

CATSS Ayes

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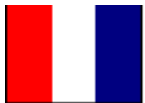


Catalina Association of Tacoma and South Sound

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Some of the participants at the Boat Show breakfast on January 26 At Marie Callender's in Federal Way



Commodore's Corner

By Tom Brosius

We had a nice turnout for the breakfast and Seattle Boat Show. I counted 19 members at our table and several more members made it to the show separately. Lots of boat show chatter made for a fun breakfast.

I'd like to thank **Mike Jameson from Admiralty Yachts** for providing boat show tickets to the 2008 members who had paid dues by the January meeting. The weather kept many of us from venturing over to the

Boats Afloat show, so we had to keep ourselves content with the indoor show. New sails, new dinghies, current charts, and just the whole experience of the boat show made it a fun event. Sandy and I were looking at new sails, but will probably just get ours cleaned. No radar this year, and no bigger outboard so I can plane across the harbor in record breaking speed. Guess that there will always be something to wish for and hope to get at the next boat show.

It was fun talking to the people manning the marina display booths. We look forward to the club's trip to the new Bremerton facility with CAPS in September.

We are looking for new members to join our fun little club. When you meet someone with a Catalina sailboat at your marina or on a trip, ask them if they have ever considered joining. Most of our new members come from these casual conversations that turn into long lasting friendships and boating buddies. I've always been amazed at how many people own a boat, but don't have a group of friends to enjoy it with them. I know for Sandy and I, CATSS has made all the difference in the enjoyment we get from boating. I think we can all share that fun with the next Catalina owner we meet.

I will be starting to develop our new hosted web site later this month with a web developer. We are planning to have a "live" calendar of events, detailed information on upcoming cruises, photos of our previous cruises and general photos from our members. If you have photos that you think would be good for use in developing the site, please forward them to me. Also, if you are aware of a club site that you think has a particularly nice layout we should consider, send me the link.

Editor's Note: We do have a web site that can be reached by going to Google and searching for **Catalina Association of Tacoma and South Sound**. This site has been maintained by Jim Hettinger for several years, and we do appreciate what Jim has contributed to our club with this site. With Jim's approval CATSS would like to obtain a domain name that could be easily located and remembered by a fellow Catalina owner we meet on the water. The cost of hiring a webmaster is affordable by our club treasury and our goal is to become more widely recognized with our web presence.

**Your photo here.
If you have some boating
photos to share, send them to
the editor and we can all enjoy
them!**

Besides sharing photos of interest to CATSS members, which we want both on the web site and in this newsletter, any web sites or nautical quips you find of interest would also be appreciated for this newsletter.

NOTICE

Monthly dinner meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of each month. Please make a note of it on your calendar, beginning this month. The location will be the same, at the Fife Bar and Grill, but our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, at 6:00 pm. A regular reminder will be sent as the date draws near. This was approved by the membership at our January meeting.

February 22 – 24 Land Cruise is scheduled at a Bed and Breakfast in Port Angeles. There will be wine tasting and other activities planned by hosts, Jim and Debbie Lee. Space is limited at the B & B, so make sure you have your reservations in with Jim and Debbie. Contact them at jwestonlee@Comcast.net or by phone at 253 840 4252.

April 18 – 20 cruise to Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle

If you plan to attend this cruise you must make your own slip reservations by calling the marina at 206 615 3952 or 800 426 7817. Their email address is bhm@portseattle.org. Spaces are very limited, but the good news is that the Yacht Club previously scheduled to share that weekend with us has cancelled. This opens up additional slips, but they fill up far in advance from the general boating public, so you must get your reservation in ASAP and tell the marina that you are with CATSS, so that your slip will be assigned close to the rest of our group. There are lots of activities and things to explore in the immediate vicinity including Pike Place Market, Seattle Aquarium, and many fine eating establishments.

Please contact your commodore after making your reservation so he can keep a look out for you! Tom Brosius: home phone: 253 858 3910 or cell: 253 225 4573.



CATSS 2008 Cruise Calendar

Month	Date	Host	Destination
January	26 th	Tom and Sandy Brosius	Seattle Boat Show
February	22 - 24	Jim and Debbie Lee	Land cruise/ Port Angeles B&B – wine tasting tour
March	22 nd -23 rd	Geoff and Jane Jackson	Blake Island – flare demo
April	19 th – 20 th	Tom and Sandy Brosius	Bell Harbor - Seattle
May	24 th – 26 th	Jim and Kelly Hettinger	Filucy Bay - Longbranch
June	13 th – 14 th	DeVere and Billie Lindh	TBD
July	3 rd – 5 th	TBD	Tall Ships – Quartermaster
August			No scheduled cruise
September	20 th -21 st	Lowell and Inez Anderson	CATSS/CAPS – Bremerton
October	18 th -19 th	Kate and Bob Richmond	Docton
November		Volunteer needed	TBD
December	7 th	CATSS Officers	CATSS Christmas Party / TYC

There are still hosting opportunities available for anyone who would like to get involved. If you have some ideas for having fun at a boating rendezvous sign up for one of the yellow spaces and put your ideas into action.



