



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

WINTER, 2010

2010 EVENTS

March 20
OPENING DAY
PORTS O' CALL

April 24
AFFILIATE'S
BARBEQUE -
LANDLUBBER'S
AUCTION

May 15
TOM BROWN
MEMORIAL
PREDICTED LOG
RACE

June 18-19
COMMODORE'S
CATALINA CRUISE

July 23-25
OLD FASHIONED
DAY IN THE PARK

August
SEAFEST

August 21-22
MARINA PACIFICA

September 17-18
WHITE ISLAND
RENDEZVOUS

October 15-16
CATALINA ISLAND
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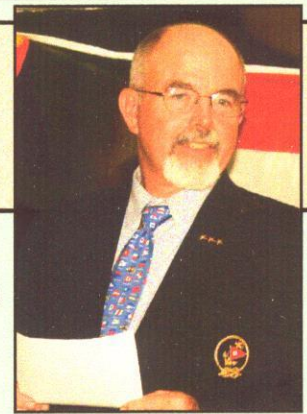
TBA
CHANGE OF WATCH

*Fun but Drizzly Days in Seattle
The 2010 International Change of Watch Weekend.*



*Spectacular Dining Room.
Diane Vanderbeck's, M.V. OLYMPUS, hosted Sunday Afternoon Cruise.*

Note from the Bridge, Commodore, Dennis Ballard

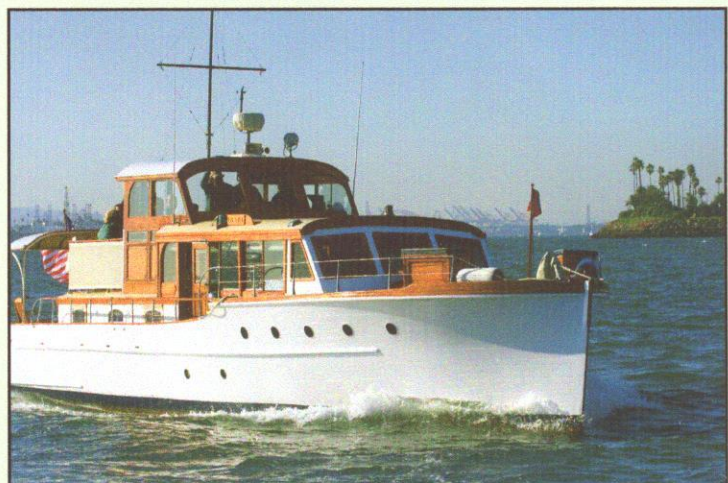


Happy 2010 to all the fleet members, wherever you may be! We have an exciting year in front of us all, and I'm glad to serve as Southern California Fleet Commodore again in 2010. I am honored to have a supporting Bridge who have consistently participated and served so diligently and professionally in all aspects of their duties. I urge the fleet, in support of their talented bridge, to volunteer, as in the past, and be as active as possible in the upcoming events.

We watched many close members pass "Over the Bar" in 2009, and it hurt us all. In their memory I look forward, as they would want us to, to a great season ahead. We have a newly elected Rear Commodore to usher us into this New Year with our Opening Day. Larry Walker has planned a San Pedro outing with dock space for our boats. Ports O' Call Village is charming and quaint, and offers a change of venue that we all can welcome. Mark March 20th on your calendar and don't miss out. The following month, keep April 24th available, as our annual auction and Affiliates Barbeque will take place with a fun theme and great food as always. Start gathering treasures to support our fleet for the auction, as we hope to top last year success and look forward to swapping bounty with all who attend. This year is our first year for the Tom Brown Memorial Predicted Log Race. We have chosen May for this event and hope to see many participate in Tom Brown's honor. I look to a very close race for all participating and a great barbeque on the dock to follow. My Commodore's Cruise is up and coming in June, and I hope to celebrate my retirement in Catalina with all who attend. This is a challenging time for us all to stay afloat. Therefore working together as a fleet is comforting and therapeutic. I look forward to seeing new and old faces at all the upcoming events. More news will follow in the best newsletter of all the fleets and the pride of our fleet, "Classic Times".

Calm seas,

Commodore Dennis Ballard



"OPENING DAY 2010"

*-Do not miss
this one!*

Our new Rear Commodore, Larry Walker, with collaboration from Christine, Cathy, and Dennis, has a great day planned for us. They even have a little surprise treat for you to take home. Here is what to expect:

Saturday March 20th

Ports O' Call Restaurant, Ports O' Call village, San Pedro

9:00 am - Boats arrive at dock and slips reserved for us.

10:00 am - Social hour on the dock with the classic yachts.

11:00 am - Buffet-style breakfast will be served in a private room overlooking the harbor.

Afternoon - Yachts seeking to take harbor cruise will depart taking guest along for the outing.

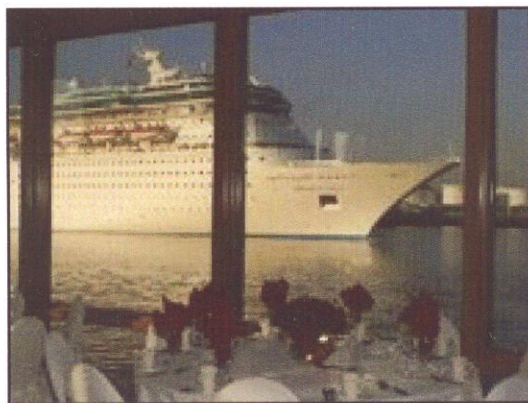
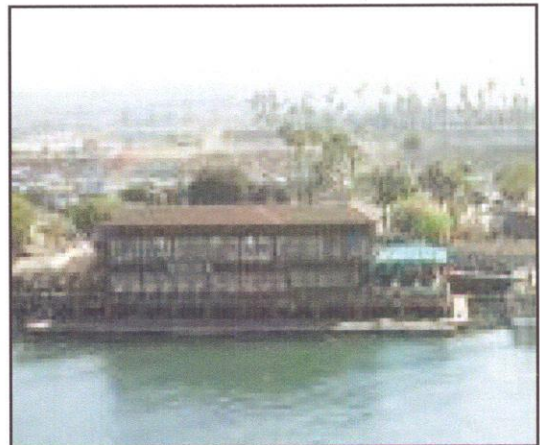
This year we are returning to a traditional Opening Day celebration where yacht owners bring their boats out for the first cruise of the new boating season. This is a great opportunity to not only socialize with old friends but to make new ones. As with most of our events you are welcome to invite your friends to come with us as guests. We encourage this and see it as a great way to introduce new people to classic yachting and the Classic Yacht Association.

