

# CATSS Ayes

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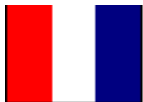


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### Annual Boat Show Breakfast at Marie Callender's in January 2009

January was boat show month again and Seattle always puts on a spectacular show. The weather was a bit cold, but the sun shined all day and most of us made it up to the Lake Union "on the water" venue early just in case the weather changed. Although there were fewer boats in the water, the Qwest Stadium indoor venue was sold out with vendors displaying the latest in marine technology and gadgetry. On the surface you could not tell that we are having an economic recession. Each of us zeroed in on this year's priority on our wish list. I spent a good deal of time looking at the

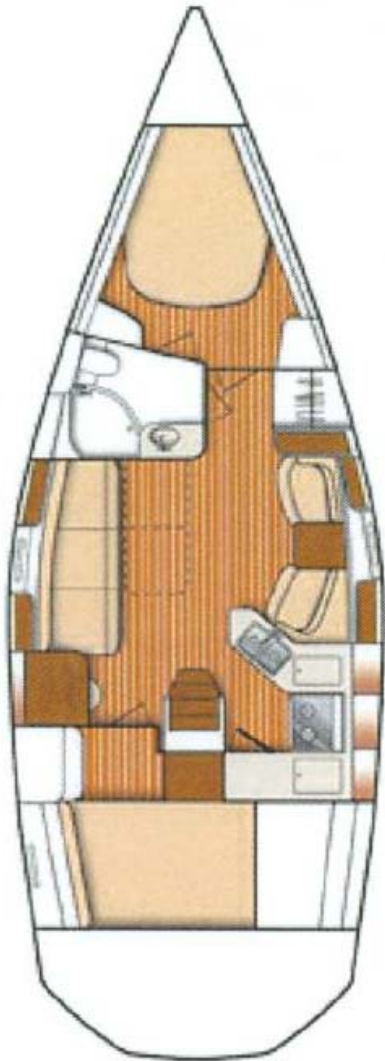
Raymarine GPS course plotter/ radar units. The weather satellite receivers were also very interesting. Isn't it interesting how we shop at the grocery store to save a few cents on an item, and then go to the boat show and start talking in boating units (\$1,000 per unit)?

Our own Michael Jameson, owner of Admiralty Yachts, was there with several new boats in the lake. **Thank you Michael for providing us all with tickets to the show.** This was my first good look at the new Catalina 375. The aft cabin definitely has more head room than the Catalina 36 Mark II models.

While this boat appears similar to the Catalina 36 in many ways, Catalina claims that it is a totally new design and not just a stretched 36. It is too bad that Catalina migrated to Florida for much of its production line, but at least they are still producing a very fine product for the price.

Although a lot of the leasing companies are going to catamaran designs, I cannot understand how anyone could dock a boat with a square footprint. They might get there faster and have more floor space, but they just don't look or feel like a sailboat. If you want more room and creature comforts, get a trawler. That is just my editorial opinion.

**Here is the Catalina 375 layout.**



## **Don't miss our regular monthly dinner meeting at Fife Bar and Grill this Thursday, February 19 @ 6pm.**

On the third Thursday of every month CATSS has a dinner meeting, sometimes with an interesting program, but always with great camaraderie among the members, exchanging tales of their sailing experiences, latest equipment purchases, and updates on what is going on generally in everyone's lives and in our boating world.

This is an excellent way to get acquainted with people of similar interests and establish a real link to future cruising partners and lifelong friends. Business is held to a minimum except for information regarding the next club cruise.

If you are not attending the dinner meetings, you are missing out on half the fun. You can team up with someone to travel with you on the next CATSS cruise. Or find a friend who will join you on your own cruise. The camaraderie of our CATSS members is really something special. That's why we have members who have switched to other brands of boats, but still come to our rendezvous and pay their dues, just because of the friendships made among our members. We would even be glad to see you if you bought a catamaran.

## **Check out these websites.**

[www.ays.com](http://www.ays.com) This is Mike Jameson's new website for Admiralty Yachts. Now is a great time to trade up. Break it in before the sailing season gets into full swing! Great buys in new and used boats are listed. Check it often.

[CruisingConcepts.com](http://CruisingConcepts.com) Mike Powell is an associate member of CATSS. He sells hatch doors, cockpit tables, and other enhancements for your boat. Mike is located on Orcas Island.



**NOW HEAR THIS!**

## **A message from our commodore**

### **Here is the cruise calendar for 2009**

January 31st - **Boat Show** and annual breakfast

February – **Jim and Debbie Lee** – Port Townsend land cruise to Fort Worden (20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)

March - **Jim and Kelly Hettinger** - destination TBD

April - **Tom and Sandy Brosius** - Bell Harbor - CATSS/CAPS

May - **Bob and Candy Turner** - Boston Harbor

June - **Jim and Debbie Lee** - destination TBD (Orro Bay?)

July - **DeVere and Bille Lindh** - Brownsville (17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>)

August - No cruise scheduled

September - **Lowell Anderson** - Bremerton CATSS/CAPS (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>) reservations required

October - **Bob and Kate Richmond** – Dockton

November - **Steve and Debbie Franklin** - MYSTERY Cruise!

December - Christmas Party at TYC

To take advantage of the good weather we've also planned to move three of our monthly meeting venues. These meetings will be hosted at club member's houses and will have a Pot Luck/BBQ agenda. Here's how that calendar looks:

**January, February, March, April, May** - Fife City Bar and Grill

**June** - Pot Luck BBQ - **Jim and Debbie Lee's** House - Gig Harbor

**July** - Pot Luck BBQ - **Jim and Kelly Hettinger's** House - Des Moines

**August** - No meeting

**September** - Pot Luck BBQ - **Tom and Sandy Brosius's** House - Gig Harbor

**October, November** - Fife City Bar and Grill

**December** - No meeting (annual Christmas party)

For the regular monthly meetings we are seeking volunteers to give slide shows or share cruising stories with the club. Please let me or DeVere know and we'll be happy to answer your questions. We hope to bring in some guest speakers from local riggers, to experts on boat safety, and any others you may be interested in hearing from.

There are other activities we'll be bringing forward in the coming months. This is your club so if you have any ideas or comments please feel free to call me any time at 253-514-8723.

Fair winds,

Jim



## More boat show breakfast photos



If you want to attend the February rendezvous check with Jim or Debi Lee. They are hosting a land cruise to Port Townsend **this weekend**. Reservations are required at Fort Worden.

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Can you identify this island in the sound?

Hint: It is totally accessible public property.



“No problem is so formidable that you can’t just walk away from it.”

*Try that on the water!*

Invite a friend to join CATSS. Don't forget to check out our web site frequently.

Lots of good information there! [CATSSps.org](http://CATSSps.org) Simple as that.

Membership application available on last page of this newsletter or on our website.

Carry one on your boat and invite Catalina owners you meet along the way.

Bye for now!



## ***MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL***

Please fill out the form below and  
mail to:

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### ***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