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# Classic Yachting

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



"Baby you can drive my car..."

—The Beatles



*Tacoma, Washington, USA – January 2015  
CYA Board of Directors weekend  
Annual Board Meetings and Change of Watch Banquet*

# 2015 Classic Yacht Association Flag Officers



**Commodore Randall Olafson, CAN Fleet**

**Staff Commodore Shawn Ball, NC Fleet**

**Vice Commodore Ken Meyer, PNW Fleet**

**Rear Commodore Rick Olson, SC Fleet**



## **Staff Commodore's Report** by Shawn Ball, CYA Staff Commodore



for completion this coming year. I want to thank everyone for all the hard work that was done and your support over the past year and encourage you in your endeavors for the coming year.

As you know one of our biggest challenges was implementing online membership and dues renewal with

What a great year 2014 has been for the CYA. We had several things we wished to accomplish and most of them were. The others are set and ready

the possibility of new online membership applications. This was a dream of former Commodore Christine Rohde and this year we accomplished the online renewal portion, albeit with a few glitches, but nothing that can't be corrected. We'll tackle online new membership next.

We have moved forward with the USA IRS tax exempt 501(c)(3) process. John Di Lillo and Ann Hay have spent a tremendous number of research hours on this project and within the year this task should be accomplished. It was my goal to have this project completed this next year and it is well underway. The road has been paved for 2015 CYA Commodore Randy Olafson to complete the job. There is a five-member team working on this project. The Board voted in January to have them proceed to organize CYA



documents, make necessary corrections, obtain legal advice, and then apply to the IRS using the short form, with no further vote of the Board.

The Board was faced with the resignation of Ann Hay as Roster Editor (we are all grateful for the job Ann did for so long). Graciously, Janice Palmer stepped up and has done a bang up job thus far. We were also



faced with the resignation of Rick Etsell as Webmaster (another job well done over the years). Scott Andrews stepped up to the plate and volunteered to carry on the work so very well started by Rick and to carry on as that CYA Board Member. I thank both Ann and Rick for their hard work and their dedication to CYA.

A lot of our accomplishments were achieved this year because of using teleconferencing for Board of Director meetings and updating and discussion. A motion was submitted at the January Board meeting to make teleconferencing a permanent part of our operating procedures and the motion was passed. This was a major accomplishment as some business will not have to wait an entire year to be completed.

It was brought to our attention that several of our Affiliate Members do not feel included as "regular" members because of their designation and the fact that they fly a different flag or burgee than the rest of us. We are working on unifying our logo to be more inclusive and easily recognizable as to who we are and what we stand for. Jim Sweeney submitted a great suggestion for a new burgee that is more inclusive and we are taking a very close look at that. Thank you Jim.

Already our agenda is nearly full for our first teleconference and I can see a year full of challenges, but to refer to one of my favorite quotes, "if you think you can't, you can't; if you think you can, you can." I do not think we can, I **know** we can and believe we will meet each challenge with enthusiasm and rationality, while remaining respectful of others' opinions and getting the job done. Therefore, I look forward to the year ahead and give my full support to our new CYA Commodore Randy Olafson and ask that you do the same. Please remember that we are not only a yachting/boating club,

but also a corporation and our business should be conducted as a corporation with classic boating in mind.

Randy Olafson is full of energy, cares deeply for the organization, has its best interest at heart, and wishes to see CYA stronger than ever before.

This past year has been especially difficult for many in CYA. We know of ten CYA members who have crossed the bar. Others may have as well that we don't know about, including family members and loved ones who aren't CYA members. Our hearts and prayers are with CYA members listed here, others we have lost, and their families. We care deeply.

- Bruce Dobson, SC .. *Golden Time*
- Les Gunther, PNW .. *Sea-Dog*
- Bob Hamilton, NC .. *Marcy*
- John Jacobsen, PNW .. *Lady Grace*
- Chuck Kellogg, PNW .. *Phantom*
- Sally Laura, PNW
- Yuriyo Moen, PNW .. *Orba*
- Ed Shoemaker, SC .. *Joan M. Henderson*
- Dave Walker, PNW .. *Scaup*
- John Woodard, PNW .. *Hecate Ranger*

To all, thank you for 2014. Smooth waters, calm winds, and safe yachting to everyone in 2015 and thank you again for your support over the past year. See you in Canada in January, 2016!