In 1994 I was invited to attend a CYA event by a friend who was an affiliate member at the time. That day altered the course of my life in a very positive way. CYA adopted me and I have be-

come a very active member since. I guess that in this life you never know which way the wind will blow you. Who knows, your unsuspecting friend could end up becoming a Classic Yacht owner.

Mark the Calendar for the 20th, and start the boating year off with a nice CYA brunch and cruise. See you there-

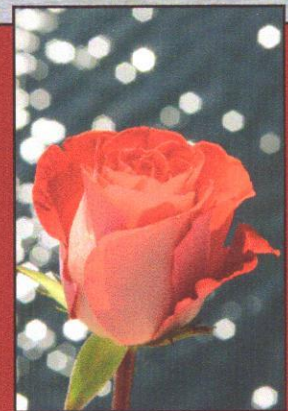
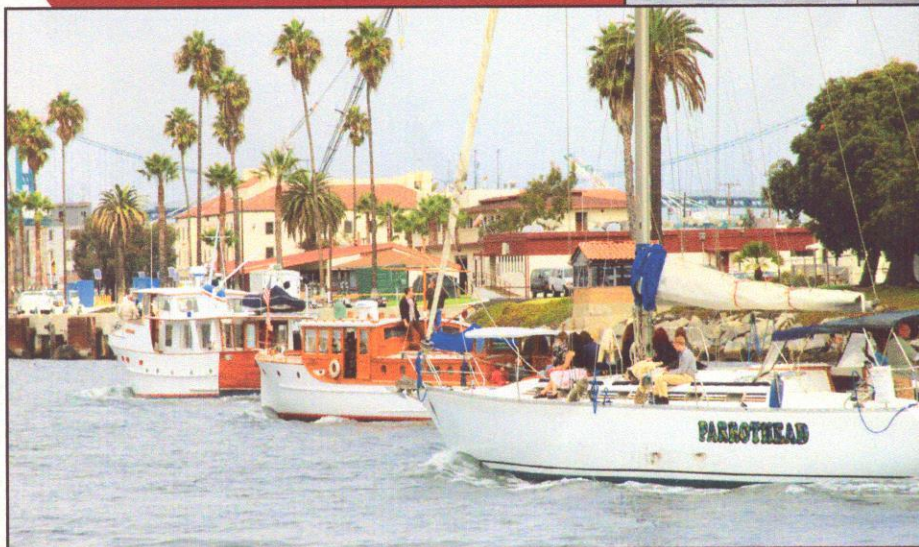
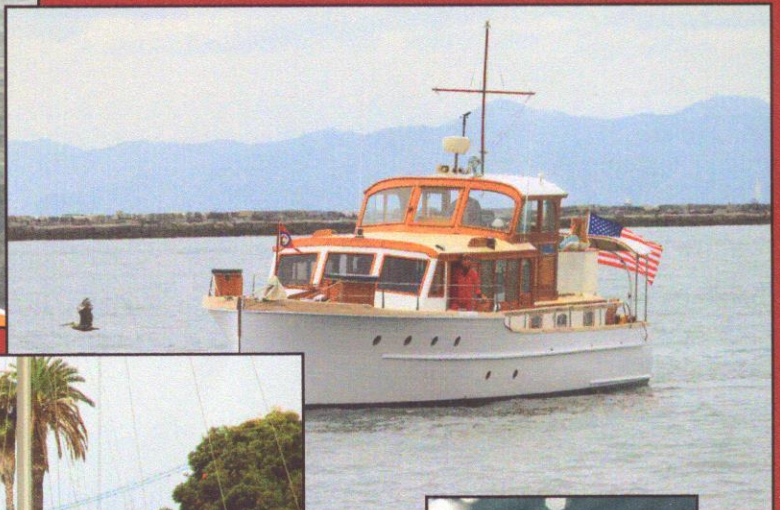
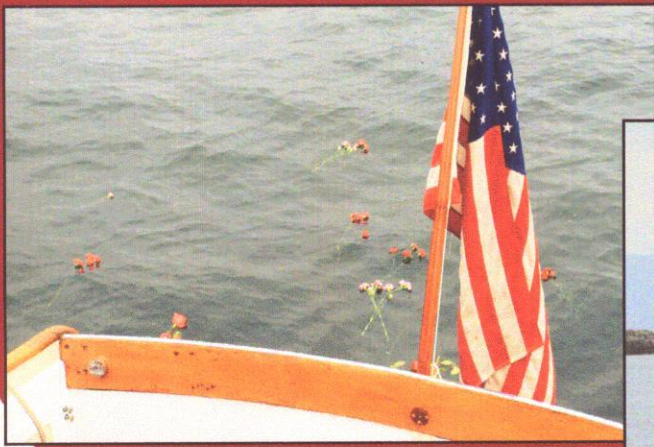
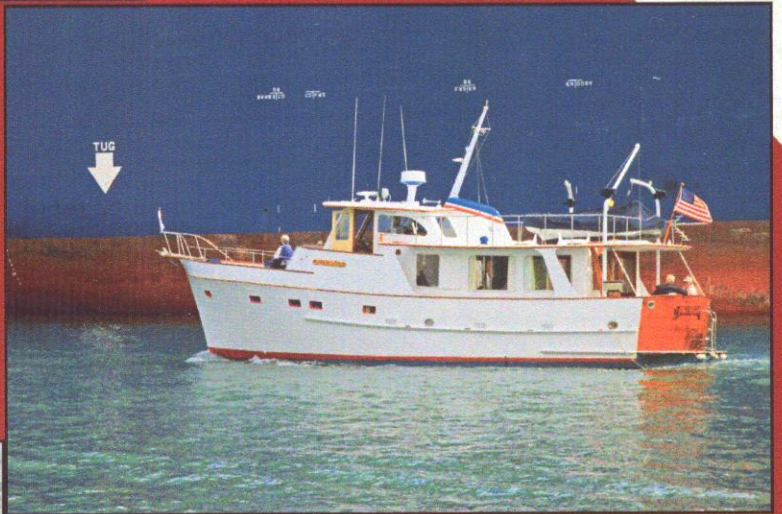
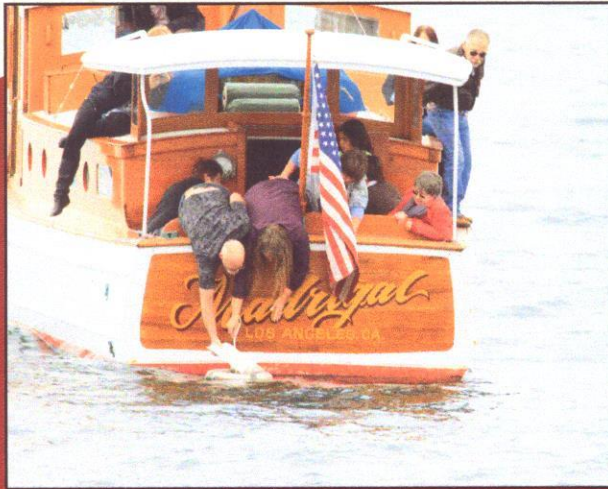
Rick Olson



