

CATSS Ayes

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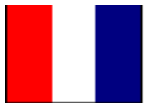
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Odysseus underway on the trip home.

April CATSS Cruise to Bell Harbor

By Commodore Tom Brosius

It was a cold and blustery day. Ok, maybe it was more than a cold and blustery day! The April cruise to Bell Harbor included some of the most interesting weather of the year. We had temperatures below 40 and wind gusts above 40 when all the boats headed north to Seattle on Friday. There

was alternating rain, snow and hail, complete with thunder and lightning at one point. Those boats choosing Colvos Passage had an easier time of it than those in East Passage due to wave size. Those who left later in the day also found the winds slightly diminished. All arrived safe and in good spirits and after got settled in, we had some good spirits!

Along with Sandy and I aboard **Odysseus**, the intrepid sailors that made the cruise were: Don and Johnny Adamson aboard **Suncatcher**, Bob and Jan Elmer aboard **La Colombe**, Jim and Debbie Lee with friends

Alex and Deanna aboard **Pure Joy**, Susan Coolbaugh and friend Steve aboard **Family Therapy**, Mike and Stella Jameson aboard **Paloma**, Bob and Barb Buck aboard **Summer Salt** and Lee and Oleta Artman by car. By a pleasant coincidence, CAPS, our fellow Catalina owners of the north had six boats in attendance as well.

After arrival, the plan called for quiet dinners aboard, but we had had enough of the weather and headed up to Pike Place Market for a dinner and some refreshment at Pike Brewery followed by some amazing caramel apples at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

Saturday morning, we awoke to find that a few folks were already departing for a morning of power shopping. Just how much power shopping can one do at a Macy's "One Day Sale Event"? We got a core group back together for lunch before heading to the Seattle Aquarium for an afternoon well suited to the unsettled weather. The recently completed remodeling and upgrades were impressive. We followed the feeding schedule through the underwater dome and the marine mammal exhibits then Sandy and I had a private tour from Lee and Oleta Artman where they described the experiences they have had over many years of diving in Puget Sound.

Saturday evening we dined in Anthony's Pier 66 before inviting ourselves aboard Pure Joy for an evening of socializing. We ended up with a scotch taste-off pitting some top labels against each other. My son-in-law Austin, who had joined us, describes our group as a drinking club with a sailing problem.

Sunday was a beautiful, if quiet day for the return trip. Snow greeted the early departures. Winds were 10 knots or less and out of the north. This is the first cruise I have ever been on where the run was downwind both coming and going.

Here are photos of the dinner group at Anthony's Pier 66, courtesy of Bob Elmer.



Editorial note:

The only other picture of the cruise is the photo of Odysseus under sail on the way home (Front page), taken by Jim Lee after he discovered his camera battery was near dead.

Jim brought his camera to the event with best of intentions to get some photos to the editor for the newsletter. It sounds like the weather on the trip north distracted attention too much to be concerned about picture taking, but then Jim discovered the battery on his camera was dead. He got the shot of Odysseus and that was the "bitter end" of the battery.

I can relate to a similar experience or two as we probably all can. Several years ago Inez and I took a trip down the Oregon Coast,

where I photographed the greatest shots I have ever taken – the frame of the Peter Iredale before the wreck totally disintegrated in the sand, some excellent close ups of flowers, taken from a prone position in the sand, the perfect sunset. That was in the days of 35 mm film. As I exceeded the maximum number of photos on the film I checked to discover that there was no film in the camera. And those were the best shots I ever took, just like that huge salmon that got away! Yea, Yea! What a shame.

Sorry we missed the event. Sounds like a great sail both ways with the wind at your back. Usually it seems the wind is right on our nose both ways!

Sunday of that same weekend was the Marine Daffodil Parade along the shoreline of Commencement Bay. It has always stopped short of the Foss Waterway and returned to the Tacoma Yacht Club. This year it was agreed to parade down the Foss Waterway to the Chihully Glass Museum, where the boats turned around and headed back. That adds at least two miles to the previous parade route, but was the ideal vantage point for us from our slip at Dock Street Marina.

