

# Northwest Multihull Association Newsletter

Builders, Racers,  
and Cruisers  
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## Dock Talk & Meeting Minutes

Minutes of April 6 Meeting  
About 35 people in attendance

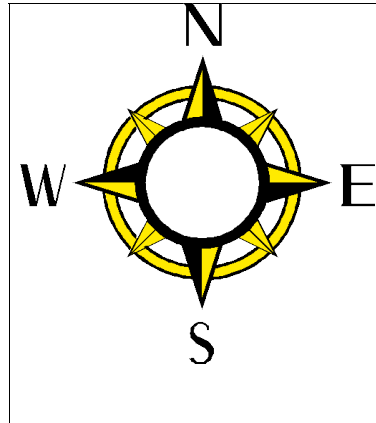
After an hour of socializing and our potluck dinner, Commodore Bill Mains called the meeting to order and began our round the circle introductions and reports.

Martyn Adams gave a hair raising report of going through Deception Pass on the windiest day of the year. Linda Adams gave a treasurer's report. Long time members Greg Jacobs, Del Jacobs and Larry Christianson were there.

Bill Mains reports that we will participate in Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day Parade, May 1. They have a space theme this year. A model of the space shuttle will be mounted on Bill's F-24. It is made of Styrofoam and quite large. SYC kids dressed in NASA suits will be on board to escort. This should be a sight to see. [www.seattleyachtclub.org/](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/)

Kirby Jacobson has turned lemons into lemonade. He got the dreaded pink slip from Boeing in the last round of layoffs. However he has negotiated a retirement package and is now a gentleman of leisure. He swears he is going sailing this summer.

Our speaker was member Tom Speer. He gave us a fascinating insider view of this years' America's Cup races. He was at the race



to assist with the wing mast on Oracle, the mighty trimaran that won the race. He has been involved in the mast design for a long time. He had slides and souvenirs and gave a fascinating talk about how the races were managed as well as how Oracle did.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Erickson, Secretary

## Officers

<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Bill Mains</i>
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### Appointed Officers

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

## May Presentation

May 4th Captain Tommy Cook:  
The adventure of sailing the north-west passage in an F-31 trimaran. Last summer he sailed through the Great Lakes. He'll be leaving to go back to Labrador, Canada to the boat in late May and try another leg. He will share his adventures at sea over the last 44 years.

<http://www.arcticsolosail.com/>



Vince DePillis and crew on Freda Mae, Blakely Rock Benefit Race.

Photo by Randy Nikolai at

<http://cid2928dbd56f5d80cc.skydrive.live.com/browse.aspx/Blakely%20Rocks%202010>

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## Blakely Rock Benefit Race

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by Jim Thompson

What a great race. Winds 12 to 25 out of the north. Seas were decent as the wind was with the tide. We ran with a reef and the jib.

Started with a short beat up and around Meadow Point bouy. Then it was off on a reach to Blakely Rock. I followed in the foot steps of Dragonfly to the middle of the sound then bore of some and set the spinnaker. I was surprised when Dragonfly did not follow suit has it became a fairly deep run to Blakely Rock.

We were doing great staying between 14 and 18 knots hitting a high of 21.8 knots. Then it was thump and the rudder popped up. Not a great sound or feel. I had the spin sheet released and was able to gently come around head to wind. While the crew got the spinnaker back on board I was able to get the rudder back down and bear off with the jib. I was Surprised it did not take more than several minutes to have the boat back up to speed. Not sure what we hit. I do not think it was very big. I heard it hit the hull but did not seem to get the dagger board just the rudder. It was amazing to me how well the boat kept going straight until we let the spinnaker sheet go. Then it was just a gentle turn up into the wind with what little rudder I had.

The beat back was fairly uneventful except for my out haul that broke. My backup safety line held and affected the boat very little. I think we did the course in about 2 1/2 hours so overall a quick day.

Hopefully we will see a few more multi's out for Race to the Straits.

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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 Poulso** Raft up for the show. Easy access to the shore so friends can join us.

**July 4 Fireworks at Quarter-master 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 exploring 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. Great times ahead!

