



# Northwest Multihull Association Newsletter

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## Commodores Comments

Hey There,

Mike the commodore here. First off, I want to say a big thank you to our new editor Ann Erickson who has made the transition from our previous editors so smoothly. She introduced a new format and with help from others got the newsletter up on the website. This might be our future way of delivering the newsletter. Currently we spend over \$200 a month on postage and printing, let's see how it goes before we change. Thanks too to our previous editors, Randy and Cindy Bentson, for all your hard work over the last two years. I look forward to seeing you at club meetings and hearing of your latest adventures on your boat.

There is still no formal word on having to relocate to another location, so for now we continue on at the Leschi clubhouse.

Also big thanks to Kirby for the great program last month. I had my doubts as someone overly interested in racing about a night of Sea Chanties. But you know what, everyone who was there had a great time. The speaker had us all up singing while hauling halyards or hauling up the anchor. What a hoot, a very fun time on a cold winter night. Now I know

what to do with a drunken sailor.

I don't know about others in the club, but this time of year finds me touring the boat show looking for just the perfect lightweight upgrade for Scooter and watching the around the world races on the Web. I also spend time slowly finishing the interior of Scooter and thinking about the coming winter races and summer cruises. Something about sitting and working in the boat for me is a needed distraction from the day to day goings on. Even out of the water, I think our boats are pretty amazing that way.

If you have not checked out the Ellen Macarthur web site ([www.teamellen.com](http://www.teamellen.com)) you really should. It is quite amazing what she is accomplishing. Single handing a 75 trimaran around the world trying to break last year's record of 72 days. At the time of writing this I don't know if she will make it, she is 700 miles out with a gale between her and the finish. Each day I surf into her site several times to read her emails, check boat speed and location and see the weather predictions. You really feel for her when she has to climb the mast in 7m seas and 25 knots of wind to repair the main sail track. Her emails



Ledgendarry F-25A, Scooter

show her emotions going up and down based on what is happening, no different than the rest of us. Given that Scooter can feel a handful at times with 3 folks on board I am in awe of what she is doing. Of course as soon as she finishes I will start to follow the 12 crew on Orange II who are trying to break Cheyenne's record.

So winter is a time of once a month sails with lots of down time in-between. That said, I will get back to staring at the Gulf Island charts thinking about the summer club cruise. Might have to check out Ellen's site or the F-Boat list to see what Martyn is up to.

Hope things are going well and I look forward to seeing you out there, sail fast but sail safe.

Mike  
Scooter

### NWMA OnLine

- Go to [www.nwmultihull.org](http://www.nwmultihull.org)
- You can get the latest news and calendar dates.
- Sign up for the club list server to keep up and speak up with other members. Click on discussion on the home page.
- This newsletter is online in living color!

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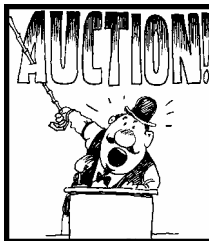
## Annual Auction –Feb. 18 Find Some Cash!!

This annual event is both an opportunity to "find the floor" in your shop and to contribute to Northwest Multihulls Association. We invite you to take a moment to assess that priceless collection that is taking up too much space or the gizmo that just got replaced by the newest gizmo and take them to the auction. 10% goes into the club coffers and you can take home 90% as CASH!

This is always a fun and amazing event. Check out the list of stuff that is coming and there will be lots more.

## Auction Items

F-27 Symmetrical Spinnaker  
New Boots  
Fabled Gimbaled Cup  
Lighthouse Cookie Jar with sound effects  
Books and Charts  
Origo Heat Pail  
WindRider 10 Complete Sailboat  
Pinhead F-27 Main  
Kodak Projector with Carousels  
Super 8 Projector  
Movie Screen  
Sextant



## Quick Calendar Club Events For February & March

Friday, Feb. 18—Annual Auction and Regular Meeting. Pizza at 6:30, business meeting at 7, Auction at 8.

Tuesday, Mar 15—GPS class, Bring your hand held and meet at Multihulls Northwest office. Time to be announced.

Friday, Mar. 18—Regular meeting, topic, History of Multihulls. Pizza at 6:30, business meeting at 7, program at 8.

Sunday, Mar. 20—Spring Equinox at Yankee Grill on Leary Way, 3 pm. Purely social!!

