



Catalina Association of Puget Sound Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

By Rod Sparks

It is the time of year to get the upgrades, maintenance, and/or repairs accomplished so that your boat is ready for the 2012 season. With the Seattle Boat Show (open this week) we'll have the opportunity to see the latest Catalina sailboats, toys, cruising destinations, and/or repairs. Our first CAPS on the water cruise is scheduled in March.

I would encourage you to visit our website www.capsfleet1.com for the latest calendar updates, archive of newsletters, links to great sites, and other helpful information. Dave Fend has done an excellent job of keeping it up-to-date.

Our meeting on February 9th includes a speaker from the Footloose Sailing Association that Rich Lerz secured. This is the Northwest's premier sailing program for people of all disabilities. They are dedicated to bringing independence on the water and competence in the sport of sailing for their disabled members. The Association was launched in 1991. This should be an interesting presentation. On February 24-26 the Upland Cruise is scheduled to go Anacortes to the Majestic Hotel. This should be a great destination. Anacortes is a great town to visit.

This year there are a few objectives that we plan to get accomplished. First is to integrate PayPal into our website to make it easier for us to pay for membership dues, grinders for meetings, reservation fees for

cruises and race fees, as well as incorporating a store to buy CAPS and/or sailboat merchandise. The second objective is to work on increasing our total number of members.

I would like to congratulate Jack and Margaret Henderson for being awarded the coveted Boat of Year honors for all of their effort in 2011 to help CAPS be successful.

2012 CAPS Awards Banquet

By Dick Eagle

CAPS had a wonderful awards celebration and banquet at Matts Rotisserie and Oyster Lounge with 32 members enjoying the wonderful food and camaraderie. The 2012 Officers were installed, and the awards were awarded!

Here are the awards for 2011 accomplishments (and a few interesting problems).



Cruising Awards

- 1st Place** Loux and George Fogg – Branwin
- 2nd Place** Gordon and Cynthia Ellis – Blythe Spirit
- 3rd Place** Roger and Barbara Jenkins – Jolly Roger

Racing Awards

- 1st Place** Tom Madden - Sea Trek II
- 2nd Place** Ken Mckenzie – Scotch & Soda
- 3rd Place** Dave Motter – Sweet Sue II

Boat of the Year Castlewellan - Jack and Margaret Henderson

The “Fun” Awards

Traditional Sailor Joe Sporcic for the “Just Use The Jib” approach to all sailing

The Broken Prop Joe Sporcic for his sail-only return from Port Townsend

Deadhead

Toe(Towed) Boat

The Murphy Award All to Rod Sparks for his \$20,000+ encounter with a large submerged log

Wrong Way Corrigan Skip Meisch for his tow to the “vicinity” of the Edmonds Marina



Upland Cruise: Reserve Room ASAP for Anacortes

By Cynthia Jones and Laura Clawson

CAPS is traveling to the fabulous Majestic Hotel in Anacortes for the Upland Cruise scheduled for the weekend of February 24 – 26. The Majestic is a small, but charming, renovated, historic hotel in Anacortes. Located at 419 Commercial Avenue in Anacortes, it is a perfect location to enjoy the ambiance of downtown Anacortes, within easy walking distance of many shops and restaurants. There is also a beautiful spa in the hotel. To learn more about the Majestic Hotel, please see their website at www.majesticinnandspa.com

There are a limited number of lower priced rooms, so it is URGENT that you call now if you want to reserve a lower priced room for that weekend. The hotel manager, Matt Plier, is holding a ten-room block of Studio Queen and Imperial Suites for February 25th **ONLY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1st**. On February 2nd rooms that have not been reserved by CAPS members will become available to the general public. **So, if you want a room at the Majestic for the Upland Cruise, please call now.** Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

For reservations call the Majestic at (360) 299-1400 or toll free at (877)370-0100. **Be sure to tell them that you are part of the CAPS group.** You will need to give them your credit card number, but they will not put the charge through until you check in. It is our understanding that 48-hour notice is needed if you cancel; please confirm this when you reserve your room.

Prices quoted on the Studio Queen and Imperial rooms are listed below. Other, more luxurious rooms are also available (see website).

	Fri & Sat nights	Sat night only
Studio Queen Room	\$139/night + tax	\$144 + tax
Imperial Suite	\$159/night + tax	\$164 + tax

If CAPS members do reserve 10 or more rooms for that weekend, we will get a small, as yet unspecified, discount on our per room costs.

Prices do not include breakfast. **Please note: the continental breakfast mentioned on the website will be discontinued February 1.** A full service breakfast will be available starting February 2, and is not included in the above-quoted pricing.