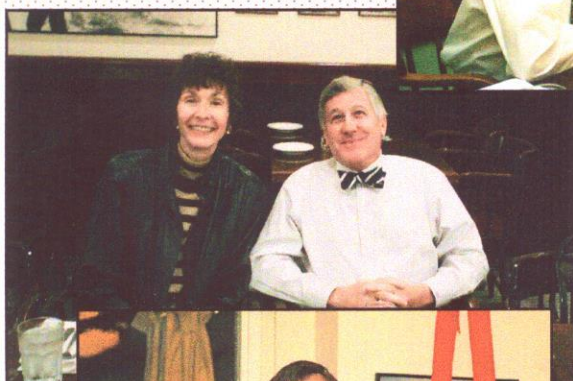
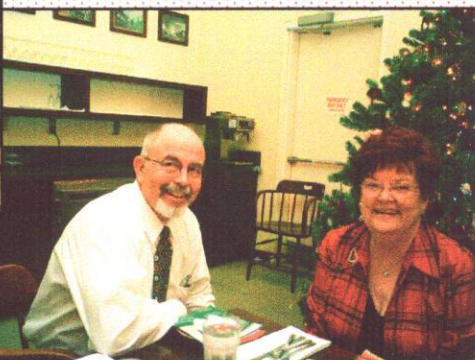
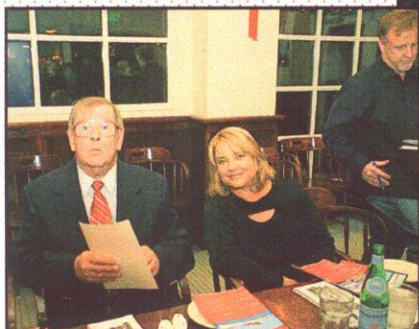
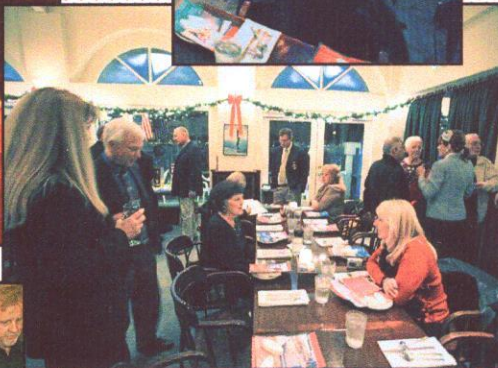
Tom Brown ~ *Burial at Sea*

October 2009





2009 Change of Watch ~ December 5th, 2009

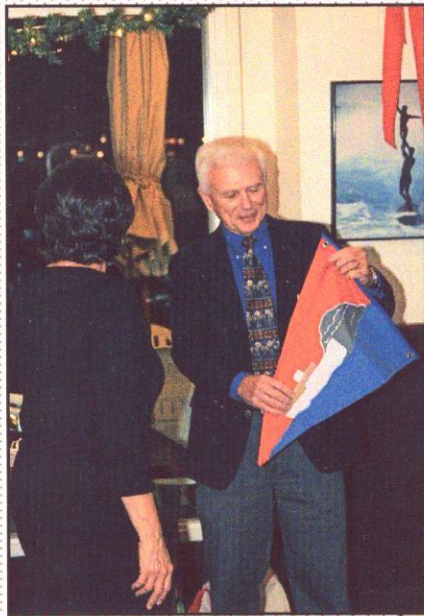


RIPTIDE and ONO berthed in adjacent slips make a terrific stage for a cocktail party. Gracious hosts Peter and Dennis and Sophia and David warmed the December night air with their friendship and hospitality. Celebrating Christmas and the Change of Watch together was a great idea. A social hour on board RIPTIDE and ONO (hurrah!) then off to the 22nd Street Landing restaurant for our banquet and ceremony.

