



HUNTER HELMSMAN

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HAPS *Port Orchard* **2006**

Rendezvous at Port Orchard: 05-12-06

Attendees:

Gary & Laurie Coykendall
Dave Christy & Sue Kohler
Larry Vaughn & Mary
Dave & Mary Weale
Rich & Linda Bryan
Dave & Debbie Jones
Mike & Ruth Murray
Marsha & Dennis Treat
Dick & Joyce Johnson
Octavia & Petter Bergman
Kris & Bob Ridenour
Tom & Carol & Elsa
Steve & Judy Gildea

Officers Attending:

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

Cinco de Mayo arrived late at Port Orchard this year. About 1 week late. However, with the help of the excellent Margarita mixers [Debbie & Laurie] it appeared that no one knew the difference.

Dave & Debbie Jones and Gary & Laurie Coykendall turned the north end of the Port Orchard guest pier into little Mexico for the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As hosts of the second Hunter rendezvous for the year, they found sailors at Port Orchard and plied them with Nachos and Margaritas on the party dock until late in the evening.

Saturday morning, the ever ambitious, Debbie & Laurie made a great breakfast [burritos] with coffee & orange juice and fruit. Then they handed out sombreros for decorating. Shortly thereafter they gave all rules for a scavenger hunt. Most went back to boats and / or went to town to complete the assigned tasks

Late in the afternoon we gathered at the end of the dock to break the piñata, eat, get judged and chat. Who would have thought that breaking the piñata would be as hard as it was. Poles wimpled by weak hearted sailors bounced off the donkey. A few mighty souls beat it up pretty bad and finally Dave Christy killed it and put the remains on the ends of his boat. He brought new meaning to the term 'Rascal'.

There was plenty of chow and plenty of wind in the early evening. As people slowed down, full of good food, Dave Jones wound up and began the presentations. The awards for Best of Show Hats went to Mike and Ruth Murray of Wings of Gold. Most Colorful went to Dennis & Marsha Treat of Dragonfly. Steve and Judy Gildea of Corissa made Best Use of the Theme.

Right away Steve & Judy came back for 1st place on Boat Decorating. They were followed by Dragonfly and Shamal.

Rascal's crew was first in with the Treasure Hunt in only 17 minutes. Most of us did not know two people could get to town and back in that short of a period of time. Luna had the most unique list, all oriented towards different wines they found [and probably bought and drank] in a local shop. Petter and Octavia of Bella Marina were the last in, taking 1 hour and 11 minutes. They probably had something better to do.

Wings of Gold made the best single handed landing. And the esteemed judges thought that Otta Sea Needed the Most Help with Decorations.

After dinner and prizes 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. Some of us never found out where the Tequila flowed until very, very early in the morning.

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 Debbie & Gary and Laurie for spending the time to make a pleasant week end for all of us.

Coming Up:

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