

# Northwest Multihull Association Newsletter

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and Cruisers  
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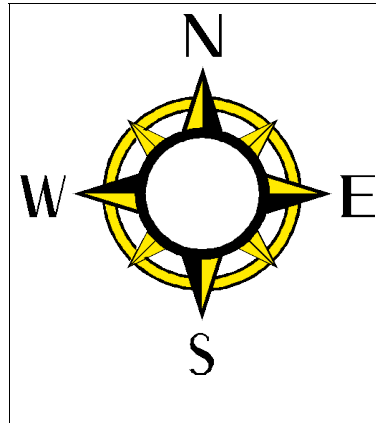
April 2010

## Presentation for April: Tom Speer at America's Cup

April 6th Tom Speer: America's Cup from a spectator's perspective. Our own NWMA member on site, on the water!

## America's Cup: Back to the US!

On Sunday afternoon (February 14), on the waters off Valencia, Spain, BMW ORACLE Racing became the first American challenger in 23 years to win the America's Cup.  
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## Officers

<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Bill Mains</i>
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	<i>Linda Adam</i>
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	<i>David Miller</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Diane Johnson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Ann Erickson</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Linda Adams</i>

### Appointed Officers

<i>Race Fleet Captain</i>	<i>available</i>
<i>Librarian</i>	<i>Mark Olsoe</i>
<i>Property</i>	<i>Diane Johnson</i>
<i>Web Curator</i>	<i>Keith Burke</i>

Photo of Wing from BMW Oracle trimaran that won the America's Cup. NWMA member Tom Speer (circled) was on the design team for the amazing, 187' tall, mast/solid wing mainsail. He will tell us about his America's Cup experience during our April meeting! Also he has videos to share, including the race in Valencia Spain.



PHOTO GILLES MARTIN-RAGET / BMW ORACLE RACING - WWW.BMOR-PHOTO.COM

For team founder and afterguard member Larry Ellison (USA), the win is the culmination of a 10-year quest to win the oldest international trophy in sport, and sailing's biggest prize.

"I'm enormously proud of this team," Ellison said following the prizegiving ceremony Sunday evening. "It's been a fabulous experience and I'm exceptionally proud to bring the America's Cup back to the United States of America after a very long absence."

Ellison's BMW ORACLE Racing team represents San Francisco's Golden Gate Yacht Club.

For skipper James Spithill (AUS), the victory comes in his fourth attempt at the Cup. After becoming the youngest ever helmsman of a Cup team in 1999, on Sunday, at the age of 30, he became the youngest skipper to win the America's Cup.

"It still hasn't really sunk in," Spithill said on Monday afternoon.

"The only downer is we don't get to sail the boat (anymore). We all really look forward to sailing every day. It's a very special boat and so rewarding to sail."

This year, sailing the most innovative trimaran ever built, Spithill flew around the race course powered by the biggest wing sail the world has ever seen.

On Monday afternoon team CEO Russell Coutts confirmed that Club Nautico di Roma, and its sailing team Mascalzone Latino, is the Challenger of Record for the 34th America's Cup and reaffirmed that details of the next edi-

tion would come following a period of consultation with the America's Cup community.

Story from [http://bmworaclearacing.com/en/news/archive/overview.html?track\\_refer=/en/news/livestream/index.html&track\\_type=sn](http://bmworaclearacing.com/en/news/archive/overview.html?track_refer=/en/news/livestream/index.html&track_type=sn)

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## Dock Talk & Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of March 2, 2010  
Regular Meeting  
About 25 people in attendance.

We did a field trip this month. We visited Vince DePillis' lovely home overlooking Puget Sound, just above Shilshole Bay Marina. He and his wife, Kristin Bedell, hosted a potluck and provided a large pot of chili, of which every bean got eaten.

Commodore Bill Mains lead our introductions, comments and reports as we went around the room and everyone had a chance to speak.

Vince and Martyn and Linda Adams encouraged everyone to join them for an informal all multi-hull race on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Judging from the chatter on the list sever they will have several boats including David Atwater and Tom Speer.

