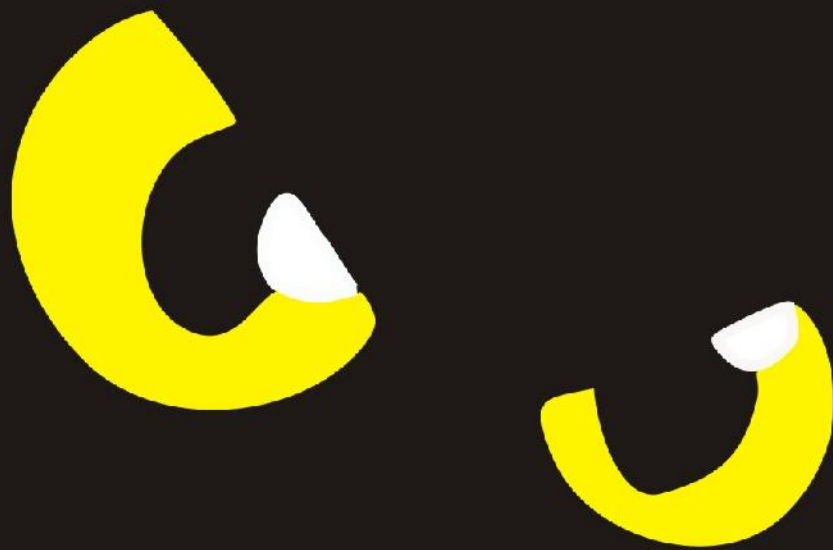


CATSS EYES

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATALINA ASSOCIATION
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LOWELL'S CORNER

By Commodore Lowell

The weather has been cold and uncertain, and most of us are pre-occupied by our busy personal schedules, but better days are soon ahead. Daylight saving time begins March 13 and the first day of spring is a week later on March 20. The days are noticeably longer already since the dead of winter has passed, and the sun shined brightly on our February cruise to Des Moines. Hosts Jim and Kelly Hettinger reported that the ever faithful: Lee and Oleta Artman and Bob and Candy Turner were there. I was one of those with a prior commitment, but thanks to Jim and Kelly for stepping up to the plate and sponsoring our first cruise of the 2011 season. The rest of us missed the nicest weekend of the month.

Our **February dinner meeting** at Fife Bar and Grill was basically an executive committee meeting with all of the officers present plus semper fidelis Bob and Candy Turner and Joan Hayes. We also had guests from CAPS to discuss their joint **participation in this year's Daffodil Marine Parade and festivities at Tacoma Yacht Club on April 14 – 17.**

DeVere Lindh will engineer our float decoration with the theme this year being "Spirit of Adventure." Tourmaline will be our float boat unless someone else would like to volunteer their boat as the entry. This will be our April cruise event so any members who wish to bring their boat to the Tacoma Yacht Club basin for the weekend are welcome. HOWEVER, pre-registration is a requirement and once you are escorted to your moorage you will not be able to leave until the conclusion of the parade on Sunday, at which time you will be escorted out of the basin by a Daffodil committee vessel. This is essential for safety and liability purposes due to the heavy concentration of guest boats moored in the TYC basin. All CATSS and CAPS members are invited to participate in this event, but if you plan to bring your own boat for the weekend please contact me immediately to register your boat prior to the March 18

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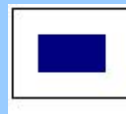
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deadline. If you have a motor home that you might prefer to bring for the weekend, that too may be registered, just let me know! If you do not bring your boat to the event you are welcome to drop by as a day visitor for any or all of the activities, which include meals in the club dining room, skit competition and games or dancing in the evening. This is a fun event, which is Tacoma's equivalent of Opening Day of Yachting Season. ■

Treasurer's Rumblings

By Lynn Ward

Our treasury is in dire need of members to pay dues or a need to run some type of a fund raising event. Our current balance is \$312.12.

15 individuals or couples have paid their dues this year to date. **WE WANT YOU** ■



Gecko's Giggles

By DeVere Lindh

THE END OF THE WOLD IS COMING!!!!!!

Well not really, but I had the opportunity to see it and it is a very forbidding place. Billie and I had the opportunity to take a cruise around South America from January 16 to February 15 and part of our journey was cruising around Cape Horn, the southernmost landmass other than Antarctica. I thought my camera had broken as the pictures were coming out all grays. Then I reconsidered; my eyes were telling me it was gray as well. Either both were defective or gray was the reality. Everything is without color, all was gray, the sea, the sky, the rocks. Where there was foliage, it was barely green. As we found out, the weather can change from serenity to violence within short order.



The picture was taken from about 100 feet above the water. The waves in the picture are around 25 feet. When we rounded the horn the wind had increased to a steady 65 knots with gusts I estimated at close to 100 knots. I was taking pictures on the 12th deck and the wind picked me up and I was airborne till I crouched down to reduce my sail area. On the pool deck, which is enclosed on the sides but open on the top and located just below on deck 11, lounge chairs were blown into the air and ended up in the pool and hot tubs. The cruise ship, which was about 1000 feet in length, actually heeled perceptibly in the wind.