22nd Street Landings fine holiday fare is always a treat. There is a special warmth to the little banquet room there that we have used many times before. It feels familiar. It has gotten to feel a bit like our own little yacht club. Christmas Season, close friends, good food, and changing the bridge for 2010. What could be better than that.

After the banquet and awards ceremony we returned to ONO and RIPTIDE to view the Cabrillo Marina lighted boat Christmas parade. - Sweet!

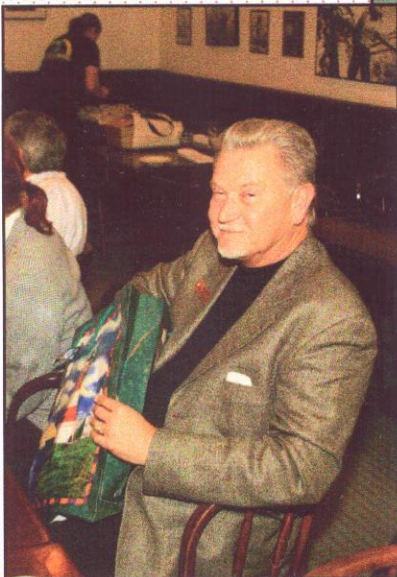
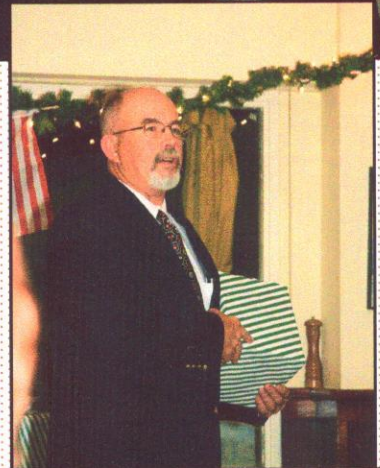
AWARDS



*Larry Walker,
Bird Rock Trophy
Rick Olson,
Yachtsman of the Year*



*Cathy Yatch,
Heather Perkoff
Award*



International Change of Watch

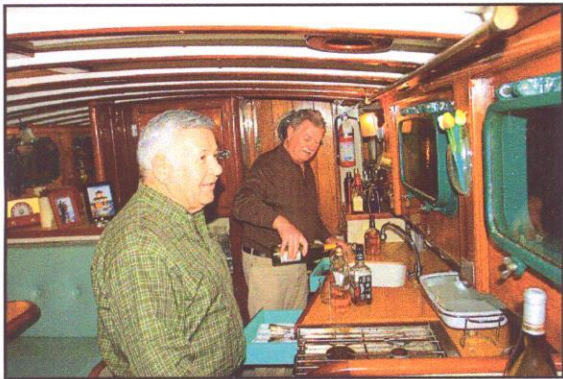
PNW Fleet - Seattle, Washington, January 2010

The 2010 ICOW was a fun filled weekend brought to you by the Pacific Northwest Fleet, especially by the committee of: Ann Hay, Diane Vanderbeek, and Larry Benson. We arrived Thursday afternoon and after checking into the Courtyard we were invited to Larry Benson's yacht THELONIUS for cocktails then dinner at Buca de Beppo Italian Restaurant. Let the party begin.

Friday we were up early and into vans that took us north to Paine Field and the tour of the Boeing Plant where they have built the 747 for years. This largest plant in the world now is tooling up for the production of the 787 "Dreamliner". From there we went to a facility where they do restorations of classic airplanes. Imagine that? Finishing up the day with a couple of hours at Paul Allen's (Microsoft) WWII War Birds Museum. This excellent facility has a large collection of flyable WWII fighters. Paul Allen has combed the world for the finest examples of these historic airplanes. The Friday evening cocktail party on board the CYA honorary member Virginia V officially started the ICOW weekend.

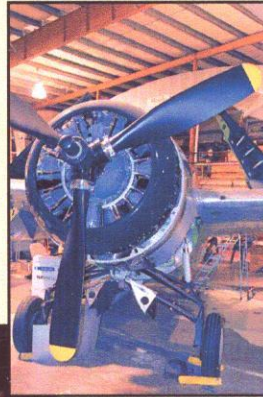
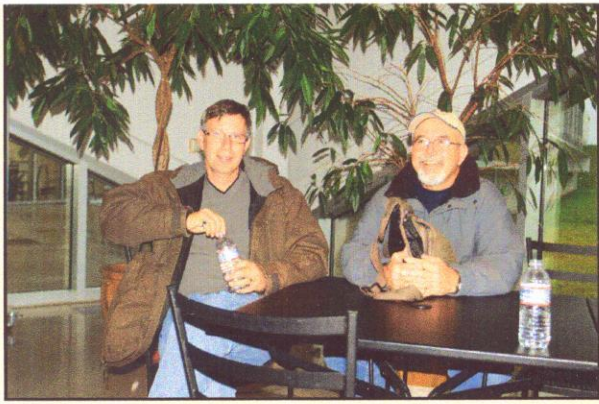
Saturday morning's director's meeting was followed by more touring on Lake Union. We were taken to Lake Union Crew facility where we learned all about the fine art of rowing and racing. This included a playful period of rowing in their indoor moving water practice tank. The ICOW Banquet was held at the beautiful Seattle Yacht Club.

Sunday morning's board meeting finished up early so we could take a cruise on Diane Vanderbeek's famous yacht, MV OLYMPUS. It turned out to be a nice day by Seattle's winter standards (not raining). OLYMPUS was accompanied by MARNEE, THELONIUS, RITA, ZANZIBAR, and WOODROW. This gave us some classics to watch as we glided along in luxury munching finger food and drinking wine on board Olympus. Wow, are we a lucky lot to be able to sample bits of history aboard these wonderful old boats. If the large fantail yachts are the jewels of the CYA fleets, as you can see from the pictures, OLYMPUS is certainly one of the CYA diamonds.

