

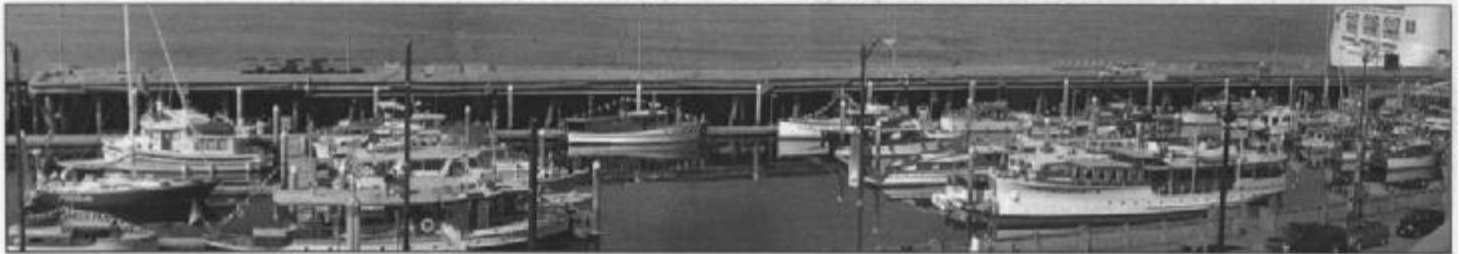


Attention On Deck

A Quarterly Newsletter by & for the Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association

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Bell St Rendezvous 2004



Seattle WA June 17, 18, 19, 2004

Pier 66 Waterfront Seattle

Weather: High pressure, 0-10 kt wind north, temp 80s

The Classic Yacht Rendezvous began on Friday night with a muster of boats off Elliot Bay Marina. At 16:00 two lines formed into parade formation and the fleet passed the waterfront in review led by the fireboat Chief Seattle. It must have been a spectacle because the tour boat loaded with its thousand or so passengers had a chance to see over thirty classics make a wide turn around their ship. The Chief Seattle saluted us all with spouting its water. The boats then found their assigned slips, and the primping of the boats began followed by a dessert buffet, and reacquainting members from around the sound.

On Saturday morning many went up the hill to the Pike St. Market and found flowers food and special items. It is always a treat to see the bounty of the sea and the flower stalls and maybe stop by the original Starbucks for a coffee. Throughout the day both the viewers and the participants had a chance to board the boats open for tours. Many questions made many friends. With the show closing at 17:00 it gave the participants a chance to take a deep breath and prepare for the evening event. A dockside hamburger fry and picnic was enjoyed by participants and guests. Thanks go out to David Sekstrom, Roger Morse, and Kevin Utter for providing the flip and sizzle for the burgers. Salads casseroles, and desserts finished out the variety that provided satiety and conviviality.

Margie and Jim Paynton were the coordinators for the event as they have been for the past 8 years. Each year the event becomes better through the work and planning that took place over the many preceding months. This year the Port of Seattle working through Laurie Lohrer and the "Marriott Seattle Waterfront Classic Weekend Committee" worked together with the vision of a longstanding event for the Father's day weekend. This included the classic Mustang cars on

Saturday and the beautifully restored heritage cars on Sunday. Two tour boats each offloading and boarding over a thousand passengers at Pier 66 had a chance to view the event. Many of them viewed our event and commented on what a great welcome it was that was not on any tour or itinerary.

This year's boats in attendance were: Clellahee, Maranee, Willabee G, Lorelei, Woodrow, Tadpole, Escapade, Patamar Saga, Seven Bells Olympus, Thunderbird, Winifred, Madera, Evening Star, El Mistico, Adventure, Lady Grace, Galley Nipper, Freya, Orba, Flying Cloud, Sea Cloud, Argonaut II, Capriccio, Comrade, Double J, Forevermore, Glayva, Kay Dee II, Lagos, Liberty, Nan, and Zanzibar.

We were honored this year to have special guests in attendance. From the Southern California Fleet we had Dennis Ballard, and the National Commodore Peter Reiss. Also visiting from California were life members, Bruce and Scottie Dobson (National Commodore 1997, and Bruce and Scottie both serving as Fleet Commodores). Other guests were Debra and Stephen Scott, affiliate members from San Juan Capistrano, CA.

