

CATSS Ayes

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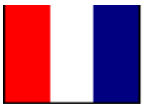
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Mystery Cruise participants on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The mystery was “who would be there when?” Three boats signed up. Six showed up + three couples visited by car at various times.

November was indeed intended to be a Mystery Cruise, but Hosts, Steve and Debbie Franklin had something else in mind.

Since only three boats signed up to attend, Steve and Debbie revealed the destination of the cruise, which participants were supposed to figure out by a series of clues routing them to the ultimate destination. On Friday evening our hosts treated us to a delicious chili

feed aboard their boat, *Platypus*. Commodore Jim Lee and his wife, Debbie, were also there with *Pure Joy*. It was a dark and stormy night, but DeVere and Billie Lindh showed up by car along with Lowell (editor) in time to taste the fine fare prepared for “who knows how many.” We did solve a few of the worlds problems around that table as I gazed about the salon in a different world trying to ascertain whether or not this 40 foot Catalina would be big enough for just me.

The Catalina 400 seats seven for dinner nicely and I was attracted to the headroom in the aft cabin and the second head for the owner's cabin. Conversation did include some private discussion about why attendance was so low. Is it that most of our group are getting old and becoming wooses ? Is it really the fault of global warming and the resulting increase in stormy weather? Was it because of the higher moorage expense at this particular marina and the bad economy? No actual conclusions were reached, but we all had a good time talking about the problem.

We carbon polluting commuters who came by car returned home for the night and your editor came back early Saturday afternoon. I got my boat ready to move the full city block from my permanent moorage to the guest dock area, but hesitated as the wind gusted above 15 knots. As I was retying my boat in preparation for the alternative walk in the rain I saw Lyn and Lisa Ward wave as they motored by in *Irish Rover*. They had made it from clear across the waterway, at least 100 yards. I decided I was not going to be one of those wooses we talked about the night before, so I untied *Tourmaline*, said a quick prayer for divine protection on my journey, and followed the Wards into the guest dock area, arriving about three minutes later so they could help catch my lines. Lee and Oletta Artman had snuck in with their mastless *Fleur de Lees III*. A few minutes later in came the salty old buccaneer, Bob Buck and Barbara on *Summer Salt*. That brought our group up to six boats!

Let me tell you the long trip from dock D to dock A was worth every drop of sweat as Mike Jameson appeared on the scene in his Duffy electric boat. With eight batteries on each side of the boat this stealth designed craft could sneak up on a nudist camp and get some interesting views without being discovered. We whispered to each other as Mike

chauffeured the 12 of us down the Foss Waterway and back to Johnny's Dock, where he treated us all to drinks and hors de oeuvres. You see the happy group on the ramp into Johnny's on the front page.

Once Mike got us aboard this quiet and very comfortable commuter boat, he brought us up to date on some of the developments and happenings in the Foss Waterway. Mike is a member of the Foss Waterway commission and knows the details of what is happening. One of the more interesting comments was that those ugly oil tanks that greet anyone as they enter the waterway, will be painted with a mural depicting the harbor area, with a painting of Mt. Rainier with waterfront scene in the foreground and words that say "Welcome to Tacoma." There is already a new office building along the water next to these tanks, which hides the tanks from view just south of the tanks.

Bob and Candy Turner joined us by car, once we were inside Johnny's. Thank you to Mike Jameson, owner of Admiralty Yacht Sales, who hosted this event and provided the transportation.

Here we are enjoying the hospitality of Mike Jameson at Johnny's. Admiralty Yachts has a sales office in this building as well as the original location across the bay at Tyee Marina.



Here you can see Mike telling us about the waterway developments as we whisper along in his all electric “green” boat.



Lyn was not too sure about what he was hearing while Lisa pretends she is in full agreement. C'mon Jim, she just winked at you. Get over it.



“Oooh! “ you can see Lisa was quite fascinated, while Jim quietly eyes that chick on the dock and Debbie wonders what the dogs are getting into back on the boat.



Here we are gang. Let's go have a drink and some good food. Thanks Mike for the ride over here.



Once we were seated Bob and Candy Turner joined us at Johnny's Dock. Later in the evening Tom and Sandy Brosius joined us by car for dinner at Harmon's Pub, which brought total attendance to 16. Thanks Steve and Debbie for hosting this fun weekend and thank you to Mike for the Saturday refreshments courtesy of Admiralty Yachts.

