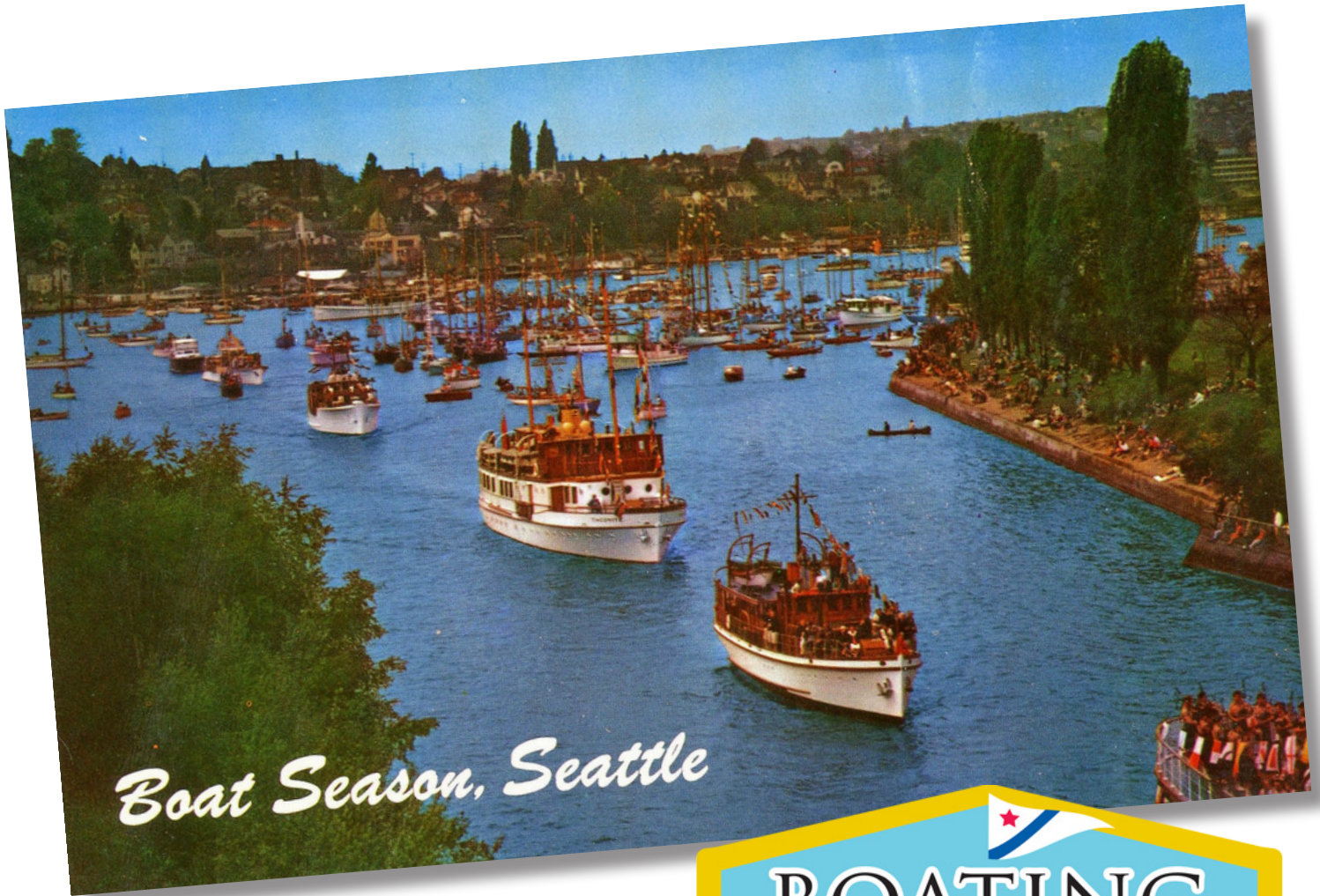


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Greg Gilbert, photo



From the Bridge of Faun

By Commodore Laura Shifflette

Those of us with classic boats have enjoyed cruising through the winter in the Salish Sea, snug as can be inside our lovely vessels, with the stove chugging away, keeping us toasty warm. Have you noticed, as we have, that there seems to be a much higher proportion of wooden vessels out cruising during the winter? I have no scientific basis for my theory, but it seems to me that our vintage vessels must be much more comfortable for winter cruising than their modern sisters, based on what types of vessels I see out on the water in the winter. The benefits of winter cruising are myriad: quiet waterways, peaceful anchorages, and the subtle beauty of nature at rest.

