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## *Another Huge Success at Bell Street Classic Rendezvous*

*By Jim Paynton, #427*

**M**emorize these numbers: 46; 80; 2,000. Now add them together and divide the total by 3. Take that new number and plug it into the quadratic formula for x, given that A=19, and B=2015. Solve for C. Voila! You will find that over 2,000 visitors admired 46 classic yachts during 80 degree temperatures on Fathers Day weekend at the 19th annual Bell Street Classic Rendezvous.

The festivities began with the traditional Sail-In parade of yachts on Friday afternoon, June 19. Called by Commodore Bob Wheeler, and led by the ever-charming and loquacious Jerry Toner aboard *Kimmer*, the parade of 13 lovely classics proceeded down the Seattle waterfront escorted by the Seattle

fireboat *Leschi*, which provided a spectacular water display. On Saturday and Sunday, Bell Harbor Marina was opened to the public, and visitors streamed down the gangway and on to the floats to witness the largest gathering of classic poweryachts in the world. Event chairs Chip and Kristin Kochel, while taking a couple of baby-steps back from their full-time duties to allow Chip some rest and recovery time, provided their customary inspired leadership to the committee. Many thanks go to this year's planning team of Jim and Margie Paynton (on-site coordinators), Jan and Kathi Skillingstead (awards and Friday dessert), David Huchthausen (posters and publicity), Ann Hay (harbor

plan and docking), Commodore Bob Wheeler and Jytte (sail-in parade and awards ceremony), and Mark and Ginger Garff (printing and programs). Many thanks to everyone else too, as CYA members stepped up all weekend to volunteer for the many crews that made the event run so smoothly, providing meals, greeting visitors, selling CYA books and posters, setting up and taking down tables, and docking the entire fleet safely.

The official Classic Weekend Committee, made up of Port of Seattle officials Giuseppe Alvarado, Megan Deinas, and Kati Davich, plus CYA representatives Chip and Kristin Kochel and Jim Paynton,

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## *From the Bridge of APRIL ANN*

*By Bob Wheeler, Commodore*

Well here we are at the end of June and the weather continues to be very nice so I hope you have been able to get out on the water. We had two opportunities to do so on *April Ann* (formerly *Carousel*). First was the 10th annual Edmonds Classic Rendezvous hosted by P/C Bob and Karen Birdseye and Terrill and Rick Powell. About 14 boats in attendance (our first time) and nothing but sunshine and a good time.

Then came the 19th annual Bell Street Classic Weekend hosted by P/C's Margie and Jim Paynton. With a parade of 12 boats, 47 boats in attendance, about 2000 people visiting, some TV coverage and nothing but sunshine, it was a stellar event. Part of the fun was a free wine tasting event Friday evening by Fivash Cellars with winemaker and owner Scott Fivash present to explain his products which were very good indeed. James Poirson (*El Mistico*) organized this event complete with chocolates and appetizers to complement the wine. The People's Choice Award went to *Riptide* and the Best Classic Preserved Motor Award went to *Miracle*. Both well deserved.

Have you ever replaced the transom on your boat by yourself? We did and it took almost 6 months in the boat house backwards to do it. And while we were at it, we changed the name back to it's original *April Ann*. Why change the name? Well, back in 1953 when the boat was launched at Cummings Boat Works in Tacoma, there was a 6 year old little girl present whose name was April Ann, who was the Grand Daughter of the owner, a Mr. August Seymore and the boat's namesake. Well, some 60 years later, through the miracle of the Internet we were contacted by April Ann's daughter Heather who was doing some family research. In short order we had a visit to the boat by both and the process started and now is complete. I have come to learn that those original names can be important so we have done the right thing.

Summer is here and this Summer we are going to cruise north into British Columbia for about five weeks and visit the family while we're there. We will miss the delightful Des Moines event which we have gone to two years in a row. Almost bought a truck at the car show one year.

Speaking of cruising, our PNW Event Schedule will soon be revised to show two changes. The Bridge Officers have decided to cancel the South Sound Cruise due to lack of sign-ups and emphasize the Des Moines event where a spontaneous on going cruise south could evolve. The other change is to add the Secret Island Rendezvous set for Aug 31st hosted by Curt and Marsha Erickson at their place in Glenthorne Passage, BC.

Don't forget Port Townsend and our Classic Seminar organized and presented by Rick Randall (*Compadre*) and then another big event, the Bremerton Classic Rendezvous hosted by Bob and Pat Irving (*Miracle*) where we will have 640 feet of inside side-tie for all the big boats plus lots of slips and half price moorage. Our next Bridge Meeting will be held at this event.

