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Commodores Comments

Hey There,
Mike the commodore here, wondering where the summer went? It did not seem that long ago that we were talking about Swiftsure and now it's time to think about the fall racing and getting Tracy going back to school. Hopefully everybody had as good of a summer as I did.

I'm not sure which was more fun for me this summer going to the Vashon rendezvous or heading up north for the Cow Bay regatta. Both were pretty cool in completely different ways. Vashon was about going to see the fireworks from the water with friends. I convinced my wife to come along and we spent our first night together on the boat. Pretty cool, we even survived the boat ramp at Tacoma on July 4th in the middle of the Tacoma Large Ship Festival. Can you say a zoo of power boaters? I told JJ that if we could launch in those conditions without yelling at each other, then the rest was a piece of cake. The trip over was uneventful and I have to admit the satisfaction of getting there and putting the anchor down and it holding on the first try. Maybe this cruising thing will work out. Wayne and Ann, Jim Thompson and Tom Speers as well as Martyn and Linda made for a fun group. For a side trip we rowed into shore to tour a friend's house (estate?) that I had done the engineering on. The fireworks as always were great, even better from the unobstructed view of the wa-

ter. The trip home was fairly easy as it was 6am and all the power boaters were sleeping it off somewhere.

I first heard about the Cow Bay Regatta from David Miller, who assured me it was worth the trouble of getting the boat up to Canada. Boy, was he right. The rumor about this regatta is that the wind blows and there are no waves, and this year the rumors were true. Wanting to make a good showing I spent a couple of weeks getting all the weight off Scooter I could. We were race legal, but taking a page from Jude, there were only a few paper towels on board and no cruising gear. I figured we took about 125lbs off the boat, the biggest item being the hated screecher (they call it a screecher because the crew screeches every time the skipper calls for its hoist!). Due to work constraints I decided to trailer up instead of sailing. The trip was fun, taking the boat on the Coho ferry (piece of cake) driving in rush hour traffic in Victoria and launching at Cowichan Bay. Not much wind when I launched (with help from Martyn and Linda) but as the boats arrived there was rumors of wind in the afternoon. In all 16 boats attended the regatta, the biggest fleet Scooter had raced in. Les and our crew Nathan (new to sailing multihulls and had never raced) showed up after a cool run up from Anacortes in Les's Boston Whaler. The racing was just as advertised, 15-20 and flat water. I think Nathan is forever spoiled, he

thinks we always race in shorts in the sunshine, and only do 3-4 tacks in the 5 nm beat followed by a 15-20 knot spinnaker run with 2-3 gybes. Plenty of time to take pictures, point out the sights and ask why the monohulls are so slow. Neatest thing Nathan did was take video from the boat. I had never before been able to convey the speed and stability of the boat to others, but one look at the video and they are amazed. Anyway if you have not done this race, it is definitely worth the effort to get there.

The trip home was fun, only had to back the trailer up once in Victoria on the small side streets as the main streets were closed for Symphony Splash. I saw Wayne and Ann coming into Victoria to meet up with David and Julia to lead a group on the cruise of the Gulf Islands. On the ferry ride home I got to see killer whales in the Straits and nothing fell off the trailer, so all in all it was a great trip. Next year it would be cool to see 20 boats on the starting line.

So it's back to the regular meetings and school and fall racing. As always there is lots going on, hopefully something for everyone in the club. If not tell us or better yet get involved to make the event you want happen. I can't wait to hear all the stories at the coming club meeting. So as the saying goes, sail fast, sail safe. Mike
F-25A Scooter



Commodore and famous architect, Mike Wright

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2005 Calendar

9/16	NWMA Meeting— 7 pm Show and Tell or what I did on my summer vacation. Los of pictures and stories!! Lite dinner at 6 pm
9/22	Golden Gardens Equinox Picnic Changed to dinner cruise at Port Madison. Date may be changed, check on it before you go.
9/24	Northwest Harvest Benefit Race
10/1	CYCE Foulweather Bluff
10/15	CYC PSSC
10/21	NWMA Meeting 7 pm— Speaker, Pat McGarry, history of Formula 40, Dragonfly.
11/4/5/6	SYC Grand Prix
11/18	NWMA Meeting, 7 pm—Overview of boating safety.
12/03	TYC Winter Vashon
12/16	NWMA Meeting, 7 pm —Holiday Potluck, bring a dish to share, a plate and silverware and join your friends for dinner.