I would not have wanted to be there in a sailboat. I wondered about a 50-foot French ketch that we had seen the previous day in the Strait of Magellan. That is more protected, so hopefully they fared well.

We had an experience at the Cape that was unique; we anchored in The Beagle Channel and watched the Super Bowl.

Some people on the ship would have liked to have had better weather to take pictures, but we were pleased to have experienced the Cape the way it typically is. We were able to see the lighthouse atop the rocks and even could make out the memorial that was erected to honor the many seamen who lost their lives attempting to round Cape Horn. Conditions were such that the pictures we took were too washed out to print. ■

CATALINA 355 WINS BEST BOAT OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM CRUISING WORLD

The Catalina 355 won Cruising World's Best Boat of 2011 in the midsize cruiser category as well as for best domestically manufactured boat. The judges were impressed by the structural integrity of construction as well as the overall accommodations. The following links provide a closer look at the 355:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sNyPuOGO7o>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-L_ImQuTOC0

The 355 is designed to carry a cruising gennaker on a short removable bowsprit. In winds of about 10 knots it maintained a boat speed in the 5-knot range. It handled well in both upwind and off the wind conditions. The overall length is 35.5 feet with a beam of 12 feet. The sail area is 572 square feet with a 100% genoa. It tips the scales at 13,800 pounds. The manufacturers suggested price is \$165,450. It looks like this will be the boat to replace the

Catalina 34 and Catalina 36 in future years.



View of Catalina 355

you MUST contact Arabella's Landing prior to March 17 (one week prior to the event) and give them your name and telephone number, boat name and length, and date and time of arrival. **If you fail to make your individual reservation, there is no guarantee you will have a slip.** Arabella's phone number is (253) 851 1793. I hope to see 12 boats out for a great weekend in a fun venue. CAPS members are always welcome go join us.

On Friday evening we will share hors doeuvres aboard Tourmaline at 6 pm Daylight Saving Time. It will still be light! On Saturday we will dine in the private dining room of El Pueblito, a good Mexican restaurant located just one block from the marina. There is plenty of room for up to 30 people there and we won't have to compete with the general public noise volume. Saturday evening we have reserved the Lounge for our exclusive use. We can meet there after dinner and play games (bring games that you might like to play). ■

Gig Harbor Rendezvous March 25-27 Arabella's Marina

Please note a **calendar change** so that you can plan now to attend CATSS March cruise. While our regular monthly dinner meeting at Fife City Bar and Grill will be on the third Thursday of March, we have had to move our **March cruise to the FOURTH weekend in order to have access to Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor.** We have reserved 12 slips and would be delighted to fill them on the **weekend of March 25th and 26th**. This is NOT a group reservation, but must be reserved individually by each boat attending. There is no parking facility for drive in guests, except by special arrangement with the marina.

Unauthorized vehicles will be towed. We have reserved the Lounge for Saturday evening, so that we can huddle together in a warm and comfortable facility for food, games, and camaraderie. If you plan to attend this event



Daffodil Regatta at Tacoma Yacht Club April 14-17

By Steve Franklin

Even though our own forecast for the next few days is snow and sub-freezing temperatures, Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Committee is preparing the event that kicks off the fabulous spring boating season in the South Sound Area - the TYC Daffodil Marine Regatta. The theme for this year's event is "Spirit of Adventure"

and TYC is hoping to make this a Daffodil weekend to remember.

Of course, the Daffodil Marine Parade is the largest marine parade on Puget Sound...ah, but wait...I hear someone out there challenging that claim with the Seattle Opening Day Parade. Remember that one is on the lake, NOT Puget Sound, but I digress.

The marine parade is only part of the festivities of Daffodil Weekend, which runs from April 14-17. (Get your taxes done early!!!) Boats are covered with all sorts of imaginative decorations that bring out each club's interpretation of the theme, "Spirit of Adventure." But there's plenty more to do. It's a weekend full of fun, food, music, entertainment, camaraderie, and even more fun. Boaters mingle, make new friends, feast on great food, enjoy the entertainment and dance the night away. Hopefully, the weather gods will cooperate and give us good weather for the Marine Parade. And don't forget the Trivia Token Parade, where each club's Trivia representative dons a wacky (the wackier, the better!!) costume and leads their members into the TYC clubhouse for the Marine Trivia Contest, bribing and cheering their way to victory.

