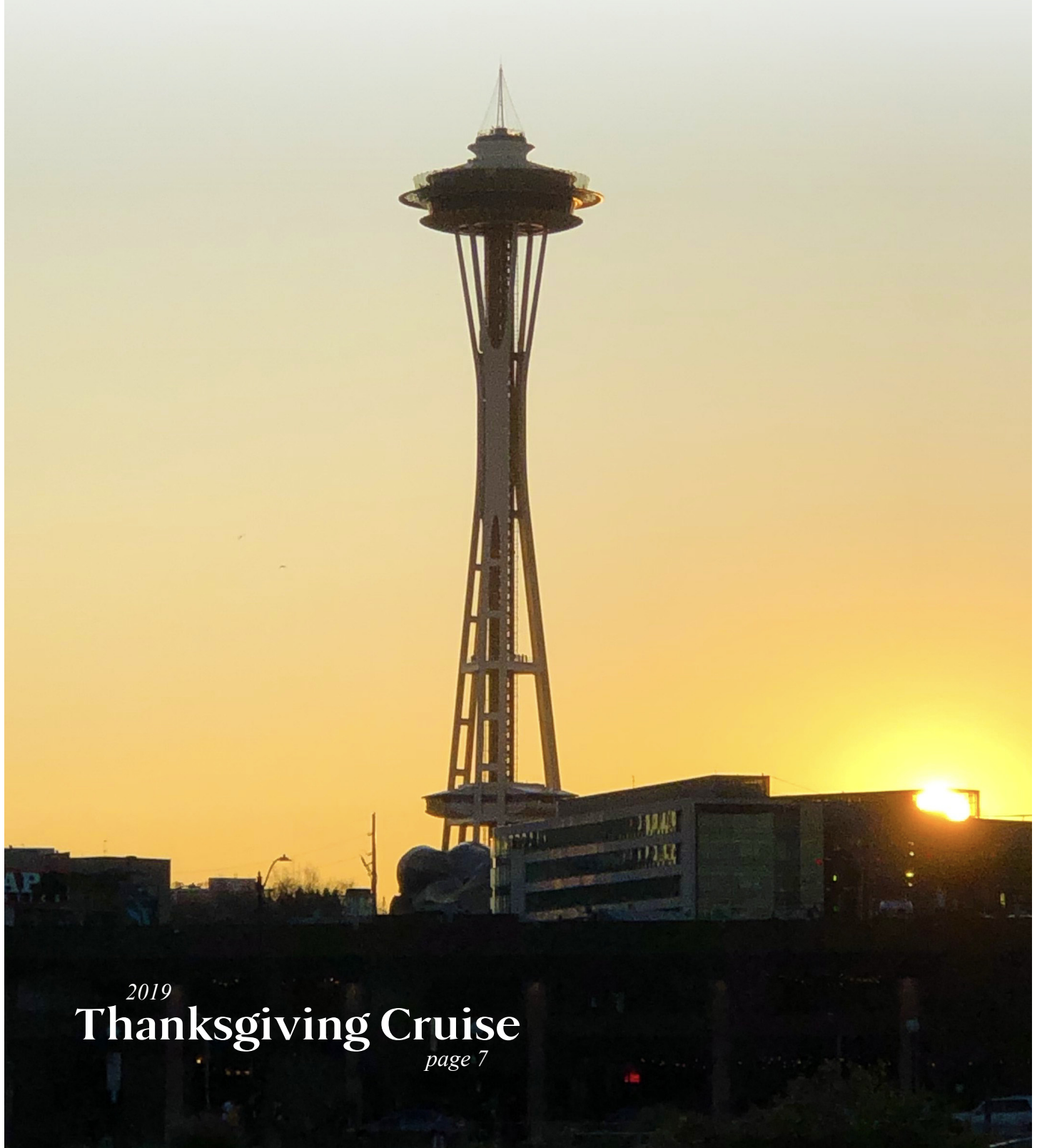


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**CLASSIC YACHTING**

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*Photo by Matt Paynton*



## ***From the Bridge of Endeavor***

*By Commodore Bill Foulk*

I'm hoping everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season! We are looking forward to a great New Year in the start of this new decade. I hope to see as many members and guests as possible at our upcoming International Change of Watch this month, sign up on the website. If anyone has any ideas or concerns about things Fleet related, please free free to contact me by email or call or text.