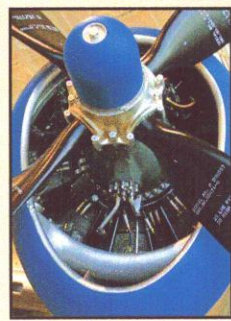
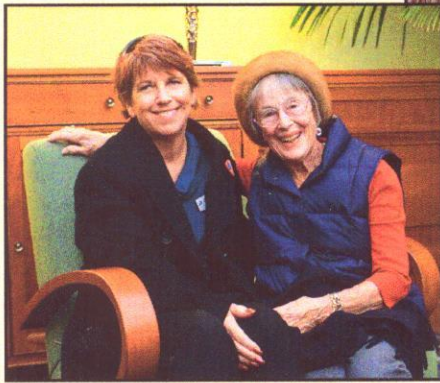
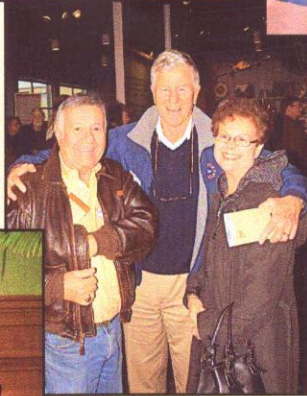


Thursday evening
on THELONIUS

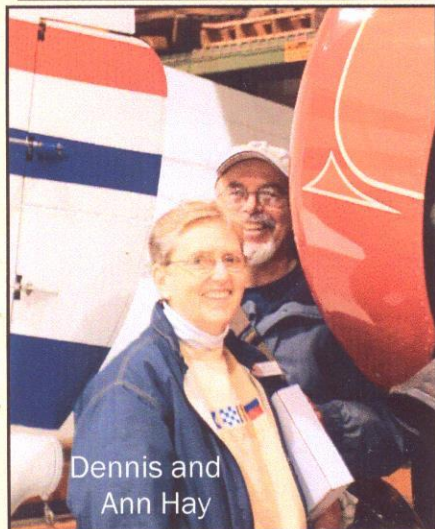
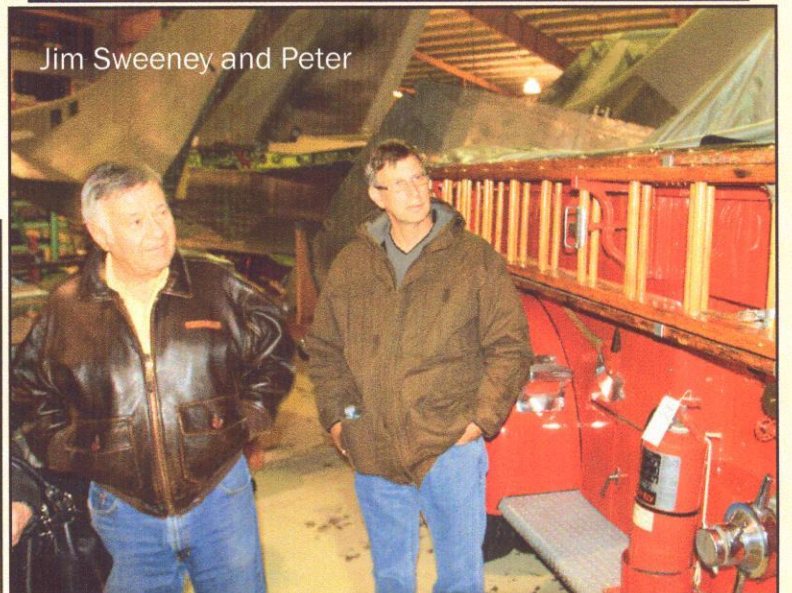




Christine and Bev Partridge



Jim Sweeney and Peter

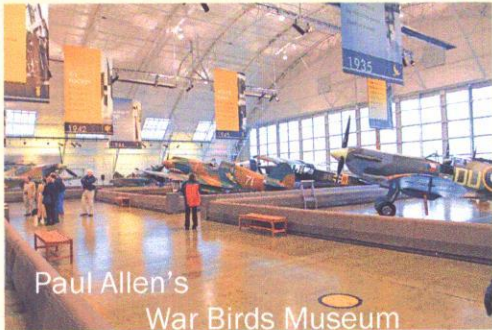
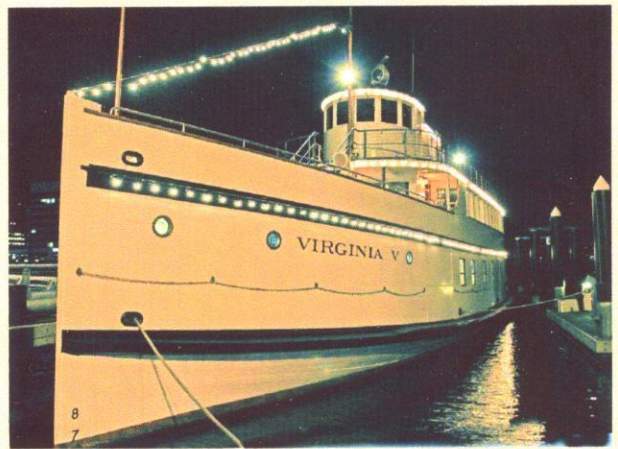