Dock Talk and Other Scuttlebutt



A first person report of falling off the boat while cruising.

We left Victoria about 10:30 and sailed north, around the point and south again to Brentwood Bay, arriving about 4:30. Now we are looking for more multihulls to join and officially start this cruise. There is a tri in that little marina over there. In we go, tie up in front of it. Turns out to be F-9A Flip, Flop and Fly. Yes he had been at Cow Bay, no he isn't going on the cruise, and no we can't moor here, it is a private marina (Angler's Cove). We're told to go next door to Brentwood Bay Marina.

Idling along, we pull out and are looking toward that marina. There is a large marker on a rock in between the two marinas and we swing wide around it, when, whack, we hit it anyway. I was standing out on the nets and was thrown forward, clear off the boat and into the water. Wayne was standing in the cock-

pit with the tiller between his knees and he went down forward over the traveler and was quite bruised.

He then started backing off the rock without out realizing I was in the water and under the nets. This was one of the weirdest things about this incident. Neither he nor I knew that anything had happened to the other even though we were only about 15 feet away from each other. I hollered for him to stop the boat, swam to the back and he helped boost me up high enough to get a knee on the so-called swim step where I could climb in. Fortunately the water was bathwater warm. I dried off and changed clothes. We were somewhat shaken and worried about the boat. Was this the end of our trip?

We now continued to motor over to the Brentwood Marina, maybe 150 yards away, and there to our great delight was Randy Rowland standing out on a long end dock waving at us. We slid up to the dock and he handled our mooring lines.

What a pleasure to see a familiar face when things were looking rather bad. Not only was he a friendly face, he was a swimmer and still wearing trunks after going for a dip. He donned a mask and actually dived our boat and evaluated the damage. There was just a bite out of the dagger board with no damage to the hull or trunk. Yes, good news, we can continue the cruise!

This is the second time we have been grateful to see Randy on the dock, he helped us one dark night at Pt. Ludlow too.

I can't tell you how wonderful it is to sail with friends. When things go wrong, and they do, it is so good to have some one you know to lean on a little. On this trip we had two torn sails, a bad burn, and baulky dingy motors and all were willing to lend a hand.

Read Kirby's report of the MOB practice. Consider trying it yourself, swimming with a life jacket on and trying to get back on your boat. It's hard I'll bet you will soon invest in a swim ladder.

Ann Erickson



Our Sizzling Summer, June 11

Blake Island Rendezvous with the Hobie Club Hogshead Cancelled

Rod Tharpe and wife Susan McRae on F-9A Strider, David and Julia Miller on F-33 DanGereaux, and Wayne and Ann Erickson on C-31 Optimus Prime gave assistance to eight Hobie beach cats on a weekend trek to Blake Island. The Hobie Club end of this was managed by our club members Mark and Diane Olsoe and Kirby and Robin Jacobson.

We met this group at the West Seattle boat launch ramp and loaded all their gear on the tris. Then all sailed to Blake Island and we had a fleet of dingys to transfer mountains of camping gear and coolers full of food to the beach. There was a huge pot-luck covering five campsites that evening. In the morning Kirby and Robin hosted breakfast cooking eggs for all comers. Plus there was bagel, fruit, etc. It was quite the gourmet breakfast in the beautiful outdoor setting on the West side of Blake Island. The weather was good, but not much wind. The Hogshead was scheduled for Sunday, but was simply cancelled due to poor sailing conditions. Several of the beach cats were towed back to West Seattle. It was great fun meeting all these new people, and we should do it again sometime.