For more information on any of these items contact Kirby at [earth2kirby@yahoo.com](mailto:earth2kirby@yahoo.com) or cell phone

## Dock Talk and Other Scuttlebutt By Ann Erickson



Yowzers! Multihulls are in the news. 48 North listed its Top 20 sailboats for 2004 this month and included three multihulls, all club members. Number 10 is Pat McGarry's F-40 Cat, Dragonfly, and #15 is Jim Thompson's F-27, Danger Zone. The third boat is in the Canadian list, Kim Alfred's F-31, Cheekee Monkee. Congratulations guys, we are all proud of you. More Northwest multihulls were spotted in the latest Multihulls Magazine, whatever issue that happens to be. There was an article on the summer regattas in Canada written by Tim Knight of F-9 Flip, Flop and Fly. There were lots of familiar names dropped and pictures of Cheekee Monkee, Cuttlefish and Bad Kitty. It all looked like fun. Summer Splash had some ink in Multihulls Mag too

and there is a picture of Mike Leneman's new F-7 and another article about the F-33.

Received the email you see in the sidebar from Tom Preston and Diane Crosetto, who winter in Mazatlan. They used to have an F-27 and Tom has been suffering from speed deprivation since they sold it. Now rumor has it that he has purchased an F-25C to take care of that problem. It should be delivered in March.

Wayne and I spent a week in Cabo San Lucas in January. We did a sunset cruise on a Kurt Hughes catamaran, the Princessa. Nice boat with a comfortable layout for this sort of thing. The skipper turned her 360 degrees in her own length so that everyone got a

good Kodak moment of the lands end arches. Then we went out and found some whales too.

Martyn and Linda Adams, Cuttlefish, are noodling the idea of going on the Newport/Ensenada Race. Anyone else going?

This newsletter is now appearing in cyber space. It is on the club website, [www.nwmultihull.org](http://www.nwmultihull.org) in living color. The photos look much better!

Just spoke with Vice Com, Kirby Jacobson and plans are firming up for the GPS class Mar. 15. There will be some kind of hunt involved using GPS's. There may be prizes. Mark your calendar.

Happy Valentine's Day.  
xxoo



Dec. 2004, Mazatlan  
"We are suffering here in Mazatlan on the beach with cold Pacifico. Things here are air temp 80, water temp 82, beer temp 40. Fishing has been slow, but Diane is still the leader in the surf fishing contest. Lots of boats here from Seattle, Blaine, etc. Most arrived a week ago after finishing Baja HA HA. Diane Crosetto and Tom Preston"



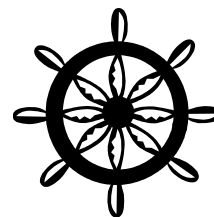
# 2005 Calendar

We are doing 4 kinds of activities in 2005; Meetings, education, cruising, and racing. Put the things that interest you on your calendar now! This Calendar will be updated monthly as new details are added. Read it every month.

Legend: Regular Meetings 🏠, Education 📖, Rendezvous 🚢, Racing 🏆, Multihull Cup Races are in italics.

🏠	2/18	NWMA Annual Auction and Regular Meeting
🏆	2/19	Toliva Shoals (SSS#3)
🏆	3/05	CYC Blakley Rock (CCS#1)
🏆	3/12	CYC Possession Point (CCS#2)
📖	3/15	GPS Class (time and place TBD)
🏠	3/18	NWMA Meeting
🏆	3/19	Gig Harbor Islands Race (SSS#4)
🚢	3/20	Spring Equinox at Yankee Grill on Leary Way in Ballard, 3 pm
🏆	3/25/26	Southern Straights Race
🏆	4/2	Sloop Tavern Blakley Rock Benefit
🏆	4/9	CYC Pully Point Race (CCS#3)
📖	4/12	Sail Trim Class (time and place TBD)
🏠	4/15	NWMA Meeting
🏆	4/23	SYC Double Bluff Race (Tri island #1)
🏆	5/7/8	Sloop Tavern Race to the Straights
📖	5/17	Go Fly a Kite Class (Shilshole time TBD)
🏠	5/20	NWMA Meeting
🏆	5/21	SYC Point Robinson (Tri island #2)
🏆	5/28/29	Swiftsure Regatta
🚢	6/4-5	Jetty Park Everett Rendezvous
🏆	6/11	SYC Blake Island (Tri island #3)
🏠	6/17	NWMA Meeting
📖	6/14	Spinnaker Class (Shilshole time TBD)
🚢	6/21	Port Madison Solstice Rendezvous