A new touch of class this year was when Dave Ellis produced photo images of the event and printed them out on his onboard computer/printer. Thank you, Dave.

Before closing up and starting the homeward bound engines a gathering of the members took place aboard the Argonaut II to present the People's Choice award. A compilation showed that all boats had at several votes which is assurance that all the captains cast their votes. The overall winner went to the historic Governor's Yacht the M V Olympus and to Dianne and John Vanderbeek who most graciously allowed over a thousand people a day to view its beauty and character. The tour also comes with a stunning history lesson. What a way to learn. Thanks Dianne and John. After a few closing remarks by Commodore John Jacobsen, the skippers set off to the west into the setting sun after another perfect day and a satisfying rendezvous. Thank you Bell Street Organizing Committee, and see you next year!!

Commodore's Column



A number of CYA-sponsored events have taken place over the last few months and many thanks go to the members who arranged them:

- Past Commodore's Cruise, again coordinated by Steve and Yuriyo Moen, held at Dan Allen's Manzanita Bay dock during the Memorial Day weekend.
- Bell Street Rendezvous, again arranged by Jim and Margie Paynton. This is one of the largest classic yacht shows in the USA, with some 35 CYA vessels attending.
- Harborview Hospital Charity Care Fund Raising Cruise held on Lake Union and arranged by Andy and Joelle Blair.

More CYA-sponsored events are scheduled during July-September, such as the South Sound Cruise, the Quartz Bay Rendezvous, the Can-Am Cruise and the Poulsbo Rendezvous. Information on these events is available from this newsletter, the CYA website, or the event coordinators.

The Northern California Fleet of CYA will be hosting the next National Change of Watch, to be held January

14-17, 2005 in San Francisco, at the Argonaut Hotel and adjacent Historic Maritime Museum. More information will follow in the next newsletter or by contacting Shawn Ball, NC Fleet Commodore.

A hearty welcome to the following new members of the PNW Fleet who have joined since our last newsletter:

- Alan and Jean Powell, Anacortes, Regular members, with *Kaleta*, a 1928, 36 ft Martinac bridgedeck cruiser.
- Jan and Shelley Nielsen, Sidney, BC, Affiliate members, with *Dulwen*, a 1957, 32 ft Ed Monk Sr. cruiser.
- David Thompson and Evelyn Ashcroft, Richmond, CA, Associate Members (also members of NC Fleet).
- Tom and Chris Brayton, Lahaina, HI, Affiliate members, with *Belle*, a 1981, 47 ft bridgedeck cruiser.
- Mark Hall and Patricia Angell, Mercer Island, Regular members, with *Edimir*, a 1939, 28.5 ft Chambers sedan.
- Doug and Maryanne Dixon, Seattle, Affiliate members.
- Lee and Kathy Geist, Shelton, Regular members, with *Galleynipper*, a 1933, 47 ft Fellows & Stewart cruiser.
- William and Elsa Woodard, Sumner, Regular members, with *Sea Queen*, a 1935, 36 ft Vic Franck bridgedeck cruiser.

Welcome Aboard!

— John Jacobsen, Commodore

Harborview Cruise

June 26, 2004, Lake Union, Seattle WA • Weather: Clear, wind 5 kts, northerly temp. Low 80s

In February 2004 Harborview Hospital of Seattle WA held its annual Gala Auction. High bidder for the Harborview Classic Cruise was the medical instrument division of General Electric which raised \$4500 as a charitable donation. The Package was organized by Andy and Joelle Blair of the Glayva.

At 15:30 the seventy five guests boarded the Virginia V and cruised the perimeter of Lake Union. Disembarking an hour later the passengers broke up into pairs, fours and eights and met with their respective skippers. The captains of Zanzibar, Forevermore, Madeira, Rita, Patamar, Glayva, Cle Ilahee, Winnifred, Woodrow, Argonaught II, Emily K and Sea Cloud, then treated the guests to a route of their choice and to a classic boating experience. Each of the participating boats fanned out from the Center for Wooden Boats escorting their guests to views of Lake Washington and the connecting waterways in between. Wine and appetizers as well as panoramic views were enjoyed by all made especially nice by the balmy evening.

