ice and a towel to put on the hand. *Joe was calm and talking.* Rod Sparks was concerned as we all were but “took the helm” and said he'd look at it. Once Rod looked at the injury the determination was made very clear that Joe needed medical attention pronto. *Joe was calm and talking.* 911 was called and after giving the details as to where we were and where we could take Joe to be seen by the EMT things were set into play again. *Joe was calm.* George and Linda had the only dinghy among us boaters. The irony of this is they were originally planning to bring the dinghy but one of the pontoons was flat so they thought about just bringing the kayak because Linda needed to make dog runs with Hailey, but George decided to inflate the pontoon and hence, the dinghy came instead of the kayak. Kudos to George! What an unknown and unexpected help that turned out to be. George and Linda took Joe (*still calm, talking and humorous*) to the designated shore meeting place but the EMT's weren't familiar with the area and couldn't find it right away but after a couple more calls from the 911 operator they eventually met up. *Joe was calm.* The medics took Joe into the van and made the determination that Joe needed to be airlifted to Seattle which he was. *Joe was calm.* Talking about calm, Evelyn was so calm and efficiently going about making phone calls to relatives and friends to arrange for Echo to be taken back and to find a way for her to get to the hospital since the medivac won't allow “visitors” to fly with them. Linda Loux thought about Mike and Lynda McCann who live on Bainbridge, got ahold of them and with great expediency they came to the shore meeting place and took Evelyn to the ferry. Arrangements had been made by Evelyn that some friends of theirs who were out on their boat too, would come and take Echo back to Shilshole.

After all of the excitement, Barb and Roger (Jolly Roger) came and rafted, and a bit later Rich and Debbie Lerz (Sol Pacifico) arrived and they were elected to drop their anchor. Alo's stern anchor was set to ensure no anchor twisting since the forecast was for the wind to shift out of the south. We eventually had appetizers onboard Alo and by that time I think we were all starved!!

Saturday morning's breakfast was originally planned to be aboard Echo but that didn't happen. The boating friends came early, probably 9:30 or so, and what a surprise: Joe and Evelyn were there too!!! (*Joe still calm and humorous.*) His hand was all bandaged up but the prognosis was excellent. We are all just so thankful that he was okay and things weren't worse than they were. So off they went back to Shilshole. The potluck breakfast was held aboard Alo and the food was so good. The weather was windy all day from 9-19 knots, finally subsiding by 8:00 p.m. to allow for us to enjoy a peaceful night.

Sunday was Father's Day and some of us had to get back home for that so we all were up and at it, casting off by about 10:00. Waking up there were low clouds and by departure it was starting to mist. By the time we were well underway the mist gave way to rain and was wet most of the way home.

Despite the emergency with Joe we all had a great time. It is always so nice to see everyone, and thank you for your efforts in coming to the cruises.

## **Cruise Report from S/V Echo**

**By Evelyn Heaton**

On Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we had a good sail over across the sound, got 6 knots, just the right amount of wind, got almost to the bridge and were overtaken by *Alo*, *Wind Runner* and *Branwen*. Followed them into Manzanita Bay. They were all rafted and when we got there we were assigned to put out an anchor to back down on the raft. In the process the anchor did not take hold where we thought we dropped it and when we got rafted we had no anchor, it was right straight down in the water.

In the process of resetting the anchor (about 3:00 pm) the skipper stupidly (opinion)wound his little finger and ring finger into the windlass. The procedure that followed went as such:

Skipper Joe, wrapped his hand in the bottom of his polo shirt and headed back to the cockpit. Rod Sparks was right there and looked at what was in the polo shirt. As the Skipper Joe was saying I can wrap this and drive the boat home, Rod turned and said to Gary on *Alo*, call 911 and asked Sherry if she had ice. With ice and a towel, Rod and Joe wrapped his hand in a towel with ice and then duct taped the towel on to his arm. Gary called 911. Linda on *Branwen* knew where to dingy him to, where the street was, as she had walked the dog there several times before. Linda and George got the dingy fired up and Joe got in the dingy and away they went to shore. The 911 operator called Joe (about 3:30 pm) on his cell phone, asking for a cross street. He walked ½ block up the street and found a street sign to give the street name to the ambulance driver and soon the ambulance arrived. After looking at his hand, wrapped in the towel, they said you will have to be medivaced to Harborview. Joe talked to Evelyn as he rode in the ambulance letting her know he was going to Harborview. They put him in the ambulance and away they went to the heliport on the East side of Bainbridge Island. Joe was put on the helicopter (about 4 pm) and at Harborview after a 10 minute flight. In the meantime, Evelyn called family members to meet Joe at the ER, as she knew it would be a while before she would get off the island and to the hospital.

Joe was in good hands at Harborview; Evelyn was still on the boat. How to get from the boat to Harborview? Well, Linda knew a former CAPS member, Linda McCann from *Jada* who lives on Bainbridge, Linda called Linda, to ask her to pick up Evelyn at the same dead end street. George took Evelyn to shore and Linda from *Jaded* was waiting on the shore for her. They got in Linda's car and hurried off to Winslow and the ferry. During this time Evelyn called her daughter in Issaquah to pick her up at the ferry in Seattle. Evelyn arrived at Harborview at 7 pm.

About 7 pm, the doctors started the cleaning up and stitching of Joes' fingers. The tip of the little finger had been cut off by the windlass and the doctor said it was too small a piece to re-attach. But the little finger had been crushed, so doctors had to spend some time removing bone fragments. They did the ring finger,

by – Joe’s description – pushing the sausage (finger) back inside the casing, then sewing it up. All this took four different doctors about 2 hours. The head doctor looked at the fingers then instructed the other doctors what they needed to do and they did it. Not all four doctors at the same time, but each doing what they had learned to date. \* Remember this is a teaching hospital, and they were practicing on Joe. He said they were all great doctors/residents/interns and did a great job. They bandaged it all up, with a ½ inch shorter pinky and a badly bruised and stitched up ring finger, lots of gauze and tape and he was ready to go, well as soon as the paperwork was completed. We left the hospital at 10:30pm.

Overall, everything came out well, Joe says – “consider this a teaching experience for all those that were present when it happened, they all did their jobs exceedingly well, it was like practicing “man-over-board” for real.” Very much appreciate all the help from all three boats, Gary calling 911, Sherry getting ice so quickly, George and Linda who did all the ferrying back and forth, Linda from *Jaded* who provided Evelyn a ride to the ferry and to Rod who would not let Skipper Joe take his hand home in a sack.

Saturday morning, friends brought Joe and Evelyn and another couple over to Manzanita on their boat, *Puget Sounder*. Joe was up to taking *Echo* home, but with help from friends Steve and Judy, who helped steer when the skipper needed to rest.

As of this writing everything is going great, we go to the Hand Clinic tomorrow, so they can admire their work.

Thanks to everyone: Joe Sporcic and Evelyn Heaton

Note: There were 3 other boats there and each may have a slightly different version of the event, but this is what we remember!

## **CAPS Poulsbo July 4<sup>th</sup> Anchor-Out Cruise**

**By Sheri Wilson**

Where is the summer weather?? Here I am thinking about the clothing I want to take along for our four-day Poulsbo cruise, and I’m not even considering taking a pair of shorts!! And then I think, maybe if I don’t take shorts the weather will take a turnaround and get hot!! On to the fun!

Friday, July 2 started out at 55° with low clouds, mist and light rain. The locks were busy despite the cool weather but as Gary, our daughter Jill and I approached Pt. Madison we saw Spirit Wind (Rod and Maryhelen Johnson). We were both under power as the wind was nil. Alo set anchor in Manzanita Bay, Spirit Wind came alongside, then in no particular order came Jack and Margaret Henderson (Castlewellan), Betty and John Segerstrom (Starbird), Barb and Roger Jenkins (Jolly Roger) and Walt and Meryl Conner (Endless Summer). After we were all set it was time for drinks and appetizers, which we had in Alo’s cockpit. As I checked the barometer before heading to bed it went up just a tick. Could there be an improvement coming for us??