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## Multihull Sailing in BC

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British Columbia Multihull Society (BCMS) members would like to invite us to their events. Coming up...

## May 22 & 23 BCMS Port Browning Sail In, North Pender Island

Saturday: May 22

6:00 PM Pot Luck on the Beach

8:00 PM: Annual Meeting of the BC Multihull Society

Sunday: May 23

Noon: Fun race for all

7:30 PM Dinner & Prize Giving

<http://www.portbrowning.com>

## May 29 & 31 Swiftsure International Yacht Race



Multihulls have the choice between the overnight Cape Flattery race or the shorter Rosedale Rock Race.

Meet the multihull racers for dinner and drinks at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, for multihull racers and interested parties on Friday, May 28th. Cost will be around \$40.00 including tip & taxes. The organizers say Remember to get your best "you won't believe what happened" story ready and bring your appetite. <http://swiftsure.org/>

**June 15 Pub Night** 7:30 PM  
Rusty Anchor Pub @ Captain's Cove Marina, 6100 Ferry Road Delta, BC 604-946-2727

## July 17 & 18 BCMS Newcastle Island Sail In

Anchor in Mark Bay or take the passenger ferry from Nanaimo. A BBQ pit is reserved for Saturday night for a group dinner.  
<http://newcastleisland.ca>

NWMA members and other multihullers are welcome at Newcastle Island just off Nanaimo BC. It is wonderful spot for anchoring and rafting up as it is well-sheltered, flat-bottomed with good holding power and close to the docks.

Explore the Newcastle Island Provincial Park, as it has copious amounts of wildlife - rabbits, deer, birds, etc - as well as rock formations and a great shoreline. The park has great facilities, with covered meeting areas (that we reserve each year), tent sites, water, showers, toilets, a nearby pub with excellent restaurant. The access is great even without a boat, as there is an inexpensive water taxi from Nanaimo to the island.

This summer will be the third or fourth Newcastle Island Sail-In and each year has been better than the last - all have been great.

## July 31 & August 1 Cowichan Bay Regatta

This annual sailing event held at Cowichan Bay offers great sailing as well as viewing for spectators from the town's pier.

Many of the fastest Northwest Multihull Association boats as well as BC Multihull Society's fletcher members usually participate.

There is typically a steak BBQ and dancing on Saturday night and the

awards ceremony is Sunday afternoon. [www.cowbay-regatta.ca](http://www.cowbay-regatta.ca)

## Sept 21 Pub Night

See June 15 listing for info.

## October 19 Pub Night

BCMS information at [http://www.bcms.bc.ca/index.php?p=1\\_32\\_Events](http://www.bcms.bc.ca/index.php?p=1_32_Events)

Maybe some BCMS members could join the NWMA in a reciprocal event in WA state, to support each other.

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## Karl Uthoff and Bad Kitty

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From Richard Britton of BCMS

Karl Uthoff, the well-known catamaran sailor who designed, built and sailed the 36 ft racer "Bad Kitty" with such success and enjoyment passed away recently after battling cancer. Karl was well known for his generous nature and wild enthusiasm for multihull sailing, always pushing himself and the boat to the limit. He was a great asset in helping the owners and sailors of many multihulls attain better handling and higher performance.

The BCMS annual end-of-season event has been our gathering at Winter Cove at Saturna Island so we can be at Karl's cabin. It sounds as if this tradition will continue. We have a memorial page for Karl on the BCMS website with many postings.

[http://www.bcms.bc.ca/index.php?p=1\\_31&nid=1#comments\\_top](http://www.bcms.bc.ca/index.php?p=1_31&nid=1#comments_top)



Karl Uthoff on right  
**SV Adventuress Support**

From: Pat Pielage

Hello and Ahoy Everyone, In your journeys up and down the Sound you may have seen the Adventuress cruising along. She's a very handsome schooner that specializes in sailing and education programs for kids.

Please join me in a unique opportunity to support the restoration of a Puget Sound sailing Icon: Schooner ADVENTURESS. The 97 year old ADVENTURESS has the opportunity to receive a \$100,000 grant if the ship is "voted" by the public as the preferred historic project.