New Officers Elected

At our November 19 dinner meeting 2010 CATSS officers were elected. It was hard to count the votes with that railroad running right through the room, but when Commodore Jim asked if any were opposed there was absolute silence, so I am assuming that all were duly elected with no fraud or foul play.

Here is the line up for next year:

DeVere Lindh ----- Commodore
Lowell Anderson - Vice Commodore
Lyn Ward ----- Treasurer
Jim Lee ----- Newsletter Editor

Commodore Jim is in charge until December 31, and DeVere has left the country for Italy. Where does that leave us? Don't let Obama know our vulnerable position or he may take over. Hurry back DeVere!

We don't want any of you to lose sleep over this temporary situation. Obama may have friends in Chicago, but DeVere will have friends in Italy and nobody messes with them. It will be OK!

Christmas Party December 6

CATSS Christmas Party was held Sunday, December 6, 2009, at Tacoma Yacht Club. This annual event was enjoyed by 30 guests, who each purchased some raffle tickets and some went home with an armload, while others went home with only the memories of the delightful evening. Thank you to Sandy Brosius and Debbie Lee for organizing this event.

Commodore Jim made his farewell address and announced the new officers. Then came the presentation of awards, based on nominations from the floor vs. agreement with the commodore's selection. Those in attendance voted as to who was most worthy of the honor.

The coveted Black Cat award was awarded this year to Mike and Stella Jameson, for faithful participation at club meetings and generous contributions to the club raffle and activities.

The Navigation Award was presented to Lyn and Lisa Ward for their extended voyage (about 300 feet) across the Foss Waterway to attend the November cruise. Their navigational skills were excellent and their ETA was absolutely precise.

The Tattered burgee award was presented to Tom Brosius (again) for causing the injury of his first mate, Sandy, which resulted in leg surgery from which Sandy is still recovering. In honor of Sandy, who was the victim in this process, a special "Leg Up Trophy fender" was presented to her.

The venue and the menu were delightful as usual at TYC. It was especially nice to see Bob and Chiko Gach at the party. Chiko walked around the room unassisted, which was a great example to the rest of us for her perseverance and for Bob's tender loving care of his wife. It was good to see Joan Hays there, between visits to her daughter in Minnesota. A good time was had by all.

Next event is the Seattle Boat Show Saturday, January 30, we will have our annual breakfast at Marie Calendars in Federal Way. Then we proceed to Seattle (car pool, bus, or private transportation). Park free if you buy your boat show tickets on line in advance. More info later.



Schedule of events for 2010

Monthly dinner meeting at 6 pm on the third Thursday of each month.

Fife City Bar and Grill is the venue January through May.

June BBQ @ Bob and Barb Buck's home in Gig Harbor.

July BBQ @ Jim and Debbie Lee's home in Gig Harbor.

August - NO dinner meeting

September BBQ @ Tom and Sandy Brosius home in Gig Harbor.

October and November back to **Fife City Bar and Grill.**

December @ Tacoma Yacht Club for **Annual Christmas Party on Sunday Dec. 5**

Cruise Dates and Hosts



The third weekend of each month

January - Seattle Boat Show with breakfast at Marie Calendars in Federal Way.

February 19 - 21 **Need Host**

March 19 - 21 Blake Island hosted by Geoff and Jane Jackson

April 16 - 18 TBD
hosted by Jim and Debbie Lee

May 21 - 23 Boston Harbor
hosted by Bob and Candy Turner

June 18 - 20 TBD
hosted by Bob and Barb Buck

July 16 - 18 Mystery Cruise
hosted by Steve and Debbie Franklin

August - NO CRUISE

September 17 - 19 Bremerton
hosted by Lowell Anderson

October 22- 24 Docton
hosted by Bob and Kate Richmond

November 19 - 21 TBD
hosted by Lyn and Lisa Ward

December - NO CRUISE

Don't forget to send you dues to Lyn Ward, treasurer, for 2010. They are \$30 per year per family listed in our CATSS photo directory.


Joy
Love
Peace
Seasons
Greetings

May you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your newsletter editor for the past three years.

Louise Anderson

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. A CATSS calendar, newsletter archive, member blog, and latest directory with photos of members are available there.

If you want to know what our north sound brothers are doing, check out their web site at www.capsfleet1.com We are all Catalina "family" members. We welcome CAPS members to participate in our activities and we are invited to join them.

Bye for now!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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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