Commencement Bay coming out of Foss Waterway – site for 2008 TALL SHIPS July 3 – 7



They are returning to Tacoma and CATSS has set aside the dates on our cruise calendar for a possible rendezvous in Quartermaster Harbor. That is where the ships will anchor when they first arrive. Then they will parade across the bay to Foss Waterway, where they will be available for tours and cruises. This is probably one of the biggest events to reach Tacoma in recent history and we have an opportunity to be a part of it. Check out the Tall Ships Tacoma web site at tallshipstacoma.com. There is opportunity for personal volunteers, for contributors and financial supporters, and for non-profit groups to set up booths (must be submitted by February 15, 2008). If anyone has an idea how CATSS might participate, please step forward with it.

Since Tourmaline is moored at Dock Street Marina in the Foss Waterway, we will have one of the tall ships moored across from us on the same finger pier. The larger ships will be moored north of the 11th Street Bridge. I plan to be down at the boat every day of the event and will share the festivities on the water with friends as we did in 2005.

In preparation for the event, Tacoma is trying to put its best foot forward and complete some of the construction projects located in the Dock Street area. The D Street railroad overpass is now open to traffic between Johnny's Dock and Puyallup Avenue. The street that curves around the south end of the Foss Waterway, connecting D Street to Dock Street, is scheduled for completion by May. The renovated maritime museum is scheduled for opening just before the Tall Ships event at the north end of the Foss Waterway. The new Esplanade condominium should also be completed and landscaped in time for the event. Exciting things are happening in the Tacoma harbor!

Farewell to Richard and Evalyn Long



Richard has retired two or three times, but seems to be in high demand, so he came out west from Missouri to work on the light rail system between SeaTac Airport and downtown Seattle, which is now nearing completion. Evalyn stayed back home in Missouri, but was flown out here for one week out of each month to be with her husband, Richard. As long as they were here, they thought they should do what people in the Pacific Northwest do, and get a better handle on the northwest life style. So they bought Saorsa, a Catalina 30, and Richard joined Poverty Bay Power Squadron to take some boating classes. One of those classes was Sailing, taught by your editor.

As a Catalina owner, I invited Richard to join CATSS and he jumped at the opportunity. At our last dinner meeting in January, Richard told us that his duties here were coming to an end and he would be moving back to Missouri. Apparently he has found a large lake in Missouri, where they can relocate Saorsa. She will have to surrender to fresh water, no currents, no barnacles, and give up the possibility of venturing to other parts of the world without the aid of a truck. The boat is now a part of the family,

and will be going back to Missouri with the Longs.

We will miss you folks and welcome you back whenever you are visiting in our area. If you really want to get out on the salt water of Puget Sound again, I am sure you can call an old CATSS friend and hitch a sail with us anytime. Thanks for your participation with us while you were here.

Welcome to a new / former member Mike Powell

While at the Seattle Boat Show, Lynn Ward visited the booth for Cruising Concepts, formerly known as Teak Concepts. The owner of this custom wood working business is Mike Powell, a former CATSS member. Mike was interested in hearing about CATSS and staying in touch, although his Orcas Island location might make it tough to attend our functions. As a dues paying associate member, Mike will be added to our roster and at least stay in touch via the newsletter. Welcome back Mike!

If any of you are interested in some custom teak hatch doors, cockpit tables, or other teak additions (including hand rails, shelves, stove covers, etc.) check out Mike's web site at cruisingconcepts.com.

Thanks Lynn for extending Mike an invitation to affiliate with CATSS again.

Attached is a membership application, which each of us should keep aboard, so that we can recruit new members as we cruise the waters of the Puget Sound.



Bye

CATSS Membership Application

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and
mail to:

Lyn Ward
3506 N. HUSON
TACOMA, WA 98407

CATSS Membership Application

Your Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ email address: _____

Type and Length of Boat: _____

Name of Boat: _____ MMSI # _____

Home Port: _____ City: _____

First year membership: \$36/year, General Membership: \$30/year, Associate Membership: \$15/year