

# Attention On Deck

Summer 2009







# “THE SUMMER OF A VERY LONG WINTER”

BY COMMODORE LEW BARRETT

We are now roughly halfway through 2009, and what an unusual and challenging year it has been. We have had passages of every description this year but we are in the midst of what has been, after all is said and done, a magnificent year for cruising and enjoying our boats. Lindy and I will be embarking on our annual cruise in about ten days and we hope to see many of you in the Northwest cruising grounds on both sides of the International border. My year of boating has been somewhat abbreviated as a “surprise” deck and rail project held up our use of Rita for several months but with that behind us, I’m eager to get some boating in.

I expect most of you feel as I do, and are happy to be mid-course in a cruising season that has proved to be exceptionally lovely. Of course, Lindy and I delayed our departure, and so we missed a great deal of the glorious weather of June and early July, notwithstanding the record-breaking weather we “enjoyed” a few weeks ago. Now as the weather assumes a more regular PNW pattern, with early fog and some threats of rain, we are ready to sally forth! In a sea of

flux and uncertainty, some things never change.....like our annual “rain camp” boating trip! I smile to myself, knowing that this year at least, Lindy and I will sleep dry in our berths with new decks overhead.

I must mention some painful events as part of my mid-season address to the fleet. Following fast on the heels of the passing of Scottie Dobson, our fleet was shocked to learn of the untimely passage of John VanDerbeek. Despite it all, Diane is chunking away as your Rear Commodore and newsletter editor and will be compiling this and our future newsletters as part of her charter. Bravo Diane. Condolences go as well to Mary Blanchard as she and we lost Norm several weeks ago. Norm’s passing was less a shock or surprise than it was a time for reflection and sadness at the passing of so significant a figure as was Norman Blanchard. You’ll be hearing and reading more about Norm in the future, I’m sure

—Speaking of the newsletter, you will note

that this edition is somewhat truncated by comparison to the generous offerings we’ve been issuing over the last several periods.

We have decided to limit the newsletter for the remainder of the year to do a bit of “budgetary catch-up.” Although the expanded journal has been a popular and important part of our annual work, our expenses relative to it have exceeded our budgeting forecasts and limiting mailing and printing expenses now before they more significantly impact us is, we believe, the only prudent course. We have some ideas for creating more content and greater member interaction and participation for future issues and we will be discussing this at our annual membership meeting in October, so stay tuned.

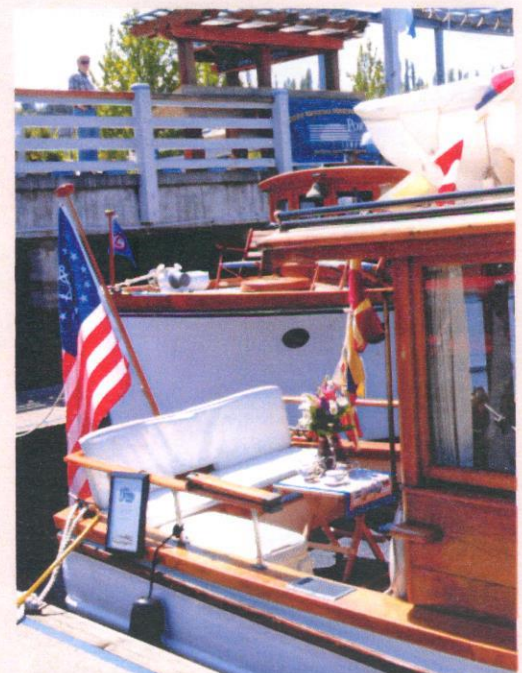
Meanwhile your Bridge, and most especially Lindy and I look forward to seeing you on the water! I can’t wait to put some miles under the keel and see what the Summer of 2009 has in store for the crew of Rita ,and I’m hoping it will all be good. See you in the Islands!