*Shawn Ball*

Shawn Ball  
CYA Staff Commodore



# January Board of Director Weekend Report – "the fun stuff"

by Ann Hay, PNW Fleet Director

It was my privilege to coordinate the CYA Board weekend, hosted by the PNW Fleet this year, and held in Tacoma, Washington, USA, January 16-18, 2015. Yes, coordinating that weekend was a lot of work! But it was also a whole bunch of fun made so because so many of you attended and participated in everything and had a whale of a good time. And the Seahawks won their playoff game that Sunday as well, so what's not to like!

What did we do? Why were we there? Why do people come? Why should you come? There are so many answers to those questions. You will see a few photos from the weekend on pages 6-9 of this newsletter, but they are only a fraction of the fun things we did, the work of the Board of Directors, and how we enjoyed each others' company and friendship. Most people who come to these weekends are not members of the Board. They just come and have a great time. Please make the trip and enjoy these weekends with us. Many people arrive Thursday and stay until Monday, or longer.

Friday morning at 8am. Oh my, I seem to have overdone myself emphasizing that CYA members needed to be out of the hotel and down on the sidewalk ready to board the bus for the day's tour. I emailed everyone who had registered that they needed to be out on the sidewalk by **8am** .. and then I reminded them again about the **8:00 AM** time .. and then again reminded them to be there at **0800!!** I didn't realize I'd done that, but I became known as 8am-Annie. Any time anyone asked what time we needed to be somewhere or what time the bus was leaving for the next destination or what time the banquet started, or when lunch was, someone (always someone!) would shout out .. 8am!!

The bus did leave Friday morning, tho it was just a tad later than 8am due to a traffic jam that delayed our bus driver. But we had a terrific, fun ride on a safe and comfortable and heated great big yellow school bus, complete with hall monitor walking the aisles between



the seats with ruler in hand (I'm sure she was just looking for an 8 a.m. breakfast muffin!). Bob Wheeler (PNW Commodore)

took charge of the microphone on the bus (when the microphone worked .. lots of jiggling of wires happening up front there) and Bob narrated the bus ride for most of the day. He told us of the history of the Tacoma waterfront, pointed out where *Carousel* (Bob and Jytte's boat) was built, where a number of other CYA boats

were built there on the Tacoma waterfront, told of the maybe not so successful endeavors in the Pacific Northwest to build bridges that stay in one piece. Wow, even I didn't know so many local PNW bridges had collapsed or sunk over the decades. We all hoped the Tacoma Narrows Bridges held up as our bus drove over them (the oldest half was opened in 1950 and is still safe and sound). The original 1940 bridge was known as "galloping gertie" because it collapsed less than a year after being built. Yikes. But we managed the bridge crossing just fine and Bob continued to narrate history of the area and other fun stuff, with his wife Jytte helping him with costume changes (hats, jackets, and shoulder boards) as the bus drove through beautiful northwest evergreen forests on that beautiful sunshiny day .. yes warm sunshine in January in the pacific northwest!



We spent the morning at the Puget Sound Navy Museum in Bremerton. Several CYA members attending served on ships or were jet fighter pilots on ships that were highlighted in the museum. The museum docents and those CYA members gave us personal tours and shared their own personal experiences. We were impressed! The museum was excellent. The PNW Fleet made a respectable donation to the museum for opening their doors and allowing us to have private tours when the museum would ordinarily have been closed.

Lunch was at Steamer's Restaurant, literally a few feet from a beautiful classic pacific northwest barnacled and rock-strewn beach with cormorants galore on the pilings with a perfect view of the Narrows Bridge and the islands of "south sound" spread before us. Steamer's is





one of my favorite lunch spots. The food and the view can't be beat.

Everyone piled back onto the bus for a 20-minute ride to LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma. Wow! If you like old .. if you like shiny .. if you like historic .. if you like perfectly restored, or perfectly original .. this was for you. The only issue a number of had here was that way too many of us remember owning and driving some of those cars. What do you mean "old"? Hmmm. It was interesting that LeMay was the owner of the greater Tacoma area garbage pickup service for many decades and asked his truck drivers to report to him about any old vehicles they saw on their routes. LeMay



would then go buy those vehicles and stash them away in any number of warehouses and barns he owned, have the vehicles restored, and enjoy his collection. Not until after his death, was the collection made public. With hundreds of

vehicles on display, the museum is extraordinary, yet only a fraction of the collection is on display here.

