



# Cruiser Log

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## Bremerton Heavy Weather Race 2007

For boats arriving for the 73<sup>rd</sup> running of the Heavy Weather navigation contest at Bremerton Yacht Club, the weekend of February 16-19, 2007, provided good Pacific Northwest log racing weather. Friday and Saturday were warm (high 50's), sunny, and clear (clear meaning no rain), not quite the kind of weather that the name of the race threatens. The weekend started with a Friday evening wine tasting party, which was enjoyed by the early arrivals as a tune-up for a weekend social event of skit competition, good racing, and great company.

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Saturday's relaxed schedule of events allowed time for skit practicing by the visiting clubs and tweaking of race logs in preparation for Sunday's race. The official Saturday events started with a social hour and a fabulous Hawaiian luau dinner, complete with a genuine Hawaiian dance presentation, all keyed to the theme of a "Bremaloa-luau". Following dinner, Tacoma Yacht Club (TYC) and Bremerton Yacht Club (BYC) presented skits expressing their interpretation of the theme. For the first time ever, the host club, BYC walked away with first place honors and was awarded the highly treasured winner's trophy, The Rubber Clam Gun. With the night being entirely too young to close the clubhouse doors at the end of the skit contest, the BYC hosts brought on the band for an evening of dancing.

Sunday morning dawned with gray skies and more than just a trace of light wind. Not to be deterred, thirty-eight race contestants made it through the log check-in process, were assigned their observers, and got underway to accept the challenge of the course. With a starting mark in Sinclair Inlet off the town of Annapolis, the course was laid out to have six control points, which took the contestants north through Port Orchard waters to Battle Point, back south through the same waters, and ending at the Warren Avenue bridge in Port Washington Narrows. What was intended to be an easy contest course, with good aiming points and open ranges guaranteed to produce many low scores, was foiled by the wind. By the time the first boats approached the starting point, the wind had increased to steady 10-15 knot southerlies, with gusts to 25.

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## North American Cruiser Association

For help or information, visit our web site at  
<http://www.predictedlog.org>

It provides a resource for boaters looking for information, to learn more about predicted logging or NACA, or to find a member organization near them.

Feel free to call any of us with your thoughts and ideas!

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## NACA Objectives

The objective of the North American Cruiser Association is to promote the sport of Predicted Log Contests in North America. Pursuant to this objective, NACA will:

1. Publish and distribute a periodic newsletter known as the *Cruiser Log*, which shall contain news and information pertaining to the sport.
2. Schedule and coordinate an annual "North American Invitational" (NAI) Predicted Log Contest.
3. Sanction contests of member associations that are to be scored for NACA points.
4. Maintain and publish scoring and standings of Predicted Log contestants participating in NACA sanctioned contests.
5. Provide perpetual and suitable keeper trophies and other awards for winners of such North American Predicted Log series and events as may be established by NACA.
6. Establish "Recommended Contest Rules" for NACA sanctioned Predicted Log Contests.
7. Generally be responsive to the needs and requirements of member associations and of the sport of Predicted Log Contests.
8. Support boating and Corinthian yachting in general.

### Cruiser Log Publication Deadlines

Submit by:	For publication in:
January 15	February
March 15	April
May 15	June
July 15	August
September 15	October
November 15	December

If you miss a deadline, your article will be published in a future issue.

## Commodore's Corner

When you are talking to a fellow boater who is not a "logger", what do you tell him about our sport to try to convince him how much fun it is and how valuable the experience is?

At Chicago Yacht Club, we recently had a prospective new members' reception, at which I had an opportunity to talk to some prospective new members who are power boaters. Many of them looked at me as if I had two heads when I told them how we run these contests with just a compass and tachometers.

One young man has a fairly good sized boat and takes his family cruising on Lake Michigan. He told me he cannot imagine operating the boat without his electronics. I was going nowhere when I explained how much he would learn about his boat and how much safer he and his family would be if he learned the skills necessary to compete in predicted log contests. Another man, who appeared to be about the same age and who is a brand new boater, was enthusiastic and excited about the idea.