## REMINDER: POULSBO SEPT. 25-27 GEOFF GENTHER & JOHN JACOBSEN

This is a reminder of this year’s CYA Poulsbo Rendezvous which will be held on the weekend of September 25 – 27. This rendezvous is an informal gathering of CYA yachts at the Port of Poulsbo. Most of our boats usually arrive Friday afternoon. Saturday as well as Sunday morning we expect to have many curious spectators on the dock, and boarders when allowed, admiring our yachts. Saturday night we get together for a potluck dinner on the dock. Sunday morning we have a potluck breakfast.

Our main sponsor this year is the Port of Poulsbo, providing the moorage for this public show. We are grateful for their sponsorship. Thus slips will be free to CYA members who bring these old yachts to Poulsbo for the public to view and board. This should be a fun and informal weekend and not far for many CYA members to reach. The Port is right in downtown Poulsbo, so it’s easy to walk to the many shops and restaurants. More information on the rendezvous will be available on the CYA website and through e-mails.

Please let us know soon if you plan to attend the CYA Poulsbo Rendezvous (Geoff Genter: Cell (206) 719 - 7260, [ggg\\_1943@comcast.net](mailto:ggg_1943@comcast.net) and John Jacobsen: (360) 297 – 3281, [jjaco98342@aol.com](mailto:jjaco98342@aol.com)) – we want to reserve a slip for you and hope to see you there.





# NEWS FROM THE FANTAIL

By: Rear Commodore Diane I. VanDerbeek



As most of you know by now, my husband, John died suddenly on June 1 of this year, and so my mind has been elsewhere all summer. However finally I am able to put down a few thoughts for the newsletter. My thanks to all of you for your love, support and understanding during this incredibly difficult time. I have always appreciated my CYA family and now even more know that I can turn to each and every one of you for friendship and support when I need it. Thank you.

We have had fabulous weather for cruising. The Olympus was at Bell Street this year, although I don't remember much of that weekend. I attended the dinner at the South Sound Cruise and was pleased to see a huge turn out. Special thanks to Hugh and Teresa Reilly for their generosity in bringing Westward to the South Sound Cruise and for taking our members to see the maritime museum. A delightful time was had by all.

I will be attending the Classic Boat Festival at Victoria over Labor Day weekend and if you are there be sure to stop by Olympus for a Gin & Tonic on Saturday night from 6:00 – 8:00. Prior to the Classic Boat Festival Olympus will join other members of Seattle Yacht Club and the New York Yacht Club for a historic joint cruise in the San Juans and Canadian Gulf Islands. The fall will bring a number of fun events including Poulsbo the weekend of September 26-27 and the Pumpkin Cruise on October

24-25. Note that the date for the Annual Meeting has been changed and it will now be on October 10 (instead of October 17.) We are still working out where the Annual Meeting will be held so watch the website and Dock Talk Forum for more information.

I would like to share a few thoughts, from a rower's perspective, about boating courtesy and safety. Many of you know that I took up rowing several years ago, and that I am the proud owner of the "Nate Hagen" a wooden Pocock single rowing shell built by Steve Chapin as part of a fund raising project for the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. I am amazed, as a rower, at the number of power boaters, including a number of you flying our CYA burgee, who fail to watch your wake and who seem to be oblivious to the "7 Knot/No Wake" speed zone from Webster Point to the Ballard Locks. Our single rowing shells have practically no freeboard,

and unlike other boats, we cannot go straight into a wake with our shells but rather take the wake from the side. Frequently wakes swamp our shells, even when they are not large wakes. My "bidge pump" is a simple sponge and a pump is carried on the coaches' launch. The coach reminds us that "rowing is a water sport" however it is just not necessary for power boaters to go that fast when rowers are out, and in fact, it is illegal. So next time you see any rowers on the water, think of your Rear Commodore and her middle aged friends out on the water trying to get a little exercise, and please, watch your wake! You have not lived until you have nearly sunk in a single rowing shell in the Montlake Cut because a power boater was in a hurry and disregarded everyone else.

Enjoy the rest of the summer boating season, and see you at some of our many boating events or at the Annual Meeting on October 10.





