

Pacific Northwest CLASSIC YACHTING

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Change of Watch Weekend

by Commodore Bob Wheeler

I have not been to many Changes of Watch in the CYA but I have to say modestly that this was a good one. Held at the Seattle Yacht Club, the quintessential nautical setting in the Pacific Northwest, it started with a Cocktail Hour downstairs in the Heritage Room where we enjoyed amazing "light" appetizers and a presentation from the Opening Day Trio of Admiral Ted Schultz, Admiralette Sally Cole and Vice Admiral Tom Wingard. We all received Opening Day pins and a visual presentation of this year's theme: Myths and Monsters. Make no mithtake, it will be fun. Then it was time for dinner and our program upstairs in the Fireside

Lounge with 2014 Commodore John Shrader presiding. After a delightful Invocation by Margie Paynton, dinner was served.

Presentation of awards followed dinner. Best Attendance: Ken Meyer (*Patamar*); Best Classic Motor Preservation: Garth McBride (*Olmaha*); Galley Wizard: Peter Riess (*Riptide*); Most Outstanding Dry Rot: Nancy Everds and Peter Mann (*Gyrfalcon*). Of special mention is the magnificent Herb and Virginia Cleaver Inspirational Award for outstanding service to the fleet given to Heather and Dave Ellis for their many years of accomplishment including, Past Commodore, Fleet Photographer, Newsletter Editor

and Layout, running the Auction, Pumpkin Cruise Hosts, Poster Maker and probably more. I think they were pleased. I sure was.

Then Staff Commodore Jessica Freeman took over and lined up all of the incoming 2015 Officers in order: Staff Commodore John Shrader, Commodore Bob Wheeler, Vice Commodore Peter Riess, Rear Commodore Jennie Dahlby, Treasurer Chip Kochel, Secretary Ellen Murphey and Oregon Staff Commodore John Lebens. She then gave us our appropriate flag with stars or emblem and on the count of three we unfurled and it was a

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From the Bridge of APRIL ANN

By Bob Wheeler, Commodore

Well, vacation time is over. After spending 30 days on the road soaking up sunshine and visiting friends in Southern California and Arizona, we returned home safely on March 12th to begin the CYA year in earnest. The first order of business was my first Bridge meeting on the 18th. Actually I had formulated an agenda on the road so most topics were in order and only a little tweaking had to be done.

I want to call your attention to our website and in particular the PNW Fleet page(s). Our Assistant Webmaster for the PNW Fleet Tad Unger is making steady progress working with CYA Webmaster Scott Andrews (SC Fleet) to make the web our virtual clubhouse. You are encouraged to check it somewhat regularly and keep up. All of our events and a description for same will eventually be there. Scott tells me he has plans for a tutorial which will be a great help for web-challenged folks like me.

We now have three means of communication with our Fleet members: The Web; Email Blasts and our Newsletter. Taking them in order, the Web will be all inclusive in

that all information about the Fleet will be there somewhere. This will include Events and Cruises, Bridge Meeting Mins., Commodore's Logs (like this one), The Roster, Newsletter, Boat Pictures, etc. I am still learning but the intent is clear. Email blasts will still be sent out in a timely manner and may duplicate information on the Web. And the Newsletter will go out quarterly starting April 1st with articles, descriptions of events past and future, pictures and whatever Editor Matt Paynton chooses. Eventually, you will be given a chance to choose between hard copy and an electronic copy (the latter saves quite a bit of money).

Our Bridge Meeting was busy and punctuated with a pizza feed, salad and dessert organized by my adult leadership, Jytte. Business accomplished of note was to change our By laws name to "Regulations and Procedures" to be consistent with the CYA By-Laws. My thanks to Bill Linscott for doing a detailed study of the PNW vs CYA By-Laws and making the determination that the name change only was a "distinction without difference". No change was made to the text so the

Bridge agreed unanimously that a membership vote was not required. This will set the stage for compliance with Federal IRS rules for becoming a 501(c)(3) organization should the CYA decide to do that.

Under Good and Welfare we were treated to enthusiastic descriptions of both John Shrader's and Tad Unger's new boats! Also be advised that we are changing *Carousel's* name back to it's original of *April Ann* having now met the woman (who was 6 years old at launch and the grand daughter of the owner) for whom the boat was originally named and the builder's daughter, Patricia Cummings who provided a watershed of information on the boat and it's origins. I think I need to buy some champagne!

Spring is upon us so get going and attend some of the 30+ events on the schedule starting with the Auction on April 11th and the Opening Day May 2nd. That's all for now. Thanks for listening.

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The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

>Welcome Back!