After regrouping at the CWB at 18:30 a wonderful buffet dinner was waiting for the guests and crews. Herban Feast catered the event funded by the respective skippers. Blue skies and blue table cloths were the theme for the evening. The new participating recipients of the good will of General Electric had the opportunity to browse the docks and see the boats of the Center for Wooden Boats, learn a little history, and enjoy the many aspects of classic boating.

Many thanks go out to Andy and Joelle Blair and the crews of the classics, the Virginia V, and the CWB.

Center for Wooden Boat Lake Union Festival

The Independence Day Holiday brought the 28th Festival of Wooden Boats on Lake Union in Seattle.



Festival Dedication - Mayor Greg Nichols.

The festival is many things to many people and therefore variety is the watchword for not only the participants but also the viewers. The festival has canoes, kayaks, showboats, model boats, workboats, sailboats, and powerboats, runabouts, race boats, launches, steamboats, windjammers, tug boats, and boats of all sizes and shapes. Boat building is a challenge, both for the family and a quick and daring event for the amateur naval architect. There is rowing, sailing, eating, viewing, testing, walking, listening, buying, and just being at the festival. There is something for all age groups and even something for those with just a passing interest in the maritime.

The greatest improvement of the site was the new front deck to the former Naval Reserve Building. It was dedicated on July 2nd in a ceremony that included the Seattle Parks and Recreation administrators and Mayor Nichols of the City of Seattle. Whistles and horns accompanied the breaking of a bottle of Washington wine on a deck corner post. The new arrangement gave most of the CYA boats side tie moorage facilitating the boarding of vessels and improving the viewing. Although most participants are individuals, the CYA boaters show up as a group, this year bringing 20 classics.

Saturday morning brought a little mist and light crowds, but by afternoon with clearing skies the people returned. With more docks the crowd was more dispersed with a feeling that there were less people but actually there were more. An impromptu potluck dinner on the new "doorstep" to Lake Union marked Saturday evening.

Sunday the 4th began with clouds clearing in the forenoon and larger crowds. The CYA participants allowed boarding and answered many questions about their personal boats. The children love to look into all the nooks and crannies and to open all the doors and hatches. The festival is great for children as they have a chance to build a model, row a boat, sail, tie knots, and see the many tasks that are needed by a boat owner. On Sunday night a more formal dinner was held on the dock next to the Danae. It was soon dark and the spectacular fireworks splendor lit up the skies. The festival is one of the many prime sites for viewing the spectacle and a major reason for attending. Once over one has only to turn down the bed sheets and slumber. It beats the crowded streets one must exit by car, or the congested waterways to east and west. Many celebrators on boats anchor overnight and leave in the morning.



Potluck - dockside.

Monday the 5th brought more viewing of boats, sailing and races. The last event was the presenting of honors and winners. With the treatment we were given we all felt like winners. The boats participating this year were: The Virginia V, Flying Cloud, Zanzibar, Woodrow, Esther William's, Savona, Forevermore, Freya, Argonaut II, Rita, Shearwater, Winnifred, Patamar, Danae, Resolute, Capricio, Thunderbird, Saga, Barnacle, and for the fireworks Seven Bells. On anchor were Cle Illahee and Madiera.

Past Commodore's Cruise

May 29,30,31st 2004
Manzanita Bay



Manzanita Bay was the site of the Past Commodore's Cruise, an annual affair hosted by Steve and Yuriyo Moen of the ORBA. The weather was typical for the Memorial Day Holiday being sun breaks, squalls, and some wind. This year the winds were prominent and temperatures, in the low 60s, were cooler than normal. Eight boats ZANZIBAR, ORBA, WINNIFRED, RITA, PATAMAR, FREYA, FOREVERMORE, and a special guest boat SAVORY, skippered by past commodore Arnold Hoffman and his wife Vicky, participated in the event.

