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Saying Goodbye to One of Our Own *Remembering Steve Moen*

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Photo by Greg Gilbert

From the Bridge of Grandy

By Commodore Todd Powell



W elcome to 2023! Every year is an opportunity to meet new friends that share our love of wooden boats, and this year is no different. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the PNW Fleet's 2023 Commodore, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

For those who do not know me, a brief bit of background: I am a third generation PNW boater raised on a succession of wooden boats, both power and sail. When I turned 16 and most of my friends were buying cars, I bought a 55 year old 26' wooden powerboat. Many years have passed, and nothing has changed, I still love wood boats. To feed my wood boat habit, I spent thirty years in the residential construction industry and more recently have moved over to the role of boat broker. Now I can talk about boats all day, every day.

As I think about what I would like to accomplish this year, beyond the basics of keeping the fleet intact and functioning, I have come to a single goal, to reestablish the connections between our members. The last

three years have impacted all those fragile connections that kept us in touch with one another. These are the connections that brought old friends together and introduced us to new friends. We have an advantage though-our common interest and love for classic wooden boats. Using that as our reason to gather, as an icebreaker or conversation starter, we can rebuild the relationships that enhance our boating experiences. Without the people, our boats are cold and silent.

At the time this is published, some of us will have attended a new event tailored for the winter months titled a "Drydock Meet-Up". This will be an attempt at something new to create an opportunity to gather, and I will report back to you in the next newsletter on the results. In the meantime, buckle down to those winter projects or perhaps just find a good boating book and a hot cup of coffee.

Calm Seas,
Todd Powell, Commodore



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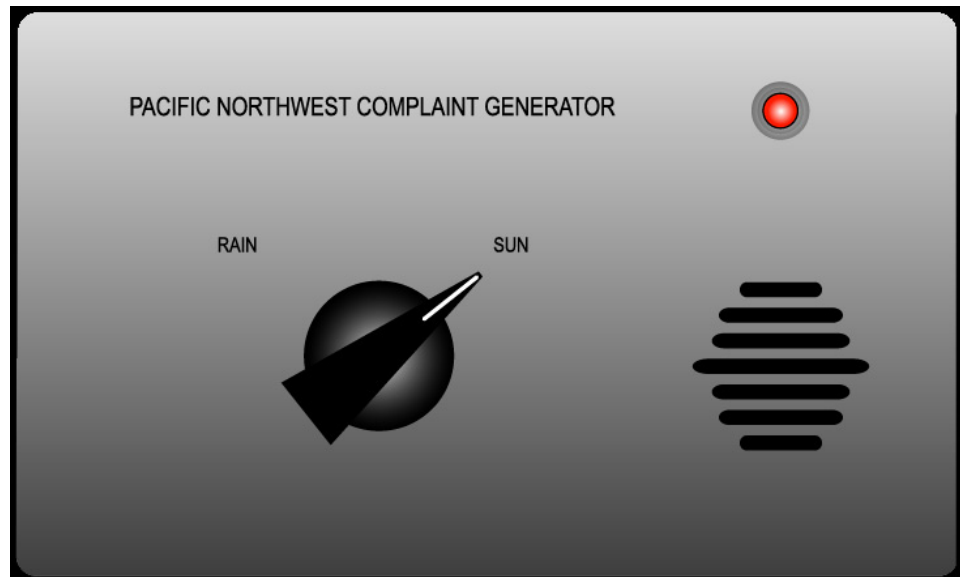
The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

There's something in the air. You can feel it. You can sense it, tangibly influencing moments throughout the day. It's the arrival of Spring.

We as Pacific Northwesterners spend months bemoaning the fact that there's barely eight hours of daylight during the deepest depths of winter. We complain that there's constant gray. It's dark when we wake up, gray during the day, and dark when we drive home from work.

But, suddenly, there's hope. A sunny day. A flower growing from a dead branch. The sun setting after 5pm is the top story on the evening news. We start making plans for the coming months, break out the deck chairs, flip flops, can cozies and sunblock. The sun is BACK! Since we misplaced last year's pair, we go in droves to the mall to buy our next pair of sunglasses.



We wait with eager anticipation for receiving tax refunds and setting the clocks an hour ahead. Spring has finally sprung!

