



# TUGGERS

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

Dave Howell, *NELLIE D*, hull 63



Some things you just have to jump into feet first, like taking a year off to cruise the waterways between the Puget Sound and Glacier Bay, Alaska. That's exactly what Vicki and I are doing. However, cruising, we've learned, is not just about slow passages along scenic waterways, but includes all the myriad things needed to get the boat and crew ready. To that end we spent some cold and snowy winter months in Sidney, B.C., cleaning fuel tanks, installing Simpson davits, replacing the Adler/Barbour refrigerator and countless other things on a seemingly endless list. To prep the crew we attended the annual 'Cruising to Alaska' seminar put on by NW Explorations ([www.nwexplorations.com](http://www.nwexplorations.com)) of Bellingham. The speakers were all veteran

cruisers who ably covered everything from route planning to provisioning. We also spoke to a few Alaska veterans within the LNVT community: **Jack and Lynne Flood (Ecco Domani #55)** and **Jerry and Alice Morris (Guinea Rider, 49' #8)** who highly recommended Al Woodward's book, How to Cruise to Alaska Without Rocking the Boat Too Much. Woodward's suggested route is now programmed into our Nobeltec navigation software.

On March 30th we gave up our slip and officially became sea gypsies. Before heading north several stops in the Seattle area were needed to finish provisioning. On the way south we spent two nights at the municipal dock in La Conner, WA. What a fun town and a great place for this year's LNVT Owners Association annual rendezvous. Rendezvous Chairpersons **Bruce and Margrit Elliot (Equinox #58)**, long time La Conner residents, are pulling out all the stops to make it the best ever. Bring your boat or stay in one of the local hotels, but definitely plan to attend on 23-26 August.

After leaving La Conner we explored the Puget Sound and finally took a mooring in Poulsbo. Here we finish provisioning and will fly the Blue Peter on 12 April to announce Nellie's next-day departure to the great north. Next stop Princess Louisa Inlet.

Keeping it simple and having fun, Dave

## Welcome Aboard!

**Ellen and John Isaksen** are the new owners of **CHARITY**, hull 35. They purchased her from Barbara and Dave Conroy. She will be homeported in Fairhaven, MA. The first upgrade they plan to do is add a mast. Hope they send along some pictures!

Wannabee **Mike Verginia** from Duvall, WA just joined. He says "no tug yet."

# Lady Nelson Line...A Woman's Perspective

Heather MacPhail, Anacortes, WA  
**GREYMALKIN**, hull 71

## WHO IS AT THE HELM?

There is no part of a boat that notices the gender of who's at the helm. I have operated boats since I inherited a canoe at age 9, and would urge all women who want to go cruising to learn skipper's skills as well as first mate's. All beginners are fearful, period. Men, too. "What if I hit something?" "What if I don't do (whatever) right?" "I'll look silly." Yup. Probably. So? Isn't that how we've always learned everything? Read. Question. Trial and error. Our children didn't come with How-To manuals, and neither do our boats. So you're afraid. Just pull up your Big Girl Panties and deal with it! The feeling of accomplishment will probably outweigh the original fear, though I'd be silly to suggest we get rid of fear altogether: it serves to keep us cautious. As with most relationships, mine with **GREYMALKIN** is at its best when I remember my sense of humor, so I try to laugh at my worst mistakes (because, truly, they usually are pretty funny to look back on!).

Natalie Ambrose, Washington, DC  
**ALEGRIA**, hull 19

Natalie sent these terrific pictures of her redecorated interior. Pictures were taken by fellow tugger, **Bob Allnutt**, **VICTORY**, hull 2. She has achieved a summer cottage on the water and it looks great. Perhaps we can get her to post more pictures on the website. What a terrific upgrade!



## WEB ADDRESSES OF INTEREST

Hikes and dog walks for boaters in BC & Alaska

[www.island.net/~bcamp/](http://www.island.net/~bcamp/)

Nancy Nelson cards and drawings of LNVT

[kimnancynelson@gmail.com](mailto:kimnancynelson@gmail.com)

Jim Backus

[www.jimbackus.us](http://www.jimbackus.us)

Classic Yacht On-Line Magazine

[classicyachtmag.com](http://classicyachtmag.com)

Steve Cooper & Zhiping Zhao website

[www.littleboss.net](http://www.littleboss.net)

Let me know of others to add. If you like having these in the newsletter, we might make this an on-going feature.

