

CATSS Ayes

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Here is your editor playing “Show me the way to go home” with my good friend Auto (or is it Otto?) at the helm.

Photo by Lyn Ward

August was Vacation Month. Where did you go?

DeVere and Billie Lindh laid out a full month cruising itinerary and I had hoped to join them somewhere along the line. But it never happened and it wasn't that I didn't want their company. We have had many fun cruises with the Lindh's over the years. Time simply passed and I found myself getting the grandkids up to Blake Island

before school began, helping a friend move to her new house, get involved with some business transactions, and pretty soon August was behind us. Where did it go? I think the cause of global warming is that the world is spinning faster and that creates more heat. This is not that outrageous a theory. You may recall a point in history when most sailors thought the world was flat and we might fall off the edge. Some actually did, and I think they all live in California now. I do have an old grandfather clock that confirms my theory. Every week when I wind it I have to push the

hands ahead to keep up with the new speed of time in a day. It is still calibrated to old time and not the new time. Sometimes my bones tell me also that the world is spinning faster. They get tired so quickly any more! It just is not like the good old days when we were kids.

Well, I turned my calendar to September and decided that if I was going anywhere before summer was completely over, I better get going. I found a friend to sail with me to the San Juan Islands, another friend to cruise the islands for a few days with me, and then I came home alone. What an opportunity that was to learn a few things about all the new electronics I installed last spring. I played with setting waypoints and seeing what I could do to decrease the automatically calculated arrival time. I looked at the radar on a bright sunny day to see what the smallest object was that I could identify in my path. I know that it picks up a rowboat, but if you are in a kayak, be careful in the fog. You have the chance of a log or branch of being detected. Despite holing up at Rosario for three nights while the storm gods took revenge for all the nice days that I had not gone sailing in August, it was a fun trip. The San Juans are always a delight to see again.

Incidentally I learned some good information on my little voyage north. The old Rosario resort, which had some very unfavorable letters on its web site about the disappointment of patrons who stayed there, has been sold to a new local owner from Anacortes. He bought the place for \$5.5 million and plans to build a new 160 boat marina, new 5 star hotel accommodations, and put this historic masterpiece in Washington history back on the map. I actually enjoyed their swimming pool and thought the little deli served up some pretty good grub. But grander things lie ahead.

In Anacortes I visited a Real Estate office by Skyline Marina and actually met one of its original developers. Skyline Marina was **the first** condominium marina in the nation if not the world. The developer's attorney said it could not be done, but at the persistence of

the developers it was done. It set the stage for a whole new concept in boat moorage. Actually with the photos that were available for this personal presentation, it would make a good program for a boat club.

Here are some highlights of my little voyage.



Coast Guard escorting nuclear submarine. Stay clear! This was taken with 10 x zoom off Bainbridge Island.



Seals basking on Blakely Rock



Rosario Marina a day before the storm.

Back to business, CATSS!



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Meeting is this Thursday, 9/17 at 6:00 PM. Location is at the home of Tom and Sandy Brosius in Gig Harbor. See directions below.

This month's CATSS meeting is being held at Brosius house, **NOT AT FIFE CITY BAR AND GRILL.** Sorry for shouting, I just wanted to make sure I was heard. Please join Sandy and me as we bring in the fall cruising season with our first club meeting after vacations. There will be lots of stories to share and people to reconnect with.

Sandy and I will be providing grilled beef and chicken kabobs as a main course. Please bring your choice of side dish or dessert. Also, please RSVP so we have a good idea of how many folks to prepare food for.

At the request of our host the address and directions were omitted from the web site version of this newsletter.

If you need an address or phone number, please look at your CATSS directory, which has been sent to all members after the last revision earlier this summer. If you did not print it to have a copy on your boat, and if it is deleted from your computer files, you may contact the editor and I will send you the latest copy.

The only change of which I am aware, that is not in the current directory is that Dr. Pete Redburn and Suzy have sold their Catalina 42 and purchased a Kroegen 42. Now that is a power boat, but one anyone would be proud to own! Pete had a bit of a struggle learning how to dock it. A Kroegen 42 is much larger than Catalina 42.

If anyone knows of additional changes that should be made, let me know and a good time to issue a new directory would be at the December Change of Watch for new officers.

CATSS/ CAPS Cruise to Bremerton This Weekend

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 2009

To add your name to the participation list please email Lowell@sailTourmaline.com

There is lots of room. I have reserved for 40 people at Anthonys for dinner on Saturday at 6 pm. There is ample dock space but each boat must register with the marina office upon arrival at the party dock. There will be a covered tent area for our Friday evening hors d'oeuvres pot luck. Please add your name to the list ASAP so I can give Anthonys an accurate count for dinner.