Dana Hoffman reports that he won a free boat haul-out at the boat show. He was very pleased as he had intended to haul his 44' Horstman, Yeta, this spring anyway.

Larry Christianson joined us and said that his mighty Invictus is back in its slip at "L" dock at Shilshole Marina. He hopes to have her out sailing soon.

Another visitor was Daniel Hill who lives in Ballard and has purchased a project boat to finish, at 24 foot Buccaneer. He said he was a member years ago and used to live on a tri.

Mark Olsoe and Diane Johnson have returned from a three week trip to Florida where they chartered a Gemini for a cruise and attended the Miami Boat Show. Diane managed to put out an excellent newsletter in spite of being gone most of the month.

Linda Adams gave a treasurer's report and said that membership dues are coming in. Pay up if you haven't done it yet and thanks to all who have.

Linda also reports that she has several speakers lined up for us. They include a talk on boat partnerships from the multiple owners of F-24 Amadeus. We are also looking forward to hearing member Tom Speer's first hand report on the America's Cup. We will host Tommy Cook who is sailing the Great Lakes and the Northwest Passage solo in a Corsair 31 UC.

You can read his story at <http://arcticosolosail.com/> I wonder if he is related to the other Captain Cook?

Commodore Bill Mains announced that the Seattle Yacht Club is looking for a boat that they can mount a large replica of the space shuttle on. This is for their "Out of This World" theme for their opening day yacht parade. Anyone interested? Call Bill.

After all this, the group retired to Vince's shop where he is building new cross beams for his F-31, Frieda Mae. They are very curvy and sexy, Cheeky Monkee style beams. He intends to build new floats too. The members all had a wonderful time in the shop looking at tools and talking about epoxy and sanding techniques and such. Generally it was a great meeting. It makes me look forward to next month when we will all get together again and hear what everyone is doing. It's lots of fun, do join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Erickson, secretary

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## Boater's Swap Meet Saturday April 10

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If you want to sell or buy used boat gear, consider the 48° North Boater's Swap Meet. It's a free event held at Fisheries Supply's Upper and Lower Parking lots. (It's in all their parking lots, on Northlake Way and on N 34th St.)

The swap meet will be Saturday April 10. It starts before sunrise and winds down by early after-

noon. It's quite informal, no need to sign up. Anyone can bring their stuff to sell, optional to bring a table or tent to sell from. Some people camp out all night. People set their own prices and keep all the proceeds. Fisheries also sets some sale items outside.

It's also great to go inside the store. Remember to bring your NWMA membership card because NWMA members get discounts at Fisheries Supply year round!

Fisheries Supply  
1900 N Northlake Way, Seattle  
(North end of Lake Union.)  
206-632-3555

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## 2010 Cruising Schedule

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**May 29-31 Swiftsure** Even if you don't race, come for the show and the multihull dinner.

**June 19-20 Blake Island** Fathers Day. Take Dad for a cruise or have the kids take you

**July 3 Fireworks at Poulsbo** Raft up for the show. Easy access to the shore so friends can join us.

**July 4 Fireworks at Quartermaster Harbor** For those who didn't get enough on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**July 30- Aug 1 Cow Bay Regatta** Racing is not required to enjoy this. It is the starting point of the annual Gulf Islands and North Cruise. *The dates for Cow Bay and therefore the cruise start are not confirmed yet.*

**August 2- 15 Gulf Islands and North Cruise** We will be explor-

ing the Gulf Islands and possibly get as far as Desolation Sound.

**Sept 11-12 Brownsville** Easy to get to, great docks and we have the picnic shelter with BBQ and heaters.

Thanks to David Miller, Rear Commodore, for some great times ahead!

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## Trimaran of a Different Magnitude

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Here are some recent photos of the new US Navy ship "USS Independence".

Designed specifically for close-to-shore operations, this is a Littoral Combat Ship.