I wish I had been able to tell both of them the real life experience that one of my more seasoned friends told me later that night. Before the age of electronics (not all that long ago), he and two pals crossed the Gulf of Mexico in an 8-knot boat over the course of almost three days. Doing it the old-fashioned way, they arrived at their destination

within five minutes of their predicted estimated time of arrival.

Of course, I also talked about the opportunity to meet new friends with similar interests, the camaraderie, and the thrill of winning. We will see when we finally get our boats on the water this year whether my spiel brought in any new racers.

Is there something you say or do that seems to sink the hook? What reactions do you experience when recruiting? We are all interested, and the *Cruiser Log* is the perfect place to share your ideas. If we get enough one-liners, Elaine could start a new column. E-mail Elaine at: thepresence98@yahoo.com or me at: lcurecast@aol.com.

Lisa Curcio-Gaston  
Commodore

## Notes from the Acting Secretary

I received no nominations for an Oscar in 2006, but I am working harder now.

The membership billings have been out for about a month. If you intend to re-join for the year 2007, please ferret out the billing from its hiding place and mail it. Please!! This will save a tree and a stamp, as I will be sending out second notices in the next few weeks.

If you no longer want to be a NACA member or receive future issues of *Cruiser Log*, please contact me at: robertehlers6@cox.net or 619.222.9446. Thank you,

Acting Bob  
The Secretary

I was brought up to respect my elders, and now I don't have to respect anybody.

- George Burns, at 87

## Attention: Association Scorers

Please send your contest scores to Chief Scorer Craig Ryan as soon after a race as possible, so he can compile NACA standings for publication in the next issue of *Cruiser Log*. Please note his new e-mail address. Send to:

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## *Bremerton Heavy Weather Race 2007* (Continued from page 1)

Fortunately, the course did not require venturing out into the main body of Puget Sound.

All contestants completed the contest, returned to the clubhouse for log check-in and readied themselves for the continuing social side of log racing. The pre-dinner social hour provided the ideal setting for story-telling, score tap-dancing, and whining about the unpredictable currents in Port Washington Narrows. A delicious lasagna dinner was prepared and served by the Skipperettes, the BYC ladies club.

After dinner, the race awards were presented by BYC Commodore Ron Morse and Regatta Power Chairman and BYC Staff Commodore Mike Henry. Best scores for each leg were recognized, with appropriate gifts presented. Next, awards were presented to the top three overall finishers, the first three places in each of five classes, the top scoring novice racer, and a traveling trophy for the best four-boat team score.

Taking overall honors were Dick and Jan Spence on *Kichigai* from Queen City Yacht Club, with a score of 0.8446 %. Closely following in second place overall were Mike and Billie Henry on *Peachy Keen* from BYC, with 0.8924%. Previous two-time winner Leo Longenecker on *Reality Check*, also from BYC, rounded out the top three slots, with 0.9088% for third place.

BYC's P/C Grady Barrentine Team Trophy for the best four boat team score was won by BYC skipper Mike Henry, Leo Longenecker, Ron Morse,

and Rob Bruins. The BYC total team score of 4.0453% was very closely followed by the QCYC team score of 4.0750%. The Novice Award was won by BYC Commodore Ron Morse as a first time entry in the Heavy Weather Race.

Following a great Monday morning breakfast in the clubhouse and the weekend guests having departed by Monday noon, the BYC Heavy Weather Weekend social schedule drew to a close. Upon departing, many visitors were heard expressing their appreciation for the hospitality afforded by their hosts and vowing to return next February. It's apparent that the saying, "Log racing is a social event", accurately describes Bremerton Yacht Club's Heavy Weather Weekend.