The parade included 44 boats, some decorated quite nicely, and of course the boat carrying the Daffodil Queen and her Royal Court. As we watched from our boat, in the comfort of our own slip, we had a perfect view, and the weather cooperated until well after the conclusion of the parade. So I did take a photo of every boat in the parade for the record, and the highlight as the Queen motored by was when she waved and shouted “**Hi, grandpa.**”

You know how you are with pictures of your kids and grandkids. Well, here she is! Our pride and joy and only grand daughter – Queen Olivia Anderson. Oh darn! Just popped another button.



Maybe next year CATSS can enter the parade again. It really is fun to be a part of these civic activities, and our own John Dorsey is one of the leaders in the Tacoma Yacht Club sponsorship of this event.

MOVING UP NEW BOAT OWNERS

John and Carol Dorsey no sooner completed the new bimini installation on their Catalina 32 than they moved up to a Hunter 42, which will be moored at Breakwater Marina. They will keep the same name for this boat that they had on their Catalina 32, **Irish Rover**.

Lynn and Lisa Ward quickly adopted the orphaned Catalina 32 **Irish Rover**. Last I heard their Catalina 27, **Irish Cream**, was on the **Admiralty Yachts** listings for sale and Ward's were trying to decide whether to keep the **Irish Rover** name or change it to **Irish Cream**. Have you thought of *Irish Mist, Irish Washerwoman, Irish Luck?*

What is there about being Irish that is so delightful? There is not an ounce of Irish blood in my body, but when we purchased **Tourmaline II**, with the green name painted on the bow and the green dodger and canvas, I thought that must be a nice Irish name and decided to keep it. Then I checked it out in the dictionary and discovered there was nothing Irish about it. Tourmaline is a gem stone and the only

green ones come from Afghanistan. The name has a nice sound to it, so we kept it without regard to its origin. Actually I do have about one ounce of Scotch blood in me and that was enough to remind me of the added cost in repainting a new name.

Usually when you see a name followed by II or III, it indicates that the boat is the second or third boat owned by that same owner, with the same boat name. Did you know that in Canada your boat cannot have the same name as another documented vessel? If you must repeat the name, you are required to add a sequential number to identify it clearly as you would a vanity license plate. In the U.S. we can all name our documented vessels the same without the numeric sequencing for identification.

So in the case of Tourmaline II, I simply removed the II and saved the cost of repainting a name. Somewhere in Canada is another Tourmaline. There may be several in the U.S.

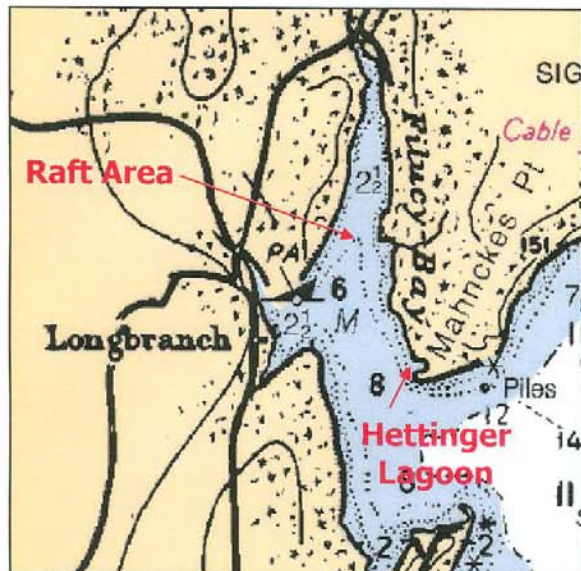
Monthly dinner meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of each month. Please make a note of it on your calendar. The location is the same, at the Fife Bar and Grill, but our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday, May 15, at 6:00 pm. A regular reminder will be sent as the date draws near. Dinner meeting turnouts have been great since we changed to the third Thursday. If you are interested in replacing your hatch covers with those nice teak doors, adding a new dining table, cockpit table, or any other products from Cruising Concepts, don't miss the May meeting. Check out CruisingConcepts.com to see what products are available and Mike Powell will be here to discuss them with you.