A little business: Firstly, I think we need a Ship's Store. Most of us enjoy having a hat or shirt (particularly a ladies collared shirt) with the CYA logo if it can be done at a reasonable cost which I believe it can. I also have someone with experience to run it. This will be on the agenda of the September meeting but I would enjoy hearing from the membership.

Secondly, I want to talk about moorage. It can be expensive. I want to bring to your attention that Bremerton YC (my home club) has recently eliminated it's long standing geographical restriction of having to live in Kitsap County. Why would BYC do this? We have 32 empty slips and 5 boat sheds for sale. These numbers change monthly and yes you would have to join BYC and benefit from a beautiful clubhouse and park facility, a marine railway,



an outstation on Anderson Island (all paid for), diesel and gas and pump out facility and a moorage rate that is 1/2 or less that of a commercial marina. Up front cost is about \$1900.00; \$1500.00 of which is a one time only initiation fee and \$400.00 for annual dues. There are lots of details and if you are interested, please let me know and I will get our Membership Chair in touch with you. I view this as a public service rather than a self service announcement.

That's it for now. Thanks for listening and I look forward to our next rendezvous.

Commodore Bob



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## The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

And, just like that, 2015 is half-over. We've got some wonderful events under our belts and we're getting a glorious stretch of cruising weather that is the envy of boaters everywhere.

As a kid, getting into July meant my summer vacation was in full swing. The previous school year was long since over and September seemed like an eternity away. It also meant that I could look forward to getting out on the water for several classic boat shows and then in August, embark with my family on a three week escape from reality until the all-too-real school year was upon us.

Of course, there's nothing like boating in the Great Northwest in the summertime. The air is salty and fresh, the heat from the sun warms your face, yet the brisk Pacific breeze keeps you cool enough to enjoy being outside. The smell of baking varnish fills the air (especially at large gatherings of wooden boats like the ones we sprinkle our summers with) and we can curl up with a good book, and likely fall asleep listening to the slosh of the water lapping against the hull. These are the days we yearn for throughout the rest of the year. We can look out the window in January at the frost on the lawn, or stop a moment as we scrape ice from

our windshields to remember how wonderful cruising on our wooden yachts in the summer time in the Pacific Northwest truly is. Albeit briefly, we can smell the salt air, we can hear the water lapping at the hull and we recall how great a nap in the middle of the day on board a boat really is!

Do you have favorite cruises every summer? Favorite destinations? Feel free to submit them to me for the next newsletter. Where do you like to put your feet up and soak it all in? E-mail me at [m.paynton@comcast.net](mailto:m.paynton@comcast.net) with stories, pictures and memories



of the best spots to enjoy the northwest summer.

Also, feel free to submit special interest stories too. Your restoration projects, impromptu CYA rendezvous a broad - anything you'd love to share is welcome.

So, live it up this summer. Get out on the boat and enjoy everything that our corner of the world has to offer. We've got some great events still coming up, and it looks like we'll have the good weather to go right along with them! I don't get to get out for nearly the amount of time that I used to, so when I do, I'm taking it all in because I know there will come that day in the middle of winter when I will wish I was aboard *Maranee* with a good book on my lap, the sun in my face and miles of calm, clear blue water out in front of us.



meets regularly throughout the year to ensure the event runs smoothly and to nurture the corporate sponsorships that make the whole weekend possible. To show their appreciation to the participating vessels, the committee presented two specially embroidered Classic Weekend caps to each crew.

Thanks to the efforts of Lisa Samuelson with the Northwest Marine Trade Association, news coverage in the Seattle media was quite generous. KING 5 television anchor Natasha Ryan interviewed Jim, Ann and Bob Birdseye from the marina, film of which ran all weekend long. To see some of the coverage, go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V\\_z3lx7Drc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V_z3lx7Drc)



*KING 5 news anchor Natasha Ryan broadcasts live from Bell Harbor*



*Friday evening's gourmet cookie dessert.*

At a brief dockside ceremony concluding the event, Jim announced the winners of the traditional Bell Street awards. Winning this year's Engine Preservation Award were Robert and Pat Irving of *Miracle*. Winning the coveted Peoples' Choice Award for favorite yacht was *Riptide*, owned by Vice Commodore Peter Riess and Past Commodore (SC) Dennis Ballard.

Members are urged to mark their calendars for next year's 20th Bell Street Classic Rendezvous on Fathers Day, 2016. Next year's formula will generate another big success. Don't miss it!





# Home Sweet Home

By Janice Palmer, #1213

I have been asked why Roger and I moved to our boat, *Encore*, a 45 foot 1961 Chris-Craft Constellation, ever since we moved aboard in December of 2014.

How could we sell our house and give away almost all of our possessions to take this leap? Don't we miss dry land? Are we afraid of drowning? How are we going to get along in such a confined space? It's wood. Won't it rot?