**Mike and Billie Henry**  
**Bremerton Yacht Club**

### **FUTURE NAI EVENTS** (Tentative)

- 2007 Toledo, Ohio
- 2008 San Diego, California
- 2009 Newport, Rhode Island
- 2010 San Francisco, California

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## Open Season

*San Diego Cruiser Association member Jim Lonergan wrote the following article for Mooring Line, the monthly publication of his yacht club, Southwestern Yacht Club.*

The 2007 cruiser navigation season in San Diego started out with our annual competition for the bay waters with the local fisherman. Although the planners of the cruiser event attempted to pick a date for the January event that wouldn't conflict with the annual bass fishing tournament, they did not succeed. Consequently, there were fifty gazillion fishing boats parked on our course.

The course planners thought they would out-smart the fisherman by making all the marks and route points latitude/longitude points, which are identified by sighting on various objects in the water or onshore. Unfortunately, fish are equipped with GPS, so guess where they chose to hang out?

Although cruisers are *always* considerate of other boaters, there were times during the contest when they were forced to come close to the fishermen. They politely cheered us on with words of encouragement, often laced with anatomical references or with a wave, indicating our first place in the boating community. In the end, the only casualties in this fracas were our scores, which were higher than usual (like in golf, that's not good).

There were sixteen competitors who gathered with their crew and observers at Coronado Yacht Club for a delightful lunch on the grass and to hear the results. My club, Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC), was well represented with Bill Doherty in third place, Rupe Hansen in fourth, Mike Fontaine was eighth, yours truly was ninth, Mike Elovitz took twelfth, and Ed Denaci got lucky thirteen. Ralph and Mary Salerno also participated, but their score was enhanced because Mary was busy taking pictures of the hunks on the fishing boats.

As usual, SWYC blew the fleet away with 4308 points to take first place in the club standings, with Coronado Cays Yacht Club coming in second, amassing only 1866 points (in club standings,

points big is good).

Sometime, when I have nothing else to write about, I'll make up an explanation of this point system.

**Jim Lonergan**  
**San Diego Cruiser Association**

## 2007 NAI

Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association (WLECA) will sponsor the 2007 North American Invitational in Toledo, Ohio. The event will take place from Tuesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 18, 2007. The host club for the event will be Ottawa River Yacht Club in Toledo. Chairing the event will be WLECA Commodore Gary Ryan.

Wyndham Toledo is the host hotel; rooms are reserved under North American Cruiser Association and will cost \$89 per night. Ottawa River Yacht Club is not within walking distance of the hotel, so you may want to plan on renting a vehicle. There is no parking problem at either the hotel or the yacht club.

The address and telephone number of the hotel is:

Wyndham Toledo  
2 Seagate/Summit Street  
Toledo, OH 43604  
419.241.1411

If you have any questions please contact William Stewart at (734) 591-0492 or [jwstew4@peoplepc.com](mailto:jwstew4@peoplepc.com).

Let what is past flow downstream.  
- Zen proverb

## Bremerton Yacht Club Heavy Weather Race 2007 Scores

### Overall

1	Dick Spence	<i>Kichigai</i>	QCYC	0.8446%
2	Mike Henry	<i>Peachy Keen</i>	BYC	0.8924%
3	Leo Longenecker	<i>Reality Check</i>	BYC	0.9088%

### Class 1

1	Ron Morse	<i>Tortuga</i>	BYC	0.9269%
2	Mike Thomas	<i>Voyager</i>	BYC	1.4569%
3	Ray Jessen	<i>Tarnhelm</i>	IND	1.5888%
4	Dan Robinson	<i>Lucky Girl</i>	BYC	2.1935%
5	Charles Billings	<i>Nobska</i>	BYC	2.3579%
6	Tex Dominy	<i>After 5</i>	BYC	2.8134%
7	George Gregg	<i>Noble</i>	PYC	5.1585%