As of September 14 we have 15 boats registered. If you are not registered you will not be eligible for a rather nice door prize, which will be awarded on the basis of your docking skills, and the accuracy of your ETA. Docking skills include your docking procedure and ease of handling your boat, neatness and quality of lines tied to the cleats, spring lines, placement and cleanliness of fenders, etc. Demonstrate your docking skills with confidence. ETA accuracy will be used as a tie breaker.

This year's activity on Saturday afternoon will include a blindfold dinghy race, so bring your own dinghy if you want to participate, or you may have to borrow my old soft bottom Avon, which is pretty slow. Due to the limited space in the protected waterway we will do match racing, so winners will race against other winners until someone has defeated all opponents. Life jackets will be required to participate.

The prizes were not purchased at the Dollar Store this year. You will be glad you participated.

Bremerton Cruise

Activity Schedule

Friday 6:30 pm hors d'ouvres potluck under the canopy.

Friday and Saturday docking competition as boats arrive per ETA submitted

Saturday 4:00 pm dinghy race inside the breakwater dock

Saturday 6:00 pm dinner at Anthonys Reservations required

Sunday morning coffee under the canopy before leaving



Here we were last year with 24 boats. There is still room and the weather will be great. C'mon out and join us!

Bremerton Highlights

Tour the Turner Joy.



Currents in Rich Pass

An afternoon arrival on Friday or Saturday will provide an assist up to 3 knots either afternoon up to 3 pm. Departure on Sunday will provide an ebb tide with current favoring your departure again up to 3 knots.

Moorage fees are very reasonable at \$0.65 per foot + \$4.00 for 30 amp power. This includes free showers.

Nearby attractions include a tour of the Turner Joy, a destroyer last used in Viet Nam, the Naval Museum, which is gearing up for an outstanding mock up of life aboard the USS Stennis, which is a federally funded exhibit that should be ready in September. If you have any doubt about what to do there check out their well done You Tube video at www.portofbremerton.org/bremerton_marina.aspx

See these amazing water features next to the marina.



The water feature park is bigger than last year. New water features added.



CATSS are always invited to CAPS events and visa-versa. Gary Wilson, the Cruise Chair for CAPS asked that we encourage the two groups to commingle. We joined together at our Bell Harbor cruise in April and we traditionally join together at our Bremerton cruise in September.

Coming Events

October Cruise to Dockton
October 17 - 18
Hosts: Bob and Kate Richmond
Traditional pumpkin carving contest

November Mystery Cruise
November 21 - 22
Hosts: Steve and Debbie Franklin

November is election of CATSS Officers. Do you want to serve? If you have a skill or interest that could benefit our organization, please let it be known. Think about a cruise or activity that you would like to promote or sponsor. Volunteer to chair the event.

December 6 – CATSS Christmas Party at Tacoma Yacht Club. Save this date.

Check our website for anything you might want to know about CATSS.
www.CATSSps.org

Member services www.ays.com

This is Mike Jameson's website for Admiralty Yachts. Now is a great time to trade up. Check the current inventory.

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. His contact information is available in your CATSS photo directory or on his web site

Editorial comment: When I joined CATSS I could not remember anyone's name from one month to the next. Surprisingly I was not the only one to experience this common difficulty. That is why I developed a photo directory. It was for my own benefit, but has helped new members as well. Do you have a project that you would like to do for the club? Or one that you would like to lead others into joint participation? Just some areas of interest that someone might want to lead are:

Participation in the Marine Daffodil parade sponsored by TYC in April

Participation in the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum as a volunteer (individual or club)

Contribution to the community in some area of leadership – Sea Scout volunteer worker,

Sailboat rides for handicapped people, underprivileged kids, or for charitable fund raising events, or a work party to help restore deferred maintenance at a state park.

These are just a few examples of areas where we could be helpful to others and helpful to our own interest as well. Maybe you have an idea for bringing a program to a club meeting that others would enjoy. Check with the leadership committee and go for it! Participation is key to fulfillment of ourselves. How can we serve others better – particularly our friends in the boating community?

Lowell

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.

Carry an application for membership on your boat and invite Catalina owners you meet along the way. We have lots of fun cruises and interesting meetings lined up. No Catalina owner should be out there alone, when they can have so much fun being part of our CATSS family.

Bye for now!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and
mail to:

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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