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## *From the Bridge of Endeavor*

By Commodore Bill Foulk

**G**reetings,  
I hope everyone is doing well. Summer is here, the days are getting warmer and the weather is awesome.

This year there will be more opportunities to gather together with our beautiful Classic Yachts. The Bell Street Rendezvous was a great success thanks to Diane Lander and all the other volunteers. The Summer Cruise is underway. For the boats that are participating it will be a great time out on the water.

A couple of big events to mark on your calendar are the annual meeting be held at the Center for Wooden Boats September 25th from 10am till noon. The Change of Watch will be in October.

Please watch your emails for fleet updates and check out the website

for the event information. Be happy, be healthy, get out and enjoy this wonderful environment we live in.

Respectfully,

Bill Foulk  
Commodore PNW Fleet



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# The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

It's an experience all its own to be aboard a wood boat on a hot summer day. Wood has a way of retaining heat that lasts well into the night, after the sun has gone down, as you're laying on your bunk with the porthole open, desperate for a light breeze to come through as you struggle to cool down. It may even be tempting to go out on the deck and roll out a sleeping bag and sleep under a canopy of stars, falling asleep to the sound of the water gently lapping against the hull. But, as soon as that sounds like the perfect way to cool off, you remember that you'd actually wake up drenched in the morning dew, itself a sign that it'll be another hot day. Dew on the deck, sun on your neck, they say.

As our summers continue to get hotter and hotter, we find ourselves in this situation more and more often: hot days roasting in the afternoon sun,



▲ Hollywood's Mitzi Gaynor performs "It's Too Darn Hot" on the Ed Sullivan Show on February 16, 1964.

and baking in the heat retained by the wood at night. There have been a number of memorable heat waves in recent years, with nothing you can do to combat them but brace yourself for the high temperatures and hunker down in the lowest part of the boat in an effort to keep as cool as possible. If you close your eyes, you can almost catch the smell of the varnish

baking on the deck and the sound of the pennant on the jackstaff barely moving in the breeze.

It may seem pretty miserable to be baked alive by your own boat, but it's always a fond memory come a rainy November day when you might happen to remember it a little differently, and that it wasn't really that bad after all.

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## Recommended Professional Resources

By Tina Stotz, PNW Fleet Vice Commodore

Ahoy PNW members! As planned, we held our PNW Spring Townhall on May 22nd via Zoom. A small, but enthusiastic group joined the meeting to recommend professional wooden boat service providers. We gathered recommendations – and contact information – for individuals and companies in the following categories:

- Marine Mechanics
- Marine Electricians
- Marine Surveyors
- Shipwrights
- Boatyards

That information has been summarized into an Excel document called "PNW Member-Recommended Professional Resources – 5-22-21," posted to the member section of the CYA website at Classic Yacht Association - Fleets Documents & Info.

Please take a look at this initial list and contact Tina Stotz at [tinastotz13@icloud.com](mailto:tinastotz13@icloud.com) if you are working with professionals that you would recommend to other members. I'm sure your personal recommendations could be very helpful to our members and would be appreciated by the professionals

providing their services to you. I will modify the document periodically to keep it up to date, so it continues to be a resource for all of us.

# Bell Harbor Classic Weekend

By Diane Lander, Association Commodore



Photos by Steve Wilen

As the new year approached and severe pandemic restrictions drug on, it was not clear whether we would be able to have hold our annual Bell Harbor Rendezvous. I was more determined than ever that the event would go forward with whatever COVID19 restrictions were in place at the time. We have been unable to negotiate a long-term moorage contract to reserve our annual Father's Day event with the Port of Seattle at the Bell Harbor Marina and understanding the politics of the Port of Seattle and the sometimes difficult situation in dealing with the Port, I pushed forward with planning the event not knowing early on what it might look like. For the many of us who attended and the public who came to see the boats, it was a great weekend, and I am thrilled to report that the boats came out despite the lingering uncertainty of the pandemic.

For those lucky 35 boats who attended, we had a glorious event. Days of great weather, and the waterfront more lovely than ever

with the viaduct down and the cruise ships gone (at least temporarily) made for a delightful weekend. Most attendees mentioned that they had a wonderful time. There was plenty of time to get together and meet new people, as the public crowds were down. Not knowing how many people we would be able to have on the docks, and then finding out that a maximum of 50 at a time were allowed, we forged ahead and had extra volunteers counting numbers of visitors on the dock. It turned out to be a great strategy (which we had no choice over) to have fewer visitors on the dock, it gave us more opportunity to spend time together.

