



# HUNTER HELMSMAN

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## *HAPS* *Kingston Rendezvous* **2006**



**Rendezvous at Kingston, April 21-23, 2006**

***This Year's Attendees:***

Gary & Laurie Coykendall  
Dave Christy  
Jim Carey  
Larry Vaughn and Mary Laski  
Dave and Mary Weale  
Rich & Linda Bryan  
Dave & Debbie Jones  
John Reeg & Crew (Alicia Leo & Fedva Dikmen)  
Marsha and Dennis Treat  
Tim & Nadeane Rutledge  
Dick & Joyce Johnson

***Officers Attending:***

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

Tax relief came in the form of a rendezvous in Kingston this year.

Dave and Mary Weale gave the relief by giving and not by taking for the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As hosts of the first Hunter rendezvous for the year, they lured a few unsuspecting sailors into the Port of Kingston late on Friday.

The long distance persons appear to be Dennis and Marsha Treat who came 'all the way' from Everett. After a very slow start, they finally arrived with almost a full tank of fuel. Most people seemed to come across from Shilshole vicinity, around the corner from Brownsville or Poulsbo but some did work hard coming through the locks from Lake Union.

Dave and Mary met each one of us at the dock where dinner was on your own. Everyone had a different idea about where and what to eat. The restaurants were good but cooking aboard is always interesting. Meals were shared and enjoyed.

Dave did try to roust everyone out at an early hour on Saturday but was generally unsuccessful. All of the lazy dogs wanted to sleep in even though it was a gorgeous morning. As opposed to last year, Dave ordered and received great weather. The sun was shining all day and the temperature was pleasant.

The schedule called for a mid morning safety seminar to be put on by Dave Jones, marshmallow golf towards noon and kite flying contests in the mid afternoon. All that changed when it was noticed that usurpers squatted on the field of dreams with their prescheduled Farmer's style market.

The schedule was changed around to do the kites towards noon and the golf after the vendors left the golf course.

Dave Weale inspected all of the kites to ensure that they were not over 5" overall. It was amazing how Dave's ruler differed in length from the rulers owned by the rest of us. Minor penalties were assessed for being oversized and the flights began.

As one may suspect, people with fat fingers have a challenging time making itty bitty kites. Not all of us are Boeing engineers so 'what do we know' about making things fly. Arrow dynamics is a foreign term to most of us. None the less, most all of the kites made it into the air before Neptune's hand reached out and grabbed them. It would be reasonable to say that all of the kites did end up in the water sooner or later.

Marshmallow golf started mid afternoon when the vendors left and the field of dreams was ready. Four holes were played. A second round was allowed with the lowest score being counted. For most, that meant that the first round of exceedingly high counts were thrown out and much better second rounds were counted.

It is amazing to watch how many dogs lap up the tee mark when it is made of whipped cream. While some golfers were struck by the 'balls', since they were marshmallows, no one was seriously hurt. The greatest hurt was probably caused by hooraying bad shots. It is almost impossible to control the direction of propelled fluff. In some cases, divots went much further than the balls.

Saturday evening brought a pot luck hor' dourves gathering with dinner following. Taquitos were a big hit as Nadeane made them fresh on the classic Windancer. Fondues, fruit, and other nibbles were consumed and a Chicken Ole followed. Desserts abounded and no one seemed to refuse the chocolate cake or whipped strawberry, chocolate & cream delight.

After dinner the cigars came out as well as adult beverages. Everyone went below to exchange lies, tell stories on the less fortunate and generally enjoy the company of the attending members.

Sunday morning brought generally pleasant winds although they were quite variable, both in direction and intensity. The weather could not make up its mind but did allow everyone a decent sail home.

Much thanks to Dave and Mary for spending the time to make a pleasant week end for all of us.

Please remember to call Debbie Jones to tell her that you are coming to the Port Orchard rendezvous starting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. She really, really needs to know the head count so she can have enough sombreros.

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 rbryan@transedge.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!

[Click here for viewing pictures from this year's Rendezvous in Kingston](#)

### ***Upcoming Rendezvous'***

#### **Port Orchard**

***May 12, 13 & 14***

Debbie & Laurie

Call Debbie to make your reservations

#### **Brownsville**

***July 28, 29 & 30***

Dave & Debby

Fire fighting & flare shooting

#### **Poulsbo**

***Sept 29, 30 & Oct 1***

John Reeg, Jim & Patricia Carey, Rich & Linda Bryan

Black & White Costume Ball