

# Classic Yachting

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR ALL THE FLEETS OF THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION

## What if We Could Again Fill A Quiet Catalina Cove With Wooden Boats?

by Commodore  
**Janet Beggs,**  
Southern California Fleet

**T**hat was the question posed to us by the Los Angeles Yacht Club (founded 1901). The Los Angeles Yacht Club, the Classic Yacht Association So Cal Fleet, and the Maritime Trust all joined together for the “Historic Wooden Boat Jamboree” over an October weekend at Howland’s Landing, the private Catalina moorings of the Los Angeles Yacht Club. The weekend definitely exceeded everyone’s expectations. We invite you to view the

artistic impressions of two of our film makers which are posted on line: “The Good Old Days” by **Wayne Ettel** at <https://vimeo.com/365407053> and “Contigo” by **Jonathan Lennard** at <https://vimeo.com/366849257>. A special Winter Edition Supplement is also published on line with the Southern California fleet’s newsletter.

*(see story on pages 8-9)* ⚓



*Cruising together at 11 knots*  
**CONQUEST & ATHENA**  
*from the Southern California Fleet*

## From the Commodore's Desk

by **Garth McBride**

For fleets in the more northern regions, it is approaching time to put their crafts to bed for the winter. Our CYA fleets have enjoyed a very active 2019, evidenced by participation in local fleet events and the cruising experiences documented by newsletter reports and fleet Facebook postings. In keeping with our important heritage mission, well-attended show gatherings have provided great chances to share our floating antiques with the general public. Some of the shows have been creatively supplemented by including gatherings of vintage autos and (heaven forbid) even wooden sail craft. I congratulate all fleets with their success in recruiting new members. At present we have 27 new CYA members for 2019.



**OLMAHA** covered & hibernating for the winter

The January CYA Annual Board of Directors Meeting agenda is taking shape. On the first meeting day, the board will review operational, committee and fleet reports to measure the status and progress of our organization in order to identify areas that need continued or new actions. On the second day, the new Flag Officers for 2020 will assume command under the capable leadership of 2020 Commodore **Diane Lander** who will lead the board through discussions of important new business. The as-yet unmet wish for a new CYA photo album will be addressed with a goal to move this from desire to a viable project. The overall CYA management structure will be reviewed in the context of our 501(c)3 non-profit organizational designation. The Board will then address thorny issues around the rising tide of discrimination against old wooden boats surfacing in marina management and insurance underwriting arenas. The goal will be to reach agreement on steps toward developing a CYA action plan to monitor and combat negative impacts on our fleets.

The board also will review the process and economics of publishing our newsletter exploring electronic presentation as the standard presentation method. Interested CYA members are welcome to attend the board meetings within the constraints of meeting room capacity.

**Dave Sharrock**, our excellent CYA Newsletter Editor, after his long and excellent service, is stepping down. We all owe **Dave** a huge thanks for his years of providing leadership and skills in creating very professional quarterly newsletters for us. To continue our Association newsletter after this issue we need someone to come forward to take on this role. In this newsletter our 2020 Commodore, **Diane**

**Lander**, has outlined the task and requested that interested individuals contact her.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors and the many other CYA members who contribute time, energy, skills and creativity supporting organizational and operational activities on behalf of our whole membership. Members at the fleet level, where “the rubber hits the road”, make really impressive contributions organizing and supporting fleet events. We must all be very gratified and supportive of our members who take on demanding tasks in our completely voluntary organization.

I hope to see a large contingent of members from all fleets at the 50th anniversary CYA celebration and Change of Watch in Seattle 17 to 19 January, 2020. Don't miss attending as the PNW fleet hosts will execute a super program which, with the great city of Seattle in the background, is guaranteed to be a memorable weekend.

