

BUSINESS MEETING: We decided to postpone the formal business meeting until the late January (Jan.29) meet at the Seaport in Tacoma where we will have room to have everyone in the same space. Still we had a "progressive business meeting" as people rotated through the galley on Galene. There was much conversation about the name, although no conclusion was reached. For this newsletter we are using the logo that Keith Sternberg designed 35 years ago, adding the name "Retired Tugboat Association" underneath.

There is no doubt that we want to continue to meet. The suggestion was to follow this year's schedule. We will have a winter party at the Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma in late January. A spring event will be planned on the Olmsted. It was suggested that we try to meet at the Center for Wooden Boats at their July 4 festival. However, CWB may not have room for all of us at that time, and we may need to do it elsewhere or on a different date. Most of us will go to Harbor Days in Olympia over Labor Day, and George and Wende will host another October gathering at Dockton.

There were some interesting suggestions as to how to handle the over \$2000 in our treasury. We can discuss this further in January.

OLYMPIA TUGBOAT RACES. The results for the Olympia tugboat race are as follows:

Heat 1. Joe (11'26"), Cedar King (11'39"), Fox (11'42"), Sandman (12'02"),
Thea Belle (12'46"), Robin (12'58").

Heat 2. Galene (9'02"), R.W. Confer (9'45"), Parthia (9'58"), Danielle (10'39")

FLAGS: The flag lady, the lady who has made our burgees for years, is Ruth Reader. Her email address is [HYPERLINK mailto:rreader@shaw.ca](mailto:rreader@shaw.ca). Her mailing address is 140 Campbell St., Duncan B.C. V9I 3G8. Price lists were given out at the rendezvous and are available from Robin and Kae.

FACEBOOK: Juli Tallino, off the Iver, created a Retired Tugboat Association Facebook page. She has posted some of her and Tom Blackwood's pictures from the Dockton meet. Check it out. You can also see photos on the Yahoo Group.

JANUARY 29: We just booked the Foss Waterway Seaport for a winter party on January 29. Put it on your calendar.

IN MEMORY: We are saddened by the death on September 18 of longtime RTA member, Peter Whittier. We first met Pete when he made a flying landing with his lovely tug, Almara, at the 1975 Port Townsend meet. We were very impressed with the conversion that he had done. Peter was an artist and a craftsman. He liked big, bright wood. We knew him through three houses and three more boats. Each one was a bright wood work of art.

Peter graciously let us use his ranch on Orcas Island for several rendezvous. He hosted the 1981 rendezvous in East Sound. After that we met at the ranch in 1987, 1994 and more recently in 2002 and 2004. We have visions of Peter riding his scooter down the dock to check and see that all was well.

Peter was a great friend. He will be missed.