Others in the PNW Fleet live on their boats; boats that are much older or narrower, boats that are smaller and some that are bigger than ours. They were part of our inspiration as we talked about this decision.

We began our journey when we decided to put our house on the market and gave ourselves two months to get it ready and move ourselves out. Going through the accumulation of forty-one years in one house became a real challenge when we both thought of what really

mattered in view of what would fit on our floating home. Where could I put over 2,000 books? A china hutch is not nautical and would fall over in a storm. Does one man really need 50 pair of jeans? And where does the composer put his keyboards and computer?

We were out of the house by December with our family realizing that Thanksgiving and Christmas would never be the same. My on board oven can hold two game hens and one pie but not at the same time. You can get three pots on the stovetop but they had better be different sizes. And the Christmas tree is much smaller. We bought smart phone covers for each other for Christmas because we didn't have room for one more thing on *Encore*. And besides what more did each of us really need?

What are the advantages of living on the boat? We traded yard maintenance for boat maintenance.



We had been doing both and now we are free to think about what the boat really needs done and give it our full attentions. Much to my annoyance I still have to do windows, but the view is so much better. Our neighbors are friendly and are full of advice for varnishing, painting, changing oil, etc. We can hop in our dinghy when we are docked at our home in Ballard and get out on the water quickly. Sea gulls, otter, geese, ducks and an occasional Nutria swim by our back deck. The sounds of wind in the shrouds of neighboring sale boats, the squeak of lines, and the soft knocking of fenders lull us to sleep each night. When we decide to leave our home at Stimson and venture out on the Salish Sea our larder is already full, our clothes are aboard, make up, toothpaste everything we used to have two of are all here in our home ready to travel with us. And, oh what a view our home has as we travel with it; Mount Baker, Mount Rainier, the Olympics, forests, islands and for the boat nut in each of us, all sorts and sizes of beautiful boats. Because we live aboard things are ship shape in anticipation of cruising. Neither of us can hoard!

There are adjustments. A law of the boat is that you will both want to be moving through the same space at the same time often in one day. This can be handled with humor and courtesy. Which also is an answer to getting along with each other in a small space.

Another law that I have observed is that if you move one thing from a closet or pantry or drawer, it throws off the perfect arrangement



of space and because of this, you must rearrange the space often. This answers the question of what do you do with your time?

Also, men with cowboy boots and hats have trouble visiting us. The lack of head and leg room takes some adjustment from all of us. Just moving around when your home is constantly responding to water conditions is a challenge. Forty-five feet is not a lot of room when it needs to be filled with tools, and screws and nails and varnish and rags and spare parts and oil and distilled water. Things you must make room for when you are living on a device of transportation which

is your home.

We are not sure what we will do when she is hauled out for an extended time, or if we have to work on the deck and create a hole into our stateroom. I vote for The Four Seasons and room service! But seriously, we are living our dream and it is worth it.



## *Around the Sound...*



*April Ann, Riptide, Jonta, Deerleap, Turning Point, Pied Piper, Miracle and Marian II* all participated in the **Tides Tavern Classic Fish 'n' Ships Festival** in Gig Harbor.

Randy Mueller was the chair and hats off to Dennis and Peter from *Riptide* for fixing *Marian II*'s antenna!

Tides Tavern is owned by Peter Stanley and his son Dylan runs the business.



The **Edmonds Waterfront Festival** on May 29 saw a nice representation of CYA boats, including Christian Dahl's homemade dinghy, tender to *Adagio*.



# WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CYA!



Joe and Susan Euro  
*ST. BRENDAN*  
40' 1947 Matthews  
Port Hadlock Marina

Jason and Marissa Smith  
*COQUETTE*  
50' 1974 Stephens Brothers  
Marina Mart, Seattle, WA



## Pacific Northwest Fleet UPCOMING EVENTS

*Des Moines Classic Car  
& Wooden Boat Show*  
July 17-19  
Des Moines

*Secret Island Rendezvous*  
Aug 31- Sept 1  
Glenthorne Passage, BC

*Deer Harbor Classic Rendezvous*  
September 8-10  
Orcas Island  
[www.deerharbormarina.com](http://www.deerharbormarina.com)

*La Conner Classic Yacht  
& Car Show*  
July 31-Aug 2  
La Conner

*CAN and PNW Fleets Rendezvous*  
September 2-3  
Brentwood Bay, Canada

*Port Townsend Wooden  
Boat Festival*  
September 11-13  
Port Townsend, WA

*Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival*  
August 27-30  
Granville Island, BC, Canada

*Victoria Classic Boat Festival*  
September 4-6  
Victoria, BC, Canada

*Bremerton Marina Classic  
Yacht Rendezvous*  
September 18-20  
Bremerton, WA