Friday evening's informal CYA gathering was at a local watering-hole, The Swiss, a two-block walk from the hotel. Food was served on platters for everyone to grab and everyone enjoyed a couple of free beverages, all courtesy of the PNW Fleet. The food was yummy, the drinks smooth, the company most cordial, and when the LOUD music started, we all headed back to the hotel.

Saturday morning (yes at 8am) the first Board Meeting started. 2014 Commodore Shawn Ball writes about it in her article in this newsletter. We accomplished a great deal in a short time because of the teleconferences in 2014, thanks to Shawn. We also had coffee and tea and oj and pastries and fruit and a fine view of Mount Rainier right out our window.

Saturday afternoon was very wet, but most folks braved the drizzle and walked to the Washington State History Museum (I've been there three times and have never seen it all, it's fantastic), the Tacoma Art Museum (it's brand new and stunning), and/or the Museum of Glass (truly wonderful) and the live glass-blowing hot shop (amazing), and if you took the walkway up and over the railroad tracks you were surrounded by Chihuly glass.

Saturday evening was our very fine CYA Change of Watch Banquet. The hotel opened two adjoining banquet rooms for us for plenty of space. We dressed up. We dined on delicious, fine, fresh, wild-caught Sea

Cod or perfectly prepared, marinated Teres Major Steak, with all the fixings. 2014 Commodore Shawn introduced Life Members, Honorary Members, Board Members, Appointed Board Members, Past Commodores (from each fleet and from CYA), and gave thanks to those who have worked so diligently behind the scenes for so many years. She injected humor and deep friendship into the ceremony. 2015 Commodore Randy took the helm after the "change of watch" flag exchange and led us expertly into 2015.

Another Board meeting Sunday morning .. yes, 8am. Lots more work of the organization was very nicely accomplished with Randy at the helm. And then the weather took a dive. For CYA members who had flown in from other fleets, we had hoped to take them out on PNW Fleet boats that afternoon, under the Narrows Bridge and to some beautiful local harbors and bays. Some boats were already stationed at Tacoma's Dock Street Marina just a short walk from the hotel (photo of *Pied Piper* below, canvassed up Saturday for the rain).



But the wind and rain that arrived Sunday morning were much worse than Saturday's and just too nasty. It would not have been a fun ride. Instead we ordered pizza and beverages delivered to the hotel for anyone who wanted to watch the football playoff game. Some folks elected to head home instead, especially PNW Fleet members or those who wanted to fly out early or start driving back north to Canada early, especially considering the weather. But a whole bunch of us from all fleets stayed and had our own large-screen monitor inside the hotel on which to watch the game .. and we'll remember that game itself for sure! What a game! Made even more special because of our shared camaraderie.

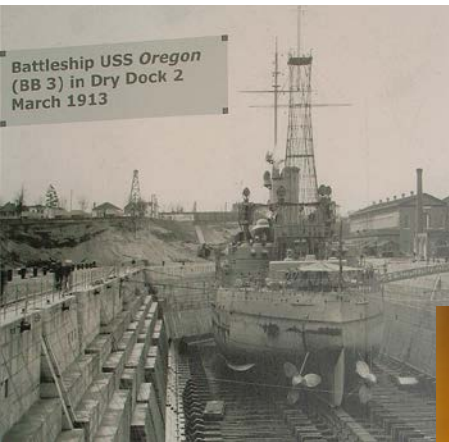
The weekend was a delight. More CYA members attended than ever before. We held meetings and furthered the business of CYA. We had fun, ate well, shared boat stories (some stories were actually the unvarnished truth! tho possibly not totally free from a bit of malarkey), and we had really good times. The 2016 January CYA Board weekend will be held in Vancouver, BC, hosted by the Canadian Fleet. Let's go! I'll see you there!





