

Pacific Northwest **CLASSIC YACHTING**

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The 2015 Bremerton Rendezvous

By Bob Irving, #1360

We had a very good turnout despite the weather! Lots of rain late Thursday afternoon when we arrived. Friday brought better weather followed by high winds on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday morning started off with Jytte's famous version of Egg McMuffins for breakfast followed by boats opening for visitors at 10am. Visitor traffic was low on both Saturday and Sunday most likely due to the weather. Saturday evening was topped off with cocktails and dinner aboard Deerleap with good friends and oh yes strong winds! Thanks Slim! Hats off to Dennis for manning the BBQs and Bob who was acting

as human wind break. Lots of yummy leftovers for Sunday Morning breakfast!

Still windy Sunday afternoon so most elected to stay on till Monday. Most of us once again gathered on Deerleap Sunday afternoon to watch the Seahawks, chipping in to buy pizza for all delivered in the windy and now rainy weather by Jeannie and Christian Dahl. Great fun but the Hawks didn't do their part. Darn.

Pat and I would like to thank everyone for all the help throughout the weekend!

Boats in attendance: *April Ann, Deerleap, Belle, Absolute, Riptide, Miracle, Pied Piper, El Mistico, Adagio, and Gwendoline.*

PNW Fleet Change of Watch 2016

By Jennie Dahlby, Rear Commodore

The next Pacific Northwest Fleet Change of Watch will be held Saturday, January 10, 2016, at the lovely Tacoma Yacht Club. The event will begin with a no-host cocktail reception at 5:00 pm followed by dinner and festivities at 6:00 pm. Arrangements for a group rate at a Tacoma hotel are in the works. Expect your invitation with all pertinent information in mid-November. An Opening of the Gates Ceremony will transpire the following day (Sunday, January 11) on Lake Union. More details to follow.

If you plan to arrive by yacht, you must have reciprocal moorage by membership in a yacht club. There is 70 feet of dock space inside the club breakwater. They do not accept reservations and cannot guarantee space, but you are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the reciprocal dock is not closed for repairs at (253) 752-3555.

Another boating option is Breakwater Marina, which is next to the Tacoma Yacht Club. They suggest calling a few weeks in advance to make reservations at (253) 752-6663. For additional information about the COW, or to offer to help with the planning, contact PNW Rear Commodore Jennie Dahlby.



From the Bridge of APRIL ANN

By Bob Wheeler, Commodore

September sure disappeared fast and for those of us at the Bremerton Rendezvous we thought the wind was blowing it out of here. Fortunately Slim and Carolyn Gardner on Deerleap saved the day and sheltered us all on their roomy fantail and commodious salon, several times. Thank you again. As usual it was a scrumptious affair but I'll let Rendezvous Chair Persons Pat and Bob Irving (Miracle) tell you all the details. They did a superb job and thank you very much.

Our next big event was the "Portland Sojourn" Oct 9/10/11. We had 35 or so folks in attendance. It was really interesting and fun.

Then we have the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sat., Oct 24th at the Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) Gallery Room (floating room) at 4 PM with a pot luck to follow. More details will be forthcoming. This is our only Membership meeting of the year and you will be asked to vote on a slate of officers for next year and some word changes dealing with the Membership Committee at the International level (this info sent out separately). The Budget and Cruising/Event Schedule will be reviewed and reports made on

Membership, the Portland Sojourn, the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival Classic Seminar, a Website update, our upcoming PNW and International Changes of Watch (COW), a look forward to the Bell Street Rendezvous and any other business to come before the Bridge. So get your calendar out and get these dates ticked off. And add our PNW COW on Jan. 9th at the Tacoma Yacht Club (details to follow from RC Jennie) and the International COW on Jan. 15/16/17 at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (details to follow from somewhere in Canada).

I want to thank everyone who expressed their condolences, thoughts and prayers towards our family as a result of the tragic death of our 7 yr. old Grandson, Chance this past July 18th. God bless you all. Surely 2016 will be a better year.

Warm Regards to all,

Commodore Bob

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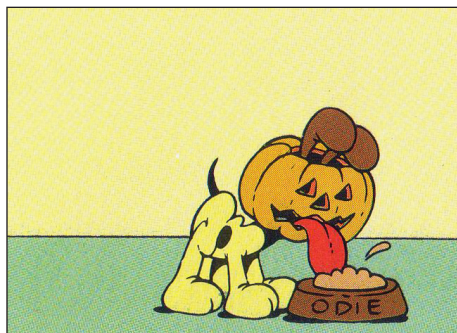
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The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