# Edmonds Waterfront Festival



TIMING IS EVERYTHING EDMONDS 2009

by Dorin Robinson CLE ILLAHEE



When you begin to write an article like this - you think of the great time that you had at another outstanding CYA event - - this particular event now having reached the milestone of four years in a row - - this is due in no small part to the efforts of Frank & Karen Young who again in conjunction with the Port of Edmonds and the Edmonds Rotary spent many hours organizing what has turned out to be a very special event for the CYA who's twenty (20) stunning Classics filled the guest portion of the Marina

However at this point let me digress back to the title of this article "Timing is Everything". None of us had any idea that a historic event was about to take place on the same weekend as the Edmonds Waterfront Festival until I received an E-mail from Diane Vanderbeek (OLYMPUS) asking if anyone of the 20 Edmonds participants would be interested in accompanying three of the most beautiful large fantail Yachts - departing Shilshole Marina at Noon on Friday the 27th of May 2009? I immediately notified Diane that I would be interested. It turned out that "BLUE PETER", "OLYMPUS" AND "THEA FOSS" were participating in a fund raising event for the Northwest Maritime Historical Society which meant that they would be parading North past Edmonds and on to Port Townsend. As luck would have it within a day I received a call from David Ellis who wanted to ride with me and do a movie & photo shoot of the entire weekend - - our timing was perfect - as was the weather which only added to the historic significance of these three magnificent Yachts cruising together for what they believe to be the first time.

I am certain that all of us who have become caretakers of our own Classic Yachts - would have been moved by this visual banquet of Classic Yacht elegance as it passed before your eyes - - - also accompanying us on this journey were "THELONIOUS" and "NORTHSTAR" I am certain that all of us who participated in the one hour cruise North to Edmonds would say "you should have been there" it truly was a sight to behold!

For many reasons yours truly has never missed this event - it is a something for everyone affair - - the action that goes on for two full days includes the following: Non stop entertainment on two stages includes musical groups like The New Blues Brothers band, The Beatniks, The Islanders, The Charlie White band, ShaneCobane tribute to Elvis - - and many many more. Also on stage were professional Karate demonstrations, Comedic Jugglers, Traditional South Sea Dancer RevueMagicians, Reptile shows etc.

There were water slides - pedal car rides - pony rides for the kids - - along with food booths of every shape size and

description - did anyone try the Buffalo burgers?, which by the way were reported to be great. A new feature this year was a preview of the 25th Northwest Marine Art Exhibit which is one of the premier marine art exhibits in the United States - of course this was free along with moorage, coupons for meals at several fine dining establishments - Anthony's, Armies. etc.

The Northwest Off Shore Power Boat Racing Association was there with five of their Eliminator boats - - these boats are capable of speeds over 100 mph - - you have my permission to give Frank Young a call and let him tell you about his very quick ride which I am told clocked in at 124 mph - - Frank was not immediately available for comment following his high speed adventure - - someone said they heard the word resuscitation mentioned - - I was told that he was considering purchasing one of these fast boats - - and then starting up a fast Classic club for anyone interested.

The one thing that has become evident to me in my four years of participating in this event - -

The Port of Edmonds wants us there - - when you read their Welcoming letter given to all participants - - it simply says "WELCOME TO THE PORT OF EDMONDS - - WE ARE PROUD TO ONCE AGAIN HOST THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION - WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY. WE THINK THAT THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THESE VESSELS AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE MADE YOURS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE"

That says it all - - except for one more item - - Frank Young in his address to the group on Saturday night said and I quote " we have elected not to give a prize for peoples choice or best restored boat or for that matter the highest polished brass - - instead we truly believe that you are all winners and we hope to see you return again next year"

Boats participating included:

CLE ILLAHEE, COMRADE, FREYA, HI'ILANI, ISLAND RUNNER, LIBERTY, MUDSHARK, NORTHSTAR, PEARL, RED JACKET, SCANDALON, SEA OTTER, SKOOKUM MARU, THELONIOUS, WANDER, WANDERER, WINIFRED, ZELLA C, & ZANZIBAR

Better sign up early next year - - this is a good one!!!!