# 2015 CYA Board of Directors Weekend

YOU'LL LIKE TACOMA











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**ENDCTMECE 683**

**Unit Awards**

1 - Battle Efficiency	6 - Engineering and Damage Control Excellence
2 - Navigation Excellence	7 - Communications Excellence
3 - Damage Control Excellence	8 - Supply Excellence
4 - Tactical Proficiency Excellence (Submarines)	9 - Deck Seamanship Excellence
5 - Medical Department	

10 - Presidential Unit Citation (9 awards)  
 11 - Navy Unit Commendation (10 awards)  
 12 - Navy Battle "E" (15 awards)  
 13 - Navy Expeditionary Medal (13 awards)

# USS PARCHE

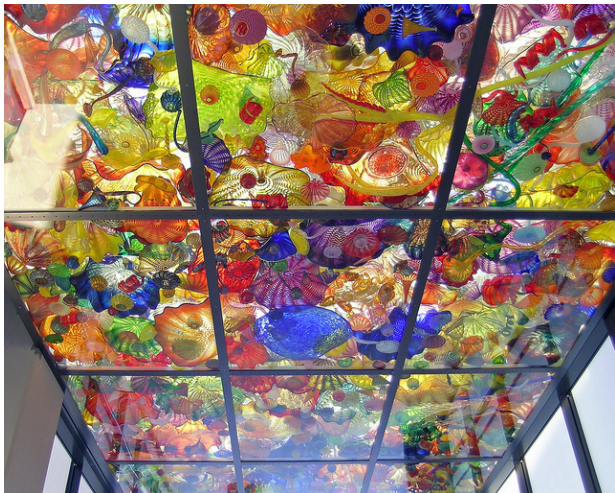
*America's Most Decorated Ship*

You are standing by the sail of the nuclear-powered submarine USS *Parche*, the most decorated ship in the history of the United States Navy. *Parche* earned this distinction while conducting many special operations between 1976 and 2004, all of which remain classified to this day.

The *Parche* sail is 31 feet long, 18 feet tall, weighs approximately 60 tons and is specially hardened for breaking through ice when surfacing in Arctic waters. The sail supported many functions. It contained the fairwater planes used to maneuver and maintain depth, and the periscopes and masts used for navigation and communication. The sail is free-flooding – no crew would be inside when the sub was submerged. When operated on the surface, a team of three or four officers and crew stood watch on the bridge located in the forward part of the sail.









## 2015 CYA – Fleet Officers

### Canadian Fleet



Shirley Howdle, **CAN Fleet Commodore** – 1926 Grandy, *Adelante*  
George Egerton, **CAN Fleet Vice Commodore** – 1927 Arbuthnot, *Mysterion*  
Michael Topliss, **CAN Fleet Rear Commodore** – 1953 Stephen Brothers, *Madera*  
Wolfgang Duntz, **CAN Fleet Treasurer** – 1926 Vancouver Shipyards, *Wanderer*  
Donell McDonell, **CAN Fleet Staff Commodore** – 1932 F. W. Morriss, *Merva*  
Not pictured: Randall Olafson, **CAN Fleet Director and CYA Commodore** –  
1948 MM Davis & Sons, *Double Eagle*

### Northern California Fleet





Nancy Clothier, NC Fleet Corresponding Secretary – 1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*  
 Susan Takami, **NC Fleet Commodore** – 1929 Stephens Brothers, *Makoto*  
 David Cobb, NC Fleet Rear Commodore – 1939 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Breeze*  
 George Homenko, NC Fleet Staff Commodore – *Catherine E*  
 Chris James, NC Fleet Vice Commodore – 1960 Stephens Brothers, *Kona Trader*  
 John Di Lillo, NC Fleet Treasurer  
 Not pictured: Shawn Ball, NC Fleet Recording Secretary and NC Fleet Director and  
 CYA Staff Commodore – former owner 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*  
 Not pictured: Jim Sweeney, NC Fleet Director – 1929 Stephens Brothers, *Elizabeth*

## Southern California Fleet

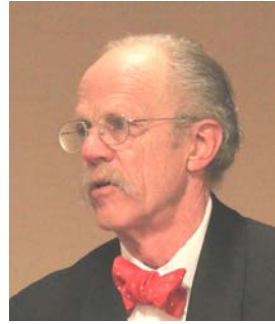


Gerard Buck, SC Fleet Staff Commodore and SC Fleet Director – 1937 Fellows & Stewart, *Hel-Port II*  
 Rick Olson, **SC Fleet Commodore** and SC Fleet Director and CYA Rear Commodore –  
 1929 Dawn Boat Company, *Ono*  
 Elissa Olson, SC Fleet Vice Commodore – 1929 Dawn Boat Company, *Ono*  
 Christine Rohde, SC Fleet Treasurer/Historian – 1950 Chris-Craft, *Sparkle*  
 Jane Aucreman, SC Fleet Recording Secretary  
 Cathy Yatch, SC Fleet Corresponding Secretary – 1953 Chris-Craft, *Comocean*  
 Also pictured (below): Bob Grue, SC Fleet Rear Commodore – 1979 Chris-Craft, *Four Kings*