But then something dumbfounding happens. After waiting for months for the return of the sun, slowly but surely, offices and store fronts across the region start closing their curtains and blinds. We retreat into our

cavelike cocoons as we shrink into the shadows, air conditioning roaring. Then sun has suddenly outstayed its welcome. "It's too bright!" "It's too hot!" "I wish it would just cool down!" We forget the feeling we had through the lonely, dreary winter when we needed the sun to remind us that we're alive! And before you know it, it's dark and gray all over again. ■

RBAW Legislative Priorities

As the Pacific Northwest Fleet is a member of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW), it benefits us all to know what the organization is doing on behalf of Washington boaters. RBAW just released their January monthly report, and here are some highlights of their Legislative Priorities for 2023:

FUNDING/FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Fight Watercraft Excise Tax increases
- Reduce Excise Taxes on boats with the same long-term owner
- Fund Lakebay re-development for boaters
- Ensure Capitol Lake damn removal project doesn't displace Olympia Yacht Club.

BOATING OPPORTUNITIES

- Help boat clubs & marinas make dock repairs and upgrades w/ funding from NMFS
- Help expand buoys, stern ties to increase boating capacity

SAFETY

- Lead the #MindTheZone Lake Union water safety initiative
- Lead maritime coalition, bolster Seattle Harbor Patrol funding
- Promote awareness, education on boating safety, monitor any legislative action

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Understand practicality of new 1,000 yd extended whale buffer proposal
- Help fund removing derelict structures from waterways
- Expand mobile pump-outs on key waterways via State Funding
- Expedite DNR Aquatics Land Lease process & longer-term leases

For more information, visit www.rbaw.org. ■



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Eight Bells Sound for Steve Moen

By Diane Lander, #926

Photos by Greg Gilbert



On Saturday, November 5, the PNW fleet gathered to remember long time member Steve Moen, who passed away in September of 2022.

Steve had been a member of the CYA since 1982, and owned the 1927 42' Lake Union Dreamboat, *Orba*, along with his late wife, Yuriyo, and his brother Ken, for over 50 years.

An on the water gathering in November can always provide a few weather challenges, and this year was no different. Almost gale force winds were present Friday, along with pouring rain, but on Saturday, November 5, the day of the Eight Bells ceremony and cruise to honor Steve, the weather cleared, the clouds parted, the winds disappeared, and members of the PNW fleet gathered near Gas Works Park on Lake Union. Two Lake Union Dreamboats, *Marian II*, and *Zella C*, formed the traditional CYA "gate." Then, *Orba* captained by Rick Etsell and carrying Ken's family and close friends, proceeded southbound through the gate. *Mitlite* followed with more friends. *Orba* stopped where a lovely ceremony was held that included the dispersal of both Steve and Yuriyo's ashes, floral tributes into the water, and loving memories of Steve being shared on board *Orba*. The

traditional eight bells were rung in Steve's honor, and Bob Bryan played "Taps" on the trumpet from the deck of *Mitlite*. Just as the bells rang, a rainbow appeared above Gas Works Park. It was magical.

Following the ceremonies, the fleet consisting of *Orba*, *Mitlite*, *Bruno*, *Sea Cloud*, *Faun*, *Tabu*, *Saga*, *Corsair II*, *Zella C* and *Marian II* slowly traversed Lake Union. Then most docked at the walls at South Lake Union Park and proceeded to a potluck gathering to share more memories of Steve at the Center for Wooden Boats boathouse. It rained just briefly but the weather stayed great for November. Many members arrived by car, and all told it appears that nearly 60 were present to say our

goodbyes to Steve.

Special thanks go to Bob and Sally Bryan for all they did to help organize this event, and to Captain Rick Etsell for taking the helm of *Orba*. Rick grew up on the boat as his grandfather owned it for decades, and he was obviously delighted to be aboard again.

All of us need to remember Ken during these difficult months ahead. Losing a loved one is difficult indeed and hopefully Ken was comforted by our efforts. It was a lovely day on the water for a wonderful friend. If you see Ken at Stimson Marina on the boat, be sure to tell him your memories of Steve. He will be delighted and comforted to hear from you! ■



▲ Steve and Ken owned *Orba* for fifty years, and forty of them as members of the Classic Yacht Association!



▲ Nearly sixty members were on hand to say goodbye to Steve.