It's all about who gets the most votes, and we need YOU! For one month, April 15 to May 12, we need you to cast your vote DAILY and help keep Adventuress sailing for generations to come.

Each time you vote, you can enter to win a Free Sail for 45 people aboard the 133 feet long Adventuress.

Please go to this website and vote. <http://www.soundexp.org/index.php?page=vote4boat>

I've been volunteering for Sound Experience, the 501c3 organization that runs the boat and its programs, for some time. I recently went the whole hog and volunteered for their board. So now I get to help with development, and I'm here to ask for the support of my fellow sailors because I think we provide an important service to the Puget Sound communities.

As we pursue grants and scholarships the foundations we apply to look for the level of community support, and now in 2010 that includes social media like facebook. The support that I'm asking for is you to check out the organization at [www.soundexp.org](http://www.soundexp.org), and drop us a line if you think we're deserving, and for you facebook folks to become "fans" of the schooner at <http://www.facebook.com/soundexp> - with the added incentive of a chance to win a free daysail.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Pat Pielage

## America's Cup visits WA

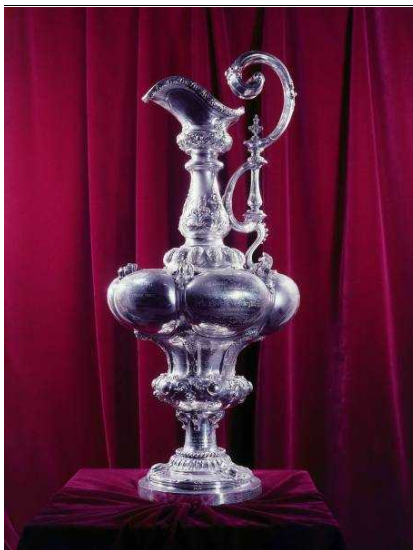


Photo from <http://bitterendblog.com/?p=5269>

Thanks to Tom Speer for his great America's Cup presentation at our April meeting! We all enjoyed it.

Some news from the BMW ORACLE website... It was a great weekend for local sailing fans and the BMW ORACLE Racing team alike as the America's Cup made

an appearance in the Pacific Northwest.

On Saturday, the Cup was in Anacortes, WA, as the team paid tribute to the town where its amazing, space-age, trimaran, along with its towering wing sail, were built, by Core Builders. The crowd in Anacortes on Saturday evening was estimated to be 1,500 people.

The America's Cup arrived at the Pier One Warehouse in a 2010 BMW 750Li and sported a new, custom-built carbon fibre base and display pedestal, both of which had been handcrafted by the Core Builders crew in Anacortes.

Kris Breckenridge, an Anacortes boat builder with Core Builders, says "It was really amazing to see that kind of support from the community, to see that level of enthusiasm for the America's Cup. It's a special night when you have everyone get behind a project that you've spent so much time on."

On Sunday, the trophy was at the Seattle Yacht Club, where dozens of junior sailors had a chance to meet the team and to participate in a Q+A session, before team items were auctioned off before a sold-out crowd to benefit junior sailing. Nearly \$10,000 was raised.

The two stops in the Pacific Northwest follow the team's America's Cup victory on February 14 in Valencia, Spain. The Tour is presented by Oracle and BMW EfficientDynamics.

More pictures and videos at BMW ORACLE Racing blog:  
<http://bmworacleracingblog.blogspot.com/>



The 97 year old Schooner ADVENTURESS needs our votes.

**What races are you interested in? Please let Linda Adams know. Let's make a schedule from the common interest!**

May	1,2	ST	Race to the Straits
May	8	SYC	Vashon Island (Tri Island 2)
May	14-16		NOOD (Seattle)
May	22, 23		Round Saltspring
May	29/30	RV	Swiftsure
June	5	SYC	Blake Island (Tri Island 3)
June			Round Bowen
July	mid?		Vendee Saltspring
August	7/31-8/1,2		Cow Bay
August	3-15	cruise	Vancouver Island
September	4,5	BYC	PITCH
September	11	SB	Trans Puget
October	2	CYCE	Foulweather Bluff
October	22-24	SYC	Grand Prix
November	6-7	OI	Round County
December	4	TYC	Winter Vashon (SSS 1)
?	?		BBOD (Bellingham)

Add races you are interested in entering:

August	7		Shaw Island
August	"7-8"	SloopTavern	Shilshole to/from Gig Harbor

Scoring will be done according to the Low Point System and based on the PORTSMOUTH NUMBERS AND WIND DEPENDENT HANDICAPS for Multihull Classes, as published by US Sailing.

