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Photo by Jim Paynton



From the Bridge of Endeavor

By Commodore Bill Foulk

Greetings all,
Happy for the new year, welcome to 2021! I am hopeful that this will be a better cruising year for the PNW Fleet. There seems to be optimism that some of our larger events will hopefully take place. They may have a slightly different appearance or feel, but we will be doing something! Please check the website and the information in the emails that will be coming to stay current with what events. I am especially optimistic to be participating in cruises and events, I finally have my boat back in the boathouse in Tacoma. It was in Seattle being worked on for a little over a year. I had many system upgrades and new equipment installed, of course everything is below the deck, so

no one will ever see them but me! I am looking forward to seeing many of you during the year, I wish you all good health and safe boating!

Bill Foulk
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The FO'C'S'LE

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

You've probably heard the phrase, "Go to your happy place" before. I admit it's not the worst place to be told where to go, and it is usually meant to suggest a place of calm, peace and where life's stresses don't affect you.

Over the course of a hellish 2020, with cancelled events, days of isolation and an aura of uncertainty hanging in the air like wildfire smoke - sorry, one crisis at a time - it was easy to decide where my "happy place" was. And I don't think I am alone in this one, either.

Picture if you will, that fleeting time known as the "Golden Hour." It's mid-August. It's been a warm and calm day, maybe even complete with a relaxing crossing from one of your favorite stops to another not to be missed. The sun sparkles off the water as it's begun its journey toward the horizon. What breeze there was has dissipated, and you can hear faint drips of the small fish just below the surface, probably hoping for a glimpse of the sunset in progress. There's a sense of calm, of completion. A good day turning into a spectacular star-filled night.

There's nothing quite like experiencing the Golden Hour on board a boat - and I feel as though I am biased to say - especially on a wooden boat. There's dew forming on the deck, maybe even a slight chill in the air. But all good things come to an end, and Golden Hour, which is by my recollection, certainly *less* than an



Jim and Margie Paynton (#427) soaking up the Golden Hour aboard *Maranee*.

hour, is over. But perhaps it is so named because it can sometimes seem to stretch on forever.

Perhaps needless to say, I went to this "happy place" of mine a lot throughout the course of 2020. Inevitably, I visit this golden hour paradise in my imagination every winter anyway, like in the midst of a November storm, with wind and rain pelting the house, maybe a fire in the fireplace and that feeling like winter has only really just begun and to expect the same until April. But then I think back to being on board the boat at the Golden Hour and I am filled with calm and the warmth of fond memories.

2020 made this a bit more than an occasional winter daydream. This happy place was sometimes the only place that seemed like it wasn't affected by current events and that if we were lucky, we could visit it again soon.

And now, we're starting 2021 with a refreshed sense of optimism, of hope and a determination to make it every bit of the year that 2020 wasn't.

So, I challenge you to take a reflective moment, and think about what your happy place is. Is it the Golden Hour like mine? Perhaps it's the feeling unlike any other when you're underway, looking out of the windshield at nothing but clear blue waters ahead with the sound of the engines and water passing effortlessly under the hull filling your ears.

Hopefully sooner than later we can experience these happy places for real again. But in the meantime, I'll be right where I've been: in my Golden Hour happy place aboard *Maranee* feeling lucky to witness it and hoping it lasts forever.

Life Membership Awarded to Dennis Ballard & Peter Riess

By Jim & Margie Paynton, #427

With technological savvy and some cross-country collusion, Association Commodore Diane Lander presented CYA's highest honor, Life Membership, to PNW Fleet members Dennis Ballard and Peter Riess at the recent Association Board of Directors meeting. The surprised pair were participating in the meeting via Zoom from their winter home in Florida. Commodore Diane began the day's business by announcing that an important commendation was about to be made. Peter and Dennis were astonished to hear their names read as the newest Life Members of the Classic Yacht Association. Unbeknownst to them, Peter's sister Freddi, who lives near them in central Florida, had been secretly recruited by Commodore Diane to present them with the commemorative plaque at the exact moment their nomination was being read into the meeting record in Seattle.