Respectfully,

Bill Foulk

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## ***Pacific Northwest Fleet to host International Change of Watch Banquet***

*from the CYA Website:*

Please join us in Seattle as we bring our fleets together for the annual Change of Watch celebration of the Classic Yacht Association. The weekend event will combine meetings of the officers and directors from our five fleets as well as a banquet to honor the outgoing and incoming bridge. This year, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Classic Yacht Association, so we have lots of special events planned. See the Schedule of Events for more details. You do not need to be an officer or director to attend. Come join us for this fun and festive weekend and support the CYA!



# The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

Fifty years is a long time. Our Association turns fifty this year. While that is an amazing achievement in its own right, what's even more impressive is that there are boats still in the association that have had constant membership since 1970.

To put that in perspective, these lovely boats that were pioneers in a group founded for the preservation and maintenance of fine old wooden pleasure craft - the key word here is "old" - were still considered old, even fifty years ago. Granted, many of them weren't even fifty years old themselves yet, but they represented a bygone era in so many ways that they seemed like ancient history. Flash forward to 1990. Seemingly a lot more recent, it too has now been thirty years ago. But stick with me. That year brought *Maranee's* 50th birthday. And for being built in 1940, she was still just a relative baby in the CYA fleet at the time. For me as a spry 11 year-old, fifty years seemed so old! Without much life experience to lend perspective, that five decades may as well have been ten.

Forever preserved in the boat's record is a family photo published in an issue of *Classic Boating* in November of 1990, showing me, tongue at the side of my mouth,

anticipating being the first to partake of the birthday cake made for the occasion of *Maranee's* fiftieth, celebrated at that year's Port Ludlow Rendezvous by Land, Sea & Air (The old timers will remember these rendezvous fondly).

What's amazing to consider now in 2020 is that the same amount of time has gone by since that birthday celebration in 1990 as the number of years after *Maranee's* construction that the CYA was founded! That's right. *Maranee* was a fully-qualifying "classic" yacht at a mere thirty years of age.

We've all heard the adage "age is just a number." And I think that is what helps us appreciate "old" things. Especially when they give us the same joy they did thirty - or even fifty - years ago. I thought back to that boat birthday cake a few years ago when my 1966 Mustang turned fifty. I was blown away that the car had achieved the same milestone as the boat had all those years ago. And for some reason, the car didn't



*The Beatles in 1970*

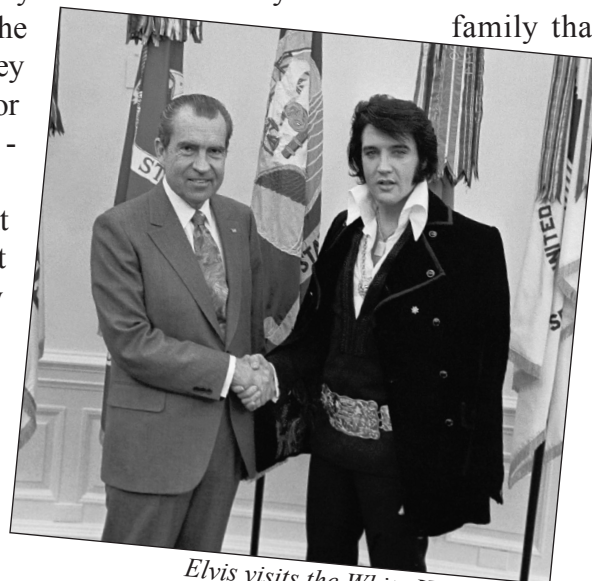


*Apollo 13 successfully splashes down, 1970*

seem as "old" as the boat did at the same age. I guess it's just a matter of perception.

So, as we all celebrate the founding of our association fifty years ago, let us remember the friends and family that have been a

part of our collective CYA journeys. The boats are even older now - and so are we - but "age is just a number" has never been more true than it is now.