With a beautiful summer now behind us, we enter what for a lot of us is our favorite time of year. There's a crispness in the air, frost on the ground in the morning, and leaves falling from the tress. Of course, landlubbers like me have to deal with raking up the leaves in the yard, scraping the windshield, and turning the heat in the car on "max vent" to warm up my hands. But, the good news for us here in the Pacific Northwest is that we can pack up the space heaters, hot cocoa (with marshmallows) and extra blankets and head down to the boat. The envy of the rest of the country, we can actually pull away from the dock in the autumn and winter months here, going out on the lake for the day, or maybe taking



the annual crabbing trip across the sound for the weekend. The Poor Souls who do their boating in the Great Lakes have to pull their boats out of the water by now, having to wait all the way until May to put them back in again. The folks in California can of course leave their boats in the water, but a lot of the time the winter weather isn't very cooperative once they are headed out of San Francisco's Golden Gate or on their way from Los Angeles to Catalina. We here in the Great Northwest still have the protected waters we enjoyed during the

summer to take advantage of. Not to say we don't get our fair share of winter weather to contend with. But, that's what makes our winter cruising so memorable. We'll pinch ourselves and ask "Can you believe it's November?!" when you're headed out to the Husky Docks for lunch. Yes, we're fortunate here not only because we can leave our boats in the water year 'round, but our fleet continues to have activities on the calendar all year too. The Thanksgiving Leftovers Cruise, the Christmas Lights Cruise, New Year's Eve, and sometimes even more! So, enjoy your Pumpkin Spice Latte's, put on an extra sweater and fire up the on-board heater, because we're going cruising! Have a great Fall and Winter and as always, if you have any adventures to share, please forward them on to me for the next installment of *Pacific Northwest Classic Yachting*!

2016 CYA PNW Calendar News

By Peter Riess, Vice Commodore

We have some exciting things being planned for the 2016 Fleet Event Calendar. First off, we will be posting two calendars for next year. One is the standard PNW Event calendar. The other one will be a calendar where CYA members can post events that are not CYA events per se, but are events to which members are welcome to participate in. For example, last years a few of us took our classics to the annual Luekemia Cup weekend and hosted donors and patients aboard our vessels to watch the race. It wasn't a CYA event, but all CYA members were invited to participate. This will

give our members an opportunity to invite other to participate in these types of events. More on this new feature to follow.

Our regular calendar is very full, as usual, and starts with the International Change of Watch, to be held in beautiful Vancouver, BC. Commodore Olafson is well into the planning, and it looks like it will be a first class weekend. Dates for this event are January 15 -18. Watch for further information.

We are also looking at adding a new event at the Foss Maritime Museum sometime during the summer. We have gotten off to a somewhat rocky start with this venue, but they have

gone to great lengths to assure us that all of their prior issues have been resolved and they are very much looking forward to hosting us at their beautiful facility.

Watch the website for the 2016 Calendar! Lots to look forward too!





The Community of Boating: A Testament to Festivals

By Ken Meyer, #855, 2016 International Commodore

The festivals at Victoria and Port Townsend existed long before I bought a classic boat. I attended both because I was intrigued and I liked to build objects of wood, brass and leather and it was a good source of ideas in both design and construction. I loved the joinery and the creativity of how wood was assembled into beautiful and alluring shapes. It was a class at the *Center for Wooden Boats* where I first got a chance to use my tools and to build a dinghy. After that I was hooked on boats and 10 years later, by chance, found the *Patamar* and 5 years after that brought the *Patamar* to a festival. So when I came to the rendezvous, I was like the other attendees, I was interested in looking at the boats for ideas and going to some of the seminars. With other CYA members, I looked to other members for advice on maintenance, surveyors, and boat yards. Little did I know classic boating was now becoming as much about the community as the boats themselves.

This year, for about the 5th year in a row, I again attended the La Connor Classic Boat and Car, the Victoria Classic Boat Festival and the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival. Attending were so many people I knew and had a chance to reacquaint with and with which to build new friendships, I scarcely had a chance to look at the boats. It was now all about community.

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For the second year a seminar on “What to look for when considering to own a classic boat” was given at the Port Townsend festival under the tutelage of Rick Randall (*Compadre*) and Commodore Bob Wheeler (*April Ann* and *At Last*). Diane Lander (*Olympus* and *Marian II*) spoke about the stewardship of a wooden boat ownership. Rick Randall’s topic was to educate about the purchase, construction, maintenance, costs, surprises, and needs of wooden boat and boat ownership. It was thorough, educational, and at times a little scary. Why would anyone take on a project like that? The classrooms were completely full and many listeners came down to the docks to later ask even more questions. It was a real hands on experience. Not enough praise can be given to Rick Randall and Bob Wheeler for their outstanding presentations. When viewing the boats live and in person the answer became obvious. The boats were not all about

numbers, statistics, dollars and engineering. Each boat came with a story, and sometimes the stories were incredible and unbelievable. Many of them requiring lengthy reconstructions on nearly unsalvageable boats. Both satisfying and sometime s heartbreaking, the stories told were about the human side, the emotional side, the true inside of classic boating. One owner took 23 years to rebuild the boat only to find he was less than nimble enough to continue boating. He has passed, but his boat lives on. Who designed, who built, why was it built, where did it go, who else was an owner, what did they think, and how did it all come to pass. This emotional side of accounting for our decisions far and away surpassed the monetary accounting of boat ownership. It also gives us a reason to think “irrationally,” and that is a good thing. It gives us a “reason” to have fun. I went around this year to boats I had seen many times before, but this time I was looking less at the