Arriving Friday night or through the day on Saturday, the boats cruised through various weather patterns and tied up to Dan Allen's dock. Saturday evening brought a barbecue and pot luck on the lawn. Dan Allen was honored by the group with a plaque and advocate flag to show our appreciation for his years of generosity for

being the host to this event. Following dinner, a 1999 videotape of the cruise was available for watching. Most noticeably was that everyone that weekend was in shirtsleeves and shorts. Sunday morning was cool and windy so Greg Gilbert played host to the group with a pot luck breakfast that also featured Crepes with strawberries and a special ginger brown sugar sauce. A group spent the afternoon touring the Bloedel Reserve, the summer property of the Bloedel family, who left a legacy in the form of specialty gardens and landscapes that provide serenity in a traditional Northwest way. The mansion is now used for concerts and special events.



An extensive library is available for research.

Tom and Patty Henderson, the forever-gracious hosts, invited the group to their home for an evening barbecue. Their home is situated on Liberty bay across from Poulsbo.

All too soon the boaters returned to their boats for the night and after a leisurely morning departed for home harbors.

Musings from the Editor and Rear Commodore

As many of you know, I bought the Patamar from Dave Ellis six years ago. Being drawn to the water, I was looking for a boat to continue my interest in design, building as a hobby, and the allure of things maritime. Dave wanted to keep the Patamar in the "club" and so not only did I buy a boat, but I inherited, instant friends, a legacy of boating information, an organization, and a vital community of like-minded individuals: or so I thought. Now six years later I find myself in position to view the charts, help plot the course, and in time take the helm not only for my boat but also for the PNW-CYA.

I have encouraged the members to voice their opinions about the organization and continue to ask them to write about them in this publication. One of the most defining points of the club is to delineate the characteristics and the size of the CYA. As we age so do our boats and we both only have a finite time

to participate. So the dilemma exists: One way is to expand the membership by finding older boats and new boaters, and the other way is to create new members by creating new categories of both boats and boaters. The latter will dilute and change the CYA and make it unrecognizable to the charter members. The former opinion where we keep it the same, eventually makes the CYA dwindle by attrition until the last man and the last boat is standing. Is there a middle ground?

In the last issue Andy Blair, former PNW Commodore, built a case for increasing the scope of the organization by liberalizing the boat requirements for age and new categories. My call is to anyone who would like to in print second the motion or present a dissenting or different position to write or call me and discuss your views for the next newsletter. Until then, good summer boating,

— Ken Meyer, newsletter editor

WHERE ARE THEY NOW PART II

In the last PNW Newsletter I promised another ten boats, so here is the second go-round of former member boats that have been lost to our fleet! Since the first article I am pleased with the response from members who have contacted me with information on at least two of the boats listed in the previous article. The whole idea of doing this is of course to find and sign these boats so we can continue to keep track of members lost, and gain back into our fleet previous member boats.

When you are prowling around ANY marina keep in mind that new owners often change the name.....so if you see a vessel that fits a description of one of these "lost member boats" talk to them and it might lead to the signing of a new/old member vessel!

THE PNW TEN MOST WANTED.....PART TWO

NAME	YEAR	LENGTH	MFG	PORT	YEARS IN PNW
COLLEEN	1929	36FT	BLANCHARD	VICTORIA BC	1998/2000
CONTINENTAL	1930	36FT	SCHERTZER	KIRKLAND WA	1990/1992
CURITAS PRIMA	1939	32FT	HUNTER	EVERETT WA	1983/1988
CURLEW	1931	42FT	MATHEWS	TACOMA WA	1980/1987
CUTTERHEAD	1925	36FT	BLANCHARD	SEATTLE WA	1989/1993
DELANO	1928	32FT	SCHERTZER	SEATTLE WA	1986 ONLY
DENALI	1926	85FT	LUDERS	SEATTLE WA	1985/1988
DUCHESS	1934	32FT	SHAIN	SEATTLE WA	1992/1996
DUKE	1938	36FT	FRANCK	TACOMA WA	1982/1986
DUNA	1938	30FT	MORGAN	SIDNEY BC	1979/1982

As you might imagine.....picking these boats from this list is rather interesting.....some of them I can remember and some I cannot. It would be totally impossible to do this without the historical information compiled by Bruce & Scottie Dobson "CYA; THE FIRST

THOUSAND MEMBERS". We can only hope that the information provided will lead us to more new/old member vessels.....happy hunting.