Memorial Day Cruise To Filucy Bay for the Longbranch Dance!

In the past this was a CATSS annual event: The Memorial Day Dance. It is held at the Longbranch Improvement Club just up the road from the marina on Saturday night May 24th. Tickets are \$12 per person, and the band is Peacable Lane, a "Chicago style" dance-rock band with brass. There is free transportation to and from the marina for the short 1/2 mile to the dance, and you can either take in your dinghy or go with the informal boat taxi provided by the marina. Please RSVP to the Hettinger's and they will buy the tickets in advance for you. Call Jim at 206-459-2423.



We will raft up in the bay, and the first boat that arrives is the raft captain. There will be a Saturday happy hour at the CATSS Longbranch outstation located near the entrance to the bay. However, like all CATSS activities, it is a BYOB happy hour! On Sunday there will be a BBQ with food provided by the Hettinger's. All you need to bring is your drinks! Remember it dries at low tide in the Hettinger Lagoon, so watch your depth! Low tides will be afternoons 3 or 4PM over the weekend.

A reminder from our Commodore

CAPS, our Catalina brethren to the north, are hosting the Annual Northwest Catalina Regatta on Saturday, June 28th. This is a friendly no-flying sails (no spinnakers) race series that takes place out of the Corinthian Yacht Club at Shilshole Marina in Seattle. Pre-race skipper's meeting is at 9:00 and the first race is at 11:00. There is a barbeque and awards ceremony following. It is also a fun weekend cruise to Shilshole and **CAPS** always welcomes us to join in. You must pre-register to participate and there is a nominal fee that supports the awards. Go to the **CAPS** website at http://www.capsfleet1.com/pdf/2008_NWCR-Reg.pdf to register. The event has been added to our cruise schedule below. It is incorrectly posted on our web site calendar as May 28. The **CAPS** website indicates that the event will be held on **June 28**. You might like to explore the other activities of our northern Catalina friends at their website at <http://www.capsfleet1.com/>. Their newsletter, CAPS eyes has a more precarious connotation than our CATSS Ayes.



Here is the rest of schedule for 2008. The **May cruise to Filucy Bay is Memorial Day weekend, not the weekend following our May meeting.** In June we return to Elliott Bay in Seattle to the Elliott Bay Marina. That cruise comes **BEFORE the June dinner meeting.** Check your calendar and get these events scheduled for the right weekend. Elliott Bay is another event where you will need to schedule slip reservations. DeVere will give us instructions at the May dinner meeting.

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	Elliott Bay Marina – Seattle
	28	Northwest Catalina Regatta sponsored by CAPS	Shilshole Marina at Corinthian Yacht Club
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

CATSS NEW WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING! CHECK IT OUT AT CATSSps.org

This brings you to our Home page. Click on all the subjects down the left column and you will find anything you ever wanted to know about CATSS. This is a work in progress, so you should always be able to go here and find a prior newsletter, the cruise schedule, photos of our activities, or an application for membership. Thanks to Tom Brosius and all who helped put this together.

It keeps getting better. Now CATSS Ayes is on line as is our photo roster.

Other interesting websites to check out:

www.t2p.tv: This site provides current sailing video that you can download. Some of it is free and for full screen high quality viewing there is a subscription fee. Have you noticed that sailing is a sport that never makes the sports news other than the America's Cup? Here is a good place to catch up on what is happening in our sailing world.

<http://www.prime-climb.com/primeclimb.htm>

Here is an interesting product to get you up the mast without a bosun chair and hefty crew to hoist you up there. The Catalina 36 blog has some satisfied users of the product.

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