I am especially looking forward to a dynamic 2020 CYA year under the capable leadership of Commodore **Diane Lander!** ⚓

Photo by **Garth McBride**

# Ranger Returns

by Commodore Janet Beggs, Southern California Fleet

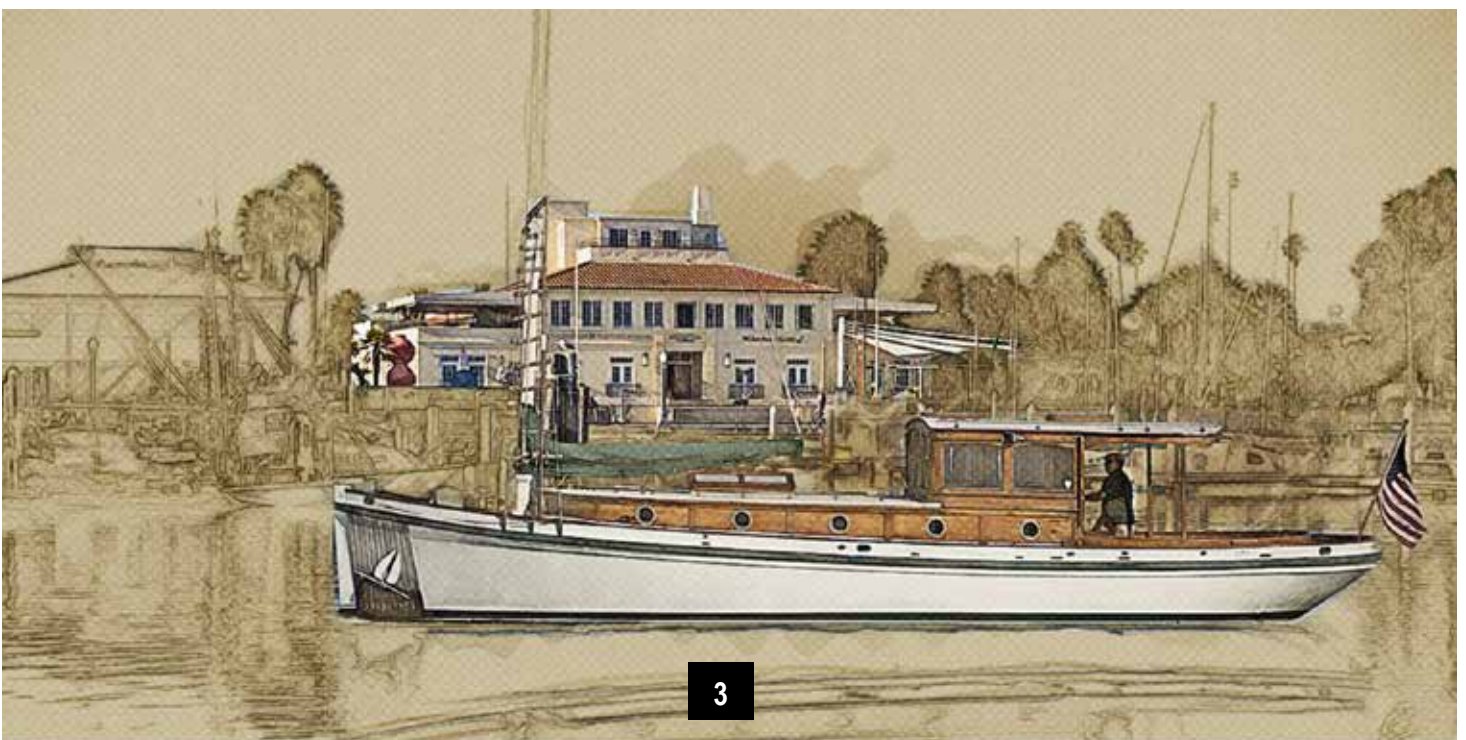
Invited to exhibit our vessels at Fleet Week at the Port of Los Angeles over Labor Day Weekend, we were visited on the docks by Dan Flynn who has recently relocated to Santa Barbara from Saint Louis and has become the skipper of *RANGER* (1917 Fellows & Stewart). International Commodore Rick Olson immediately recognized *RANGER* as one of the CYA Charter vessels. We welcome *RANGER* back to the fleet's flotilla as its northern most member.



Presently, *RANGER* is the oldest vessel in the Santa Barbara Harbor and is the flagship of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Restoration volunteers meet each Saturday to improve their skills in mechanical systems, electrical systems, marine plumbing, woodworking, varnishing, and general cleaning. Interested in knowing more about the storied *Ranger*? Check the on-line newsletter of the Southern California Fleet Classic Times, Winter Edition 2020. ⚓

**Santa Barbara Maritime Museum**  
113 Harbor Way #190  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109, USA

*RANGER's* original brass CYA membership plaque and updated plaque.



