



Catalina Association of Puget Sound Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

By Rich Lerz

Well, no more fluff about the shape of things to come as the season is finally here in full swing! With Bell Harbor behind us, the Port Townsend cruise only several weeks away and the CAPS Regatta just next month, summer plans are taking shape. The Port Townsend cruise is my favorite. It's a combination of the favorable weather each year and the many destinations Port Townsend has to offer. I also find it handy that West Marine is so close, so tackling projects that require multiple trips to the store makes it a convenient place to get those tasks done. Of course it could just be the brewery is only several yards from the dock! This year Deb and I plan to venture out and try the Port Townsend golf course. Just another reason to keep PT at the top of my list!

Last Saturday shrimping season opened for its "one of two day" season. Wednesday and Saturday, and then – see ya next year. I was out in front of Edmonds at a whopping 6:30AM and caught my limit of 80 prawns by noon. This was the first year I tried shrimping and simply put, I'm hooked! Fortunately, shrimping in the San Juans lasts several months, so I plan to make it part of my summer diet, along with plenty of crab and salmon. As sailors we all know, it's primarily about the journey on which we place our emphasis. However, I found myself reading and researching just as much about the destinations, as the techniques for navigating there. New ideas this year include folding bicycles, halibut fishing, clamming and any other urchins I can eat. There is a great website <http://wdfw.wa.gov/> that lets you sign up for automatic updates about which beaches are open.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Port Townsend!

May Meeting Program

By Jack Henderson

All You Wanted to Know About Dripless Shaft Seals and More!

Paul Comyns and Ian Smith of PYI will give a presentation and answer questions about shaft seals, feathering propellers, shaft retention, and other new and current PYI products. Lynwood-based PYI is a company which provides all kinds of wonderful marine equipment.

Lifesling Clinic

By Dick Eagle

The on-the-water lifesling clinic is coming up May 22nd on Lake Washington. If you'd like to participate and find out what it's really like to retrieve an overboard crew member from the water, this is your chance! Please let me (Dick Eagle) know before (or at) our May 14 meeting so we can reserve a place for you on the host boats.

Bell Harbor Cruise

By Rod Sparks

Three boats braved the 15 to 25 mph winds getting to Elliott Bay Bell Harbor Marina on Friday for the weekend. Fortunately the rain held till the last boat was docked. Everyone reported that their trip was uneventful. Wind Runner was doing a shakedown cruise after being hauled out, and found that its autopilot had failed. After the boats were settled Joe, Evelyn and Rod went to dinner at Anthony's downstairs (Evelyn did not want to venture very far in the rain). We were all pleased with our dinner choices.



The Oranto's came to Bell Harbor to celebrate their Anniversary and Louise's Birthday and were unfortunately not able to join in the weekend activities.

Saturday was still windy, but the rain held off. Boat maintenance was the key activity till everyone came for hors d'oeuvres on Wind Runner. Wind Runner got a bath and the autopilot got fixed. This was fortunate because it was host boat and we had sixteen people comfortably aboard sharing appetizers and wine till dinner at Anthony's.

Fourteen of us gathered for dinner at Anthony's upstairs. Everyone liked his or her meal. The meal prices were higher than downstairs but the quality and service was very good. Conversations continued from the boat, and topics included the cruising this summer, upgrades/repairs on their boats, etc. After a couple hours everyone left the restaurant. Joe, Evelyn & Rod retired to their boats. Sunday we woke to no wind and sunshine, quite a contrast to the last couple of days. We all departed the dock about 11:00 am for our homeports.



Those who attended the Bell Harbor Marina Cruise for 2010 were:

Arrived by boat on Friday:

Joe Sporcic & Evelyn Heaton	C38	Echo
Vince & Louise Oranto	C36	Zee Meisje
Rod & Gayle Sparks	C34	Wind Runner

Came by car for dinner:

Roger & Barb Jenkins	C27	Jolly Roger
Gordon Ellis & Cynthia Jones	C30	Blythe Spirit
Dick & Peg Eagle	C320	Aerie
Rich & Debbie Lerz	C470	Sol Pacifico
Kathy & Norm Wells	C34	Ode to Joy
Mike & Marilyn Parker		

The trip home... **Inspect Your Hoses**

I had thought that all of the engine hoses were in good shape since I had replaced all of them in the four years I have owned Wind Runner. On the way to my homeport in Everett, I heard a hissing sound and looked into the salon and saw that it was filled with steam. I shut down the engine and fortunately the boat was not in any dangerous area. I investigated and found that the heater hose from the engine to the hot water heater had blown. The hose broke at the hot water heater nipple and had rotted. The engine side of the hose was in good condition. I was able to cut a three-inch section off the end of hose and reattach it. I then refilled the cooling system with antifreeze and water. I was able to get underway and did not have any other problems. You can see from the picture the condition of the hose. The hose had numerous cracks. The bottom of the hose shows where the hose blew at the hot water heater nipple. I procured some hard wall 5/8" heater hose from Fisheries Supply to replace the hose runs under the liner to the hot water heater and red dot heater.



The moral of this is to inspect all of your hoses to ensure that they will be serviceable for the season. This is an easy proactive maintenance task that should be performed at least once a year.

Thanks to Joe & Evelyn for standing by for 15 min or so while I effected the repairs!

<p>APRIL</p> <p>Apr. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park</p> <p>Apr. 10 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race</p> <p>Apr. 23-25 CAPS-CATSS Bell Harbor Cruise</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>May 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park</p> <p>May 28-29 Port Townsend Cruise</p> <p>May 22 Lifesling Practical Exercise</p> <p>May 30-31 Mystery Bay Anchor-out</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>Jun. 4 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, Laurel Park</p> <p>Jun. 12 Shilshole CYC Northwest Catalina Regatta</p> <p>Jun.18-20 Manzanita Bay Anchor-out</p> <p>Jun, 26 CPR at Laurel Park</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>Jul. 2-4 Gunkhole Anchor-out Marathon —Poulsbo Fireworks, Manzanita, Pt Madison</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Aug. 6-8 Everett Cruise Birthday and Crab Feast (If the season is still open) At the guest dock</p> <p>No monthly meeting</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sep 3-6 Poulsbo Cruise</p> <p>Sept. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park</p> <p>Sept. 17-19 CAPS & CATSS Catalina Rendezvous</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Oct. 2 Foul Weather Bluff Race</p> <p>Oct. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> Saturday Couples' Cook-off Laurel Park</p> <p>Oct. 15-17 Brownsville Cruise</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Nov. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Laurel Park Elections</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Dec. 4 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) Laurel Park</p>

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