**Sprint Speed** 40kt  
**Economical Speed** 20kt  
**Range at Economical Speed**  
4,300 nautical miles  
**Draft at Full Load Displacement**  
14ft



**Pirates Beware!**



US Navy ship  
"USS Independence"

For more information, please see ship's [website](#).

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## Rudy Choy Catamarans

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I was intrigued by the following email on the NW Multihull list-serve: "CSK Polycon Molds - Free until destroyed end of month [Click here: CSK Polycon Molds - Multihulls4us Forums](#) The molds for Rudy Choy's 38' Polycon are available in So Cal for free. They are slated for disposal at the end of the month. A good "deal" for the right person. If someone is hot for



Rudy Choy's 1968 Transpac winner "Polynesian Concept" catamaran, owned by Buddy Ebsen of TV's Beverly Hillbillies.

one of these boats I could fetch them and build a boat for a very reasonable cost. David 561-632-2628

[david@boatsmithfl.com](mailto:david@boatsmithfl.com)  
[www.boatsmithfl.com](http://www.boatsmithfl.com)"

The email above came out in January so I hope the hull molds found a taker. It turns out these are the molds for 1968 Transpac winner "Polynesian Concept". The story can be found in the book "Polynesian Concept" by Buddy Ebsen, 1972.

I saw an "for sale" ad for the actual "Polynesian Concept" boat [here on a website](#), asking \$30,000. I found out more about Rudy Choy on his [website](#)....

In 1947 Woody Brown, Alfred Kumalae and Rudy Choy built MANUKAI, the first catamaran of the modern era. The inspiration for this revolutionary boat lay in the ancient Polynesian Double-Canoes that had enabled migration to Hawai'i from Tahiti over 1,500

years ago. While Woody's background as a world-champion glider pilot greatly influenced her construction, so that she more closely resembled a lightweight aircraft than a boat, her hull design was influenced by sketches of ancient double canoe cross-sections.

Other cats soon followed with equal and greater success, thrilling the adventurous on high-speed reaches off Waikiki Beach. But it was the refusal of the Trans-Pacific Yacht Club to accept WAIKIKI SURF in 1954 Trans-Pacific yacht race from Los Angeles to Honolulu that sparked a determination in Rudy Choy to crusade for his belief that catamarans were the vessel of the future. In 1957, with Alfred Kumalae and Warren Seaman, he formed [C/S/K Catamarans](#). The partnership, joined by Vince Bartolone in the early 1960's, was responsible for some of the fastest and most innovative catamarans ever created.



Rudy Choy's 54' Seasmoke, owned by James Arness of TV show Gunsmoke.

The firm was fortunate in attracting the interest of many conventional yachtsmen who were intrigued enough in the raw performance of the early cats to pioneer a new generation of race boat, leading to a series of ocean racers that dominated West Coast racing for decades. Even the 35' length-overall POLYNESIAN CONCEPT, built for Buddy Ebsen

was capable of high performance, capturing First-Corrected time in the ORCA (Ocean Racing Catamaran Association) 1968 Transpac, finishing second only to the C/S/K designed SEASMOKE, a 54-footer.

Currently Choydesign LLC designs sailing yachts from 40' through 120' and power yachts from 45' through 200'. They are located in Honolulu .

## Charlie Brown, F-32 Project Available

2/23/2010 jft7@live.com writes: Charlie Brown, who sailed with me for several years, recently passed away. Some of you knew him. He was building a F-32 in Central Washington. The boat floats were built and most of the main hull was completed. If you would like more details on it contact Rod Tharp at [smcrae@earthlink.net](mailto:smcrae@earthlink.net) . It would be good to see

the boat go to a good home and be finished. -- Jim

## Local Racing!

To club members: Which races interest you? Which races should be part of this year's Multihull series? So far, 8 members have picked some races. Please see the [race list on page 7](#) and talk with others about your favorite races.

For 2010, the position of Race Fleet Captain is still available. Anyone want to try it? I'm sure that past Race Fleet Captains would provide tips to anyone trying this for the first time.