**New Classic & Vintage Members**



**Dan and Susan Hunter**  
**FLEETWOOD**  
 43' 1955 Stephens Brothers  
 NC Fleet  
 Mel Owen and Dave Olson, sponsors



**Phil Lacerte**  
**PASPATOO**  
 66' 9" 1942 Blanchard Boat Co.  
 PNW Fleet  
 Kit Pingree, sponsor



**Henning Heinemann**  
**ELMORE**  
 76' 1890 Unknown, possible Astoria Marine  
 PNW Fleet  
 Peter Brachvogel, sponsor



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- Commodore.....**Garth McBride, CAN**
- Vice Commodore.....**Diane Lander, PNW**
- Rear Commodore .....**John Peckham, SC**
- Staff Commodore .....**Scott Andrews, NC**
- Newsletter Editor ..... **Dave Sharrock, CAN**

Please send queries, suggestions, complaints, articles, artwork and photographs to: [cya.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cya.newsletter@gmail.com)

The FIRM deadline for submitting material for the March 2020 Issue of the Classic Yachting Newsletter will be **February 15, 2020** ⚓

**New Classic & Vintage Members**



**William Noon and Sandra Mattson**  
**MESSENGER III**  
 50' 1946 Falconer  
 CAN Fleet  
 Maurizio Hublitz and Cecilia Rosell, sponsors



**Santa Barbara Maritime Museum**  
**Daniel Flynn, Captain**  
**RANGER**  
 46' 1917 Fellows and Stewart  
 SC Fleet  
 Janet Beggs, sponsor



**David and Matthew Doig and Emma Stevens**  
**MIDNIGHT SUN**  
 80' 1938 N. Vancouver Ship Repair Ltd.  
 CAN Fleet  
 Michael Topliss, sponsor



**Bob and Jill Cofer**  
**SEAFARER**  
 56' 1926 Lake Washington Boatyards  
 PNW Fleet  
 Jim Paynton, sponsor

**New Members**

**Mike and Mary Porter**  
**LORELEI**  
 PNW Fleet

## Canadian Fleet

# Canadian Fleet Annual Meeting Report

by 2020 Canadian Fleet Commodore **Owen Bubb**

**M**embers of the Canadian Fleet met at the venerable Royal Vancouver Yacht Club to round off a successful year of growth and activity. New members **James Brickenden** and **Crystal Toupin** (*ATLAS*, 1909) and **Colin Griffinson** (*PACIFIC YELLOWFIN*, 1943) attended along with many other existing members.

Outgoing Commodore **Gord Wintrup** summarised Fleet achievements – chiefly the cruise to Princess Louisa Inlet, the Ganges Rendezvous at Salt Spring Sailing Club and the addition of five new member boats.

**Michael Topliss** arranged for a presentation by **Tom Amirault** of Nesika Insurance to outline the current climate



in the insurance world and to provide advice on how to navigate the present situation many members are finding with insuring their old, wooden boats. In conclusion, he encouraged anyone with coverage to try to maintain a good relationship with their present insurer and to fulfill any requests that might be made of them by their underwriter.

It was decided that the Canadian Fleet cruise this year should be to Seattle for the Bell Street Rendezvous. We would leave from our own Burrard Yacht Club show and head south for the event. Details will be finalised over the coming months. The Ganges Rendezvous was a success and we aim to make this a regular event.

**David Peebles** (*Gladson II*, 1962) was elected to the Bridge as Rear Commodore. **David** brings to the Bridge many years of organisational experience with the Power Squadron and will be a great help in arranging the 2021 International Change of Watch which will fall to the Canadian Fleet.