We had 3 large tris and about 8 beach cats at Blake Island. We took up 1/2 the campground and had enough food to feed an army!

Our Sizzling summer, July 19

Man Over Board Practice is a Success, Kirby is Saved!!

By Kirby Jacobson

I'm in Puget Sound with a green camouflage free dive suit on, what a beautiful view from the water of the low afternoon sun through the sails and the dancing sun dots on the water.

They have plenty of time to get me. I can stay all day in this suit with a big yellow inflated life vest on. But the only way I can swim anywhere is to float on my back. The chambers of the life vest prevent me from reaching forward at all. When I float on my back I can't see the Life Sling on the water. Around they go. Hmm....the Life Sling isn't getting much nearer. It appears that the it is content to follow the boat rather than circle inwards toward me. We are clearly finding out all kinds of things with this MOB practice.



Linda Adams hoists Kirby aboard with a spinnaker halyard and a Life Sling.

Multihulls appear to require a little different handling during MOB. The first order of the day is to kill speed, and then begin to maneuver. We also have to be very sensitive about picking up speed when we come around to the swimmer.

They throw. Well, it is a bit of a scramble trying to swim anywhere but I figure out an approximate sidestroke and get over to the ring. With the Life Sling around me I am at the side of the boat. Linda is trying to clip a halyard into the harness rings on my fancy life vest. This is pretty tough. Even in calm water it is hard to bend over to water level, dig under the inflated life vest and the Life Sling, and clip the rings. Lets crank it and get me out of here. Yikes, that hurts my lower back. When the force pulls at the level of the life vest D rings it is about 6 inches under my rib cage and bends me over backwards as I get pulled out of the water. Yeow, we have got to work out something better than that.

Another run and jump into the water for the next round. By the way, this is a blast. One unheralded advantage of multihulls is that you can get a great run before you jump. I bet mono-hullers never thought of that!

So here we are, once more circling with the Life Sling. Well, one lesson learned is that these boats are a little fast for the "circle the sling to the center" plan. This time when I get the Life Sling it is traveling at about 5 knots. It is easy to hang on with one hand but the lifejacket and water pressure make it difficult to put the sling on. And I have to be careful not to let the angle of my body pull me under with the pressure generated by the speed. Now they reel me in and this time the halyard is hooked to the Life Sling. Now this works pretty good. And I flip around so I am facing outward and the same force pulling in toward the mast now sits me right down instead of arching my back.

So where to go from here? More practice that is for sure. We will be going out again. I can hardly wait until we do a true storm MOB practice. Or maybe a night drill. That is when you need it the most. I will make sure to wear bright clothes.



Our Sizzling Summer, June 21

Equinox Cruise to Miller House for Potluck

This nice little evening cruise got rained out this year. The Miller's graciously invited us to their house instead. Everyone was standing by with potluck fare so there was plenty of food and about 15 of us enjoyed a pleasant evening of conversation thanks to David and Julia's hospitality.

Our Sizzling Summer, July 4

Fireworks Rendezvous at Quartermaster Harbor

Four boats materialized at Vashon Island, Quartermaster Harbor for their fireworks display. Jim Thompson brought along Tom Speer on F-27 Danger Zone, Mike and Jennifer Wright arrived on F-25, Scooter, Wayne and Ann Erickson came on F-31 Optimus Prime and Martyn and Linda Adams arrived in a small power boat that belongs to their son. In the afternoon Mike took some of us ashore to tour a beautiful waterfront home that he helped engineer. In the evening we potlucked on the boats and then sat outside, wrapped in blankets with warm drinks and enjoyed the fireworks. Most spent the night on their boat and headed back in the morning.

