

# CATSS Ayas

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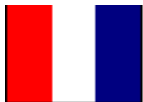


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**Bremerton CATSS/ CAPS Rendezvous a SUCCESS!**  
**These are most of 20 boats that were there.**

## NEW MARINA ATTRACTS 20 CATALINAS TO BREMERTON

The rain came. There was no wind. But we mustered 20 Catalina sailboats from Everett to Gig Harbor to the event. Most arrived on Friday and shared hors d'oeuvres under the canopy on the party dock. Saturday the rain refused to let up, but we have played marshmallow golf before in the rain. This time we had a canopy large enough for everyone to stay dry on the 25 foot wide party dock in Bremerton.

Jim Lee, who introduced CATSS to the game earlier this year, generously provided his dinghy to set adrift as the target for soggy marshmallows to fall into. Everyone had at least three marshmallows to hit from the dock with a 5 or 7 iron into the floating target, which kept changing position.

We had some real hot dog golfers who showed us how far a marshmallow could be driven and persisted in additional attempts. Others claimed they had never held a club before, and did surprisingly well. I had envisioned a playoff series, but as it turned

out to be a hole in one contest, with only one winner, there was no opportunity for a playoff match. Kelly Hettinger stepped up to the tee and smacked her mallow right into the dinghy. No way could we convince her to try to repeat her prowess, so Kelly walked away with the prize – an insulator bag to carry beverages or keep marshmallows dry.



**Kelly Hettinger in perfect form for the winning stroke. "Keep your eye on the mallow" is her secret. And put a slight bend in that right knee!**



**This contestant had an advantage as the target moved closer, but she was studying that soggy mallow and thought some Pam sprayed on the club might help the release of a sticky mallow when hit.**

We were prepared with a couple other games, but with 40 golfing contestants it took quite awhile to complete all of their tee times. Maybe next year we can try one of the other activities. We reserved the same docks for the third weekend in September 2009. That is September 18, 19 and 20, 2009.

Hopefully the weather next year will improve and we can have some dinghy races. The NW Tartan sailboat group reserved dock A for the same week again next year, so they must have liked it there as well as we did. The marina management told me that by next year there should be more shops in the area just above Anthonys. If any of you have suggestions for making this joint rendezvous better let me know. I would enjoy hosting it again. With Inez incapacitated with cancer, Joan Hays stepped in and was a big help in getting the hors d'oeuvres potluck and the Sunday morning continental breakfast set up. Thank you, Joan, for all your help.

The final tally included 11 CATSS boats and 9 CAPS boats, with Ken and Nancy McKenzie from CAPS and Bob and Candy Turner from CATSS coming by car. Jeff and Carrie Morton showed up in **Three Sheets**, ending a three week sailing trip to the San Juan Islands. They picked up the information on line during their travels and decided to stop by. We were glad to see them and they were pleased to win the door prize – a free night moorage at Bremerton Marina.

Most of those I talked with seemed to enjoy the group dinner at Anthonys in lieu of our typical pot luck. With the rain coming down all day Saturday it was especially nice to sit down in a restaurant and just order what you want.



**The gallery watching the golf event under shelter**



**One of the five tables reserved at Anthonys.**

Barbara Buck was kind in taking photos of all who attended the dinner at Anthonys. CATSS members attending the Anthonys dinner are shown at right. We had 20 boats, 43 people, and 4 dogs.

CATSS members and boats attending were :

- Geoffrey and Jane Jackson, *Bananna Samba*
- Bob Buck and Barbara Sommerville, *Summer Salt*
- Jim and Debbie Lee, *Pure Joy*
- Billie and DeVere Lindh, *Laugh'n Gecko*
- Tom and Sandy Brosius and sister Carol, *Odysseus*
- Lynn and Lisa Ward, *Irish Rover*
- Lowell Anderson , *Tourmaline*
- Joan Hays with *Tourmaline*
- Lee and Oleta Artman, *Fleur de Lees (Friday only)*
- Jim and Kelly Hettinger, *Cutting Edge*
- John and Neena Stoner, *Cache*
- Bob and Candy Turner, *Turnabout (by car)*
- Jeff and Carrie Morton, *Three Sheets*

CAPS members and boats attending were:

- Paul and Carol McManus, *Sea Sea Rider*
- Gary and Sheri Wilson, *Alo*
- Dick and Peg Eagle, *Aerie*
- Mike and Lynda McCann, *Jaded*
- Mike and Marilyn Parker, *Northern Light*
- Rod Sparks, *Wind Runner*
- Evelyn and Joe Heaton, *Echo*
- Dan and Laura Clawson, *Auntie Beryl*
- Gordon and Cynthia Ellis, *Blythe Spirit*
- Ken and Nancy McKenzie, *Scotch and Soda (by car)*



## October Cruise to Dockton Oct. 18 - 19

It's that time of year again and the geese are already planning on getting the docks ready for us! Bring your pumpkin for the carving contest, and some firewood for the fire pit. A broom might be handy as well.