We also had to have extra volunteers including almost all members of the



▲ Commodore Diane Lander's (#926) 1929 Lake Union Dry Dock Marian II.

PNW Bridge who were present to deliver the individually boxed dinners since we were unable to gather up on the plaza for the dinner. Fortunately, we were not relying on Pat Irving's usual generous donation of centerpieces for the tables since we had no big dinner, as she fell while walking her dog and broke her wrist during the event. It would have been impossible for her to create her magical centerpieces with one arm! She is recovering now and is entered for the "Up the Creek Without a Paddle" award later in the year. I think this is our first and hopefully our last injury accident at our rendezvous.

It was extra exciting for the new owners of *Teal* to be on board their vessel. Amado Shuck and Lisa Haug are enthusiastic new caretakers of *Teal* and are new CYA members. Likewise, the Bailey family who now own *Linmar* were out in full force and are going to be a great addition to our PNW fleet as well. Two generations of the Almer family, relatively new caretakers of *Pied Piper* really enjoyed the weekend, and it was great to get to know them as well. Jeremy Carlson made a pass through in a darling little classic speed boat and it was wonderful to see a young man who has grown up in the PNW fleet driving his own small boat carefully through the marina.



▲ Michelle and Brad Bailey's *Linmar* is a great addition to the PNW fleet.



▲ Slim Gardner's (#108) 1929 Hoffar-Beeching M/V *Deerleap*

Special thanks to the entire Bell Harbor Committee, Jim and Margie Paynton, Chip and Kristin Kochel, Janice and Roger Palmer, and Dorin Ellis. Kristin was especially busy with coordinating all our volunteers with extra volunteer positions added due to the pandemic restrictions.

Also, thank to our sponsors including Lake Union Dry Dock Company, Fisheries Supply, Haven Boatworks, Port Townsend Shipwrights Co-Op, Pacific Fisherman, CSR Marine, and our own Association Rear Commodore Gerry Kamilos of the Northern California fleet who made a generous donation. Bell Harbor is an increasingly expensive event to put on; and due to my fund-raising efforts, we have been able to date to continue to offer complimentary moorage on Friday and Saturday nights to all attendees. How much longer we will be able to continue this is unknown, this year our moorage and electricity for the weekend was nearly \$7,000 for the two nights, and this was with a 30% discount that I was able to obtain. It is extremely disappointing when we have last minute cancellations for these coveted moorage slips!

Next year's event will be the 25th anniversary of Jim and Margie Paynton's great idea for this rendezvous. We are sure to have several special celebrations at the 25th anniversary event. If you are interested in serving on the 2022 Bell Harbor Committee, please contact me at [dianelander@outlook.com](mailto:dianelander@outlook.com). We can use more committee volunteers for sure! Put the dates on your 2022 calendar now – it is going to be another wonderful event on June 17-19, 2022.

# Opening Day

By Diane Lander, Association Commodore

Photos by Matt Paynton



It was a sad day when Seattle Yacht Club announced that due to the pandemic, Opening Day of Boating was switching to a virtual format and that for the second year in a row there was to be no parade or other festivities. Although I did enter a photo of my dogs in the category of “Dogs Dressed to the Theme” (which won First Place by the way) I quickly decided that the CYA needed to bring our boats out for a parade. We organized ourselves and at least

12 boats gathered off Gasworks Park on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Many of us flew our signal flags and it was a lovely day without rain! We were led by the *Malibu* captained by Rick Etsell, and the *Blue Peter* captained by Scott Gienow brought up the rear. We paraded twice around Lake Union. After that we went to the West and South Walls at South Lake Union Park and moored our boats. We enjoyed socially distant appetizers. Our hastily arranged appetizer buffet didn't have the

benefit of any tables, we just used a tablecloth from someone's boat and put our food down on the steps! We sat and enjoyed each other's company for the first time in over a year; and except for an errant lab who jumped off of a moored boat and tried to grab our food, we had a lovely day.

Next year's Opening Day will occur on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Put it on your calendar now and plan to bring your boat out to the festivities.



Greg Gilbert's (#288) 46' 1926 Lake Union Drydock Winifred.



◀ *Chip and Kristin Kochel's (#983) 40' 1962 Owens Aloha.*

*Greg Gustafson (#1040) and Captain Rick Etsell led the parade around Lake Union with the 100' 1926 Blanchard Malibu.* ▶



◀ *Diane Lander's (#926) winning entry for "Dogs Dressed to the Theme" for Seattle Yacht Club's virtual Opening Day, 2021. The theme was "Rock Around The Dock."*

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