A suite of refreshments were provided by the club, courtesy of **Randy Olafson** and the meeting

was adjourned with a group photo in the sunshine, overlooking Vancouver's English Bay. ⚓



**Top Photo**, left to right: 2020 Commodore, **Owen Bubb**, Vice-Commodore, **Cecilia Rossell**, Rear Commodore, **David Peebles** and Past Commodore, **Gord Wintrup**

**Bottom Photograph**; a group photo of the members attending this year's Change Of Watch at the Vancouver Yacht Club



# Classic Yacht Association 2020 Change of Watch in SEATTLE

By **Diane Lander**, Association Vice Commodore

The Pacific Northwest Fleet cordially invites all members of all fleets of the Classic Yacht Association to join us at our Change of Watch to be held in Seattle on January 17-19, 2020. It will be a wonderful celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of our association!



a viewing of the *HUSKY CLIPPER*, the beautiful wooden Pocock Rowing Shell that won the 1936 Olympics. Then, lunch at a local restaurant and Friday night the hosted welcome reception at the Center for Wooden Boats. Saturday and Sunday will be our meetings in the morning, also on Saturday we will have boat cruises and lunch aboard. Saturday night is the Change of Watch Ceremony and Dinner.



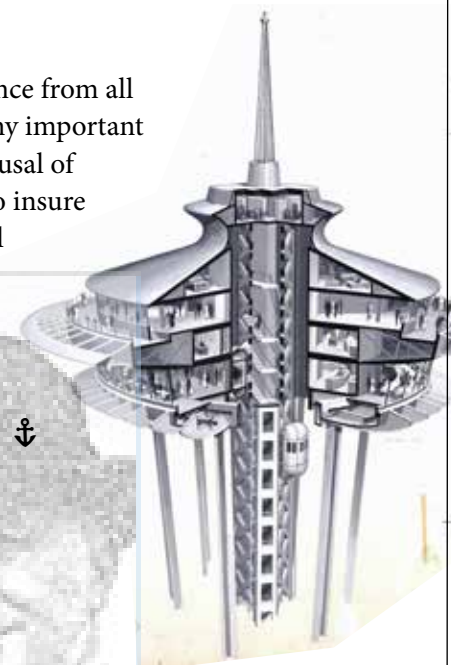
Complete details and registration information can be found at the following link: <https://cya.wildapricot.org/event-3632292>



To give you a little hint about the wonderful activities that we have planned, on Thursday, for early arrivals there will be visits to the Chihuly Glass Garden and the iconic Space Needle that recently underwent a major renovation. On Thursday afternoon, tours of the 100 year old Lake Union Dry Dock Company will be made available, and you can see where the Lake Union Dreamboats were built, and see my "Big Blue Boathouse" home to the *OLYMPUS* for many years and now home to the *MARIAN II*. On Friday, off we go to the University of Washington to tour the Husky Shell House and obtain signed copies of the "Boys in the Boat" book. Included on the tour will be

We hope to see large attendance from all fleets not only to discuss many important agenda items (such as the refusal of some insurance companies to insure wooden boats and the refusal of marinas to accept any wooden boats), but to enjoy the history and fellowship of our wonderful association.

See you in Seattle in January! ⚓



Center for Wooden boats

Chihuly Glass Garden

Bill Grandy

Ed Monk

Earl Grandy

# Catalina Island Wooden Boat Jamboree

by John Peckham

October 4-6, 2019 were the dates of the first Wooden boat Jamboree at Howland's Landing on Catalina Island. This was a joint event hosted by the Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC) and the Classic Yacht Association (CYA), Southern Cal Fleet. This event started some months ago at LAYC. **Rick Olson** and I were giving a talk about CYA and afterwards we were talking to **Kelly Marie** of LAYC and she showed us a picture of Howland's Landing from way back in the day and how it was all wooden boats and wouldn't it be fun to recreate that. So the seed was sown and the planning commenced. Howland's Landing is



*Our Navigation system was working perfectly*

owned by LAYC and the moorings are member owned, So **Kelly** began a letter writing campaign to see if the members would let us use their moorings for that weekend. The response was overwhelmingly positive! **Margaret Waite**, member of both LAYC and CYA joined her in the plotting and scheming. Soon, it was the big day! Everything was in place, all the details were worked out and we had 19 boats



*Commodore Jim wondering what's this thing do?*

coming! The weather on Saturday was beautiful, no wind, almost glass like seas and a temperature in the high 70's.