We've also been busy with annual maintenance tasks over the colder months, getting those big projects done, perhaps tackling a plank or two, ribs or frames; putting on another coat or two of varnish when the weather permits, and polishing the shiny bits.

The CYA Annual Meeting and Change of Watch for all five fleets traditionally occurs in January. Those who attended the CYA

Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in Sacramento were treated to a stay and meetings on a historic stern wheeler, the Delta King, plus a weekend of spectacular activities and venues warmly hosted by the Northern California Fleet. Recent heavy rains meant that the Sacramento River had extremely high water, and we were all wide eyed at entire trees moving swiftly downstream past us. In its meetings, the CYA bridge thoughtfully addressed many issues which will affect the future of the organization, including how best to adapt to our new status as a 501(c)3 organization with all that entails, and how to attract, retain, and continue to provide meaningful value to our members. Our Pacific Northwest Fleet will host this event in January, 2020, the CYA's 50th Anniversary.

A few CYA members visited Hobart, Tasmania in February, and, with representatives from Port Townsend, attended the largest wooden boat gathering in the world. This merely punctuates the fact that our wooden boat community as a whole has a global reach. The CYA recently welcomed

new members from Greece and Australia, which indicates that the geographical identity of our organization is shifting.

Now, spring is in the air! It's nearly time to get back to our vessels and begin the cruising season. Our annual CYA PNW Fleet calendar of events as already in full swing, and once again, the schedule is packed! April's calendar includes Daffodil Weekend, hosted by the Tacoma Yacht Club April 12-14, which is a great kickoff to the boating season.

If you haven't attended this event previously, please make an effort to do so. It's a lot of fun! Later in the month, we have three CYA events in one weekend. On Friday April 26, we'll kickoff Lake Union Drydock's Centennial celebration with a reception for CYA members at Diane Lander's Eastlake boathouse. She's arranged to have several lovely LUDD-built vessels on display, examples of the venerable shipyard's craftsmanship. We'll follow up with the Commodore's Cruise and parade on Lake Union on Saturday morning, April 27, ending up at the Center for Wooden Boats for LUDD's official open-to-the-public Centennial Celebration beginning at noon on the same day. See the CYA website for details.

Saturday, May 4 is officially Opening Day of Boating Season, hosted by the Seattle Yacht Club, but the entire week leading up to it has lots happening. CYA vessels once again have premier dock space on Dock Zero, and we are hoping for a great turnout. There will be live bands for dancing, free classic runabout rides given by our friends from the Antique and Classic Boat Society on Friday afternoon, plus a CYA potluck reception on Friday

The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

“It’s just a campin’ out boat.” That’s how the late Herb Cleaver, Life Member and founding commodore of the Pacific Northwest Fleet, would describe *Marian II*, the 1929 42 foot Lake Union Dream Boat now owned by Diane Lander. It’s the perfect description for most any of our precious classics. It implies a cozy, quaint way of viewing life onboard. Even when modern conveniences such as showers, refrigerators and microwaves find their way into classic yachting, there’s still that feeling that Herb described so well. Quarters are somewhat cramped, but comfortable. Amenities are few. There’s that warmth inside that only wooden boats can afford. Enjoying the quiet away from it all, listening for owls, eagles, cows, crows and the occasional seal breathing next to the boat (ask Jim Paynton about that one) become a way of life away



▲ Even the crew of the *Starship Enterprise* enjoys the pleasures of “camping out.”

from cell phones, social media and deadlines.