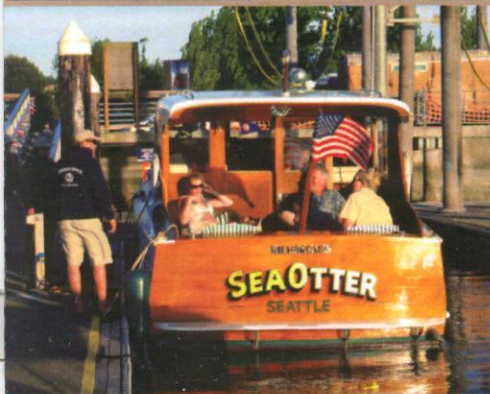
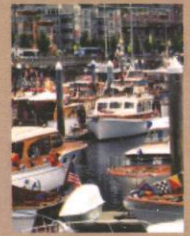




# Bell Harbor Rendezvous

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It was a packed port with rafting room only for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bell Street Pier Classic Rendezvous in June. The weekend drew a record breaking fifty-six classic vessels for the event at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle. The cast included ABSOLUTE, ADAGIO, ARGONAUT II, BARNACLE, BIG DIPPER, CAROL M, CINNAMON GIRL, CLUPEA, COMPADRE, COMRADE, CORSAIR II, EMILY K, ESTHER WILLIAM'S, EVENING STAR, FANDANGO, FOREVERMORE, FREYA, GWENDOLINE, HESITATION II, HI'ILANI, HULAKAI, KONA TRADER, LAZY GAL, LIBERTY, MARANEE, MISTY CHRIS, NORTHSTAR, OLYMPUS, ORBA, PATAMAR, PAT FOSS, PEACEFUL, PEARL, PIED PIPER, RED JACKET, SCANDALON, SEA CLOUD, SEA-DOG, SEA OTTER, SEA QUEEN, SEASCAPE, SHEARWATER, SKOOKUM MARU, STARLIGHT EXPRESS, STELLA, SUMMER OF '46, SWIETENIA, THELONIOUS, THUNDERBIRD, WAHOMA, WESTWARD, WINIFRED, ZANZIBAR, and ZELLA C. *Marque Class vessels shared the spotlight and set another attendance record as fifteen Chris-Crafts (in italics above) were featured at this year's rendezvous.*

Friday's opening night began as the classics took their places behind Seattle's fireboat, LESCHI, whose encore appearance leading our boat parade on Elliott Bay made for an amazing spectacle. Cheers to OLYMPUS for graciously hosting (and pampering!) our sponsors and VIPs during the sail-in parade.

A standing ovation for dock-master Ann Hay's superb planning and direction (and to her expert docking crew; Peter Guyon, Terry Paine, Fred Rowe, Jan Skillingstead, and Bill Woodard) as all fifty-six vessels were then neatly tucked into their slips at Bell Harbor (and, hey!....we all fit!).....JUST in time for the launching of the much anticipated 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CYA Men's Dessert Competition.

CYA's Got Talent and hats off to the guys! They came up with an amazing array of cakes, pies, candies, cookies and tortes topping two banquet tables. Olympus' Chef Richard Lawton and Mr. Lou Whittaker served as judges while the audience waited patiently in the wings for their chance to dive into the sweets. Candy maker, dessert and pastry chef extraordinaire, Fred Rowe, won first place for his exquisitely hand-crafted chocolates. Step aside, Fran.

There were rave reviews all around on Saturday and Sunday as crowds meandered up and down the docks taking in each vessel's unique charm. Folks took advantage of the "Open for Boarding" signs, climbing aboard their favorite yachts to poke around and canvass owners about life with an old wood boat. Center stage honors and applause went to OLYMPUS as the "People's Choice Award" winner and to WESTWARD as recipient of the "Best Classic Motor Preservation Award".