We have been advised that the Viking Yacht Club will also be having their Halloween cruise that weekend also, so we'll be sharing with them.

Kate & I will arrive Friday and we'll save some slips for CATSS. There has been interest in having the chili cook off on Saturday. If you want to participate, bring your favorite recipe (small) for the competition. We'll have cups, spoons and ballots for voting. Then, all the chili will be combined for the basis of the pot luck dinner!

We will also need other pot luck items such as; salads, bread, other main dishes and desserts.

Sunday morning we'll have juice and pastries.

Please let us know ASAP if you'll be able to make it and when you plan on arriving.

**Hosts: Kate & Bob Richmond**  
**Chimera [KateRandCo@aol.com](mailto:KateRandCo@aol.com)**



## Plan ahead for the November Cruise by Rail

Lyn and Lisa Ward are hosting an Amtrak weekend to Portland on the weekend of November 22 – 23. Here is the information you will need to plan ahead for this one.

We decided that downtown Portland is too expensive, so hotels were located near Lloyd Center, across the river. Here is what we found.

The place we like the best is the Crowne Plaza Downtown Convention Center. They have a shuttle van to pick us up at the Amtrak Station. Travelocity lists rooms from \$100/nite. It looks like a very nice place. If that is still too expensive there are other choices nearby:

La Quinta Inn Portland Convention Center  
\$95.00

Shilo Inn Portland Rose garden \$92.00

Shilo Inn Downtown -Convention Center  
\$59.00.

La Quinta and Shilo Inns do not have a shuttle so we would have to take a taxi or some other method to get from the Train station to the hotel.

All of the above are close to Lloyd Center and the Convention Center. Their light rail line MAX has a stop nearby so we can go into downtown Portland easily.

Amtrak lists an 8:15 am departure from Tacoma with an arrival in Portland at 11:00 am. Returning home on Sunday there is a 6:15 pm train that arrives in Tacoma at 8:41 pm. Fares are \$52 round trip per person. Seniors/and AAA discounts may be available.

The parking situation is being researched and we will let you know where to park. Hear more about it at our October 18 meeting.

Lyn and Lisa Ward



## Commodore's Corner

Summer has come to its end and the cooler fall weather is now upon us. We've been really lucky this year to have such great sailing weather. Some may say we didn't have much of a summer, but I beg to differ; I think we had an awesome one. Sandy and I have been out on the boat most weekends and even some week nights with some great wind for sailing. We've seen many of our members out on the water with us.

I'd like to thank all of our CATSS members that attended the cruise to Bremerton for the CATSS/CAPS Rendezvous Sept. 19-21. This year we had more boats in attendance than any year I can remember, 20! Lowell Anderson and Joan Hays did an outstanding job organizing this event. That was our first time there at the marina and it sure won't be our last. The facilities are world class with good restaurants and beautiful fountains. The slips were very spacious and the marina office was very welcoming. They even supplied us with a goodie bag when we signed in. The weather Saturday was a bit dreary and cold, but we all braved the elements and attended. Let's have an attendance like that on every cruise!

On our return trip Sunday, we were met by a small pod of Dall's Porpoise in Colvos Passage. They spotted us from a long distance and raced over to play around our boat. They held us for what seemed like 10 minutes while they circled and peered up at us. One even held his head above water to get a better view of us.

Every month we have a special cruise planned and hosted by a member of our group. Bob and Kate Richmond are hosting the annual Halloween cruise to Dockton this month. Lyn and Lisa Ward are hosting a train cruise to Portland in November. These friends put lots of effort into planning a fun and interesting cruise, let's do our best to try to attend.

Tom Brosius

## Other CATSS News

CATSS members **Dick and Carol Roy** have made it to southern California aboard their sailboat **Plumas**. You can read their story on their web site at <http://trucknrn.blogspot.com/>. It's a great read.

Dick Roy also donated a LARGE library of nautical charts to the club prior to his departure. We now have what appears to be a very complete set of charts for north Puget Sound all the way up into Alaska including both sides of Vancouver Island. Any CATSS members who are planning (or dreaming) of making a trip further north than their charts go are welcome to borrow them. I have them in my office and will keep them available upon demand.

*Tom Brosius*

**Plan Now to attend the regular monthly dinner meeting at Fife Bar and Grill on October 18 @ 6pm.**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 CATSS Calendar**

**October 18th - Monthly Meeting -6:00  
pm Fife City Bar and Grill  
18th - 19th Dockton Hosts Kate and  
Bob Richmond**

**November 20th Monthly Meeting 6:00  
pm Fife City Bar and Grill  
22nd - 23rd Portland Rail Cruise –  
Hosts Lyn and Lisa Ward**

**December 7th CATSS Christmas Party  
- Tacoma Yacht Club**

**Invite a friend to join CATSS.  
Membership application available  
on last page of this newsletter or  
on our website. Don't forget to  
check out our web site frequently.  
Lots of good information there!  
[CATSSps.org](http://CATSSps.org) Simple as that !**

**Bye for now!**



## ***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