You now what else is like camping out? The staple onboard meals! I fondly remember as a youngster, anxiously anticipating a Paynton cruise favorite: hot dogs and beans! When you’re traveling, and with shopping stops few and far between, the ship’s stores are stocked with the simplest culinary items, largely in cans, or tucked away with the box

of Ding Dongs in the freezer.

Yes, classic boating is just that. It’s still largely exactly how families went boating in the twenties and thirties, and I think that is what draws us to it. It’s nostalgic. It’s relaxing. It’s comforting.

So, the next time you head out for an extended cruise, remember those words of Herb Cleaver. No matter the shine of your brass or sheen of your varnish, “it’s just a campin’ out boat.”

From the Bridge of FAUN, continued

evening on Dock 4. Saturday includes the opening ceremony, crew races, the vessel parade, awards ceremony, and closing ceremony. This year, LUDD vessels will have their own parade category. Don’t miss the fun!

Our schedule then really kicks into high gear in May as the above events are followed closely by the Olympia Wooden Boat Festival, the Tides Tavern Fish ‘n’ Ships Festival in Gig Harbor, and the Edmonds Waterfront Festival. Then, in June, Classic Weekend at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle, our premier CYA event.

The remainder of the summer is filled with more festivals and fun. Check the CYA website and Events Calendar for more up to date information, and come join us!

With our new streamlined membership process, we have welcomed quite a few new members recently. Please reach out to them. I encourage you to invite a newer CYA member to an event you are attending and make them feel welcome.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

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CYA Annual Meeting & Change of Watch

by Rick Randall, #1217



What better place to hold a Classic Yacht Association change of watch than on a classic vessel dating from the 1920s? Onboard the *Delta King*, launched in 1927, we were transported back to an earlier era when travel from Sacramento to San Francisco was both elegant and comfortable. “Passengers” this weekend include representatives from throughout the CYA, gathering for our Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Banquet. And while the *Delta King Hotel* remained firmly moored to the dock, we experienced much of the charm and elegance that was once part of daily life on the Sacramento River.

Members from the various fleets began arriving on Thursday, and

while no formal activities were planned that evening, many of us managed to renew old friendships or meet other members for the first time in the cozy *Delta King* bar, surrounded by enough mahogany to warm the heart of any Chris-Craft owner. Those choosing to take the optional Friday excursion visited the Haggin Museum in Stockton, which houses an extensive collection of records gathered from the Stephens Brothers yard when it closed in the 1980s. This was followed



▲ CYA Members gather in the banquet room for an excellent Change of Watch Dinner.

by a wonderful lunch at the home of Northern California Fleet member Rusty Arieas. On Friday evening we gathered at the historic Sutter Club in downtown Sacramento for a very special Welcome Party hosted by the Northern California Fleet. Special thanks to NC Fleet Director Gerry Kamilos for organizing this memorable event. Saturday morning brought the first half of our annual meeting, chaired by outgoing Commodore Scott Andrews. Spouses and others not attending the meeting had no trouble finding interesting attractions within walking distance, including the California Railroad Museum, the State Capitol, the Crocker Art Museum, and even a bit of shopping. Later that day we enjoyed a 1-hour river cruise on a local tour boat, traveling slowly upriver for about a mile and passing the confluence of the American River not far from the site where gold was discovered in 1848. That evening we all gathered in the banquet room aboard the *Delta King* for an excellent Change of Watch Dinner. With a new slate of officers installed, incoming CYA Commodore Garth McBride presided over the second half of the Annual Meeting on Sunday morning. While various topics were discussed during the two-day meeting, including the proposal by the PNW Fleet to rename the Vessel Review Committee to something more representative of its function (now the Yacht Registration Committee), the focus was on understanding our new status as a tax-exempt organization. There was broad consensus that this change opens



▲ *Delta King beckons CYA members aboard for the Change of Watch Banquet.*

both new opportunities and presents new challenges. A committee was formed to explore how best to pursue our mission and to achieve our organizational goals in this new environment.