We are indebted to our rendezvous committee members; Mark and Ginger Garff (redesign and printing of window signs, programs), Ann Hay (dock plan, Dock-master, nametags), David Huchthausen (what a poster!), Jim and Margie Paynton (liaison with the Port of Seattle, advertising), Jan and Kathi Skillingstead (awards, participant plaques, staffing), Diane VanDerbeek (dessert competition), Lew Barrett (Commodore) and Genevieve Carlson (prizes) for your dedication and talents toward making the 2009 Bell St. Pier Classic Rendezvous a big success.

The rendezvous committee wishes to express its gratitude to our many supportive friends at the Port of Seattle and to the sponsors – each one helping to make the rendezvous weekend possible year after year. We look forward to the curtain rising on the 2010 show. Hope to see you there!



# The Piper's Call

By: Vice Commodore Ann Hay [PiedPiper1940@yahoo.com](mailto:PiedPiper1940@yahoo.com)

## The Piper's Call

by Ann Hay, PNW Vice Commodore

It seems that everyone in CYA has either purposefully or maybe just accidentally stumbled into this group of folks who enjoy caring for and cruising our great classic boats, and who thoroughly enjoy the warmth of camaraderie and solid friendships found in CYA – in both the local PNW fleet and the larger International CYA organization. But even with membership in this great club, these kinds of connections don't just fall in our laps .. it takes a bit of effort (tho not much really) and a bit of thoughtfulness and purposefulness to build friendships. But that effort really pays off!

This was brought home to me a few weeks ago while cruising the San Juan Islands for ten days on my Pied Piper with Shearwater and Maranee alongside.

Huddling in Friday Harbor for two days, waiting for the seemingly incessant rain to pass and the predicted wind storm to pass (the wind storm that never appeared, by the way), I noticed another Matthews come into the marina. Not wanting to be too forward, I watched a bit, then walked over to see if they might be interested in meeting another Matthews owner. They were ecstatic!! We spent a fine couple of hours aboard both of our boats comparing all manner of Matthews' details and expounding on how Matthews were the BEST boats built .. ever! Their boat, St. Brendan, has been for sale for a year or so, but knowing now about CYA, they said they might change their minds about selling the boat and they are likely going to join CYA. They've always dreamed of an organization of people who owned classics but never knew one existed. Even if they don't join CYA, we now have friends in Friday Harbor. [And hey, if they do still sell their boat, it's gorgeous!]

Fast forward a few days to Reid Harbor on Stuart Island where we three classics filled one of the floats except for one last, empty spot. The sun is shining brightly, the days are warm and languorous, a baby seal and mom are splashing and diving around the boats, eagles soar among the trees throughout the

day, we have all manner of small watercraft in the water to paddle, row, or sail about the bay at our whim, we sleep late, eat well, and marvel at the night sky full of stars and entire galaxies. But there's still that one empty spot at the dock. Darned if we want a plastic boat there!

After hours and hours of putting hexes on every fiberglass boat that entered the harbor so they would go elsewhere (and they did!), we spied a wooden-hulled boat coming into view. Hey, it's El Mistico, a CYA boat! On the first pass of the float, Richard gave a hearty ahoy and said he was simply showing the bay to his son and his son's buddy and so not staying. But not two minutes after turning the boat to head out, he turned around again, came back to the float, and tied down at that last empty spot to stay the night. It's that camaraderie thing again, I think. Ok, or maybe it was the fact that Richard felt remorse seeing the crocodile tears in our eyes watching him leave. El Mistico, captain, and crew were a very welcome, perfect addition to our little fleet.

Fast forward again to the last few days of the trip spent at the La Conner Classic Weekend show. A great show!! Perfectly organized with docks jammed full of classic sail and power, work and pleasure boats. Even the local, resident Corps of Engineers log picker entered the show and opened up for tours since its hull was built in 1944. There's a beautiful little cruiser in La Conner called Chaser who may become the next newest CYA member. It's a replica of a classic, but a stunning one .. triple planked Port Orford cedar, all the old-style hardware, and owners who love her and love making friends. With a number of CYA boats calling La Conner their home port, what could be better than another "classic" with the nicest of owners joining the group.