— Dorin Robinson, Membership Chair (at large)

Memorial Day Barbecue

Anacortes WA, May 30, 2004

A spontaneous gathering of 16 members of the CYA met for an impromptu barbecue at Washington Park in Anacortes. Most of these members were boatless for one reason or another, but you can be sure the conversation was about their favorite boating topic. Connie Munsey spearheaded the event. Many of the attendees have relocated as live aboards to the Anacortes area for its beauty and access to points beyond. Represented were Argosy- Rick and Jackie Etsell, Fairweather-Mike and Carol Herbert, Island Runner-Doug and Rayma Mery, Lawana, Connie and Malcolm Munsey, Mahar-David and Joan Reid, Mitlite, Bill and Susan Schlink, Mysterion, Barry and Sue Phillips, and Nan-Steve Hembry and Dianne Anderson.

Upcoming Events

- July 17-25 South Sound Cruise and Longbranch Rendezvous. Rick Etsell
- Aug 16-18 Quartz Bay Rendezvous Andy and Joelle Blair
- Aug 26-29 Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival Russ/ Dee Dee Chernoff
- Aug 26-29 Can-Am Cruise Roche Harbor Les & Betsy Guenther
- Sept 4-6 Victoria Classic Boat Festival David Huchthausen
- Sept 10-12 Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival Doug & Rayma Mery
- Sept 18-19 La Connor Vintage and Classic Boat Show Blair, Barrett and Yaw
- Sept 24-26 8th Annual Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous John Jacobsen
- Oct 23-24 Pumpkin Cruise Port Orchard Dave and Heather Ellis
- Oct 30 Annual Bridge Meeting Bemis Building Jan & Cathy Skillingstead

Please consult our website www.classicyachts.org/pnw/ for any changes and updates.

