



Catalina Association of Puget Sound Newsletter

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Announcement: Beginning in February 2011, CAPS meetings will be on the second THURSDAY of the month.



2011 Commodore Jack Henderson

2011 Dues are Due!!

*Please send your dues for 2011 to our treasurer Nancy McKenzie at 11945 80th PI NE, Kirkland, WA 98034
Dues are \$39 a year including the Catalina Mainsheet subscription, \$29 per year without a subscription.*

Commodore's Corner

By Jack Henderson

Maybe this column should be called "New guy stumbles into the job." When silver-tongued Dan Clawson asked me to be Vice-Commodore in November '09 ...he did kinda gloss over the actual duties in favor of the glories of the job. That said, I'm happy to take the reins and to thank Rich Lerz for doing such a great job. He is leaving snowshoe sized footprints. Rich has volunteered to lead an effort to recruit new members (and potential officers) to CAPS. And that brings to memory our first encounter with CAPS members. Margaret and I recall Rod Sparks repeatedly inviting us to join CAPS as he passed our boat on B-Dock in Everett. Being new to this area, we imagined getting to Leschi on Friday night would be akin to sailing through Deception Pass in the fog...but when CAPS moved meetings to the better-known land of Kirkland we gave it a shot. After finally finding Laurel Park, we were greeted by Norm and Kathy Wells in particular and several others who immediately made us feel like old friends. That first greeting and subsequent openness of CAPS members at meetings and on cruises cemented our commitment to CAPS.

As every knows, being new is not always fun. I recall at work being one of the new guys in a Division following reorganization. "Bob" the Division Chief was a man of large stature and ego. He once compared himself favorably to Winston Churchill—something about wine and cigars-- but I digress. He had this withering habit of approaching a new person like me to tell one of his "bin-to" stories (as in "I've bin-to Bangkok"), without making eye contact and looking over one's head to find someone more important, more exciting, or more fawning.

All this is a long-winded way to say CAPS is a friendly place for new kids on the block.

The new officer team is up and running. Vice Commodore Rod Sparks has stepped up to the challenge of securing speakers for our meetings; he has also asked for and welcomes suggestions. Cruise Directors Evelyn Heaton and Joe Sporcic sent out questionnaires to CAPS member soliciting ideas for the upcoming cruising season. They have assembled the schedule to include a popular upland cruise to Victoria as well as new destinations, including Port Orchard and Port Ludlow. They also will be coordinating a longer summer cruise to the San Juans and beyond. Race Director Tom Madden has secured the CYC clubhouse for the June 4th Catalina Days Regatta. Dick Eagle has again kindly "volunteered" to produce our newsletter. Jim Fielder will look after our safety, Nancy McKenzie will continue as our Treasurer, and Sally Hamel will be the keeper of our history.

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, the majority of members who attended the banquet agreed that meeting on the second THURSDAY of the month is preferable to Friday meetings. Thus, our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, at our usual meeting place.

February Program, Thursday February 10th

Roxanne Nanninga, from the Pacific Science Center, will tell us of her experiences as a crew member of the Around the America's voyage that was completed last summer.

2011 CAPS Awards Banquet By Dick Eagle

CAPS had a wonderful awards celebration and banquet at Starry Nights on January 22nd. Over 50 CAPS people were there! The 2011 Officers were installed, and the awards were awarded!

As noted in Jack's article above, the consensus of the group was to change our regular meeting night to Thursday. Doing so should make it a little quicker to get to meetings (Friday evening traffic is usually the worst of the week), and the meeting will not interfere with weekend cruise and racing events.



Now, on to the awards:

Cruising Awards

1st Place Rod Sparks – Wind Runner

2nd Place Roger and Barb Jenkins – Jolly Roger

Racing Awards

1st Place Tom Madden – Sea Trek II

2nd Place Ken McKenzie – Scotch and Soda

3rd Place Dave Motter – Sweet Sue II

Commodore's Award Rich Lerz, with great thanks from all of the CAPS members!



Boat of the Year Echo Joe Sporcic and Evelyn Heaton for their tremendous cruising help in 2010

The Golden Grapppler Award A new award recognizing Joe Sporcic's persistence and skill in the grappling hook retrieval of Sally Hamel's wheelchair from the swift waters off of the Everett guest moorage dock

And then came the wild and crazy awards...

Wrong Way Corrigan Jack (and Margaret) Henderson for sailing foggy circles in Deception Pass.



Sailing with Bob (the Murphy Award) Joe Sporcic received this award for the anchoring episode which resulted in his airlift medevac ride to the hospital.

Deadhead Award Dan Clawson gets to keep this wonderful award since no one could beat Dan's 2009 achievements!

Broken Prop Again, Dan Clawson gets to keep this wonderful award since no one could beat Dan's 2009 achievements!

Toe Boat This will be awarded at the February meeting. Be sure to come and hear the (newly discovered) story!

Traditional Sailor Award This is a new award provided by Jim Kitchen. By vote of the attendees, it was awarded to Dan Clawson who spends more time on his boat with the sails up than anyone in CAPS!

Honorary Membership

The executive committee of CAPS has awarded Dave Fend the status of Honorary Member. Since Dave and Peggy sold their Catalina 36 and moved to Wenatchee, Dave has graciously continued to manage our CAPS website and mailing lists, and take wonderful pictures at the Northwest Catalina Regatta. Thank you Dave for your efforts and great work! All of us really appreciate it!

CAPS 2011 Calendar

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| <p>JANUARY</p> <p>Jan. 22 CAPS Awards Banquet</p> | <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Feb. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 , Laurel Park</p> <p>Feb. 19-20 Victoria BC Clipper Cruise</p> <p>Feb. 26 Meydenbauer YC Winter Regatta</p> | <p>MARCH</p> <p>Mar.10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Mar. 18-20 Kingston Cruise</p> <p>Mar. 26-27 Meydenbauer Y.C. Spring Regatta</p> |
| <p>APRIL</p> <p>Apr. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Apr. 2 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race</p> <p>Apr. 15-17 Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Festival</p> | <p>MAY</p> <p>May 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>May 27-30 Port Townsend Cruise, Mystery Bay Anchor-out</p> | <p>JUNE</p> <p>Jun. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Jun. 4 Shilshole CYC Northwest Catalina Regatta</p> <p>Jun.17-19 Manzanita Bay Anchor-out</p> |
| <p>JULY</p> <p>Jul. 1-4 Poulsbo Fireworks anchoe-out</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p> | <p>AUGUST</p> <p>Aug. 5-7 Port Ludlow anchor- out</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sep 2-5 Port Orchard Marina CAPS/CATSS Rendezvous</p> <p>Sept. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i></p> <p>Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Bell Harbor CAPS/CATSS cruise</p> |
| <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Oct. 1 Foul Weather Bluff Race</p> <p>Oct. 13 <i>Monthly Meeting</i></p> <p>Oct. 14-16 Brownsville Cruise</p> | <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Nov. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Elections</p> | <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Dec. 3 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant)</p> |

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