

NEWS FROM MARGARITAVILLE

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THE RESULTS ARE IN!!

Tonja Warren, who hails from Buckley, Wash. and has a Cutwater 30, I'M IN! as her primary crab-catching craft, took first place Friday in the crab derby -- and she did it twice!



Tonja with her prize-winning haul!

Warren got first place for the largest individual Dungeness crab when she raised a 2-pound, 14-ounce crus-



Eli Nickerson of Fisheries Supply Company weighs one of the many crab brought in by for the crabbing derby on Friday.

Photo by: John Knowlton

tacean critter to the surface. She also won first place for the cumulative total of five legal crab, with a whopping 10-pounds, 8.1 ounces of Dungeness.



Eli and Sara of Fisheries Supply Company were busy weighing Dungeness and Red Rock Crab all afternoon.

Larry Roteman, who has an R-25 named synergy and who hails from Lummi Island, got first place for the largest Red Rock crab. That crab weighed 1-pound, 6.5 ounces.

Crabbing wasn't the only source of competition on the docks Friday. So was the first bracket of the annual Cornhole Tournament, which was held on the party barge.

Twenty two-person teams

competed, with four of them making it to the third round and another to the fourth round. In the third round are Dave and Gail Teslund, Fred and Lori Day, Cindy Valentine and Jerry Eagle, as well as Keith Cholach and Mike Braet. Making the fourth round were Matt and



Michelle, whose last name, sadly, went unreported.

The second bracket of the tourney goes from 1-3:30 p.m. today on the party barge, with the Final Four being part of the evening show during happy hour at the Seaside lawn tent.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:00-9:30 – USCG Vessel Safety Overview with David Tribolet, SJI USCG Auxiliary
- 9:00-1:00 – Artisan Fair – Party Barge
- 9:30-4:00 – USCG Vessel Safety Checks - Guest Dock, sign-up at reservation desk
- 10:00-4:00 – Boat Display - Promenade
- 10:00-4:00 – Customer Service Desk - Party Barge
- 10:00-4:00 - Tug/Cutwater Crawl – Guest Dock
- 1:00-2:00 – Insurance Q & A – Party Barge
- 1:00-3:30 – Cornhole Tournament Bracket B - Party Barge
- 2:30 pm - Blindfolded Inflatable Dinghy Race - In-Water by Party Barge
- 3:30 pm – Crabbing/Fishing Derby day final weigh-in - Party Barge
- 3:45 pm - Group Photo - Near Kayak Rental Dock
- 4:00 - 6:00 – Margaritaville Happy Hour - Seaside Lawn Tent
- 6:00 - 8:00 – Dinner and Awards – Seaside Lawn Tent
- 7:17 pm - Roche Harbor Colors Ceremony – Enjoy From Anywhere
- 7:30 pm - Cornhole Final Four - Seaside Lawn Tent
- 8:00-9:00 – Tugnuts jam session - Seaside Beach Fire pits

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RENDEZVOUS



Photo provided by David Baker

As a reminder, the Margaritaville Happy Hour will be held from 4-6:00 p.m. today under the Seaside lawn tent, and will be brought to you by the good folks here at Roche Harbor. It will represent a course correction from the informal version of the Margaritaville Happy Hour that began in 2009 with the first Ranger Rendezvous. The idea for the rendezvous, held in Bremerton, was first floated in January of that year in a post at www.tugnuts.com by John Gray, who along with his wife, Laurie, owned an R-25 classic, the Laurie Ann. Gray had been inspired by his experience in fall 2008 at a meeting of the American Great Loop Cruisers Association in Alabama. He and Laurie attended that meeting as part of their trip along the Mississippi and Tennessee river systems.

The idea for a similar get-together in the Northwest quickly caught on, and in a matter of weeks David and Maureen Baker, who lived in Nevada, offered to organize the event. "They had the vision to have a celebration of a great boat with a great group of people with owner-sharing and a BBQ," says Gray. Says Baker: "Yep, somehow the folks from Las Vegas would be in charge of a rendezvous in Puget Sound."

The Bakers, who both work in the food distribution business, were able to get suppliers to donate for free numerous food items. Several boat owners pitched in, helping organize things like the benefit auction, communications effort, Coast Guard vessel safety checks, and more. Among those were Bruce Moore and Vicki Brown, owners of an R-31 CB named Moonshadow. "We were new boaters, benefiting from the support and encouragement of the emerging Ranger Tug community," says Moore, who is the volunteer administrator/moderator for tugnuts.com, and manages the Ranger Tugs and Cutwater Boats Facebook pages.

According to Baker, the first rendezvous had 37 boats, including the new Ranger 29, and the owners tied up pretty much wherever they wanted. The 2010 rendezvous, also held in Bremerton, had 72 boats but with assigned slips.

As the rendezvous scaled up, it moved to Anacortes for a broader reach, and the factory took on the primary role of planning and organizing it. Finally, the need for additional space forced a move to Roche Harbor where the number of boaters continues to grow. As of last Friday, this year's rendezvous, including Cutwater Boats, has 180

boats and 373 people registered.

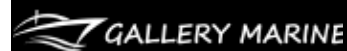
One of the results of these rendezvous has been great, long-term boating friendships. Many friendships that started in those earlier rendezvous continue today, even if the owners have moved to other models of boats. Owners are also starting to organize their own mini-rendezvous events in this region and throughout the country. For example, the Oslunds organized events in Poulsbo, Fisherman's Terminal and Anacortes. Jim and Lisa Favors put together events throughout the Great Lakes area. And Mike and Jess Risso organized events in Florida and New England.

"It was more than buying a boat," says Baker, 58, who now resides in Snoqualmie, a few miles east of Seattle. "You're buying into a community."

Thank you for joining us at the 2017 Ranger Tugs & Cutwater Boats Rendezvous. We hope you've a fun time and made lots of new friends. We certainly have!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and support! - The Livingston Family

TODAY'S NEWSLETTER
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WHO ARE THE TUGGETTES?



Ranger Tuggettes is a private Facebook Group. Active for several years, the group currently has almost 90 members from all over the U.S.A and Canada, mostly the PNW. The only criteria to join is – you need to be an owner of either a Ranger Tug or a Cutwater Boat.

Members share information about boating experiences, problem solving, creative upgrades to interiors and exteriors, decor and cooking ideas and cruising adventures.

If interested in joining – type this link in your browser to go to the group page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RangerTuggettes/> Then just request to join (right sidebar).

F.Y.I. Current members will meet again, on the last day of the Roche Harbor Rendezvous, for a group photo. It will be Saturday night at 4:00pm on the beach at the beginning of the Margaritaville Happy Hour event.