Our Sizzling Summer, August 27

Port Ludlow Birthday Rendezvous

Five boats and 11 people turned up for this Alice in Wonderland style Happy Unbirthday to You party. We had the grill and patio in this beautiful setting at Port Ludlow Marina. The food was fabulous and all enjoyed the nice weather and good company.

First to arrive was Danger Zone single-handed by Jim Thompson. It was nice to see Dragonfly 2000 Flexible Flyer with Steve and Janet Bondelid. Also there were F-31 Optimus Prime with Wayne and Ann Erickson, and F-31 Starry Nights with Robin and Kirby Jacobson. We had a surprise boat too, from Pt. Townsend, a 20 ft. Rick White tri design named Starship and skippered by Capt. Kirk! Sorry I didn't get his last name.

Racing Log

Cowichin Bay Regatta Results and Coming Events

By Fleet Captain, Jim Thompson

The next race is NW Harvest on the 24th of September. This is a short fun race by Seattle Singles YC to raise money for the food bank. It looks like several of the F-27's are planning on being out. Who else is planning on coming?

The next race in the NW Multihull Cup is Foulweather Bluff on the 1st of October. It is shaping up as a close contest so far between Cuttlefish and Dragonfly for the title. 3rd though 7th is also close and positions up for grabs. Foulweather Bluff is a challenging and fun race out of CYC Edmonds. So who all do we have up to the challenge?

Fifteen multis competed at Cowichan Bay under perfect conditions.

The racers are raving about this great venue. Here's who was there in order of finish:

1	F-40 Dragon Fly	Pat McGarry
2	F-25C Makika	Jude Stuller
3	F-31 Cheekee Monkee	Kim Alfreds
4	Via 27 Cat Sass	Keith Rubin
5	F-31 Red Shift	Wayne Gorrie
6	F-9R Flip Flop & Fly	Sandy McMillan
7	F-27 Cuttlefish	Martyn and Linda Adams
8	F-25A Scooter	Mike Wright
9	F-27 Drum	Andy Robinson
10	F-9AR White Lighting	Mark Gumley
11	F-33 DanGeraux	David Miller
12	Cat Bad Kitty	Karl Uthoff
13	F-9AX Sauterelle	John Green
14	Gray Switzer Catsass	Fred Feige
15	Dragonfly 920 Puff	Tony vanWouw

Six of these competitors are NWMA members and really helped make this race a success.



Our Sizzling Summer August 1—15

First Annual NWMA Cruise to Gulf Islands

We had a total of five boats on this epic cruise of the Canadian Gulf Islands. Stops included Brentwood Bay, Buchart Gardens, Princess Bay, Pt. Browning, Montague Harbor, Ganges, Conover Cove, Telegraph Harbor and Silva Bay as we worked our way north. We stayed on the itinerary the first week, but skipped some thngs the second week as we wanted to stay longer some places such as Ganges so we could go to the Saturday Market there. Minor crises were dealt with as they came along. Both the Millers and DeMatos tore mainsails and needed repairs. Linda Adams burned her hand badly and Wayne and Ann hit a rock and damaged their daggerboard. It was one beautiful stop after another with hiking, swimming, and food everywhere. We potlucked on our boats at the primitive places and indulged in great resturants in the towns and marinas. It was a great time and we are talking about Desolation Sound for next year.

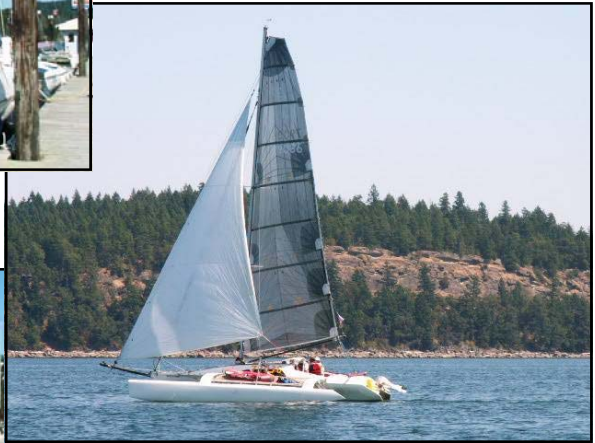
Editors Note: There will be many more pictures and stories at the meeting Friday. Please come. We hope to get a full log on the website soon. See Dock Talk for a 1st person version of Ann unscheduled swim when they hit the rock!



