



Attention On Deck

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Bell Street Rendezvous a Stunning Success



The Classic Yacht Association was founded to promote and encourage the preservation, restoration and maintenance of fine old power-driven pleasure craft. With those familiar words, our organization was born. One could argue that no CYA event brings them to life better than the Bell Street Rendezvous. The 7th annual gathering was held June 13-15 at Bell Harbor Marina, truly a showpiece for our beautiful classics.

Much has been made of the stunning statistics of this event: 39 participating classics, the salute to our group during the Sail-In parade by the fireboat *Chief Seattle*, the unprecedented media coverage, the huge crowds (estimated at 3,000 for the weekend by Port officials), the \$500 in poster sales, \$500 in donations, and the fine weather...but more importantly it was the work of our membership and the organizing committee that was the most spectacular.

Promotion of our classic vessels takes a lot of hard, exhausting, and repetitive work! First to restore and maintain our old beauties, then the responsibilities of numerous public displays: owners tirelessly showing their vessels to hundreds of visitors, crews patiently waiting until the end of visiting hours before beginning the long journey home, everyone pitching in to staff the greeting table, and the preparation of

meals shared by all. All of this is made possible by the countless hours of work logged by the Bell Street Committee: Kathi and Jan Skillingstead; John Jacobsen; David Huchthausen, Readerboards, Donations, and Posters; Stephen Wilen, Awards and Engraving; Andy Blair, Window Signs; Rick Etsell, Harbormaster, Frank Young, Publicity; David Sekstrom, Saturday Picnic; Norm Manly, Meeting Host. Not to mention the program, registration process, Sail-In, "Peoples' Choice" balloting (won this year by the *Kay Dee II*), and the Saturday evening flag ceremony.

Nothing is more gratifying than watching the very essence of our organization brought to life at events such as Bell Street. Every crew reported that visitors to the show were polite, interested and respectful. The unique location of Bell Harbor Marina on Seattle's internationally famous waterfront brings the broadest possible spectrum of people to our show. We do not just attract wooden-boat groupies, but welcome a wide variety of folks from all over the world and introduce them to our lovely yachts. Isn't that, after all, the very best promotion of fine old power-driven pleasure craft? ▶

— Jim Payton



Burn Center Cruise Postponed

— Andy Blair

This event was originally donated to the Harborview Gala fund-raiser in February. The cruise for 50 people aboard 10-15 of our CYA vessels included wine and buffet dinner. The auction sale of this item raised \$6,000 for Harborview's Burn Center. Of the ten items auctioned off, our donation raised the most money, even more than a trip to Fiji! Philips Medical Systems won the bidding, but is reorganizing and was unable to assemble a guest list in time, so the cruise was postponed.

The event was to start with a hors d'oeuvre and wine party aboard the *Virginia V*. CYA vessels would pick up guests at the Center for Wooden Boats for a Lake Union and Lake Washington cruise. The boats would return to the CWB for dinner. The total cost (catering, wine, linen, CWB space and banquet license) would have been about \$2,000. The committee raised \$1,350 towards the cost of the event with the CYA to pick up the remainder.

When the event was cancelled, Philips agreed to donate the cruise certificate back to Harborview to be auctioned off next year at the 2004 Gala. The caterer, Susan Magan has offered to donate the catering for next year's event. This means that everyone wins big on this one. Harborview gets to auction the cruise again, the CYA gets the catering donated next year, Philips gets a full tax write-off and the CWB and *Virginia V* get valuable exposure. Next years event will be discussed in detail at the membership meeting.

I would like to thank committee members Joelle Blair, Uki Robinson, Carol Fedigan, Jan and Kathi Skillingstead, and David Sekstrom for their work in organizing this event, as well as those who were willing to participate with their boats and their donations. I look forward to making this a special event next year while raising money for a very worthy cause. ▶

Victoria Classic Boat Festival

The Victoria Classic Boat Festival is the premier wooden boat show in the Pacific Northwest, drawing nearly 200 vessels in a wide variety of categories from Steam Launches to gaff rigged Schooners. It takes place over the Labor Day weekend, this year running from August 29th to August 31st. .