The passage took about five hours, Jim Kroeger's boat, Seaboarder cruises around 8-10 knots. We met up with Rick Olson, who was bringing his boat, ONO at Angeles Gate in San Pedro.



*photo by Dianna Ettel*

Before we know it, we are there! Greetings from our friends and fellow yachtsmen made us feel so welcome! A center console boat greeted us with champagne and put a harbour





photos without credits by John Peckham



pilot (**Wayne Ettel**) aboard. Wayne guided Jim through the mooring field and gave us instructions of what to do.

I was on the bow and grabbed the mooring flag, attached the line to the bow sprit and pulled up the second line so **Janet Beggs** could tie off the stern. All squared away and we are ready for the weekend. Saturday night was a big BBQ and bonfire on the beach.

Sunday morning, LAYC hosted breakfast for everyone (big thanks). Lots of swimming, visiting other boats, and plenty of great yachting fellowship. Sounds of water splashing, back flips off the cabin roofs, laughter and good times filled the weekend. I'd also like to give a real big thanks to **Sage Marie**, he skippered the shore taxi all weekend and was a great help to those of us without dinghies to get to and from shore.

The trip home was through the fog. As *SEABOARDER* lacks radar, pretty soon we got separated from Ono, which does have radar. I knew the course heading and kept a weather eye out for big ships as we were in the shipping lanes for both the ports of Long Beach and San Pedro and visibility is maybe 500 feet.

We pressed on and I saw the aft cabin of a container ship in the gloom just off to our port side and then we emerged

from the fog right in front of Queens Gate, exactly where I wanted to be! All my years of ocean kayaking and dead reckoning (a bit of luck too) paid off. About ¼ mile away on our port side I saw *ONO* heading towards us.

We joined up, heckled each other, cruised together for a few minutes, waved to each other, then he turned toward Long Beach and we veered south down to Alamitos Bay. Soon we were back at the dock and another fun boating event was over ⚓



photo by Wayne Ettel



photo by Rick Olson

Southern California Fleet

photos by Rick Olson, Dianna Ettel, Jim Kroeger

# A Golden Night Changes The Watch In Southern California

by 50th Commodore of the So Cal Fleet Janet Beggs

2020 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FLEET OFFICERS:

- Commodore: ..... **Janet Beggs**
- Vice Commodore: ..... **Dianna Ettel**
- Rear Commodore:..... **Rick Olson**
- Staff Commodore: ..... **Jim Kroeger**
- CYA Directors:..... **Rick Olson + John Peckham**

2020 APPOINTED BOARD OFFICERS:

- Secretary ..... **Christianne Clark**
- Treasurer:..... **Christine Rohde**
- Fleet Historian: ..... **Christine Rohde**
- Newsletter Editor:..... **Janet Beggs**
- Fleet Website Coordinator: ..... **John Peckham**
- Fleet Instagram Coordinator: ..... **John Peckham**
- Fleet Facebook Coordinator: ..... **Dianna Ettel**
- Fleet Membership Coordinator:..... **Christine Rohde**

**W**hat a Night! Entering the foyer of the historic Shakespeare Club's 1928 mansion, the Southern California Fleet of the Classic

Yacht Association was greeted by 50 golden balloons representing its 50th anniversary.

In celebration, some arrived in gowns and tuxedos. A plated dinner and vintage entertainment made

the 50th Change of Watch extra special. The boogie-woogie harmonies of The Sugar Sisters were toe tapping and mesmerizing. Their program was also personalized for the fleet, including drawing seven CYAers onto the stage, whom the Sugar Sisters quickly costumed and propped as the "7 stranded castaways" as everyone joined together in singing a raucous "Gilligan's Island." Following the fleet's annual awards, avowing of duties, and transfer of command, another tradition was continued. While we usually leave Change of Watch to board ONO, this year guests retired to the living room for Scotch Salon hosted by ONO's Rick & Elissa Olson. ⚓



2020 Commodore **Janet Beggs**, Rear Commodore **Rick Olson**, Vice Commodore **Dianna Ettel**



Vintage entertainment, The Sugar Sisters, brought the audience to its feet in a standing ovation.