But, perhaps I shouldn't use that phrase exactly. Instead, I should just say, "welcome!" When I took on the job of your PNW newsletter editor, I knew there would be some big shoes to fill as I pick up where David Ellis left off. With sincere thanks to David, I'll say that the daunting task of filling those big shoes made me think perhaps I should just put on a different pair altogether. The newsletter has its old name back, but rest assured that the content will be just as rich and exciting as ever! But, I'll get to that later. First, some background:

Although I officially joined the CYA in 2006 as member #1195, I've actually been involved with the group ever since my parents (Life Members Jim and Margie Paynton, member #427) joined all the way back in 1984. I've been boating my whole life. More specifically, I've



been *wooden* boating my whole life, having been on my first boat trip as a two year old on the 1941 Chris-Craft *Terry-Deb* in 1981. Even during my teen years when most of my peers would have rather *not* been hanging out with their parents, I was dutifully serving as crew aboard *Maranee*. I was there for the first Bell Street Classic Rendezvous. As matter of fact, that connection afforded me my first summer job, working at Bell Harbor Marina for three years

while I earned my bachelor's degree at the University of Washington.

As I've gotten older, my opportunities for taking an extended boat trip have become fewer and far between, but any chance I can, you'll find me aboard *Maranee*, taking it all in: the beautiful scenery of Puget Sound, the sound of vintage gasoline flathead engines, and the smell of varnish in the sun.

And so, there you have it. I am honored to give back to an organization that I've known almost my whole life. You could say I'm a different kind of "life member" of the CYA, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I'll do my best to give you what all you fine dues-paying members deserve: a fresh newsletter every quarter. And, that's where you come in: please send your submissions for future newsletters to me at <m.paynton@comcast.net> including photos, histories, favorite cruises, and events past and present. I look forward to serving you and to a fantastic cruising season ahead!

Opening Day 2015



We want as many CYA boats to participate as possible. You need to visit the Seattle Yacht Club website at www.seattleyachtclub.org to register for the parade. Click on the Opening Day links. The registration deadline for the Parade is April 23. The registration deadline for Dock Zero is April 16. Remember, unregistered boats are not allowed on the dock or in the parade.

Questions? Contact your CYA Dockmaster for SYC Dock Zero; Mike Oswald, 425-298-9588 or capnmikel@mac.com

Let's have a great showing this year of beautiful CYA yachts. The theme is really great. Maybe someone will decorate to the theme this year?

done deal! Well, almost. Seems we had a brand new Past Commodore who, though star of the show was "starless". It was my first official act as Commodore to present Jessica with her three silver stars. She was tickled!

It was then my pleasure to present an appreciation plaque to Past Commodore Ann Hay for organizing the International CYA Change of Watch in Tacoma just three weeks prior. She's very good a herding cats! And the night wouldn't be complete without recognizing our new Staff Commodore John Shrader with an appreciation plaque for valued services as Commodore for 2014.

Then it was my turn to take a look at the year ahead. While we have 30+ cruises and events on the calendar, there were four of special note that

I wanted to address. Oregon Staff Commodore John Lebens gave a run down on a brand new trip (cruise?) to Portland in April; Kristin and Chip Kochel alerted us that this year would be recognizing boats 75 years old and noted that next year would be Bell Street's 20th year and the Boeing Centennial; Rick Randall then gave a brief overview of our successful Classic Seminar presentation at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival with plans for repeating there and at other venues; and finally, Bob Irving gave us some details on moving the late September Poulsbo/Brownsville Rendezvous to Bremerton with over 600 feet of side tie for the bigger boats. Indeed, the year ahead looks good.

So Saturday night came to a close with a reminder that the next day was the Commodore's Cruise to complete the weekend.

COMMODORE'S CRUISE

We rendezvoused at Gas Works Park on Lake Union at 1330 hours, and after a less than perfect orchestration of gate orientation, *Patamar* and *Big Dipper* opened the gate for *Argonaut II* with me (and a number of others) aboard heading south on a dry and windless day followed by thirteen members of the fleet. After a tour of the lake and a "U" turn in Portage Bay we tied to the sea wall at South Lake Union Park and all met up for a wonderful pot luck at the Center for Wooden Boats Gallery Room.

It was a great weekend and I am gratified and thankful for all of the support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wheeler, Commodore



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CYA Spring Auction & Pot Luck