This is a fabulous opportunity to moor your boat in front of the Historic Empress Hotel on Victoria's Inner Harbor and enjoy all that the city has to offer, including it's fabulous restaurants and shopping opportunities. There is plenty of yacht talk and numerous opportunities to tour vessels not normally seen in our waters. The crowds are always large, but extremely courteous and inquisitive. Public boarding is at your discretion. The registration fees are nominal (\$40 to \$60 US for most vessels) and include three nights moorage. There is also an awards banquet Sunday evening with a huge crab feed plus many other events scheduled over the weekend.

Last year we had an impressive representation from our fleet and took home numerous awards. This year I would like to encourage everyone to consider attending this fabulous event. I have application forms available and will gladly answer any questions you may have. Contact David Huchthausen, 206-587-4036, cell 206-409-9822. ▶

The La Conner Antique Boat and Classic Car Festival – September 13-14th, 2003.

It's time to register for the La Conner event again. This year the date has been moved into the middle of September. The event is open to boats built 1968 or earlier. The deadline for registration is August 1st, 2003, but space is limited so be sure to register early. Last year, Dorin Robinson won best of show and has a beautiful bronze half-hull sculpture of Cle Illahee. Bill Finefrock, the La Conner organizer has been working hard advertising the event, mailing brochures to CYA membership and coming to Bell Street Rendezvous.

He can be reached at 360-466-9188 for up-to-date information. You can also access the La Conner website from the CYA events calendar.

An application is enclosed with this newsletter.



CanAm Rendezvous

Air—Land—Sea Reborn at Roche Harbor

*I*n the firm belief that it is never *too early* to start prodding PNW Fleet members into action, both mental and physical, I would like to focus your attention on this years CAN/AM cruise.

Traditionally this event has been held mid-week, just prior to the Victoria show. In past years our boats have basked in solitary splendor but this year we will be joined by the San Juan Car and Croquet Club of the Antique Aircraft Association. Eleven owners of old planes have already signed up and we expect to reach the capacity of the landing field.

The Car Club plans to display about thirty interesting examples of antique and exotic automobiles. The local newspapers have been notified and are planning extensive coverage. Roche Resorts is working with the Seattle papers for additional publicity. This year's event will run from Friday, August 22 through Sunday August 24. It is growing into a pretty big deal and at its heart will be the CYA. We need a good turn out so please memorize these dates, mark them on your calendar, tattoo them on your foreheads. The honor and reputation of our Fleet is on the line

As it is now choreographed, the planes will be clustered in the parking area of the airfield, the cars will be placed near the swimming pool and our classic yachts will occupy the place of honor at the head of the docks. Slim Gardner has promised to bring *Deerleap* and I commandeered *Zanzibar* by

purchasing Huchthausen's cruise at the auction. We have a nucleus of vessels but we need at least ten more classics to fill up the docks. Our group moors at the head of the main dock in a strategic position to access the resort facilities. We also have the exclusive use of a large Party Barge. *Deerleap* will be tied up across from the barge. If one or two of our other large Queens can attend, it would make a splendid display. Those that charter might consider coming by and exposing their clients to the good life.

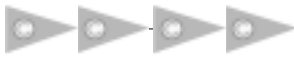
The per night mooring charge will be the reduced to \$1 per foot which includes power, water, and pump-out. Our traditional Wine and Cheese party will be held late Friday afternoon. On Saturday the 23rd there will be a no host, BYOB, BBQ dinner at the cost of \$20 per person. In the past our fleet has put on this dinner but because of the car and plane participants this year and the bizarre Washington State liquor laws, the dinner will be provided by one of the local restaurants and served either on the barge or at the car show location. It will be available only to the participants and their friends. Every one is on their own for Dinner Friday night. Roche has a very good restaurant and a short-order cafe'. The Duck Soup Inn is located half way to Friday Harbor. Both the restaurants will require reservations. Their phone numbers are: 360-378-4878 for Duck Soup and 360-378-5757 for Roche.