*Elvis visits the White House, 1970*

Happy birthday CYA, you're looking younger all the time! What's your secret?

# *A Winter Weekend on Land:*

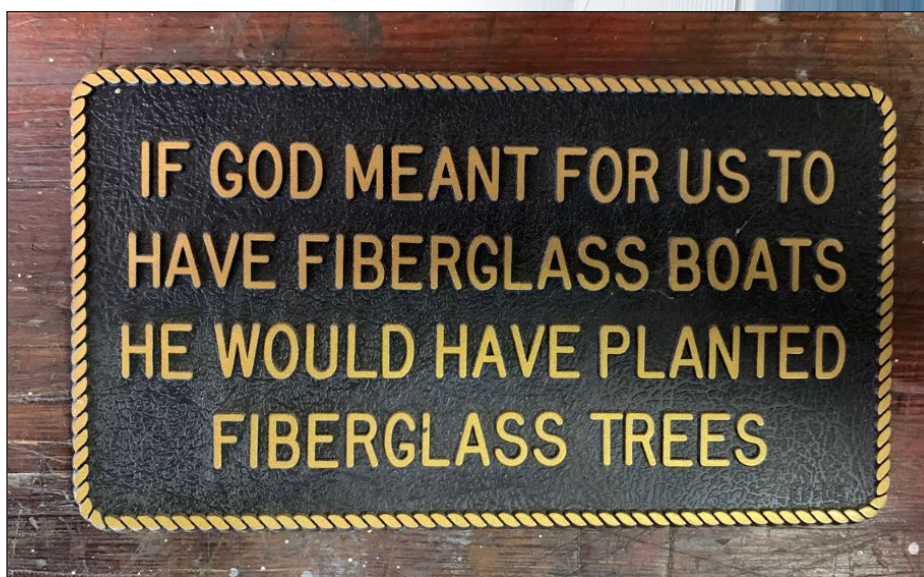
## *Building for our Future and Hearing Stories of the Past*

By Kathy Weber, #1481

**W**e have planned a weekend in the Port Townsend area, where students learn the skills of building and maintaining our classic wooden yachts--home of the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, and where 20% of jobs countywide are in the maritime industry!

In this vibrant maritime region, we will have conversation about the past, share ideas about the future, and uncover resources for us and our classic yachts for today! Plan to arrive early afternoon Friday for a program that starts at 2pm and goes through Saturday dinner. Hotel rooms are blocked for two nights! Limited supply. If you prefer to come by sea, let us know. We will stay at the Old Alcohol Plant\*, Port Hadlock- phone (360) 390-4017. Ask for your CYA discount!

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning we will be at the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building in Port Hadlock. We will have campus tours, hear the history, get a glimpse of future plans, and hear from an alumni panel. Followed by a no host dinner at the legendary Ajax Café. We look forward to Saturday morning lectures by faculty-designed just for us!



Saturday afternoon we will go into Port Townsend for three private tours of classic yacht businesses! We will see the renovation of *Western Flyer*, made famous by Steinbeck, in process of restoration. We will see three large Ted Geary-designed yachts out of water for winter work in the shipyard. And we will tour the *Adventuress*, a schooner of 1913, and learn how it is used in youth and adult education.