We all owe a vote of thanks to the NC Fleet for hosting a fantastic event. Next year the PNW fleet is privileged to host the 50th Anniversary CYA Change of Watch in Seattle. You are all encouraged to participate and attend.



Lake Union Drydock Centennial & Commodore's Cruise

by Diane Lander, #926

Watch your e-mail in box for information about the exciting LUDD Centennial and Commodore's Cruise the weekend of April 26 and 27th. On April 26th there will be a reception at Diane Lander's "Big Blue Boathouse" at 1325 Fairview Avenue E. 5:30-8:30 PM. Food and beverages will be provided by Diane, together with a Centennial Cake. Come and see as many Lake Union Dreamboats as we can fit into the boathouse; and other LUDD built boats to include the *Blue Peter*, *Circe*, and possibly *Pirate*. Contact Diane Lander at 206-919-5099 or dianelanders@outlook.com with questions, but the e-mail will answer all of your questions and provide more details.

The next day, Saturday, April 27th, we will gather for the annual Commodore's Cruise at 10:30 AM off Gasworks Park. Bring your boat and plan to celebrate PNW Commodore Laura Shifflette. We will parade around the lake following *Faun* and end up at Center for Wooden Boats for the LUDD Centennial Celebration and lunch. Read the e-mail for details.



Opening Day

by Diane Lander, #926

Opening Day is just around the corner, on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. This year's theme is "Boating through the Decades" in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Lake Union Drydock Company. Friday May 3rd will be the usual CYA cocktail party on Dock 3 at Seattle Yacht Club in front of *Faun*. Join us at 6 PM and bring an appetizer to share and a beverage. The parade this year will have it's own judged category for LUDD built vessels, in addition to the usual Classic Power over 40' and Classic Power under 40'. Watch your e-mail for details and contact Diane Lander with questions. To register, go to: <http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/web/pages/opening-day-registration-form>.

Bell Harbor Classic Weekend

by Diane Lander, #926

Mark your calendars now for the PNW's largest and most iconic event, the Classic Weekend at Bell Harbor to be held on June 14-16, 2019. Once again, CYA members will be treated to free moorage on Friday and Saturday nights thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning and a whole host of other delights. For example, on Friday night there will be a Wine and Cheese "Welcome Ceremony" featuring wines from Structure Cellars being poured by the winemaker and owners of this boutique Washington winery. Not surprisingly the marquee class of boats this year will be Lake Union Dry Dock built vessels in honor of the 100th anniversary of the



company. Saturday night's dinner will again feature the fabulous caterer from last year with an excellent menu. There will be another raffle of really great items for our boats procured by the hard working committee. David Hutchausen is hard at work on another great poster. This is our largest event, and we expect a great turnout as always. The invitation and sign ups will be sent via e-mail in mid-April, so watch your e-mail so that you can sign up. Questions can be directed to Diane Lander or Jim and Margie Paynton.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE PNW FLEET!



Chandler Thomas
YACHTSIE
40' 1949 Chris-Craft
Seattle, WA
J. Paynton and D. Robinson, sponsors
Vintage

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New Members, continued

David and Liz Hoyle
HI'ILANI
34' 1955 Chris-Craft
Fingal, Victoria, Australia
Chip and Kristin Kochel, sponsors
Vintage



Mike and Shelley Monda
BELLA LUNA
42' 1963 Chris-Craft
Seattle, WA
Jim Paynton, sponsor
Vintage



Pacific Northwest Fleet
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tacoma YC Daffodil Weekend
April 12-14

Olympia Wooden Boat Festival
May 10-12

Lake Union Drydock Centennial Celebration
April 26

Tides Tavern Classic Fish 'N' Ships Festival
May 17-19

PNW Commodore's Cruise - CYA Opening Day
April 27

Maple Bay Wooden Boat Festival
May 17-19

PNW Opening Day
May 4

Edmonds Waterfront Festival
May 31 - June 2