### Class 2

1	Darrel Wood	<i>Double Image</i>	POYC	1.5684%
2	Chuck Silvernail	<i>Solmar</i>	BYC	1.7487%
3	Owen Ritter	<i>Outbound</i>	BYC	1.9153%
4	Jim Anderson	<i>Fidalgo</i>	GHYC	2.1405%
5	Jim Chiles	<i>Intrigue</i>	BYC	2.1865%
6	Steve Brett	<i>Princess Mokihana</i>	BYC	3.6770%
7	Seth McNeil	<i>Yankee Clipper</i>	SES	13.8674%

### Class 3

1	Dick Timmerman	<i>Vagabond</i>	PYC	1.3312%
2	Bob Wheeler	<i>Carousel</i>	BYC	1.4543%
3	Bill Rumbold	<i>Sundance</i>	BYC	1.5836%
4	George Babbitt	<i>General Quarters</i>	GHYC	1.7955%
5	Don Larson	<i>Tewasi</i>	GHYC	2.0129%
6	John Adair	<i>Pacific Star</i>	BYC	2.1236%
7	J.R. Collier	<i>Spellbound</i>	BYC	4.4959%

### Class 4

1	Dean Lentgis	<i>Kalos Filos</i>	QCYC	1.0751%
2	Dave Padgett	<i>Slip Away</i>	QCYC	1.2600%
3	Russ Knapp	<i>Karu</i>	QCYC	1.2721%
4	Bill Anderson	<i>The Tillie</i>	QCYC	1.4530%
5	Scott Strandjord	<i>Redemption</i>	SYC	1.5583%
6	Jack Hensley	<i>Jubilee</i>	BYC	2.0068%
7	Schell Harmon	<i>Half Schell</i>	MBYC	2.1416%

### Class 5

1	Lynn Montgomery	<i>Likely Lady</i>	QCYC	1.0219%
2	Bruce Cullen	<i>Caroline II</i>	QCYC	1.1334%
3	Rob Bruins	<i>Ocean Pearl</i>	BYC	1.3172%
4	Mike Leedy	<i>Sea Trust II</i>	BYC	1.4481%
5	Bob Lindal	<i>Suzy Q</i>	QCYC	1.6982%
6	Fred Cole	<i>Mouse Trap</i>	POYC	1.8046%
7	Klett/Elbon	<i>Klettitat</i>	QCYC	2.0470%



## Encourage a friend to join the North American Cruiser Association... *Today!*

Membership in NACA keeps everyone who is interested in Predicted Log Contests well informed about the sport throughout North America. Competitors from thirteen member Associations compete for National Trophies simply by competing in their local contests. The champion from each organization competes in the North American Invitational, hosted by a different organization each year.

Your dues entitle you to receive *Cruiser Log* (the NACA newsletter), the Annual Yearbook that lists all NACA members and their addresses, along with information about the member organizations, and the NACA Handbook that details the national rules for Predicted Log Contests as well as the perpetual trophies.

To join the North American Cruiser Association or renew your membership, complete this membership form and mail it with your check to:

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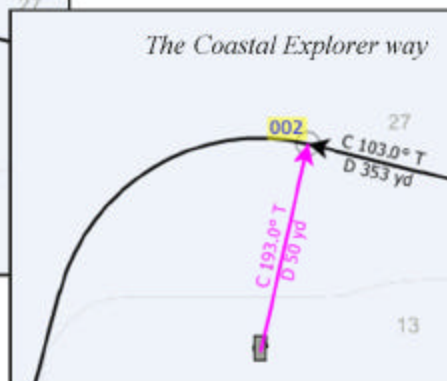
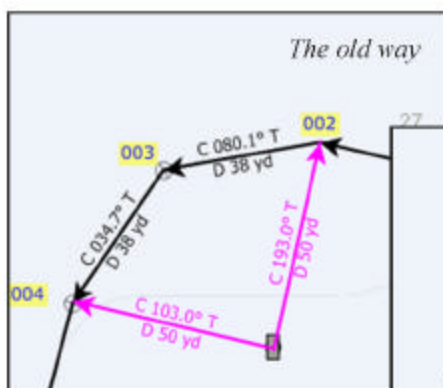
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