**Garage Sale at Ann and Wayne's** I would like to sell my Kokitat dry suit. It is a 2xl suit with a new neck seal it cost me \$900 new. I will sell it for \$500.

I would also like to sell my 2005 Dodge 2500 4 wheel drive 4 door pickup with a Cummins diesel, tonneau cover, bed liner, automatic trans. This truck gets 23.5 miles per gallon on the highway, and tows the boat with no drama. Current wholesale value on this truck is \$18,500, I would like to get \$19,000 for it. Current retail value of this truck is \$26,000



We have an almost new 8.8 foot AMI inflatable boat with a "V" bottom and an aluminum floor complete in the bag. \$1000

Also a 2 hp air cooled Honda outboard motor with a long shaft it works great on the inflatable. \$500  
Give me a call if you have any questions, Wayne Erickson 206-546-5430.

## Classified Advertising



**1987 Crowther Passagemaker 33ft Trimaran - \$25,000 CAN OBO**

**33ft Trimaran, modified Bernie Rodriguez, presently moored at Wards Marina on Crescent Rd in Surrey BC**

**Specifications:**

**Glass reinforced, epoxy sheathed, mahogany plywood construction**

**Sleeps 4**

**Single cylinder 11hp diesel engine**

**New dodger & enclosed cockpit**

**Electric anchor windlass**

**GPS etc**

**Autopilot**

**Three burner cook top**

**Boat may remain at its current mooring space at Wards Marina, Surrey, B.C. Has been used for summer sailing in the San Juans and Upper Gulf Islands.**

**Appraised by Western Marine Surveyors, August 14th 2008**

**For information phone: 604-535-3936 or email: [csmailles@telus](mailto:csmailles@telus)**

### For Sale

30 Ft Endeavour Cat: FELIX MAXIMUS. USA/DCA Reg'n.; 1992; good cond. new Honda OB; hot water; refrig... Located Anacortes. \$99,000

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## Which races interest you?

				sailors	Martyn/ Linda	Jim Danger	Kim A Cat	Vince Freda Mae	Pat Dragon fly	Sigi High 5	David Dangerous
				boat	RufDuck	Danger Zone					
April	10	ST	Blakely Rock Benefit		x	x		x	x		
April	24	SYC	Smith Island (Tri Island 1)		x				x		
April	24-25	LYCBC	Semiahmoo Bay Int'l		x		x				
May	1,2	ST	Race to the Straits		x	x		x			x
May	8	SYC	Vashon Island(TriIsland2)		x				x		
May	14-16		NOOD (Seattle)				x				
May	22, 23		Round Saltspring								
May	29/30	RV	Swiftsure		x			x	x		?
June	5	SYC	Blake Island (Tri Island 3)		x				x		
June			Round Bowen				x				
July	mid?		Vendee Saltspring							x	
July	31	Aug1,2	Cow Bay		x		x	x	x		x
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August	3-15	cruise	Vancouver Island		x						x
Sept	4,5	BYC	PITCH		x						
Sept	11	SB	Trans Puget		x			x	x		
Oct	2	CYCE	Foulweather Bluff		x			x	x		
Oct	22-24	SYC	Grand Prix						x		
Nov	6-7	OI	Round County		x			x	x		
Dec	4	TYC	Winter Vashon (SSS 1)		x				x		
?	?		BBOD (Bellingham)				x				
Add races you are interested in entering:											
August	7	SJIYC	Shaw Island Classic								
			Shilshole to/from Gig								
August	8-Jul	STYC	Harbor				x				

## **Members get free Ads!**

Fee to non-members is \$10 per ad. One-time set up fee of \$10 for a classified ad for both members and non-members. An ad can include a photo.

Commercial Advertising rate is \$90 per full page per issue. Partial pages and annual commitments are prorated. Fee is due and payable when copy is submitted.

## **About Us**

NWMA meets the first Tuesday of every month, September through June. Doors open at 6:00 pm for an informal no host dinner, usually pizza., 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!

## **Membership Information**

**\*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!**

**\*A subscription is included with NWMA membership.**