CYA bylaws describe Life Members as those "who have outstandingly served the CYA at the Association level and whom the Association especially wishes to recognize." Commodore Diane began her remarks by saying, "We can think of no more worthy nominees for this honor than Dennis Ballard and Peter Riess." She went on to describe in some detail Dennis' and Peter's many contributions over the past 25 years to the CYA, as members of both the Southern California Fleet

and the Pacific Northwest Fleet. With Dennis' co-production of the beautiful hard-bound CYA photo album, duty as multiple committee chairs, and service as SC Fleet Commodore three separate times, plus Peter's contributions as Commodore of both the SC and PNW Fleets, Association roster editor for a number of years, and task force leader on a number of CYA initiatives, the decision by the Association Board to honor these two gentlemen was an obvious one.

More complete coverage of their contributions to CYA will be forthcoming in the next Association newsletter. In the meantime, Dennis and Peter, may your richly-deserved Life Member plaque inspire your dreams of soon returning to Puget Sound to enjoy many more years of happy cruising, fair winds, and following seas.



2020 Thanksgiving Cruise

By Jim Paynton, #427



Proudly billed as the longest running continuous event on the PNW Fleet calendar, the Thanksgiving Cruise took place on Friday, November 27, 2020. Not even the pandemic could slow down this venerable Lake Union celebration, as seven CYA vessels took part this year in a socially distanced yacht parade around the lake and out on to Lake Washington under warm autumn sunshine. *Faun*, *Maranee*, *Marian II*, *Miss Susie*, *Patamar*, *Seven Bells* and *Thelonius* and their crews, happy to be out on the water, took part in the festivities. Stowing away aboard the *Maranee* was Diane Van Ornum, and joining the parade was Jon Bengtsson aboard his prospective member vessel, a 1962 Egg Harbor. Dorin Ellis joined in the fun vicariously from Gasworks Park, as he skillfully piloted his drone over the fleet and captured some amazing photos of the yachts.

The potluck of Thanksgiving leftovers that typically finishes off the event was omitted this year due to Coronavirus restrictions. In lieu of the annual holiday food collection for the less fortunate that has been a hallmark of this event over the years, participants were asked to contribute to the KING 5 Hometeam Harvest program.

More photos next page



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◀ Assembled vessels gather in Lake Union for a socially-distanced procession on a beautiful fall day.
Photo by Dorin Ellis



▲ Association Commodore Diane Lander's Marian II leads the parade around Lake Union.
Photo by Jim Paynton



▲ Ken Meyer's Patamar rounds the south end of Lake Union in the golden autumn afternoon sunlight.
Photo by Jim Paynton



Miss Susie joined the parade in her first official CYA outing. ▶
Photo by Jim Paynton

Submissions Welcome!

By Matt Paynton, Newsletter Editor

After a year as empty as 2020 was, without our familiar gatherings, cruises, events and shows to fill up our schedules and collective memories, we're understandably a little hard-pressed to come up with content for this newsletter. So consider this my invitation to you to submit anything you like - whether it be your favorite cruise, a favorite port of call, a project you're proud of, or a feature about your boat, or its builder.

Like it says in the masthead of this newsletter, it is produced "by and for the Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association" and it runs on submissions from members, no matter if they've been in the roster for forty years, or if they haven't attended an event yet. We can all benefit from the shared knowledge that all the members of this fleet share, and don't worry about how good of a writer you are. You have stories that need to be told!

It has been my great pleasure to serve as newsletter editor for this fleet. I encourage your submissions, photos and stories so we can have a newsletter the whole fleet can be proud of. Thank you in advance and I can always be reached at <m.paynton@comcast.net>. Newsletter submission deadlines are always posted in the staff section of every issue.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE PNW FLEET!



Steve & Kim Pile
TABU
32' 1962 Forder/Monk
Bellingham, WA
Margie Paynton, sponsor

Gerard & Pamela Zytnicki
RIVA
52' 1953 Chris-Craft
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Jack and Joanne Molan
JOAHNA K
58' 1952 Fellows and Stewart
Brinnon, WA
Margie Paynton, sponsor