Dennis and Ann Hay

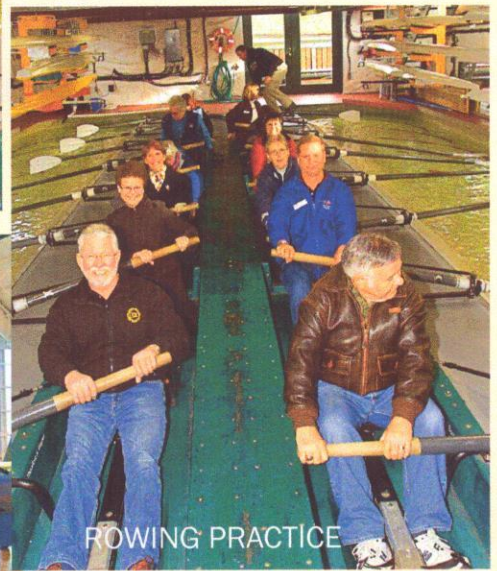




Member # 1.5
Cherry Ekoss



Paul Allen's
War Birds Museum



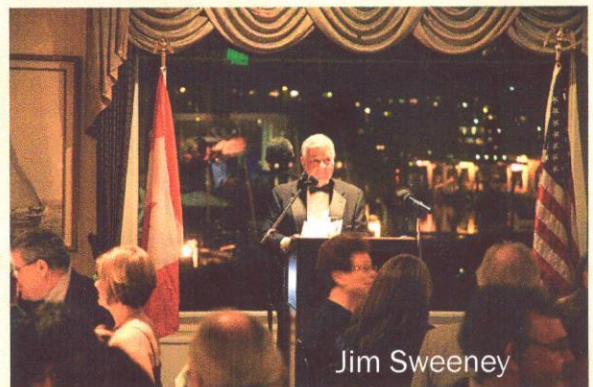
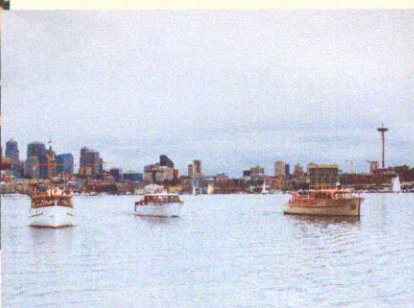
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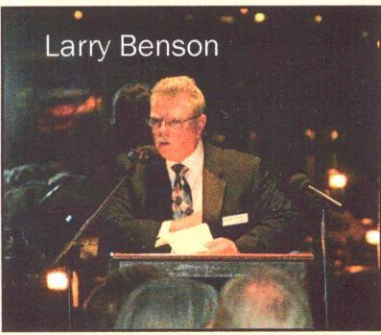
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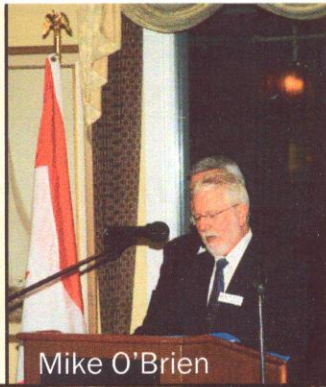
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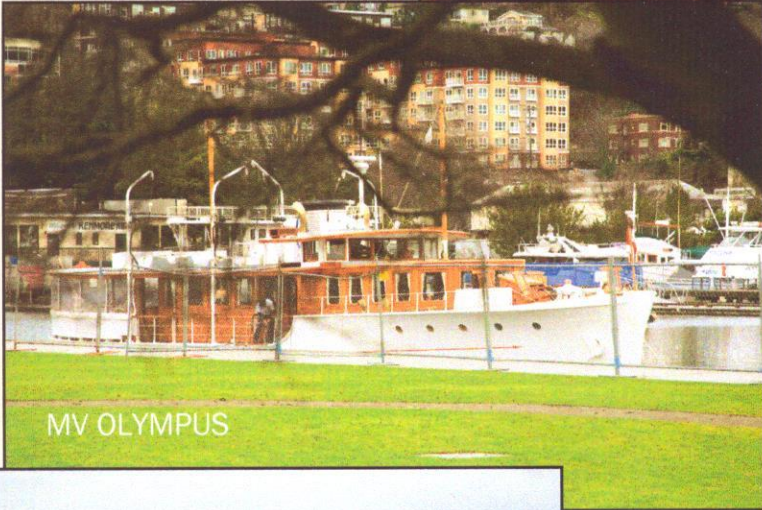
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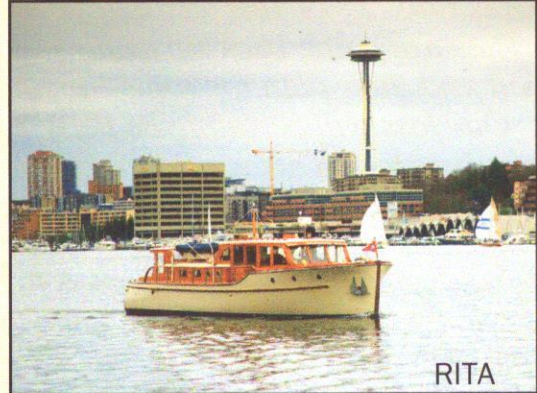
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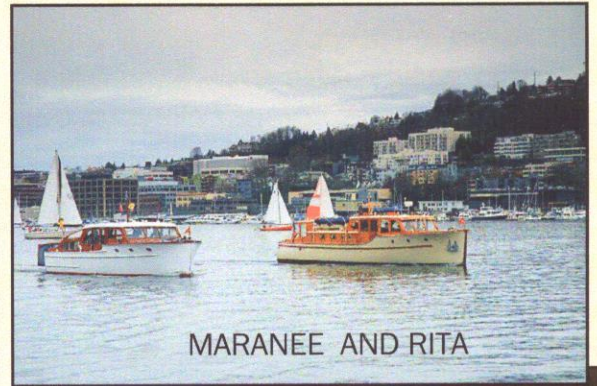
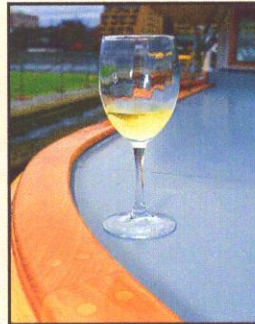
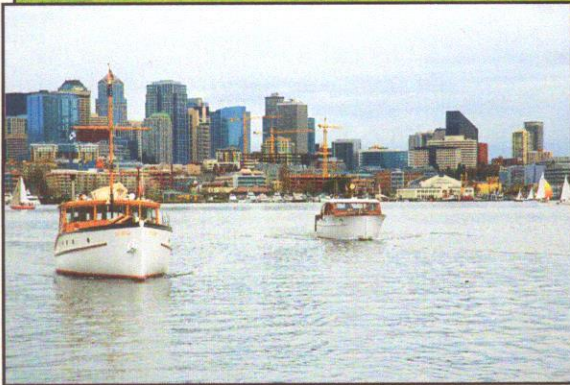
Mike O'Brien