## USA Fleet



Ed Dombroskas, **USA Fleet Commodore** – 1957 Lyman Boat Works, *Inevitable*

Ted Crosby, **USA Fleet Staff Commodore** and **USA Fleet Vice Commodore** –  
1924 William Hand Jr., *Nisca*

The USA Fleet welcomes members and boats from the midwest and east coast of Canada and the USA, southern USA, the Carribean, the Mediterranean, and all Atlantic Ocean countries.

## Pacific Northwest Fleet



John Shrader, **PNW Fleet Staff Commodore** – 1942 Monk, *Savona*

Bob Wheeler, **PNW Fleet Commodore** – 1953 Ed Monk Sr., *Carousel*

Peter Riess, **PNW Fleet Vice Commodore** – 1939 Elco, *Riptide*

Jennie Dahlby, **PNW Fleet Rear Commodore** – 1936 Fremont Boat Co., *Friendship II*

Chip Kochel, **PNW Fleet Treasurer** – 1962 Owens, *Aloha*

Ellen Murphey, **PNW Fleet Secretary** – 1971 Vic Franck Boat Co., *Sturdy Gal*

John Lebens, **PNW Fleet Oregon Staff Commodore** – 1951 Hascall/Blanchard, *Suellen*

Not pictured: Ken Meyer, **PNW Director & CYA Vice Commodore** – 1937 Carr & Stone, *Patamar*

Not pictured: Ann Hay, **PNW Director** – 1940 Matthews Boat Co., *Pied Piper*

Not pictured: Bob Birdseye, **PNW Director** – 1930 Franck & McCrary, *Comrade*



# NEW CYA members – welcome!

## New Classic members

BJ Last and Julia Buck  
**TURNING POINT**  
42' 1928 Lake Union Dry Dock  
PNW Fleet  
Seattle, WA  
Bill and Patti Linscott, sponsors



Michael Lappert  
**RINTA**  
50' 1938 Lakewood Boats  
NC Fleet  
Sausalito, CA  
Stuart Kiehl, sponsor



Bruce and Trish Didier  
**GWENDOLINE**  
32' 1934 Dick Taylor  
PNW Fleet  
Seattle, WA  
Curt and Marsha Erickson, sponsors





## New Vintage Members

David and Terri Entler  
**MARGIE AL**  
 42' 1959 Matthews Boat Co.  
 PNW Fleet  
 Portland, OR  
 Michael Keane, sponsor



Cliff Robb and Jody West  
**DJANGO**  
 36' 1946 Chris-Craft  
 CAN Fleet  
 Gabriola Island, BC  
 Larry Benson, sponsor



**Vintage Reinstatement**  
 Robert and Susan Shaw  
**TSONA**  
 45' 1950 Allen Shipyard  
 CAN Fleet  
 Surrey, BC


**New Affiliate Members**  
 Gerry and Karen Kamilos  
**AURORA V**  
 58' 1969 Trumpy & Sons  
 NC Fleet  
 Emeryville, CA  
 John Di Lillo, sponsor

Peter and Helen Leenhouts  
**BLUE STAR**  
 26' 1998 NW Boat School  
 PNW Fleet  
 John Shrader, sponsor

Marie-Madeleine and Jean-Pierre Reynard  
 SC Fleet (no vessel)  
 Glendora, CA  
 Jim Butz, sponsor



CYA Blazer Pocket Patch  
 with dual red and blue pennants  
 \$25 each including shipping  
 Contact Margie Paynton, CYA Historian



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 Dave Ellis, Kim Korth and Arnold Strecker.

**Cover photo** – Jim & Bernadette Sweeney, NC Fleet,  
 in a 1923 Buick Touring Car at the LeMay Museum.