Charlie DeMato's TRT 2100 Catamaran, Nemo



Charlie, Pat, Gabby and Matt DeMato on Nemo at Thetis.



F-33 DanGereaux undersail.



David and Julia Miller on DanGereaux at Thetis



Randy Roland and Kay Powers visiting with Wayne Erickson on Optimus Prime at Brentwood Marina. Ama Deus is behind them.



Three tris and a cat rafted together at Princess Margarite Park, Portland Island.



Martyn and Linda Adams and David and Julia Miller take a lunch break after a hearty hike on Portland Island.



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Newsletter	Ann Erickson and David Miller

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Race Fleet Capts	Pat McGarry and Jim Thompson
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Property	Diane Johnson
Publicity	Diane 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!
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Membership Application

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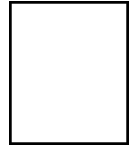
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Next Meeting Friday, Sept. 16

7 pm, CYC Club Room at
Leschi.

“What We Did On Our
Summer Vacation!!”

Come and hear what crazy
things club members did
this summer. Pictures too!

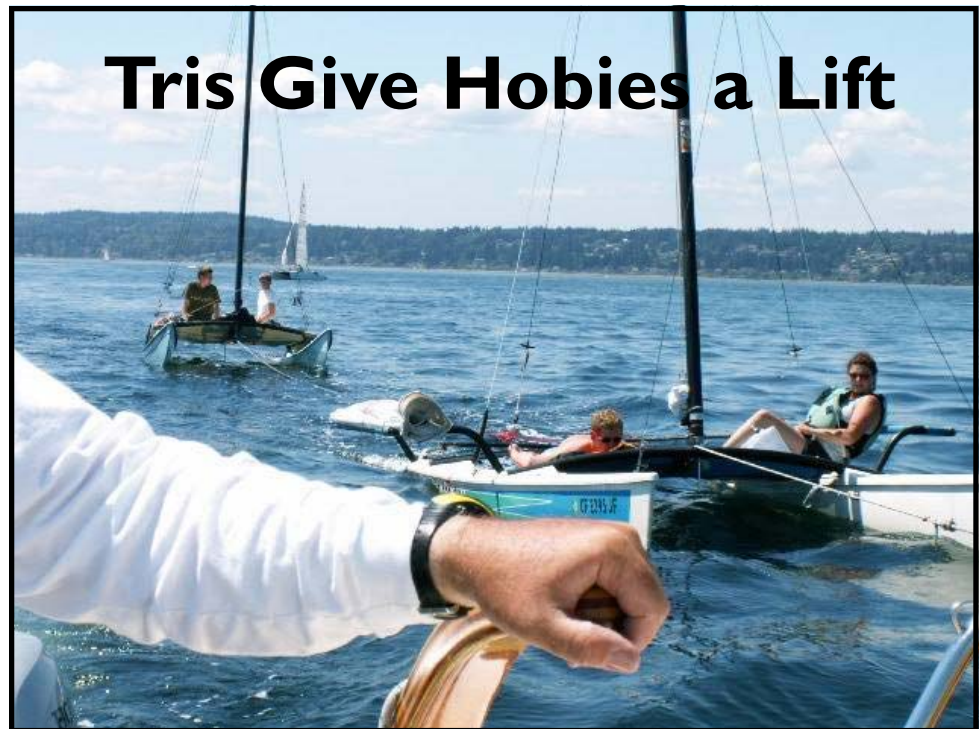
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from Blake Island by Optimus Prime. See page 3 for story.**