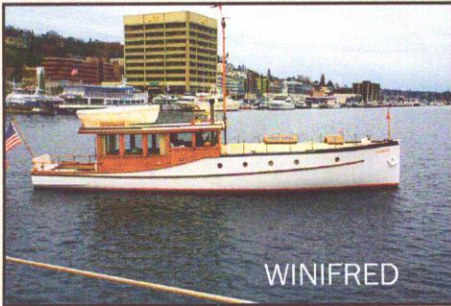
MV OLYMPUS



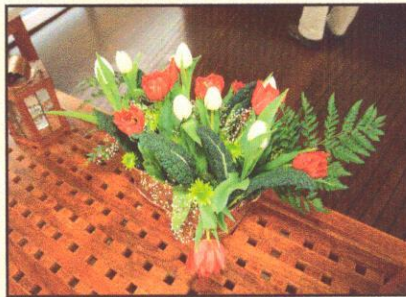
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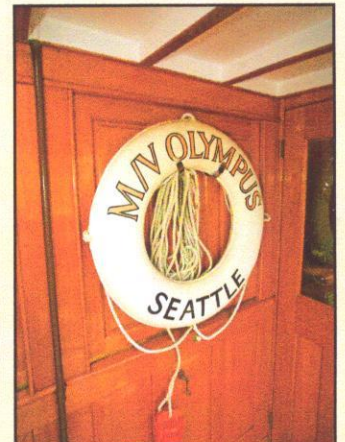
MARANEE AND RITA

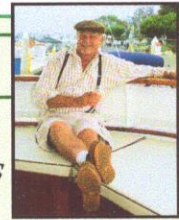


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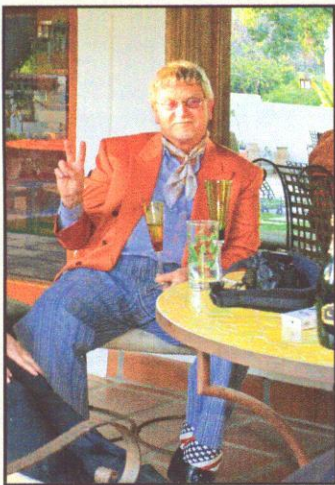


*** Jim Butz is off to France "again". Lucky boy with the French connection is back on the continent and says he will be missing at opening day. Is it the French girls or the red wine? I suspect it's the wine. He tells that he has a second trip already planned for later in the year. Perhaps we should start calling him "Jacques".

*** While in Seattle for the International Change of Watch, Peter and Dennis made an offer on a piece of property. The land/buildings are in Port Orchard, Washington where they already own a condo. As of this writing the seller was not coming to terms with them on the purchase. They are going back up again soon to see if they can close the deal. Dennis is due to retire soon and their plan for some time has been to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. Good luck guys. Our loss will certainly be PNW's gain. Perhaps they will stay as Southern California Fleet members too. This would make them "bi-fleetal" like several others CYA members that belong to two fleets. *** Elissa and I want to thank everyone who attended our wedding party. We had a blast celebrating with all of our friends. *** Scott Robinson celebrated a milestone birthday last fall and also has retired from Boeing. Congratulations Scott! *** The Canadian Fleet is to host the International Change of Watch next January. International Commodore Mike O'Brien is planning to have the weekend in Victoria, British Columbia. This is a great little city with lots of things to see and do. Keep this in mind as this would be a good one to go to even if you don't regularly attend the International Change of Watch weekends. ***

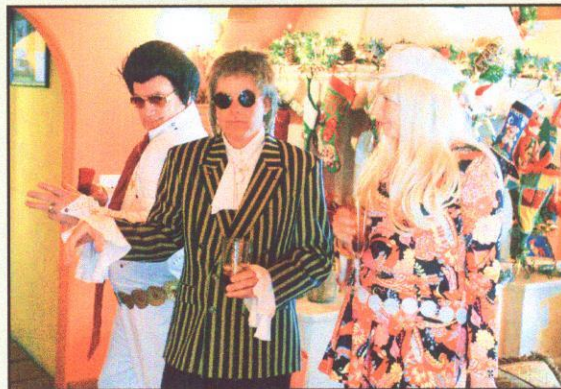
Elissa and I gather with friends on Christmas Day. In 2008 we decided to do a 1950's Christmas just for fun. We played the part by dressing, eating, drinking, and doing everything 50's style. We played 50's music as we opened gag gifts pulled out from under a revolving silver foil Christmas tree with blue lights. It was weird but cool too. Having had so much fun with the fifties we decided to get together this past Christmas again. This year we did a 1960's beat with a hippy/British Invasion style. When we got to our hosts home the front door was flung open by no other than Elvis Presley. It was as if he had walked right off the stage in Las Vegas. "Groovy". Again we found being wacky for Christmas to be a lot of fun. Photos below. We have already settled on Roaring 20's for 2010. ***

ELISSA a GO GO



PEACE & LOVE

ELVIS, NIGEL, and BUNNY



Ask Elissa why she is holding a spoon in this picture of her with PNW's Steve Wilen

Affiliate's Barbecue and Landlubber's Auction Saturday, April 24th

Our annual "theme" barbecue and auction will be held at California Yacht Marina in Wilmington.

