

HUNTER HELMSMAN

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HAPS KICKS OFF 2004

The HAPS Annual Planning and General Business Meeting took place on Saturday, January 31st at Olympia II Pizza in Seattle. Twenty-eight sailors representing 15 boats ate pizza, toasted our good fortune with pitchers of beer, and still managed to accomplish the business on the agenda for the evening:



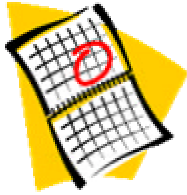
Meetings - The club will move to holding two meetings per year. The Planning Meeting will take place in November 2004 in order to get reservations in early for 2005 cruises and secure the best dates. The General Meeting will remain in January in order to install officers for the new year.

Burgees – The price for club burgees will be raised to \$20 each in order to cover costs (they had been selling at a loss).

Dues Increase – Annual dues were increased to \$35 (from \$25). This is the first dues increase since the club's inception in 1989. Dues for 2004 are now due. Details on page 3.

Installation of Officers – HAPS officers for 2004:

Fleet Captains	Dave and Debbie Jones, <i>Wave Sweeper</i>
Race Committee Captain	Ray Rutledge, <i>Ovation</i>
Membership Chair	Linda Hunt, <i>Legacy</i>
Roster Chair	John Hunt, <i>Legacy</i>
Treasurer	Beth Miller, <i>Gusty Getaway</i>
Web Master	John Reeg, <i>Endeavor</i>
Newsletter Editor	Kathy Baringer, <i>Merlin</i>



2004 Schedule of Events:

Mark Your Calendars

Chart Chat - Saturday, March 27th hosted by John and Linda Hunt, *Legacy* in Anacortes starting at 2:00 pm.

Our other Anacortes residents, Bob and Beth Miller, *Gusty Getaway*, will co-host. This is a potluck, so please bring a hearty appetizer to share, as well as your charts and photos of your favorite cruising destinations. Our hosts will provide pop, beer, and wine. Plan to bring charts, photos, and tales of your favorite spots to share with all of us. Watch your email for more details and for driving directions (it's an easy 1-1/2 hour drive from downtown Seattle).

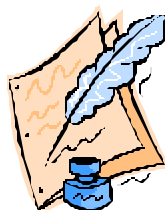
Tax Relief Cruise – April 16 – 18th once again at the Port of Brownsville Marina, hosted by our newly-elected Fleet Captains, Dave and Debbie Jones, *Wave Sweeper*.

Something de Mayo – Location, dates, and hosts to be determined. Potential dates are May 14-16 or May 21-23. Langley has been a favorite destination in the past, but the marina is small. This one is still under discussion. Stay tuned.

Summer Rendezvous – last weekend of July to be hosted by Ray and Paola Rutledge, *Ovation*, and Signature Yachts. A central location was suggested including Port Ludlow, Kingston, Gig Harbor. Be watching for an email to cast your votes on location, depending on availability.

Oktoberfest – October 1-3, Port of Poulsbo, hosted by David and Mary Weale, *Jubilee II*.

**Hats off to all those who volunteered
to host a cruise or event**



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or ideas to share?

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Annual Dues Are Now \$35.00

HAPS 2004 Annual Membership Dues are now \$35.00, as decided at the planning meeting, and should be sent to our membership chair, **Linda Hunt**, at 11558 Coronado Drive, Anacortes, WA 98221. Make checks payable to "HAPS."

If you have already sent in \$25.00 for your 2004 dues, please send an additional \$10.00 to Linda. Thank you!



Passing of the Flag

Many thanks to **Tim and Shanon Sara** of *Tenacious*, our illustrious Fleet Captains for 2003 whose many dedicated hours of planning and brilliant organizing made this past year a successful and memorable one for our HAPS club.



A word now from the new **Fleet Captains**.....

Dave and Debbie Jones



HELP!!!! Naw—Just kidding. I've put Dave in charge of most of the stuff, and as usual, I will back him up and do the 'little things' that he doesn't like to do. With all kidding aside, Dave and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone that voted us in. Thank you for your confidence and I know we will do our best to be good captains, however, it is going to be very difficult to fill the shoes of

Tim and Shanon. They have done such a tremendous job and we all could tell they thoroughly enjoyed what they were doing. Our hats are off to you – Tim and Shanon. It is a comfort to know you will be there for us when we need you. Best wishes to you both. Now you can enjoy the rendezvous free of responsibility again.

Dave & Debbie Jones, *Wave Sweeper*

