

CATSS Ayes

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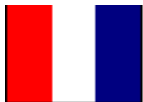


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CATSS Officers Installed at Annual Christmas Party

About 50 CATSS members attended the annual Christmas Party and Installation of officers for 2009 at the Tacoma Yacht Club on December 7.

In the photo above outgoing Commodore Tom Brosius presents the gavel to Commodore Jim Lee. Vice Commodore DeVere Lindh is in the center (with halo), and returning officers are Treasurer, Lyn Ward, and editor, Lowell Anderson, at the far left.

Raffle tickets were sold and nearly everyone was a winner from the fine array of gifts donated by

members of the club and by our favorite merchants, Admiralty Yachts and West Marine. This annual banquet is always the best attended meeting of the CATSS social year.

Awards presentations were made to the following individuals for their contributions to club success or in some cases simple entertainment value. The Black Cat award went to Jim and Debbie Lee for their contribution of time, energy and enthusiasm to CATSS in 2008. The Scott Hoffer Memorial Navigation award was given to Joan Hayes for navigating her kayak to the

Filucy Bay Rendezvous. The Tattered Burgee award went to Bob Buck for installing his macerator backwards. He already paid the price for that error, so we really shouldn't make matters worse by rubbing his nose in it.

Plan Now to attend the regular monthly dinner meeting at Fife Bar and Grill on January 15 @ 6pm.

On the third Wednesday 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 cruise. If it were not for friends to accompany us, or at least meet us at the destination, some of us would be too timid to set sail. Let's face it. If you did not know that your friends would meet you there, and the rain was pouring down or the fog was socked in, we would most likely defer the experience and postpone our sailing for a sunny day. In Puget Sound that could be a long wait. There is some truth to the old adage, "misery loves company." In fact with good company the misery part usually becomes a fun adventure that you talk about years later. It is always reassuring to know that friends will be there to assist you in docking, to share that item you forgot to bring, to raise that stuck anchor, or start that motor that just won't turn over. This is helpful to our cruise planning education in a very practical way. Then when you set sail alone you have so many more experiences to rely upon

that your self confidence is increased and you enjoy your solo sailing trips that much more.

January Cruise to the Seattle Boat Show

The January CATSS annual outing to the Seattle Boat Show, preceded by breakfast at Marie Callender's, 31920 Gateway Center Blvd. Federal Way at 9:00 am. After breakfast we head to Seattle by car, so you might want to car pool with someone. Or you might try the bus. There is a park and ride just a block south of Marie's. Your bus fare round trip will be less than your parking fee in Seattle. There is a shuttle bus at the boat show to transport attendees from the Qwest Stadium to the boats afloat in Lake Union. With the split venue of this event, it is one of the largest boat shows in the country.

Michael Jameson, owner of Admiralty Yacht Sales, has offered free passes to the boat show for those who sign up early enough. Commodore Jim already sent out a sign up sheet for the Boat Show. If you did not receive this communication, call Jim Lee or Michael Jameson immediately. Time is short for reserving these special tickets. More details will be provided at the dinner meeting on January 15.

Check out these websites

www.marinetraffic.com/ais

This site will show you the ship traffic at least very close to real time. Click on the map and go to the area where you are concerned. There have been various reports on its accuracy in the Catalina 36 IA blog, but most feel it is very close to right. It won't replace your radar, but might be interesting as you prepare to leave a harbor.

www.ays.com

This is Mike Jameson's new website for Admiralty Yachts. Recent changes to the site have greatly improved it. Take a look.



NOW HEAR THIS!

A message from our commodore

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party as much as Debbie and I did. It's so nice to get together in such a nice location with all of our cruising friends.

As incoming Commodore I'd like to thank all of you that voted for me. I'd also like to thank those that did NOT vote for me. I could have used a few more of your votes, but it was not meant to not be.

Seriously though, I hope I can bring as much enthusiasm and goodwill to the job of Commodore as Tom did. I was fortunate to get a year long tutorial on how to take the helm of such a well established club. I will work to improve the enjoyment and fellowship the members get from our meetings and cruises.

With all the gloom and doom in the news it's more important than ever that we take time to enjoy our sailing hobby. I'm pleased to announce that we have already have hosts for all but one cruise. Here's the calendar of cruises:

- January 31st - **Boat Show**
- February - Need a host!
- 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 (24th, 25th, 26th)
- August - No cruise scheduled
- September - **Lowell Anderson** - Bremerton CATSS/CAPS
- October - **Bob and Kate Richmond** - Dockton
- November - **Steve and Debbie Franklin** - MYSTERY Cruise!
- December - Christmas Party

We'll be seeking one more brave member to help us with the February Cruise. If you haven't hosted a cruise event in a while, we'd love to have your help. Just let us know.

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 Hettingers'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

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 Lee



Editor's comment. Jim submitted this article with a very lovely background with this sand dollar in the corner and the pale blue line around the edge. The emailed file did not want to transfer to our newsletter, but I really like your sand dollar, Jim.

Help Wanted

This should catch your eye in these days of high unemployment! The position is available immediately. CATSS needs a host for the February rendezvous/ cruise. If you have never hosted a cruise, you have missed out on a lot of fun. There are nice destinations within close range of most members, where power is available to help take off the winter chill if you don't have a good furnace aboard. February often offers some sneak previews of spring so the weather might be surprisingly nice. Think about this and come to the dinner meeting on Wednesday ready to demonstrate your leadership with a cruise you would like to host.

If you are not sure you can handle the job alone, call a friend and sponsor a cruise as a team. That way you will be guaranteed at least two boats will show.

More good web sites

Have you ever navigated Deception Pass when the current was not slack? Check out this video of a sailboat that tried.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4B3sd0XRFBE>

Just be glad you are in Puget Sound and not the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia. Tides rise 54 feet and current flows 14 knots.

Have you ever wondered what the wind was doing across the bay or an hour ahead of your tracking position? Play with this website. Have fun.

<http://windmapper.com>

If you have a favorite web site to share or a story to tell, please don't hesitate sending it to the editor and you can share it with other boaters.



Presentation of the Black Cat Award to Jim and Debbie Lee



Bob Buck receives the dubious distinction of the Tattered Burgee Award.



Thanks Tom for a great year / CATSS 2008



**Don't forget the dinner
meeting this Thursday!**

*And mark your calendar for the CATSS **annual breakfast**
at Marie Callender's on January 31. Call ASAP
regarding the special offer for tickets from Mike Jameson
at Admiralty Yachts.*

Invite a friend to join CATSS.

Don't forget to check out our web site frequently.

Lots of good information there! CATSSps.org Simple as that.

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

Bye for now!



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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