craftsmanship and more at the owners and participants. What a great group to be with and with which to associate. There were about 300 boats that participated, in every size, shape, sail, power, and innovation. 150 boats were wedged into the Point Hudson, a marina that is built for 70. The others were anchored out, brought on trailers or car tops, or appeared out of nowhere. My final count was 20 CYA boats, and I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated. I hope no one was overlooked. *Jubilee, Olympus, Deerleap, El Mystico, Compadre, Theonius, Bolero, Glorybe, Seven Bells, Patamar, Yonder, Eleanor, Emmeline Holiday, Corsair II, Turning Point, Capella, and At Last*. A great group of boats, but even greater, a great group of captains, mates, visitors, guests, musicians, shipwrights, surveyors, purveyors, cooks, drinkers, organizers, and friends. Thank you all for being part of my community.



Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival: Showtime

By Bob Wheeler, Commodore

While our PNW main event at the PTWBF was our Classic Seminar showcased elsewhere in this newsletter, I have to share with you my personal experience at the show. Jytte and I decided to bring our 1948 Chris Craft 17 Ft. Deluxe Runabout and display it on the hard. It is not allowed to go in salt water and is becoming quite the “trailer queen”. What you see is the result of 10 years of DIY restoration in our garage with an investment of over \$30K! (we did hire a bit of finishing help) No, we are not rich but once you start one of these projects you must finish it or you lose it all. We were trapped!

We had a blast with crowds around the boat almost continuously for all three days. For many it was a walk down memory lane citing stories of learning to water ski behind one or Grandpa had one just like it. These were joyful almost tearful stories of delight. Then there were the gear heads, restoration wannabes, been there done that’s and those just plain amazed asking how did you do that. The conversations were lively and wonderful.

We had books, tools, manuals and pictures on display too. Pinstriping was a popular topic. Take a look at *Maranee’s* foredeck sometime. I’m sure Jim and Margie Paynton can share some exciting stories with you. When I look I get “foredeck envy”!

The boat is very close to original with the correct engine including 6 volt ignition and a period correct fire extinguisher. It was great fun and some of you stopped by which made it even better. Thanks for listening.



New PNW Ship’s Store

By Bob Wheeler, Commodore

We are a quiet group. When I asked for comments on developing a Ship’s Store a thundering herd of one offered a positive input. That was enough and our Ship’s Store manager (my wife) agreed. So undaunted, we moved forward, had our logo digitized for \$35.00 and selected a hat (notice it’s a “sandwich” hat with multi colors in the brim), a men’s “T” with pocket and a ladies collared polo shirt for starters. The pictures show these efforts.

We took our samples to the Bremerton Rendezvous and quickly sold 10 items and confirmed our suspicions.

At the Bridge meeting it was decided by consensus that we were not out to make a profit on these and that costs to the buyer should be cost plus tax then rounded up to the next dollar for ease of bookkeeping.

This puts the price of the hat at about \$17.00, the men’s “T” at about \$16.00 and the ladies polo at about \$23.00 and each item includes the logo on it for that price. Now here’s the fine print. The price does not include the name of your boat; that’s a couple bucks extra. If you need a shirt bigger than 2XL, add a couple more bucks. Colors of the hat, shirts and stitching can be chosen at no additional cost.

We will get ourselves organized, firm up prices, find out colors and bring it all to the AGM on Oct 24th for your review. Eventually I hope we can get this on the web page, in our newsletter and in person at events.



Hat with Logo, \$17.00



Ladies Polo, \$23.00



Men's T-Shirt, \$16.00

Around the Sound...



◀ *The fleet is well represented at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival.*



▲ *The sun comes out at the Bremerton Marina Classic Yacht Rendezvous.*

The CYA members who arrived on Thursday to the Bremerton Marina Classic Yacht Rendezvous were greeted with a good ol' Pacific Northwest rain shower.



WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CYA!



Rick and Sarah Reeves
SWIETENIA
30' 1941 Chris-Craft
Seattle, WA

Pacific Northwest Fleet **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***PNW General
Membership Meeting***
24 Oct 2015 3:00 PM
CWB Gallery Room

Thanksgiving Cruise
27 Nov 2015
Husky Dock, Seattle, WA

Christmas Cruise
12 Dec 2015
Husky Dock, Seattle, WA

New Year's Eve
31 Dec 2015
South Lake Union Park
Seattle, WA

***CYA PNW Bridge
Change of Watch***
10 Jan 2016 5:00 PM
Tacoma Yacht Club

***CYA Board of Director Meetings
and Change of Watch Banquet***
15-18 Jan 2016
Vancouver, BC, Canada

***PNW Fleet
Change of Watch Banquet***
01 Feb 2016 TBA