🚢	7/2-4	Quartermaster Harbor Rendezvous
🏆	7/10-15	Whidbey Island Race Week
📖	7/19	Man Overboard Class (Shilshole time TBD)
🚢	7/23/24	Blake Island Hobie and 3 Meter Trek, Hogshead Race and Rendezvous (Hobies camp at NW corner, big boats at that anchorage) (Kirby contact)
🏆	7/30/31	Cowichen Bay Regatta
🚢	8/1-13	1st Annual Visit the Gulf Islands (Wayne and Anne contacts time and place contact information TBD)
🏆	8/20	CYC Moonlight Race, Lake Washington
🚢	8/27-28	Port Ludlow Birthday Rendezvous
🏆	9/3/4	Pitch Regatta
🏆	9/10	Trans Puget Race
🏠	9/16	NWMA Meeting
🚢	9/22	Golden Gardens Equinox Picnic
🏆	10/1	CYCE Foulweather Bluff
🏆	10/15	CYC PSSC
🏠	10/21	NWMA Meeting
🏆	11/4/5/6	SYC Grand Prix
🏠	11/18	NWMA Meeting - Holiday Potluck
🏆	12/03	TYC Winter Vashon
🏠	12/16	NWMA Meeting





## Out on the Ama

### News and Views from the Vice Commodore

By Kirby Jacobson

## Orca Pass Marine Sanctuary



I went to a lecture recently where I was reminded that as far back as Roman times the public lands belonged to the public and they were managed in trust by the government. One of the driving forces behind the Magna Carta was to reestablish that principle.

So how are they doing with our favorite playground, the Salish Sea (Puget Sound)? It is no news to say it is ghastly. I sure wouldn't want anyone to take care of my stuff that way. Before I run through a quick list of catastrophes I do want to say that there are some bright lights ahead. So please bear with me for a moment while we look at the most difficult situations before we talk of a wonderful project.

Here we go.

Hood canal is anaerobic and the problem is spreading. The source is too much algae which dies and rots, depleting the oxygen and killing all the animals that need oxygen. What feeds the algae is all the farm and septic runoff in concert with a very weak tidal exchange of water. It is going to be pretty hard to get every one of the houses and farms to upgrade their systems.

The last five miles of the Duwamish river are a superfund site. The many years of using the river for industrial waste have left a river bottom that nearly glows in the dark. The administration has removed a lot of the superfund funding (so should we call it a supergap or an underfund?) There are two ways to clean the river. One is using suction and the other is using a dredge. The suction is clean but expensive. The dredge re-floats much of the sediment and the current carries it downstream. You can guess which one we are using. So all the "stuff" goes down river and in to our playground. Whenever I walk the dog the law says I have to carry a bag for moments like that. Maybe there is a lesson here.

Have patience, we are starting to turn the corner. Victoria has been dumping untreated sewage into the Salish Sea from its beginning and Vancouver has limited secondary treatment. We are talking billions of gallons a year. Maybe enough to fill the canals of Mars. Both cities are now getting money from the Canadian national government to build secondary treatment facilities. Touchdown! This will take a few years to come on line but the wait is nearly over.

And right between the two cities there is a proposed marine sanctuary named Orca Pass. Orca Pass includes the northern San Juan islands and the southern gulf islands to form the first marine sanctuary that spans the countries. The wide ranging benefits of marine sanctuaries for fisheries, business, recreation, and the tourist industry are well documented. Besides all that, Orca Pass is in our back yard! We already love this place in its depleted state. How cool would it be after a few years of recovery?

The dark area in this map is the proposed sanctuary.



This proposal has been in the works for a few years. The Canadian side seems to be moving through the necessary hoops fairly well. The US side is dragging a bit and could use a little help. I encourage you to find more information on this great project at [www.pugetsound.org](http://www.pugetsound.org). I plan to have a speaker from this organization at a future meeting.

If you have questions or comments on this or other topics please contact me at [earth2kirby@yahoo.com](mailto:earth2kirby@yahoo.com) or 206-579-4421.

Kirby  
F31 HMRS Starry Nights



## A Winter Sailing Tale, brrrrr!!

By Martyn Adams

Launched in Cornet Bay in the north Puget Sound (inside Deception Pass) on Saturday to catch the slack at the Pass. Temperature 31, east wind 6-8, overcast with storm clouds to the north east, freezing rain in the south Sound areas. First ice pellets hit as we left the dock. Missed slack by 20 minutes and bucked a 3.5 knot current through the pass. Ice pellets changed to snow and we ducked into Bowman Bay just north of the Pass for the afternoon and night. Always enter along the south side to access this cozy 300 degree protected bay with several mooring buoys, a floating dock and a really short "dingy" dock that is perfect for one F27 at the fishing pier. We have launched at the ramp here but it is unprotected with no dock. At 1900 the snow was halfway up the bottle of Mikes on the cockpit seat and the wine was cold. Winter cruising is when the cooler keeps the food from freezing. We ran the Wallas for about 5 hours including cooking dinner at mid to low heat and it kept us snug and warm. The winds

continued to build and the forecast Gale force winds arrived about 2200.

