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From the Bridge of Adagio

By Commodore Christian Dahl

Hopefully you have been enjoying some of our summer events, or have plans to catch up with your fellow boaters on a cruise. One of the joys of our events is both the comradery of getting together with our fellow members and we already have some dock space reserved! The nice mix of planned and unplanned events gives some people time to explore the local scene, or just hang out and talk to visitors who really enjoy seeing our vessels. Some our boats attract a larger number of spectators, while others it may be a familiar family boat or memory from the past. Where people have spent their summers on the Salish Sea has been more memorable than I had realized.

I have established the home port for *Adagio* as Decatur Island, where Jeanne and I have a second home. I seem to get more comments from visitors about Decatur Island than our Richardson. Mostly asking where it is, but often somebody knows friends they visited a few times, or their family had a cabin there years ago. Sometimes it is my own neighbors, or last year it

was a long lost relative visiting from Australia planning to visit his cousin on Decatur. If I had used our other home port Seattle, I do not think we would have the same conversations as we discuss our boats. I hope others visitors note how far away some of you come to participate in these events.

It is great to hear what our fellow boaters pass on during these encounters with visitors and see the patience we have shown when the landlubbers try to negotiate our steps or try every lever or door onboard. Sometimes it is the little details we are proud to describe, or the bigger issue of boat ownership. Sooner or later we may attract another CYA member, or pass along some tidbit of information that helps someone keep all 8 feet of their hand rails varnished.

It is your participation in CYA, our events and boating in general that helps keep this organization alive and attractive to others. More importantly, you show good stewardship of the past and current history of our vessels.

Keep up the great work!

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By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

Every spring, those of us in the Pacific Northwest anticipate the arrival of summer far earlier than we should. And it happens every year! We get a few nice spring days, temperatures climb and days get a little longer, and we think, “wow, summer is almost here!”

What we fail to remember from years past is that the unofficial start of summer around here is July 5. Sure, we get the nice days here and there before that, and in the past 20 years, our Bell Harbor Classic Weekend is typically blessed with warm temperatures and sunny blue skies. But nevertheless, we still get those days where we complain that it's June and how ridiculous it is that we're still using the heater in the car, or how the calendar says that it's summer and it's raining and 64 degrees.

What we also fail to remember is that after getting the summer weather that we've been hoping and waiting for, it isn't long before our

inner Northwesterner comes out and utters the famous phrase, “does it have to be so hot?”

That's right, we are upset when it's cold and raining in June but we also complain about it being too sunny in August. It's how we roll. Most of us find that if it gets above 75 degrees it's too much. How often have you said, or heard someone else say, “you



know, if it were a little cooler, this place would be just about perfect!” when you're tied up at a beautiful destination in the San Juans?

As true Pacific Northwesterners, we're always looking forward to the next season. When it seems like winter is interminable, and you're not sure if it's mid-November or mid-March, you long for the first

inkling that the sun is on its way. Once it's spring and the flowers are blooming, grass is growing and you're getting the itch to get back out on the water, it's not long before you are hoping that it was the middle of summer, with long warm nights and bright sunny days. But if the sun is out too long, you start thinking about how great it would be if it was mid-October and you were snuggling in with a hot cocoa in hand, watching your favorite college football on a rainy Saturday. Then before you know it, it's the middle of winter and you're longing for the days out on the water in the sun again. It's the vicious Pacific Northwest curse.

I suppose we can all be glad that we don't live somewhere like San Diego, with constant sun and summer-like conditions, we'd have nothing to look forward to!

So, I'll leave you with this: enjoy what we have when we have it. We're lucky enough to boat year 'round, and our summers are the best in the world for getting out on the water. The cocoa and football can wait until it's their time.

CO2: Life, Brain Damage, Death?

By Bob & Sally Bryan, #310

Corsair II was recently rafted next to one of our kindred beautiful classics. As our crew settled into their berths for the night, the neighbor and friend started his generator. It was about as quiet as they can be, and there was little odor. The owner of the generator vessel was a very experienced veteran boater.

We relied on his experience with his vessel initially, but decided to check the location of his exhaust discharge. It was midships right below our berth and port lights, and after giving it a second thought, we asked and the neighbor accommodated our request to shut the gen off.

In the AM the neighbor asked if he could restart his generator and we said no problem and then went for a walk for about 20 minutes. We returned to find both our fore and aft CO2 alarms blaring and the boat loaded with fumes. The neighbor said the alarms had been sounding for about 15 minutes, yet he was still running his generator!

There are a lot of “What if's?” to ponder... most importantly if we didn't have an alarm or the batteries were dead. What about him and his crew? He had said that he needed to run his generator for 2 hours to keep his systems operational. Generators should be operated while cruising or in open space which allows for the dispersal of the odorless poison.

We are pleased to remain capable of communicating with you and living to tell the story.