Cynthia will be planning upland cruise events and arranging for the group to dine together on Saturday night. **Whether you stay at the Majestic or not, if you are attending the cruise, please let her know what days you will be there and if you are staying at the Majestic.**

First Catalina Series race for the year 2012 is coming up in March!

By Tom Madden

Last week I got my invitation from the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, asking me to send in my registration for the Spring Regatta. That's just around the corner, on March 24th and 25th. Here is the information I received:

To all participants of MBYC sail regattas,

The MBYC sailboat race calendar has two races coming up.

Saturday, February 25th and the weekend of March 24th and 25th. On Friday night March 23rd there will be a Happy Hour in the Wheel House in

the MBYC clubhouse. On Saturday evening the 24th, the Sail Regatta Dinner will be the place to be.

General Sailing Instructions, Invitations, Waivers, Dinner Reservation forms and Entry documents are posted on the MBYC website; in the sidebar of the home page; click on Regatta - Sail. Also posted is the SARC calendar for 2012.

www.mbycwa.org

The sail regattas are sponsored by MBYC but are open to the public. If you know of other sailors, yacht clubs, individuals or groups, please invite them to participate. MBYC offers free overnight moorage at our guest dock for all race participants on race weekends.

Thank You,

Doug Penny
Sail Regatta Chair MBYC
206-786-3684

So, it's never too early to get your paperwork in order and send in your registration. This particular yacht club requires more than the usual information, including proof of insurance, and a signed release of liability form, so make sure you get signed up early so you don't have a big rush right before the race! There is a link to the MBYC race on the CAPS website.

See you all at the next CAPS meeting –

2012 Cruises

By Laura Clawson

The cruising season is upon us! In other words, marinas are taking reservations. This is especially necessary for destinations like Langley.

I have been contacting marinas to confirm available slip space for our cruise-schedule dates, and have found a couple clubs have been ahead of us. March and April destinations were switched to the following:

KINGSTON March 16-18
360-297-3545 <http://www.portofkingston.org>
Host boat: Auntie Beryl

EDMONDS April 20-22
425-775-4588. http://portofedmonds.org/mar_fac.htm.
Host boat: please volunteer! Email me at Clawson28@comcast.net

Edmonds and Kingston marinas fill up fast so call the marinas to make reservations now. Inquire about cancelation policies as they vary from marina to marina.

Edmonds is a new cruise destination for CAPS, at least to my knowledge. The town has art galleries, specialty shops and great restaurants. The marina provides a shuttle van available to boaters and will give you a gift bag courtesy of the merchants.

Note on **LANGLEY**:

This is a very small marina in a charming town; **August 3-5** is a highly desirable weekend in their peak season. **During peak season, group arrivals on Friday or Saturday require a 2-day stay. TELL ME IF YOU ARE GOING ON THIS CRUISE.** I will submit the reservation form **next month**. Please include your beam and draft.

Our 2012 cruise schedule is posted on the CAPS website www.capsfleet1.com.

Next I will be exploring Eagle Harbor marinas for our June cruise. Stay tuned!

Snowbird #3

By Tom Madden

Saturday, January 14th, 2012 was a day that was forecast to be cool and light winds – that is just until a couple days before, when the forecast changed to winds from the south from 10 to 20 knots. Decision time: Do we go out in the cold rain and thrash around in the high winds, or do I just bag it and decide I can wait for a day with better weather? The last forecast was for winds from 15 to 25 and rain - not a lot of fun – so I sent out the word that I was going to cancel.

Saturday morning arrived, and I could see that the wind was still light, so I decided I would grab my binoculars and go down to Shilshole and watch the boats head out and at least watch the start. About 8:00 the wind decided to come up, and I checked the winds at West Point – 26 knots with gusts to 32 - OK, I think I made the right choice. The temperature was hovering in the low 30s, and although there was not much in the way of precipitation, it was still pretty cold as I parked my little truck near the Shilshole boat ramp and walked out on the fishing pier. The first thing I noticed was the giant crane barge/derrick tied up to the hamburger buoy. I thought about how that would make the start a little more difficult, and hoped the committee boat would set a nice long start line. It was now about 10:30, and the wind seemed to have let down a little, not more like the low 20's, but there was a light mist/drizzle, and with the wind chill, it was really cold! As the boats left Shilshole and motored by me on their way out, I saw many of the familiar boats, including Mata Hari, the Catalina 36 that said I had a target on my back. Well, no target today, they would have to find someone else to compete with today. There were about 25 boats out braving the white caps and freezing cold wind. I had no less than three boats run by and ask if I wanted to join them, and that they would be happy to swing back over to the dock and pick me up, including Mata Hari! (I turned them all down - I had better 'warmer' things to do).