If you haven't registered yet, remember that individual vessel registration is required for basin moorage and/or parade participation. For additional details, be sure to visit the [Daffodil Event Page](http://www.tacomayachtclub.org) at Tacoma Yacht Club's website, <http://www.tacomayachtclub.org>. Break out that Spirit of Adventure, be one of the cool CATSS and head on down to TYC for a fantastic weekend. You deserve to start the boating season right!! ■

Between the Sheets

Updates of news occurring between issues of CATSS AYES will be published in the *Between the Sheets* publication. ■

Boston Harbor Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous May 27-30

By Bob and Candy Turner

The May rendezvous will be at Boston Harbor May 27-30, 2011. This isn't our regular weekend for a rendezvous because the tides are against us the third weekend of May. We would have to plow mud with our keels to get to the dock. Were planning to have a dinner catered by the folks who run the marina as we have done for the past several years. ■

Annual Crab Feed May Be July 1-5 at Longbranch Marina

By Bob and Barbara Buck

The recreational crab season opening date is July 1 this year. We will either have a non-crab harvesting rendezvous on the normal third weekend in June or move the rendezvous to the 4th of July weekend corresponding to the opening day for recreational crab season. Getting dock space will be more of a problem on the 4th weekend. Give me your input on which date you would prefer. We'll update everyone in an issue of *Between the Sheets* and the next issue of CATSS AYES. ■

Port Orchard a Double Hit for August and September Events

By Jim and Marlene Himes

We'll be going to Port Orchard for two consecutive months. In August we will visit Port Orchard for the Big Auto Show on the 12th to the 14th.

Jim and Marlene Himes will be hosting the cruise to their homeport. This is a great time to visit Port Orchard. The farmers market is in full swing and the shops are open with plenty of places to get your favorite food and beverages.

On Sunday the annual Cruz-In hits town. There are usually 500-600 cars for everyone to view. The float is reserved and there will be activities for all interests.

September 2-5 is the annual joint CATSS-CAPS Rendezvous. More details in the summer edition of CATSS AYES. It will also be held at the Port Orchard Marina. ■

A Few Tips on Keeping Your Outboard Running Smoothly

By DeVere Lindh

Tip # 1---Use fresh fuel. Fuel that has been in the tank should be treated with a conditioner and replaced if it's older than 12 months. When you lay-up your engine for the season or for a lengthy period of time run the fuel out to the carburetor by disconnecting the fuel line and running the engine till it quits. While your doing this it's a good idea to flush the cooling system with fresh water if your operating in salt water or brackish water.

Tip # 2---Check your lower-unit gear case oil level about every 100 hours or at least at the beginning of the season. If the oil shows signs of water as indicated by a milky white appearance, a visit to the repair shop is needed. If you continue to run the engine damage to bearings and gears is almost certain. In checking the oil level, remove the upper plug, not the lower or else the oil will run out.

Tip # 3---Lubricate the tilt and steering bearings using as water-resistant grease. You'll need a grease gun with the appropriate fitting for you engine. Most small engines use a Zerk fitting.

Tip # 4---Check the sacrificial anodes on your engine and replace them if they show a depletion of 50%. Use zinc anodes in salt-water aluminum in brackish water. While you're at it, touch-up any chips in the paint on the engine.

Tip # 5---Check your propeller for damage and replace it if needed.

Tip # 6---check your water pump impeller every 200 to 300 hours. It should be replaced

every 2 or 3 year even if it has had less then 200 hours use.

If you have a 4-cycle outboard you should change the oil at least at the end of each season as the oil collects acids which can attack the metals in the engine over any period of extended lay-up. A 4 cycle also needs periodic valve adjustment. If you follow these tips you should have a smooth running outboard. ■

Americas Cup News

The next Americas Cup will be sailed in 72-foot catamarans in 2013, in a port to be determined. Organizers are considering bids from San Francisco, and Italy. ■

Volunteers Needed for Daffodil

It will take a lot of work to decorate our entry for the Daffodil Parade, including making items before the actual event. Anyone able to volunteer, contact DeVere Lindh at devere.v.l@gmail.com.



Award received by CATSS at 2010 Daffodil Regatta. ■

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and
mail to:

Lyn Ward
3506 N. HUSON
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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

2011 CATSS RENEZVOUS SCHEDULE

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
JANUARY	Lowell Anderson		Boat Show
FEBRUARY	Jim and Kelly Hettinger	February 18-19	DesMoines wine tasting
MARCH	Lowell Anderson	March 25-27	Arabella's Marina, Gig H
APRIL	DeVere & BillieLindh	April 14-17	Daffodil @ TYC*
MAY	Bob and Candy Turner	May 27-30	Boston Harbor
JUNE	Bob & Barbara Buck	TBD	Longbranch Marina
JULY			
AUGUST	Jim & Marlene Himes	Aug 12-14	Port Orchard
SEPTEMBER	Tom and Sandy Brosius	Sept 2-5	Port Orchard**
OCTOBER	Lee and Oleta Artman	TBD	Dockton
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER		December 4	TYC Christmas Party

Hosts are needed for the rendezvous not filled in.

* Theme is "Spirit of Adventure"

** Joint Rendezvous with CAPS