On Sunday after the show, as most of the boats headed home from La Conner, we three cruising buddy boats came out the south end of the Swinomish Channel to find Comrade over near Whidbey Island and adrift. Turns out she had a clogged fuel filter which Bob dispatched with alacrity. We knew he would. But, on the other hand,



stuff happens eh? So without question or hesitation Maranee, Shearwater, and Pied Piper just idled around and hung out with Comrade on a lovely, calm, warm, sunny day in paradise until that engine started up again. Itchin' also stopped, just in case. Actually, it was a great photo opportunity with so many handsome classics out on the water together. It's a good feeling knowing there's no question about helping each other or even just standing by each other. That's just what we do.

But the capper on the whole trip, in addition to all this lovin' feel-good stuff, was that, out of about 30 boats attending the La Conner show (12 of which were CYA boats), the "People's Choice Award" went to CYA's own Sea-Dog (yay Les & Betsy!) and, best of all, the "Best of Show" winner of this year's judged show (four very thorough judges!) was none other than our very own Maranee .. hip hip hooray! Items on the judges' checklist included a combination of restoration work, preservation of original design, original engines, safety/seaworthiness, cleanliness, fit and finish, historic documentation of the vessel, and a number of other considerations. She had a lot of close competition but Maranee edged them all out, fit the bill to a T, and she has the plaque to prove it! Congratulations Jim & Margie!

CYA boats attending the La Conner show were: Adventure, Comrade, El Mistico, Freya, Itchin', Maranee, Pied Piper, Sea-Dog, Shearwater, Skookum Maru, Wanderer, and Winifred. Why don't we meet in La Conner again next year? I can't think of one reason why not!





# SOUTH SOUND CRUISE

By: Greg Gilbert, PIC, PC, 288



This year's South Sound cruise to Longbranch Marina might be one of the best ever. As usual, CYA member Mike Wolliston put on a barbeque that was top cabin. Hardly "hot dogs and hamburgers" as described, Mike included ribs that had been marinated in beer and were incredible. Mike generously opens his home(s) and lawn for us to kick back and talk about dry-rot. **THREE CHEERS FOR MIKE!**

On Sunday, CYA members Teresa and Hugh Reilly started up the venerable ATLAS four-cylinder engine on their 86-foot 1924 around-the-Pacific traveler WESTWARD, inviting all of us (28 total!) for a 7:30AM departure and the 2 ½ hour run to Harley Sommers' Maritime Museum at Stretch Island. **THREE CHEERS FOR TERESA and HUGH!**

I have been to the maritime museum

three times now, and it's never a bore. I always discover some new historic photo or marine artifact.

On the way back Martine Roudier-Meyer uncorked some of her home-made red wine of various blends to sample.

An added plus was a weekend of outstanding weather, but what weekend hasn't been five-stars?

Seven boats total attended: COMPADRE, Cindy & Rich Randall, FOREVERMORE, Heather & Dave Ellis, with added crew of Life Member Dorin Robinson, WAHOMA, Bunny & George Rollins, WANDER, Gary & Merridy Shinn, WESTWARD, Teresa & Hugh Reilly, WINIFRED, Greg Gilbert and ZELLA C, Martine Roudier-Meyer & Ken Meyer. The only member of the bridge, Rear Commodore Diane

Van derBeek drove down for the weekend as did Steve Moen.

To each and every member who attended, **THANK YOU** for making this the best event of the year. And thanks, again, to Mike Wolliston and Teresa and Hugh Reilly for sharing homes, boat and food.





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## COMING EVENTS

Victoria Wooden Boat Festival  
Sept 4-6 ~ Victoria - David Huchthausen

Port Townsend  
Wooden Boat Festival  
Sept 11-13 ~ Port Townsend - Larry Benson

13th Annual Poulsbo Rendezvous  
Sept 25-27 ~ Poulsbo -  
Geoff Genter & John Jacobsen

PNW Annual General  
Membership Meeting  
October 10 ~ Location TBA -Lew Barrett

Pumpkin Cruise  
October 23-25 ~ Port Orchard -  
Dave & Heather Ellis



Longbranch South Sound  
Group on WESTWARD  
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