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Bell Harbor Classic Weekend

by Diane Lander, #926

Under unseasonably sunny skies the 22nd annual Classic Weekend at Bell Harbor was held on June 16 and 17, 2018. This is the PNW fleet's largest event, and it turned out to be an absolutely wonderful weekend for all of us. We had 45 classic yachts and their owners and guests who enjoyed the Friday dessert buffet, a wonderful catered salmon and steak dinner on Saturday night and breakfasts both days. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Bell Harbor Committee headed by Diane Lander, everything was included for our members for free except for the dinner on Saturday night. Our generous sponsors were Haven Boat Works, Port Townsend; Downtown Seattle Association; the Seattle Aquarium; CSR Marine; Lake Union Drydock Company; Canvas Supply; On the Hiyu Floating Entertainment and Event Venue;

Captain's Nautical; Port of Seattle Bell Harbor Marina; Fisheries Supply; Morrison's Northstar Fuel; and Athletic Awards. Another way to help offset the cost of the event is through the sales of the beautiful event posters created by artist and member David Hutchhausen. This year's poster was another collector's item.

This year's event featured Blanchard Boats as the marquee class. The queen of the fleet was the 100' *Malibu*, 36' *Faun* was there, as was *Red Jacket*. The People's Choice award was won by the *Malibu*; Honorable Mention People's Choice awards were given to *Suellen* who came all the way up from Portland, and *Red Jacket*.



▲ Fireboat Chief Seattle was on hand again for the classic yacht parade on Friday.

Spectators crowd the docks with printed programs in hand taking in the splendor of the gleaming wooden yachts on display. Over 1,200 people visited during the course of the two day show.



Due to the tides and the yacht schedule, *Red Jacket* had to leave before she received her award, but not to worry, Diane in the *Marian II* personally delivered the award to Tacoma. A new trophy, the Monty Holmes Staging Trophy went to the Randalls aboard *Compadre* who were all decked out in 1920's yachting apparel. Next year we will have this award again, so plan your staging and costumes now.

The brightwork was gleaming in the sunshine, and the docks were full of over 1,200 people who enjoyed the event over the two days. It was extremely gratifying to event organizers to see 6 first time vessels attend, and of course we hope for even more new members next year.

Put next year's event June 15-16, 2019 on your calendar now. We will have Lake Union Drydock built boats as the marquee class to celebrate the centennial of the historic Lake Union Drydock Company in 2019.

If you want to volunteer for the 2019 committee, contact Diane Lander at dianelanders@outlook.com or 206-919-5099.

◀ On display as part of the marquee class of Blanchard-Built vessels was the impressive 72-foot *Red Jacket*, designed by Ted Geary and built in 1920.



Member vessels parade into the marina under the backdrop of the beautiful Seattle skyline.



Olympia Wooden Boat Fair

The 39th annual Olympia Wooden Boat Fair was held under sunny skies on May 12-13. This long-running and very well organized affair attracted 28 boats from the South Puget Sound area, including eight CYA vessels, *El Mistico*, *Riptide*, *Phantom*, *Red Jacket*, *Thelonius*, *Maranee*, *Belle*, and brand new member *Duffy*.

The Olympia Wooden Boat Society organizers were professional and welcoming, and the event was very well advertised and supported in the local area. Vendors of all kinds displayed their crafts, and a variety of food trucks provided mouth-watering cuisine. Throngs of visitors crowded the floats at

Percival Landing all weekend long, and Past Commodore Peter Riess reported that by his count over 600 guests had come aboard *Riptide*.

Jim and Margie Paynton were awarded the Boat Fair “Maritime Persons of the Year,” as well as having *Maranee* be named the “Favorite Boat.”

With great thanks to the Olympia Wooden Boat Society for putting on an exemplary event, CYA members are encouraged to add this wonderful gathering to your cruising calendar for next year. They will be marking the 40th annual Wooden Boat Fair next May, and it is hoped that many CYA vessels will be there to help them celebrate.



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Tides Tavern “Fish & Ships” Classic Boat Show

by Jim Paynton, #427

The annual Tides Tavern “Fish and Ships” classic boat show took place May 19-20 in Gig Harbor. A number of CYA vessels were featured, and pleasant spring weather encouraged visitors from the area down to the docks to view the boats. Thanks to chair Randy Mueller, the event was perfectly organized and enjoyable for all who participated. Many thanks to the crews of the member vessels who took part in this year’s show: *Freya*, *Jonta*, *Miracle*, *Riptide*, *Maranee*, and *El Mistico*.



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Around the Sound...



◀ *CYA Member vessels on display at the Edmonds Waterfront Festival, June 1-3*



▲ *Calm seas and blue skies made for a perfect weekend for the Edmonds Waterfront Festival*



▲ *Freya and Thelonius tied up at the Edmonds Waterfront Festival, June 1-3*



▲ *CYA members enjoy a potluck dinner on the dock at the Edmonds Waterfront Festival.*



◀ *A gorgeous sunset and the flat calm like that of a mill pond, seen in Edmonds, signaling summer is close at hand*



Pacific Northwest Fleet
UPCOMING EVENTS

South Sound Cruise

July 14-22

Decatur Island Rendezvous

August 28-30

Des Moines Classic Car & Wooden Boat Show

July 20-22

Victoria Classic Boat Festival

August 31-Sept 2

La Conner Classic Yacht & Car Show

August 4

Deer Harbor Wooden Boat Show

September 3-4

Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival

Granville Island, BC, Canada

August 24-26

Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

September 7-9