Registered participants can camp at the EYC grounds free of charge or at Richardson Park.

Low cost for regatta registration and tasty meals.

**Friday, May 21** Recreational sail for early-arriving boats. (Regatta participants who arrive on Thursday, May 20 are encouraged to participate in the EYC regularly-scheduled Thursday night race.

Greeters' Picnic by the Gate –Food and a beverage will be served starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 22**  
 8 AM Registration and continental breakfast, EYC Clubhouse  
 11 AM Skippers' Meeting, EYC Clubhouse  
 12 AM On Call for Racing  
 Post Racing Dinner, EYC Clubhouse

**Sunday, May 23**  
 8 AM - 9:30 AM Breakfast, EYC Clubhouse  
 10 AM On Call for Racing  
 Post Racing Awards

Those who participate in both EYC's "Live on the Edge" Multihull Regatta and EYC's Memorial Day Regatta (May 29-30, 2010) can store their boats on the EYC grounds, free of charge, between the two events.

Information from: <http://www.eugenyachtclub.org/racing/edge/index.html>

## **"Live on the Edge" Multihull Regatta**

You are cordially invited to participate in the "Live on the Edge" Multihull Regatta, May 22 and 23,

2010 weekend, hosted by the Eugene Yacht Club at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene Oregon. Seven or more races are scheduled. The Regatta is open to all Multihull classes.

## 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 --52' HUGHES TRIMARAN PROJECT.** Started in early 90's by Patrick and Susan Thomas. Amas are ready to glass, decks already glassed but no holes or hatches cut. Boeing Surplus Carbon fiber/Nomex/Ply sandwich bulkheads I am told. Slight water damage to stbd. ama inboard side could easily be fixed. May or may not be fair. Main hull (no bulkheads) and crossbeams (not joined to hulls) may have rot as they have been exposed to rainwater from the collapsed shed or outside storage. Approx. 25 sheets, 1/8" Okume marine plywood and a new roll of dry fiberglass cloth unopened. I'm selling this for friends in Fall City, WA. I've no financial interest. It would make a great 52' Pod Cat! Make an offer.

Call John Matthiesen 360-385-5971 or email me [www.lynx@olympus.net](mailto:www.lynx@olympus.net)

## 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  
Darch 250-378-4789 [darchoborne@hotmail.com](mailto:darchoborne@hotmail.com)

Darch Osborne, Managing Broker  
CENTURY 21 Moving Real Estate BC Ltd  
(250) 378-6166 Fax (250) 378-4344  
Toll Free BC 1-877-841-2100  
Cell (250) 378-7363 Res: (250) 378-4789



Photo of sister ship

## 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.



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.

## Three Meter Trimaran for Sale

2005 Homebuilt Seaclipper 10 (3 meter class) single seat trimaran dingy sailboat. Plans by John Marples (hull #271) of Marples Marine, FL.

Specs: Length 10', width 8', weight 170#, capacity 380#, sail area 60 sq ft (includes two main sails), main hull 1/4" ply covered with fiberglass and epoxy, mast 3 pieces – 19' long assembled, one piece boom, rudder controlled by foot pedals.

Includes a hand launch cart and utility trailer with ramps and rope haul – up arrangement, trailer hand dolly and set of boat plans.

For additional information PH 360-876-8543 or [crader@wavecable.com](mailto:crader@wavecable.com) Boat location Port Orchard, WA

I would also consider selling the trimaran and launch without the utility trailer and hand dolly for \$300 OBO as the trimaran and hand launch cart will fit in the back of a full size open pickup, using ramps and a rope haul – up arrangement.

# Classified Advertising

## **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.**