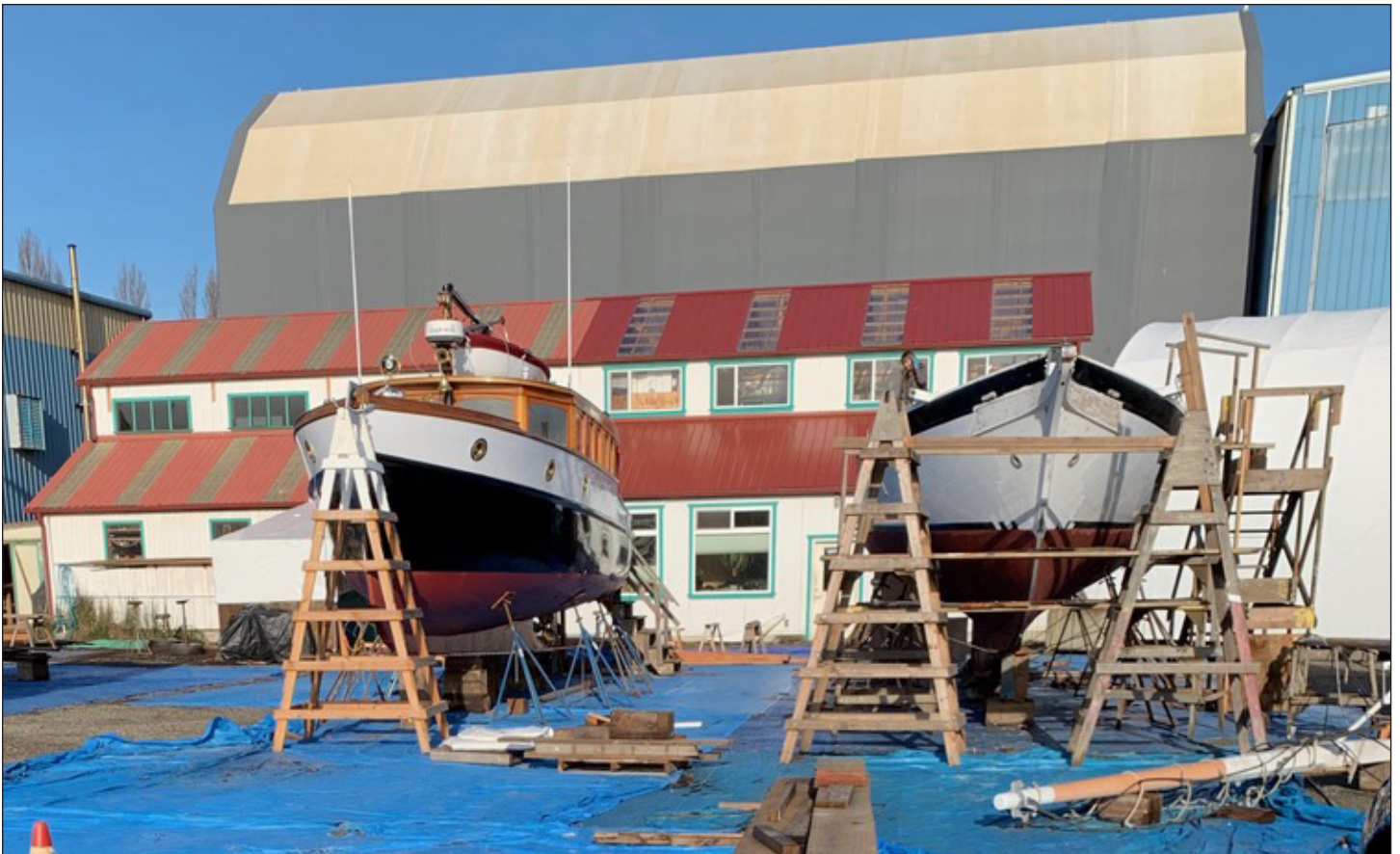
To cap off the weekend, we will have a Saturday evening banquet at the Old Alcohol Plant, at only \$20/person, thanks to our sponsors. You will hear from two guest speakers and may win a maritime trivia contest!

It is going to be super fun! Register to attend by sending email to us now! Deadline to register February 14. RSVP to [webershain@gmail.com](mailto:webershain@gmail.com).



\*If you wish to come by sea, contact Kathy Weber or Bill Shain for logistics!

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## Passages

# Connie Munsey

## Remembering an Individualist

by Mike Oswald, #744

*Definition of an individualist:*

- : one that pursues a markedly independent course in thought or action*
- : steadfast in philosophy; loyal to friends, favoring freedom for individuals over collective or state control*
- : marches to the beat of their own drum and are always up for a challenge*

Connie left us December 13. Until the last she fought for her life with the strength, vigor and determination of three, but the nemesis closed in on all sides and overwhelmed her. In her passing, we should remember that this was a person willing to challenge even the unknown for a few more weeks or days. It should be remembered that as she was true to her friends, they stayed with her to the last to say goodbye.