- Great fun and great food. Please bring some nautical treasures to donate to the auction.
- Barbecued baby back ribs. yummmm!
- This years theme is "Let's Play Doctor", anything medical goes. This is to commemorate the craziness going on in Washington over medical care. Whatever your opinion you must admit that it has been entertaining. Come as a doctor or a nurse, even as a patient if you like. Be creative. How about a drug company lobbyist or a medical insurance executive. Dr Frankenstein, Dr livingston, or Dr Laura all work. Doc Holiday, Doctor Seuss, or Doogie Houser, the list is endless and the only rule is to have fun.
- Be prepared for some of Doctor Rick's special cocktails. They cure all known ailments. Noted side effects, makes you buy stuff at auctions and makes you tell all your friends how much you love them. "Also available in IV bottles".

P L R **PREDICTED 2010** **LOG RACE**

*Tom Brown Memorial
Predicted Log Race*

**MAY 15TH FROM THE CABRILLO MARINA IN SAN
PEDRO. DOCKSIDE BARBECUE TO FOLLOW THE CRUISE**

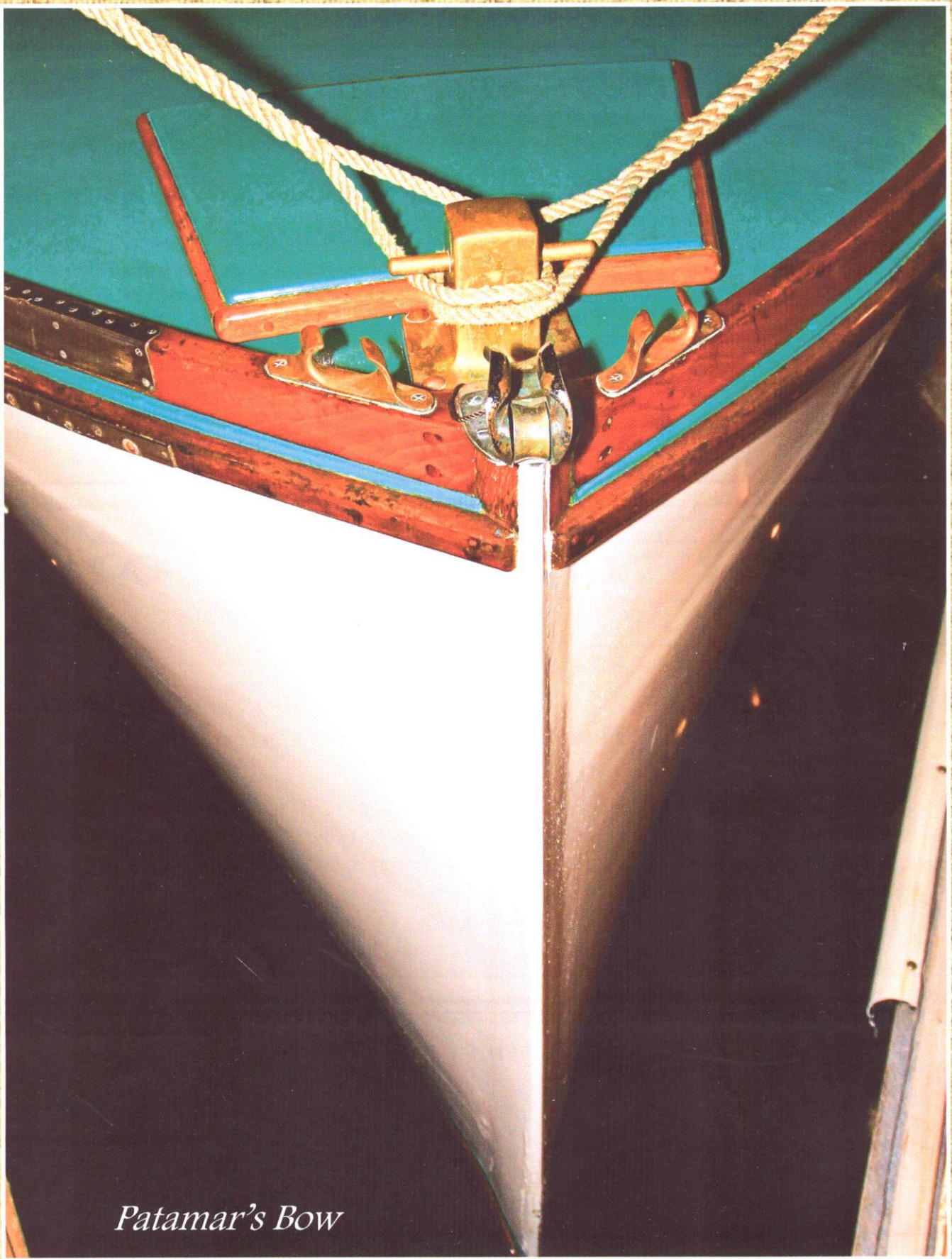
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET OUT AND CRUISE YOUR BOAT OR HITCH A RIDE ON A FRIEND'S. RUNNING IN A FLEET WITH OTHER CLASSIC YACHTS IS ALOT OF FUN. JOIN US! NICE SPRING WEATHER, A GOOD CHANCE TO SEE OTHERS YACHTS UNDERWAY, TECHNICALLY INTERESTING, SOMETIMES CONTENTIOUS, AND **ALWAYS FUN.**

CONTACT DENNIS AND PETER FOR DETAILS.

COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO CATALINA

June
18th-19th

aka, Dennis's Retirement Party
Buy a new bottle of suntan oil and head for the Island.
Zowie! - This one's sure to be fun.



Patamar's Bow

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