



## HUNTER HELMSMAN

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# *HAPS* *Winter Planning Meeting* **2006**

The hard core sailors with nothing better to do on a Saturday night met at Olympic Pizza on 45<sup>th</sup> near Greenlake in Seattle on Jan 21, 2006. There were the dedicated: Fleet Captains, Membership Committee and Treasurer's; the Lonesomes from the far west [Bremerton] and the far east [Yakima] and the curious from places in between.

Attending were:

Firman & Jean Smith  
Dave & Lynn Green NEW  
Gary & Laurie Coykendall  
Mike & Ruth Murray  
Pat Alexander & Leslie  
Dave Christy  
Larry Vaughn and Mary  
Dave Weale  
Rich & Linda Bryan  
Dave & Debbie Jones

The order of the evening seemed to be to meet and greet members who we generally have not seen since last November / December. It was a great opportunity to find out who has a new boat; who has changed boats; who is retiring and what plans are for the coming year.

Dave Jones bought everyone pizza, beer, wine and soda. Lest you worry that he took the money out of Debbie's allowance, fear not. He used the special HAPS bag filled with small, unmarked bills.

This was a prelude to finding suspects to fill available slots for leadership and activity. While there was not really an election because there was no competition to do work, the following pledged to work tirelessly in their chosen fields for the coming year.

#### Officers

Dave Christy: Treasurer  
Gary & Laurie Coykendall: Membership  
Rich & Linda Bryan: Newsletter  
John Reeg: Webmaster  
Dave & Debbie Jones: Fleet Captains

Every one should note that even though John Reeg was not present, all of his friends volunteered him for a command position as webmaster.

If you were not there you missed some great company. Everyone had a chance to mingle and get the latest on what every one was doing and where they were planning to go this year. It seems that people are planning to go north into the Gulf Islands, almost north into the San Juan's, barely north to Port Ludlow and Mats Mats, really south to Olympia, sorta south to Carr Inlet and Case Inlet, not so south to Gig Harbor and Quartermaster Harbor, and a lot in the middle: Port Orchard, Silverdale, Brownsville and Poulsbo.

If you are fixing to take off somewhere for a couple of days, on a week end, or more, drop a line to Rich Bryan at [lbryan@yvnbiz.com](mailto:lbryan@yvnbiz.com) and we will get something written up and out to the membership. You just might get some company on the hook and a new bottle of wine. Don't be shy, some of us need to know about some different places to go.

We have some rendezvous' coming up. The not inclusive list is:

Kingston  
Apr 21,22 & 23  
Dave & Mary Weale

Port Orchard  
May 12,13 & 14  
Debby & Laurie

Brownsville  
July 28, 29 & 30  
Dave & Debby Jones  
Fire fighting & flare shooting

Poulsbo  
Sept 29, 30 & Oct 1  
John Reeg, Jim & Patricia Carey, Rich & Linda Bryan  
Black & White Costume Ball

In the coming weeks we will have some more specific information on these and other events.

We still need a chart chat place. I know that not all of you live aboard. Some one must have a house or a thought as to where we can hold this. Give Dave Jones a call at 360-692-1523, if you have any bright ideas as to where we can do this.

Dave Christy thought that he may have some time this year to play with boats. If you have an interest in having him share some time to tweak your boat for sailing better, give him a call at 206-783-6202. Dave Jones says that whenever there are two boats on the water, they are really racing. If you want to go faster or better, and if you talk fast, you may get Dave Christy to share some thoughts. Time permitting.