Les Gunther, 360-378-5733. ▶

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Contact	Comment
July 19-27	South Sound Cruise	Rick Etsell	Longbranch
Aug. TBD	Boat Harbor Rendezvous	Julian & Linda	Boat Harbour
Aug 22-24	CanAm Cruise	Les & Betsy Gunther	Roche Harbour
Aug. 23-24	Vancouver Wooden Boat Show	Russ Chernoff	
Aug 30-Sept 1	Victoria Classic Boat Festival	David Huchthausen	
Sept 13-14	LaConner Vintage Boat Show	Russ Johnson	





South Sound Cruise and Longbranch Rendezvous

July 19-27, 2003

Plans are shaping up nicely for the South Sound Cruise, starting with a rendezvous at the Longbranch Marina on Saturday July 19th. Mike Wollaston has graciously offered to host another barbecue at his home adjacent to the marina. It's a beautiful place and we had a delightful time there last year. (Bring a salad or desert and beverages.) This event has a much different feel than some of the other CYA events — It's a chance to really unwind and enjoy the rural feel of the area. The marina is run by the community there and is very nicely maintained, including a covered party area, ice machine and other amenities. You won't be tempted to go "uptown" for some shopping either — because there isn't any town! You won't miss it though because the bay is one of the prettiest places on the Sound (and probably has the best view of Mt. Rainier to be found.)

You don't need to bring the boat to attend the barbecue — Longbranch is very easily accessible by car. (Head over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, then down the Key Peninsula until you see the marina — you can't miss it.)

Coming by boat from the north, Gig Harbor makes a great stopover, and there may be some other CYA boats there on Friday evening. A check of the Narrows currents shows that it is flooding until about 1000 hours on Saturday, which is perfect for an easy run to Longbranch. There is a nominal charge of \$0.50/ft for moorage at the Marina.

If you'd like to join in, please RSVP to Rick Etsell, rick@etsell.com, 206-365-2313 home, or 206-499-1952 cell. ▶

Tiki Magic

A festive gathering of 26 CYA stalwarts was held at the Luau Polynesian Lounge to celebrate the August wedding of Lloyd Shugart and Theresa Wittenberg and the launching of *Flying Cloud*. OK, the 1937 Monk-designed, Grandy built 50 footer hasn't exactly been launched yet, but Lloyd promised that it will be soon; yes we know that he has been saying that since December, but this time he means it !!

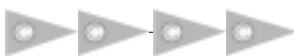
Party goers donned festive Hawaiian garb as garish shirts and exotic drinks ruled the day. Dinner was equally ornamental and conversation centered on this years cruising plans and departure dates. We had hoped to include a photo, but our esteemed fleet photographer was seen using a tiny disposable camera purchased at a local 7-11. Lloyd has been a long time crew member on *Zanzibar* and active in CYA events. We congratulate Lloyd and Theresa on their marriage and wish them the best with their own vessel. ▶

Maple Bay

Sixty Five vessels attended the fifth annual Maple Bay Wooden Boat Festival on Victoria Day weekend (May 17, 18 & 19). It was estimated that 2,000 people wandered the docks during the three day event that saw converted fish boats, the steam tug Master and classic yachts gathered together in a celebration of wood boats. The CYA was represented with much enthusiasm, if few numbers, by *Llawana* and *Euphemia II*.

Prospective new member *Amanah* was voted "Best Power Boat", while the ever popular tug, *Breeze*, was voted "Best Work Boat." The well known bakery ship, ex ferry boat, *Atrevida*, was awarded "People's Choice." With those pies and that bread, who could resist! You can sample her wares all summer in Montague Harbour. ▶

— Mike O'Brian





Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival

The Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival on Granville Island is no ordinary Boat festival. The experience will be unique.

