

CATSS Ayes

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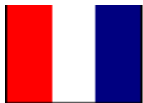


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Port Wine in Port Angeles?

By Jim Lee

We left Tacoma on a sunny Friday afternoon to meet with the CATSS group at the Tudor Inn Bed and Breakfast in Port Angeles.

The group consisted of Tom and Sandy Brosius, DeVere and Billie Lindh, Bob and Barbara Buck, Lyn and Lisa Ward, Joan Hays and her sister Barbara, as well as Debbie and me.

We arrived in the early afternoon and toured the mansion with our wonderful host Betsy. She is also the owner and a bit of a local historian.

She told us about the prior occupant, who built the house in 1910 and explained about the architecture, and the home's conversion in the early 1980s to a B & B. After drawing straws for our room assignments, Betsy had arranged dinner for our group at Toga's Restaurant, a converted home with charming ambiance, just an easy 3 block walk away. The food and the presentation was excellent, which enticed us to take photos of our dinners. Back at the B & B we enjoyed a glass of wine, compliments of our host.

Saturday's breakfast was fit for a king and queen. Betsy had put together a formal setting and we all sat down for a delicious breakfast of egg soufflé, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea, mimosas, scones, and a fruit cup.

After this feast we headed out to tour four wineries, beginning with the Working Girl Winery, owned by three local business women. We tried a number of wines and almost everyone left with 3 or 4 bottles. It was a hip place, where the women received gift baskets with wine glasses and T-shirts. The guys received a free bottle of wine.



From Working Girl Winery, right off the highway, we traveled up into the hills to the Black Diamond winery to try their selection of fruity wines. We tried about ten different wines, of which I liked the strawberry rhubarb wine particularly. Again we left with multiple bottles.

From there it was on to Camaraderie Winery, where the wines were more upscale in price. Evening Magazine had recently visited here for a story on the business and there was a placard commemorating the event. Due to the pricing, fewer bottles were bought here, but we rated the wines sampled "very good."

By this time all the wines were beginning to taste good, so it was a relief when we rolled into the last winery on the tour, the Harbinger Winery. Debbie and I were greeted by two Scotties, so we liked the place immediately. We left there with more bottles.

The wine had begun to take its toll, so a quick snack was in order. We stopped at a Mexican restaurant for some nachos, and headed back to the B & B to relax.



After breakfast Sunday morning, we drew names for an electric wine bottle opener, compliments of the Pure Joy crew. Billie and DeVere Lindh were the winners. We took our group photo and headed home. It was a perfect weather weekend and a good time was had by all.



Additional photos are available at
<http://gallery.mac.com/jwestonlee#100076>

NOTICE

Monthly dinner meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of each month. Please make a note of it on your calendar. The location will be the same, at the Fife Bar and Grill, but our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 pm. A regular reminder will be sent as the date draws near. This was approved by the membership at our January meeting and resulted in a great turnout for our February meeting, where we had a surprise program presented by our Vice Commodore Jim Lee.

March 22 – 23 is our next cruise to Blake Island State Park marina. This cruise is on Easter weekend, which will conflict with several of us, but Geoff and Jane Jackson are hosting the event and will provide an opportunity there for you to discharge some of your obsolete flares. Special approval from the US Coast Guard must be obtained to do this, so don't try it on your own without clearance. If you plan to attend please contact the Jacksons at geoffreyjackson@comcast.net or phone 253-941-0231.



Blake Island Marina is a State Park with a square mile of forest with trails, abundant wildlife and a protected marina. Showers and pump out available.



CATSS at Blake Island in 2006



April 18 – 20 cruise to Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle

If you plan to attend this cruise you must make your own slip reservations by calling the marina at 206 615 3952 or 800 426 7817. Their email address is bhm@portseattle.org. Spaces are very limited, but the good news is that the Yacht Club previously scheduled to share that weekend with us has cancelled. This opens up additional slips, but they fill up far in advance from the general boating public, so you must get your reservation in ASAP and tell the marina that you are with CATSS, so that your slip will be assigned close to the rest of our group. There are lots of activities and things to explore in the immediate vicinity including Pike Place Market, Seattle Aquarium, and many fine eating establishments.

Please contact your commodore after making your reservation so he can keep a look out for you! Tom Brosius: home phone: 253 858 3910 or cell: 253 225 4573.