It got a bit cold standing out there, so I walked back to my truck and warmed up a little and waited until I could hear the 5 minute horn for the first start prep. I finally heard the horn, and as I got out, I felt the cold sting of 33 degree rain droplets hitting my face. I walked back out to the pier, but the committee boat had posted the course letters facing west, so I could not read what it was. Another group of people had braved the elements and wandered out; obviously watching the start as well. Then I heard a familiar voice behind me, "beautiful day for a race don't you think?" John Olk, part of my would-have-been crew had also showed up, and we watched as the first few boats made their start, thrashing into the waves churned up by the stiff southerly winds. One boat was over early, and as we watched them swing back, one of the other people on the dock said, "Look at that big fog bank to the north!" I looked over that way and said, "That's not fog – that's snow!"



Left Picture: Just a few minutes before the first start. Notice the nice “fog bank” in the distance off to the northwest! That is Mata Hari heading to the start line, with Muffin broad reaching along on Main alone. At this point the wind was still from the south in the 20 knot range.

Right: Third and last start, now a downwind start. Notice the boat on the left heading to windward, trying to come back to get a legal start!

At that moment, the wind clocked around from the south to the north, and greeted us with hail/sleet and frozen rain hitting us, along with northerly winds around 20 knots. Wow; a 180 degree wind shift in less than a minute, and now it was really getting cold! We watched as the second group of boats headed up to the line, the wind change caught them, and now it was a downwind start. The derrick barge began to rapidly swing round to the south, and suddenly the start line was about 400 feet shorter! The boats all managed to stay clear; but again, a couple boats crossed over the line early and had to get back. We watched as Mata Hari got a reasonable start, headed south, and soon put up their chute. A few seconds later we watched them get knocked down and round up, and commented “I think they are having a couple issues!” I tried to read the course on the side of the committee boat, but they had taken it down, or the visibility was just too poor to see it, even with binoculars. What a lovely day to be out on the water (not)! John and I stuck it out on the end of the pier for the third and last start, but the snow was now making it hard to see the boats, and I was freezing my hands and tail off.

I got back in the truck and headed south, and tried to get a look at the boats from the south end of the marina as they headed off towards West Point. I could see a few spinnakers outlines through the snow, but it was impossible to see the boats, much less who was ahead, so I headed for home and a warm house.

Later that afternoon I got on the internet, and sure enough, the results were already posted. There were indeed 25 boats out there, and the committee boat had sent them all the way around Blakely Rock and back. Most of the boats were out there about 3 hours, and I was just glad I was home in a warm house. It seemed the weather had calmed down a little during the race though, with winds at West Point recorded at only 5 to 15 knots for those few hours the boats were out there.



Mata Hari A Catalina 36 (my nemesis) crossing the finish line, after nearly three hours out in the cold 32 degree weather, including rain, sleet, snow, and winds from 10 to 30 knots! Sounds like a great time to be out on the water right?

So, the next of the Snowbird races is scheduled for February 11th. Any takers?

CAPS 2012 Calendar

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Jan. 21 CAPS Awards Banquet</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Feb. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 , Laurel Park</p> <p>Feb. 24-26 Upland Cruise to Anacortes</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Mar. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Mar. 16-18 Kingston Cruise</p> <p>Mar. 24-25 Meydenbauer Y.C. Spring Regatta</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>Apr. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Pot Luck</p> <p>Apr. 14 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race</p> <p>Apr. 20-22 Edmonds Cruise</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>May 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>May 25-28 Port Townsend Cruise</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>Jun. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Jun. 15-18 Eagle Harbor Cruise</p> <p>Jun. 30 Northwest Catalina Regatta</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>Jul. 1-2 Port Madison Anchor Out</p> <p>July 3-4 Poulsbo Anchor Out</p> <p>July 13-15 Pleasant Harbor</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Aug. 3-5 Langley Cruise</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sep 1-4 Bremerton Cruise</p> <p>Sept. 13 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30</p> <p>Sept. 15 Milltown Sailing Association Fall Regatta</p>

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Oct. 6 Foul Weather Bluff Race</p> <p>Oct. 5-7 Port Ludlow Cruise</p> <p>Oct. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i></p> <p>Oct. 19-21 Everett Cruise</p>	<p>Nov. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i> Elections</p>	<p>Dec. 1 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant)</p>

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