Nine past Commodores of the So Cal Fleet: our first First Lady **Cherry Ekoos** widow of First Commodore **Bob Ekkos**, joins **Jim Butz**, **Cris Rohde**, **Gerard Buck**, **Janet Beggs**, **Sir John Peckham**, **Jim Kroeger**, **Elissa Olson**, **Rick Olson**



Gentlemen gather for the Fleet's traditional Scotch Salon following Change of Watch.

Northern California Fleet

# Northern California Fleet Report

by **Scott Andrews**, 2019 NC Fleet Commodore & 2019 CYA Staff Commodore

**A**s this season, and my terms as CYA Staff Commodore and Commodore of the Northern California Fleet draws to a close, I wanted to share some thoughts on our association, our fleet and our proposed agenda items for the Annual meeting in January.

As I reflect back on the past four years “in the chairs”, I note that the CYA has seen a great deal of growth and change. When I joined the board, we had just become a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, we were in the midst of the great Burgee debate, and we were steadily losing membership. For better or worse, we seem to have moved past the burgee issue, and thanks to a series of small changes in the membership process, our membership has grown significantly!

This year we are pleased to welcome **Gerry Kamilos** to the board as the new NC fleet director. **Gerry** is our 2019 Staff Commodore, and the owner of an exquisite 61 foot Trumpy, *AURORA V*. **Gerry** and I have worked well together both on the NCCYA bridge, and as leadership in a local Delta Boating facility known as Grindstone Joe’s. He brings with him a great deal of organizational experience, and I am confident he will be a very effective member of the CYA Board.



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We are also pleased to nominate **David Cobb** to the NCCYA Rear Commodore position. **David** is the owner of *SEA BREEZE*, a particularly beautiful and unique 1938 40 foot Stephens, built for and owned for many years by Theo Stephens. **David** brings a wealth of business experience



to the NC Bridge, and is an enthusiastic cruiser.

We also thank **Tom Clothier** for his several years as treasurer. He will be succeeded by **Bill Adams**.

This year, the NC Bridge has raised three topics for the annual meeting agenda

1. **Photo Album** - Recommend we establish a subcommittee to explore updating the CYA Photo album
2. **Organizational Structure** - Proposal to revise the organizational structure of the CYA and Board to more closely match other non-profit corporations. The National level should be composed of a Board of Directors, President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and any other officers that are deemed necessary.
3. **New Marina Policies Regarding Wooden Boats** - It has been brought to the NC Fleet’s attention that Safe Harbors, the largest marina management company in the United States, is assessing whether they should allow wooden boats in their marinas. This topic is somewhat in flux, but several west coast marinas appear to have disallowed wooden boats. We propose formation of a working group or subcommittee to explore this situation, and to report back to the Board regularly as these potential policies become clearer. If necessary, the CYA may need to actively engage Safe Harbors to understand their concerns, and perhaps help them refine their policies so that well-kept wooden boats are not disallowed.

It has been a pleasure, and an honor to serve the fleet and the greater CYA. I look forward to seeing many of you out on the water! ⚓

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## THE 2020 NC BRIDGE WILL BE:

- Commodore: ..... **Bernadette Sweeney**
- Vice Commodore: ..... **Rob Sesar**
- Rear Commodore: ..... **David Cobb**
- Treasurer: ..... **Bill Adams**
- Directors: ..... **Scott Andrews,**  
**Gerry Kamilos**
- Secretary: ..... **Erika Hammarlund**
- Corresponding Secretary: ..... **Nancy Clothier**



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# Classic Yacht Association Seeks NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

By Diane Lander

The Classic Yacht Association is in need of a new newsletter editor. **Dave Sharrock** is stepping down and we all thank him for the fabulous job that he has done on this challenging volunteer task.

The Association newsletter is published at least four times per year. The editor has the job of contacting the officers and fleets for newsletter content, and then laying out the newsletter. Good computer/publishing skills are a must.

We are hopeful that the newsletter will be largely an on line document starting in 2020, and printed and mailed

newsletters will be upon request only. This is an item that we will be discussing at the meetings in Seattle in January.

Anyone interested in this job should contact **Diane Lander** at [dianelanders@outlook.com](mailto:dianelanders@outlook.com) or 206-919-5099. ⚓