Rod Sparks (Wind Runner) gave us a call early Friday evening to say he and Mike Parker decided to head directly to Liberty Bay. Marilyn Parker was joining them after work and arrived by ferry. He advised us that we should all get an early start and get to Liberty Bay sooner than later as boats were already streaming in. We heeded his advice and on Saturday morning we all headed out by 9:20. Rod and Maryhelen Johnson needed to get back to Elliott Bay for family doings over the weekend, but it was so nice they



came out for a night. We found Wind Runner amongst the myriad of boats and after some discussion started rafting. Because there were already other non CAPS boats anchored near Wind Runner, and because we had numerous boats in our group (and not knowing if others might arrive during the day and would want to raft on), we needed to break into two rafts. Fortunately the second raft was just up forward of us so we were all very close. Dan and Laura Clawson (Auntie Beryl) also arrived and joined the second raft. Also in the bay or marina were other boats from CAPS: George and Linda Fogg\* (Branwen), Paul and Carol McManus (Sea Sea Rider), Lois and Geary Long (Seaquel), and Tim and Lorrie Brogan (April IV). Also joining Gary and me on ALO via car and ferry was our daughter Dawn and husband and our two granddaughters. After an afternoon of everyone doing their own thing, we joined up aboard Alo for the potluck dinner with the food served below and the eating topside in pleasant weather. Wow, what a spread of food!! I can't begin to list what all was provided but it was substantial and delicious!! Thank you all for making this a success! Then more clouds came in and I began to wonder if they'd be high enough for the fireworks but they gradually cleared away and the conditions were perfect! As "show time" approached we gathered blankets to stay comfortable in the cockpit. The anchorage positioning was absolutely perfect thanks to Rod Sparks and Mike Parker so we had "front row seating" for the spectacular fireworks display.



Sunday morning had another cloudy start to the day. Our next leg of the cruise was to Pt. Madison. Some boats needed to head home, some (one??) went to Pt. Madison, and some decided to stay at the dock for the night. Castlewellan went to Pt. Madison and Gary, Jill and I had intended to join them there but because we had our family with two young granddaughters and they were leaving that afternoon we decided to get a slip. By the time our family left we decided to stay put and missed going to Pt. Madison! We haven't heard if anyone joined Jack and Margaret there or not.

Monday morning was leisure but we knew we eventually needed to head home. It was a great long weekend and again, another great turnout of boats with lots of delicious food contributions. The weather turned out to be pleasant with no rain and the overall temperatures too cool for me to even miss my not having shorts along!! Thank you again for making this annual cruise another success!

*A thought for next year's July 4<sup>th</sup> cruise.* This event seems to be very popular and attracts a lot of boaters. Might we need to consider arriving there two days in advance?? Give it some thought.

Gary and I hope to see you in the San Juans next month. We leave on 8/13 for four weeks. Give us a call if you're around as we'd love to meet up.

Have a safe summer and enjoy lots of sailing!

\* Did you notice the wording: George and Linda Fogg!!!! They are now officially married! Congratulations to a wonderful couple. I'm taking a flyer here and using the single last name but it could be Loux-Fogg. Sorry George and Linda that I didn't check with you for confirmation!!!

## CAPS Calendar

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>Jul. 2-4</b> Gunkhole Anchor-out Marathon —Poulsbo Fireworks, Manzanita, Pt Madison</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p><b>Aug. 6-8</b> Everett Cruise Birthday and Crab Feast (If the season is still open) At the guest dock</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p><b>Sep 3-6</b> Poulsbo Cruise</p> <p><b>Sept. 10</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park</p> <p><b>Sept. 17-19</b> CAPS &amp; CATSS Catalina Rendezvous</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>Oct. 2</b> Foul Weather Bluff Race</p> <p><b>Oct. 9</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> Saturday Couples' Cook-off Laurel Park</p> <p><b>Oct. 15-17</b> Brownsville Cruise</p>	<p><b>Nov. 12</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park <b>Elections</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 4</b> Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) Laurel Park</p>

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