Olympia Wooden Boat Festival

May 7-9, 2004

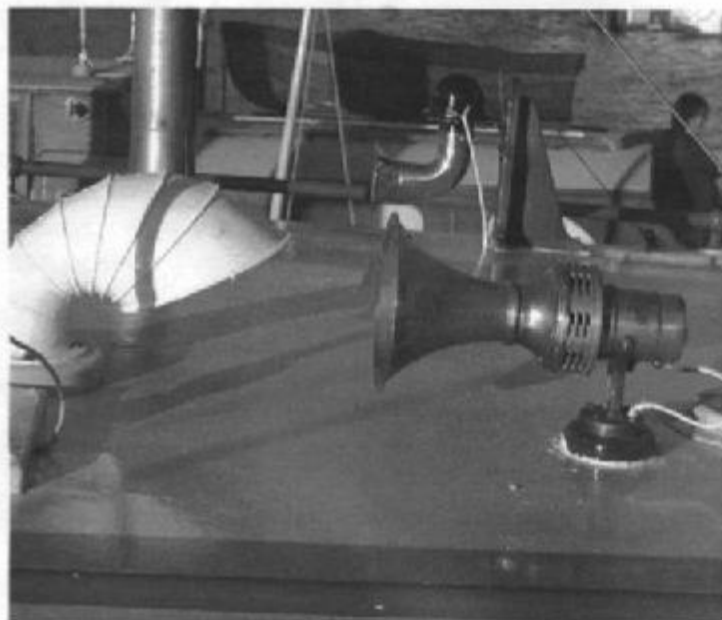
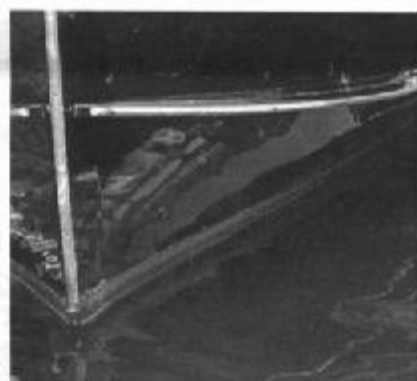
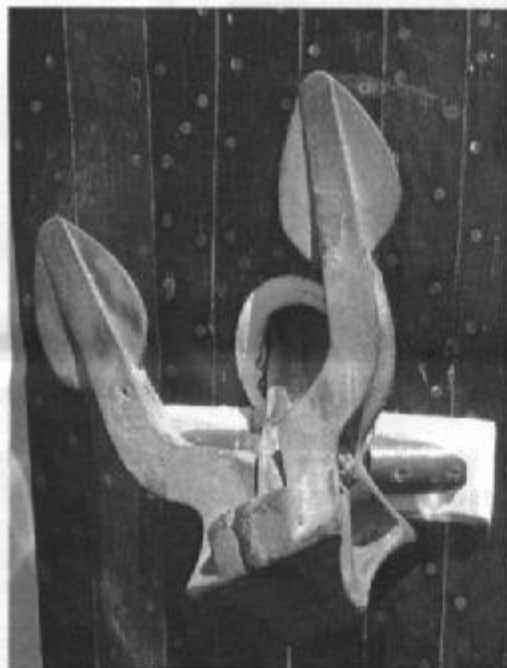
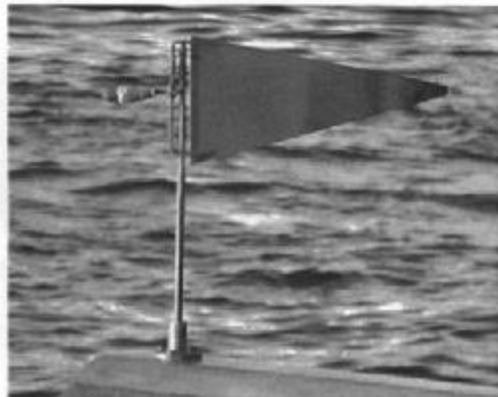
The mid May weather was typical, rainsqualls and sun breaks. With a favorable tide the run into Budd inlet from the north was fresh. Olympia, the Capital City of Washington is a great place for boating. The Capitol building is on the horizon to the south and the entire sound opens up to the north. Because it is early in the year the stalwarts are the participants while many are still varnishing and tweaking their mechanicals to get their boats ready for the "shows" later in the summer. The site is right in the city and a street fair and the warm hearts of the hosts welcome the boaters. Fifty-seven boats participated. The oldest boat was the tugboat SANDMAN, and the newest was the PIP an eight-foot sailing and rowing dinghy. The CYA participants were, Forevermore, Phantom, Roanoke, and El Mistico. Best of show was awarded to El Mistico, the boat of Jerry and Judy Ross.

Hosts for the event were Suzie Sinclair and Ed Docherty and their boat PHANTOM, a 36' 1931 Jensen.



El Mistico in Olympia.

Can You Identify These Boats?



The Boater's Bookshelf THE ASHLEY BOOK OF KNOTS

By Clifford W. Ashley

One attaches himself to his boats and boats to moorings with lines, ropes, strands and knots. Clifford W. Ashley was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1881. He sailed on many types of boats, including 6 months on a whaler, and later published the book "A Yankee Whaler." Writing, knot tying and painting were his passions, but he also liked collecting antique furniture, nautical books, and models.

The book can be used as a reference or a coffee table curiosity, but because of its hardbound size of 9x12x 2 inches it is a little bulky for the cruising boat. It contains descriptions and sketches of over 3900 knots. Only 8 of its 620 pages have photographs. For every knot shown there is an appropriate description of how it tied and used. Each is numbered to allow easy correlation to the text. The fancy rope work, if taken in its steps, can be mastered, although with some frustration. Each occupation seems to have knots appropriate to its craft. I especially like to pick a page at random and find something curious on that page, which usually leads to another page and another.

It took Ashley eleven years to compile the book, publishing it in 1944, which was just 3 years before he died. His lifelong work and passion remains today as a testimonial to the nautical world and a memorial to him. The book sells for about \$50, and makes a great gift. It is available in most bookstores and on line.

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