Granville Island is located in the middle of the city of Vancouver, B.C. with a shuttle ferry and bus access to downtown. The Island is home to one of the most successful farmer's markets in North America which is located right beside the festival moorage. Within a short walk from your boat you will find a rich mix of artisans studios, live theatre, pub, small specialty shops, marine stores, restaurants, hotels, floating homes and more. During the festival there is story telling, family boat building, singers, small boat races and the Spruce cup sailboat race.

One of the delightful features of the festival is that it is low key with a range of vessels types, many of which are not classics. It would be great if we could have strong showing of classic yachts this year and start a trend toward more classics in the future.

A visit to the beautiful city of Vancouver in False Creek at Granville Island will be an experience you will remember and the people of Vancouver will have the opportunity to see classic vessels. The event Will be August 21-24, 2003. For information please contact Jan Bellamy: Wooden Boat Festival, 1490 Johnston Street Vancouver, BC, V6H 3S1, Phone: 604-688-9622, Email: jan@pragmaltd.com. ▶

Past Commodores Cruise a Perennial Favorite

This long running event has developed it's own special place in the heart's of PNW Fleet members. Dan and Debbie Allen once again welcomed our flotilla to their waterfront home on manzanita Bay for the Memorial Day weekend. Immediately upon our arrival we noticed that Dan had been busy installing new dock floats over the winter. The sinking effect that occurred when groups congregated on the docks was noticeable absent.

The annual clam digging contest was canceled due to a high tide, but a spontaneous "Jewelry Sale" drew large crowds in the yard. Featured items included antique, estate, and contemporary pieces. The traditional Saturday night potluck was once again a thing of beauty and caloric consumption, with Heather Ellis's baked Brie drawing special attention. Shore trips to the local antique malls have also become tradition. Numerous large bags were seen moving down the dock as the group returned. Sunday we cruised over to Tom and Patty Henderson's home on Liberty Bay aboard *Capriccio* joined by the *Argonaut II*. A few other CYA stalwarts made the trip by car. Tom's grilled salmon was done to perfection as a cutthroat croquet game raged down on the lawn.

Vessels attending included *Capriccio*, *Carolyn*, *Freya*, *Galyva*, *Pied Piper*, *Orba*, *Royal Scott*, *Silver Cloud*, *Spindrift*, *Winefred*, *Westerly*, *Woodrow* and *Zanzibar*. Special thanks to coordinators Steve and Yo Moen. ▶

—David Huchthausen






Opening Day 2003 at the Seattle Yacht Club

Twenty boats attended this year's Opening Day Festivities on May 3rd and 4th at the Seattle Yacht Club and on the water. Participants included: The *Virginia V*, *Glavya*, *Seven Bells*, *Royal Scott*, *Woodrow*, *Madera*, *Olympus*, *Kensington*, *Winefred*, *Zanzibar*, *Sea Cloud*, *Freya*, *Patamar*, *Count Darling*, *Argonaut II*, *Corsiar II*, *Lawana*, *Spindrift*, *Orba* and *Cle Illabee*. The welcoming party on *Winifred* as has become tradition. Greg Gilbert kindly provides space for as many people as he can stack on board. This year's record was 31; two shy of last year's all time record of 33. Greg was seen on the dock inviting perfect strangers to attend in an attempt to surpass last year's record as the transom slipped ever slowly into the bay. Since this year's theme was "Off to the Races", last year's concoction of "Jungle Juice" was thinly disguised as "Nitro" with similar devastating results. The awards for D group this year were swept by CYA vessels: *MV Olympus*, *Cle Illabee*, and *Kensington* were one, two, three. The Seattle Yacht Club was very gracious in reserving dock space for us. They look forward every year to our attendance. Thanks to Greg Gilbert for representing the CYA at the SYC opening and closing ceremonies. ▶ —*Andy Blair*





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