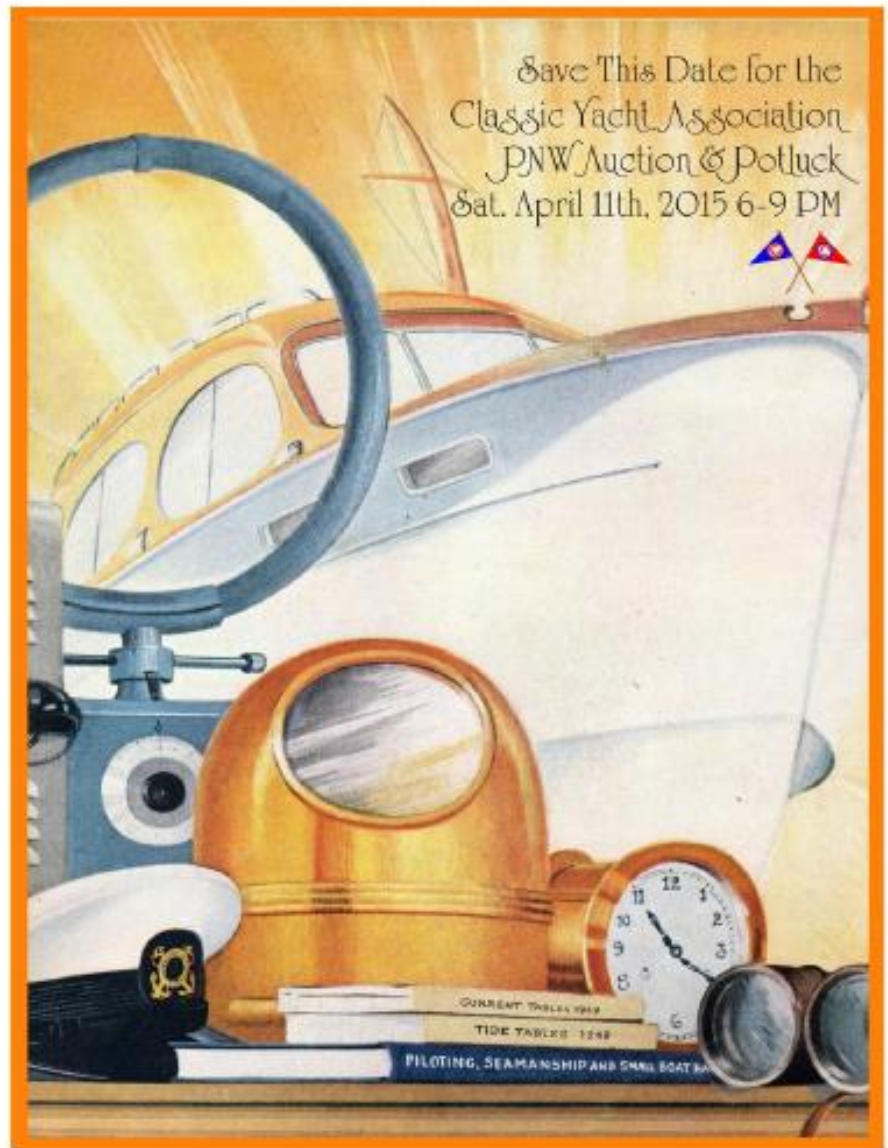
Mark your calendars! This year's auction will be taking place on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 6:30pm until 10 pm.

Again this year the location will be the North Lake Union Center for Wooden Boats repair and warehouse facility adjacent to Gasworks Park on North Lake Union Way. Beginning in the afternoon you can bring donated articles to the center and then return for the pot luck and auction at 6:30.

Jerry Toner of *Kimmer* will again be our auctioneer and host.

Call Ken Meyer 206.384.5557 if you have any donations to make prior to the auction. We will even pick them up from you!

It is not too soon to clean out your storage lockers and garages as your donation may become someone else's treasure.



Save This Date for the
Classic Yacht Association
PNW Auction & Potluck
Sat. April 11th, 2015 6-9 PM



David Ellis accepts the Herb and Virginia Cleaver Inspirational Award for outstanding service to the fleet.



Raising the Bar: The lush appointments of the Seattle Yacht Club- the quintessential nautical setting for the Change of Watch Banquet.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CYA!



Gary and Sherise Ethridge
JADED LADY
42' 1955 Chris-Craft
Kenmore, WA
John Shrader, sponsor

Jerry and Karen O'Neill
REVERIE
42' 1952 Chris-Craft
Seattle, WA
Joel Van Ornum, sponsor



Matthew Thompson
JUBILEE
30' 1930 Richardson
Everett, WA
Ken Meyer, sponsor

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



NEW MEMBERS Continued

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



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



John Shrader
GRAYWIN
48' 1947 George Sutton
Seattle, WA



New Affiliate Members:

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

Associate Reinstatement:

John and Ellen Murphey
STURDY GAL
43' 1971 Vic Franck Boat Co.
Bellevue, WA

Pacific Northwest Fleet

UPCOMING EVENTS

PNW Spring Auction and Potluck

11 Apr 2015 6:30 PM • CWB
Northlake Warehouse & Shop

Tides Tavern Classic

Fish 'N' Ships Festival
15 May 2015 • Gig Harbor, WA

2015 Bell Street Pier

Classic Rendezvous
19 Jun 2015 • Bell St. Pier, Seattle

Opening Day of Boating Season

02 May 2015 • Seattle, WA

Edmonds Waterfront Festival

29 May 2015 • Edmonds, WA

Fourth of July

04 Jul 2015 • Center for Wooden
Boats, Seattle, WA

Olympia Wooden Boat Festival

08 May 2015 • Olympia, WA

Burrard Yacht Club

Classic Boat & Car Show
12 Jun 2015 • Burrard Yacht Club

Des Moines Classic Car

& Wooden Boat Show
17 Jul 2015 • Des Moines, WA