Here is the rest of schedule for 2008. We still need someone to sponsor the November Cruise. Joan Hays has confirmed that our reservation for use of Tacoma Yacht Club on December 7 is a firm date.

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
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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Here is what you will find as our Home page. Click on all the subjects down the left column and you will find most of them complete. 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.



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Commodore's Corner

By Tom Brosius



It seems moving the club meetings to Thursdays is a big success. We had one of the largest turnouts in years last month. We also had new members join at the meeting. I would like to extend a warm **welcome to Greg and Jan Bowman who sail a brand new C28 named "Wind on the Water" out of Des Moines Marina.** We look forward to getting to know you!

Take a look at our new web site CATSSps.org! You will find all the latest information on cruises as well as photos from previous cruises. We pulled all the newsletters together and a page of photos from the last couple years. We also have a message board for you to share information, RSVP to cruises or invite club members to "unofficial" events. Check the site often and let me know if you have any suggestions for it. Also, if you have additional photos, information or links you would like added, send them to me at tbrosius@comcast.net.

Our next cruise to Blake Island is always a well attended event. We will have our Bi-annual flare training, so bring your expired

flares to practice with. Geoff will coordinate with the Coast Guard to make sure this is an official training event. Saturday night will be a pot-luck dinner up on the shore. Geoff has reserved the shelter in case of rain. Bring some firewood for the evening campfire. The cruise coincides with Easter Sunday and there will be an Easter egg relay race as well as some other themed activities.

Our Bell Harbor cruise is the best way to spend the night in Seattle you will ever get. For the cost of your slip reservation, you get to stay right on the Seattle waterfront in a beautiful facility with the skyline looming over you. We are a short walk from Pike Place and all the downtown shopping. If you haven't been there, you shouldn't miss this opportunity. There were still a couple slips available as I wrote this, but they will go fast so call Bell Harbor for a reservation at 206-615-3952 today!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly meetings, which are now 6:00 PM on the third **Thursday** of every month at the Fife City Bar and Grill.

Catalina Mainsheet is our national magazine for all Catalina owners and fans. It is published quarterly and features interesting articles on sailing adventures, new products, how to do it projects, a technical notes tear out section with three holes already punched, and news about all of the Catalina Associations around the country. Each quarter CATSS activities are covered by your newsletter editor. We are on page 61 in the February issue and I just submitted the article for the May issue.

A free one year subscription is given to purchasers of new Catalina boats, but you can subscribe after that through payment of your One Design or All Catalina Association dues. The subscription is not paid by your CATSS dues, which is a local Catalina cruising organization affiliated with the All Catalina Association. The easiest way to join a national group and get your subscription to Mainsheet is through the internet. Go to <http://www.mainsheet.net/>

You may own a “Classic” design

The Catalina 36 is no longer in production. Its replacement is the new Cat 375 model, presented at the Miami Boat Show in January with hull number 1. Here is an excerpt from an email on the Catalina 36 Association blog, written by the designer of the 36 and the 375, Gerry Douglas.

“Yes, it is a new model not a Mark III 36. This is at the request of the dealer network and we must respect their opinions and give them what they need to be competitive.

It seems that everyone who feels strongly about keeping the 36 in production already has one. Of course we would be delighted to keep building 36s for another 24 years and another 2305 hulls. It would be cost effective and require no new tooling. If anybody is sentimental about the 36 it's me , it is the first boat I designed for Catalina. I owned one for 5 years , raced it (very successfully) and cruised it enjoyably.

The 375 will have some of the best features of the 36 and some of the best features of the new models in the Catalina current line. Renderings of the 375 were presented to the Dealers in Annapolis and the reception was very positive, It's a pretty boat, sleek and has a great, symmetrical, somewhat traditional interior.

The cockpit is classic Catalina (big) The weather decks are wide , shrouds inboard, long genny tracks, etc. The 375 is 37'4" long , hull length, I just couldn't get everything in at 36 feet.

The Catalina website posted layout, photos and specifications of the new Catalina 375 in January. If you want a preview go to <http://www.catalinayachts.com/yachts.cfm?act=model&id=81>

Mike Jameson will keep us posted when the first one is available locally to examine at Admiralty



PS: Don't forget to invite a Catalina friend to our next meeting or cruise. Bring the attached membership application and have it handy.

CATSS Membership Application

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