▲ CYA boats form a procession down Lake Union



▲ Bob Bryan plays Taps from the deck of Mitlite

I want to thank everyone involved with giving my brother Steve such a great tribute. We even managed some very nice November weather. Special thanks to Diane Lander for making it happen. It was difficult for Steve. With the efforts of Bob and Sally Bryan, Kristin Meyer and Bob Kinsella we managed through all the high and lows. The Orba is as nice as she is only because of Steve's undying love for her. Wooden boats, while beautiful, take a lot of time and effort to keep them looking that way.

Thanks again,
Ken Moen

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE PNW FLEET!

By Bob Wheeler, #1304 and Peter Riess, #848



Jake and Denine Munsey

Jake and Denine Munsey are currently living in California and plan on moving to the Pacific Northwest and owning a Classic in the near future. They are steeped in the PNW wooden boat culture as Jake's father Malcolm was a noted wooden boat surveyor in Seattle, a former owner of the *Lawana*, former President of the *Virginia V's* Foundation Board and punched his ticket as a Shipwright on the beautiful schooner *Martha*. They hope to continue the legacy of cruising a Classic in Northwest waters and integrate themselves with the CYA Community.

SECRETARY ISLE, Owners Dan and Julie King

Dan is a lifelong Puget Sound Native, having grown up in Edmonds. Julie is a Minnesota native, moving to the area after college. They sold their old boat (*Chippewa*, a 1943 Tug) and happened to remember seeing *Secretary Isle* in Canada while cruising up there. They inquired about her and were lucky to be able to buy her. Projects are underway to update



her galley, stateroom and main cabin. Electronics are also on the list for replacement. When not boating, they enjoy hiking, backpacking and cycling. They are looking forward to joining fellow CYA members for cruising.



HALCYON, Owner Josh Anderson

Josh grew up in New England, where he developed his love for boating in Maine. He uses *Halcyon* as an "Ambassador Vessel" for the Center For Wooden Boats, of which he is the Executive Director. *Halcyon* is a Bill Garden design, built by Wes and Norm Anderson in 1948. Originally built as a salmon troller, she was converted to a yacht by Sam Fox. Current power is a 1936 Caterpillar diesel. Josh is looking forward to bringing *Halcyon* to CYA events, especially Bell Harbor.

HIGH SEAS

Owner Captain Colby Snyder

Capt. Colby hales from the Mid-West (Chicago area) where he grew up racing sail boats on Lake Michigan. He discovered the San Juan Islands while visiting friends 6 years ago and fell I love with the area. *High Seas* was built in Boston in 1935 and came to the West Coast on it's own bottom through the newly opened Panama Canal ending up in Portland, secretly hidden in a boat house for several years to avoid conscription during World War II. (see


<https://www.orcaslandyachtours.com/thevessel>). Colby found the boat in the Islands, loved it's history, bought it, spent two years restoring it and now runs Orcas Island Yacht Tours. It is currently in a boat house in West Sound Marina. His day job is First Officer aboard one of American Cruise Lines cruise ships. Colby looks to gain much experience from other CYA owners, stay close to the wooden boat community and become a good steward of his small piece of boating history.



Barbara Weber and Laurie Lambert

Barbara and Laurie have a unique situation; they don't need a boat! Barbara's Great Grandfather built *Comrade*, currently owned and back in the family by her sister Kathy Weber and Bill Shane. Barbara and her sister Kathy represent the fifth generation of the family from the Seattle area. Barbara's and

Laurie's cruising so far is confined to riding aboard *Comrade* as family guests. If and when they do get a boat(s), it or they will be of the rowing skiff or kayak variety where they can expand on their love of and appreciation for nature's marine wonders and continue to enjoy the special classic boating community. ■



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Pacific Northwest Fleet
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tacoma Daffodil Festival at TYC

April 14-16

Contact: Bill Foulk

PNW Drydock Social

TBD

Contact: Todd Powell

Commodore's Cruise

TBD

Contact: Todd Powell

Opening Day of Boating

May 5-7

Contact: Diane Lander

Olympia Wooden Boat Festival

May 13-14

Contact: Ed and Suzy Docherty

Tides Tavern Classic Fish N' Ships Festival

May 20-21

Contact: Randy Mueller