Twenty-eight years ago, Malcom Munsey was recommended to me as a marine surveyor, I had no idea

that Connie would come in the bargain. Malcom was from down east Maine and as taciturn as they come. Connie? Well, she definitely made up the other half of the team. She walked through the door with a smile on her face as upbeat as if her own band was following her. She would never pass for the usual Seattle woman. Indeed, she'd lived in some east coast tank town called New York and then there were several years half a world away in Australia. Places like that can impress or leave a mark on the psyche challenging and forming your world view. She

drank it all in from a full cup. She was direct. At first, I thought almost brash. As we got to know her, it became clear that she was not offensive or cruel in speech, she simply did not suffer fools. Often softening her words in a wry, yet accurate comment you knew where you and she stood: more importantly, she accepted you for you.

Connie adored and loved Malcom Munsey. As Malcom's help mate when he took on the rebuild of the *Virginia V*, Connie was there to leave her mark, as he. Later when age advanced, she did her paramount to support and comfort him.

Let it be said that Connie loved Malcom, her daughter, grandkids, her close friends, this country, and the *Virginia V* pretty much in that order. Through good times and bad, sometimes in sadness or in discomfort, she demonstrated that she cared; she remained true to them all. How many of us are able to meet that mark?

It was an honor to be her friend.

*We were the last proud owners of Resolute, until she burned to ashes on November 22, 2019, in a fire that demolished Abreu Boatworks in Trappe, MD.*

*We purchased Resolute from the Center for Wooden Boats in Seattle, WA, in September 2016. We had her shipped across the country where we enjoyed her in the harbor of Baltimore, MD, for 2 1/2 years, before taking her to Abreu Boatworks.*

*Her \$50K restoration was nearly complete, when a fire in an Elco boat right next to Resolute in the shop became out of control, and took down the whole shop and all 4 boats inside, including Resolute. We had "apply for CYA membership" on our to-do list.*

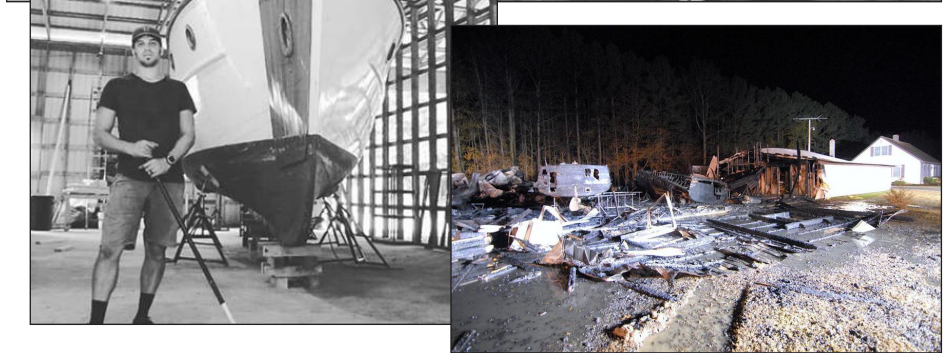
*Resolute was truly one-of-a-kind.*

*We thought the CYA should know.*

*Kate Griffin*



*Photos courtesy of Abreu Boat Works*



# *Around the Sound*



◀ The 2019 Thanksgiving Cruise was held at South Lake Union Park on November 29. Participating vessels were Maranee, Saga, and Marian II. Lovely autumn weather made for a warm and sunny afternoon at the park, and a number of visitors strolled by to see the boats. Two boxes of food were collected from the participating classics to be taken to a local food bank.



◀ CYA Life Members Monty Holmes and Dorin Robinson, photographed at Monty's recent birthday party. We won't tell you how old Monty is, but his age is divisible by 9 and 10. Happy Birthday Monty!

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Pacific Northwest Fleet  
UPCOMING EVENTS

**2020 CYA Change of Watch  
Banquet & Meetings**  
January 17-19

**Port Townsend Winter Weekend**  
*(See feature in this newsletter)*  
February 28-29