Never heard so many moans and groans from the boat. Heard rain at 0230 with continuing wind. Took invigorating walk around boat to check mooring and towed off prior to crawling back into sleeping bag.

Sunday was about 35 and light easterly winds. Saw 2 Bald Eagles and counted 22 adult Great Blue Herons roosting in a tree. Took a nice 2 mile walk and watched as a pod of some Dahl (sp) Porpoise fished in a current line and saw the fresh snow on Vancouver Island. Looked longingly at the clearing skies to the west which never reached us and then returned to the boat. Decided a hot tub sounded really good so we went home. Distance trailered 118 miles. About 2 hours round trip.

Just another day in the Northwest.

Martyn Adams  
Cuttlefish F27--Seattle  
PS: I love my Wallas heater.

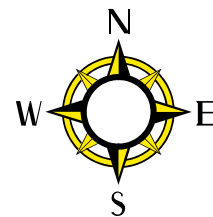


*Cuttlefish, on a much nicer day!*

## A Sailing Tip From Cuttlefish's Skipper

By Linda Adams

It is most efficient to sail a straight track to your destination whether racing or cruising. Merely aiming the boat at that point will not get the job done if there is any cross current or sideways slip of the boat. The bow may always be pointed at the destination but the boat will sail an arc. Line up the destination with some notable object behind it. This establishes a range like large ships use day marks. As long as you stay on the range with the objects aligned, the boat will sail the straightest track. If you are drifting to the right the object will appear to the right of the destination and the gap will widen as the boat continues to drift. Steer to the left and the objects will superimpose again.





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## About Us

NWMA meets the third Friday of every month, September through June. Doors open at 6:00 pm for an informal no host dinner, usually pizza., donations requested, socializing and sea stories. The business meeting runs from 7 to 7:45, there is a 15 minute break, followed by the program at 8 pm. All are welcome, please join us!

**Mailing Address**  
2442 NW Market, PMB #513  
Seattle, WA 98122  
**Meeting Address:**  
Corinthian Yacht Club at Leschi  
106 Lakeside Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98122  
**Website:** <http://www.nwmultihull.org>

It's an easy commute by boat, floatplane, bicycle, bus foot, or car!

## 2005 Elected Officers:

Commodore	Mike Wright
Rear Commodore	Wayne Erickson
Vice Commodore	Kirby Jacobson
Secretary	Robin Jacobson
Treasurer	Pat Pilage
Newsletter	Ann Erickson and David Miller

## 2005 Appointed Officers:

Race Fleet Cpts	Pat McGarry and Jim Thompson
Librarian	Mark Olsoe
Property	Diane Johnson
Publicity	Dian Johnson
Web Curator	Keith Burke
Historians	Neil and Marty Bryant

## Membership Information and Application

The small print!!

- \*NWMA meets ten times a year, Sept. through June. Summer brings rendezvous and other fun.
- \*Membership benefits include discounts of up to 40% at some suppliers, use of club library, the newsletter, rendezvous, free classified ads in this newsletter, fascinating monthly meetings and access to a group of interesting and experienced multihull builders and sailors.
- \*Regular club membership cost is \$60 per year (Sept. through Aug.).
- \*First time members pay only \$30 for the first year!
- \*Non-members who live outside Western Washington may receive the newsletter for \$15 per year (domestic and \$20 foreign).
- \*A subscription is included with NWMA membership.



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### Membership Application

Cut this out, fill it out, and mail with your check to NWMA, 2442 NW Market St., PMB 513, Seattle, WA 98107

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Make/ Mfg \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Location \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle interests: Cruising Racing Design/Building Sailing Skills Rendezvous Boat show/Promos Opening Day Repairs Crew Crew Needed

New Member? Yes No Where did you hear about NWMA?

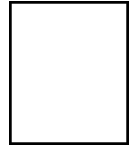
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Should we withhold your telephone and/or address from the club roster? Yes No

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boats and info about shrouds go to [www.precourt.ca](http://www.precourt.ca)**