# From the Pilot House

## Tom Blackwood and Janis Bialko, Renton, WA *THISTLE DEW*, hull 46

On April 21, Tom Blackwood and Janis Bialko on *THISTLE DEW* and former owners of *VICKIE MARIE II*, Mike and Vickie Levi, represented the Lord Nelson Victory Tugs at a gathering of the International Retired Tugboat Association. The group met for an annual meeting and potluck at Port Orchard, Washington. The IRTA has graciously invited LNVT tuggers to join in and participate in their activities of promoting and preserving tugboats in the Northwest US and Canada. Look for them at the Seattle Tugboat Races in May, Olympia Harbor Day in September and a gathering of tugboats at Center for Wooden Boats on the south end of Lake Union October 20-21. They fly a white burgee with a black border and in the center a red profile of a steam tug. One of the tugs, *Elf*, at this last gathering was over 100 years old and in excellent condition. Tugs over 50 years old are authorized to sport a gold band around their stack. *Elf* is one of the rare boats that has 2 gold bands.



## Richard and Mary Mehl, Penetangushine, Ontario *TESS II*, hull 22



Here is a picture of both Richard and Mary on board *TESS II* at Beardrop Harbour, North Channel. Note the flowering plant on board. Richard, being a farmer, always likes to have a growing plant nearby. "We were entertained when on the water by the hummingbirds when they came to the bright colored flowers for nectar."

## Joe and Sue Fahndrich, Battle Creek, MI *CONCINNITY*, hull 17

Sue found the wine rack (photo right) on the internet. She had been looking for one that would fit under the cabinet in the galley, be brass and hold the bottle and glasses. She says, "It fits just right. The glasses had to have short stems and, of course, be acrylic. I finally found them at Crate and Barrel. It shows off the wine bottle well, and it has held all of them through some rough seas."



## YOUR HELP NEEDED

1. **Email addresses:** Please check the Captain's List and make sure your email address is correct.
2. **Website names:** webmasters ask that you put your real names in your Yahoo profiles or sign your messages so that they know who are owners/members. They work hard to keep inappropriate material and people out of our website.
3. **Photos:** I get so many great photos and can only use a few of them. Please consider posting sets of photos on projects to the galleries on the website. I can then reference additional photos when doing a story in *Tuggers*.

# Tug Talk

## **LNVT37 FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT CONT.**

**Robert White**, San Diego, CA, on *RENEGADE*, hull 72

*This article was started in the Winter 2007 issue. Somehow, these three paragraphs got left out, so here they are. The entire article is also on our website – search for “fuel tanks”.*

Continued from Winter 2007...

The issue of removing the old tanks was next considered. The marine service provided an estimate of \$4,000 CD (Canadian Dollars) labor to remove and reinstall the fuel tanks. The fabricator charged \$10,000 CD for the four fuel tanks using the old ones as templates, as well as a new head waste holding tank.

The tank removal process was straightforward. Salon floorboards and their support beams were first removed. The aft portion of the port side settee and the aft stairs into the salon had to be dismantled. All tank fittings including the inspection plates were in good condition and reused along with most of the fuel hoses. The aft/starboard tank was removed first and then the forward/starboard one slid back for removal. The same procedure followed for the port side. Tanks were then removed from the salon with a hoist through the aft entrance hatch and doors.

The key now is to maintain the new tanks and diesel fuel to minimize condensation, and to monitor any changes in their appearance and color that may indicate the start of a corrosion process.

## **Pete and Lori Egan, Falmouth, VA**

*ONEIDA*, hull 18

Pete and Lori sent along some pictures of upgrades they have made to their boat. Pete ran a 120v outlet and put it on the back side of the stern light (see photo) and he has an interesting spool set-up to hold dock lines (photo on left). Thanks for the good ideas. Other upgrades on *ONEIDA* are heat/AC added after their first summer and winter of living aboard. The previous owner had all of the electronics on the counter. Pete moved them all to the overhead.



## **Jay Sterling and Marty Raymond, Sanbornville, NH**

*CRUZ-IN*, hull 74

Jay says, “check out the Lord Nelson logos. They are available with your boat name...from Ken at Crazy kats. Marty and I had them custom made. They did an outstanding job.

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# Notes From the Editor

**Macy Galbreath, Port Ludlow, WA**

**LADY**, hull 8

## THOUGHTS ON THE NEWSLETTER

My idea has been to try to print solutions to problems and not ongoing sagas, but with the window channel and my own varnish problems, I have ended up with sagas! I will complete what I started in the last couple of issues, but will try in the future to stay with solutions. So do send your solutions—we need them. For the ongoing sagas, I think that our message board on the website works better and usually gives immediate feedback.

## WINDOW CHANNELS—NOT AN EASY ANSWER

We had planned to have photos of our window channel installation, but we have not even completed one window. We ordered and planned to use the material Ken Smith used and was written about in the Fall 2006 *Tuggers*. We sanded the sides and found we still could not get it to work for us. Since then I have talked to Ken and it seems that we need to grind off the knobs on the sides of the material until they are perfectly straight and even. I am sure we did not do that—then they should fit. This we still have to do. We have found what might be an additional problem: our windows seem to fit tight top to bottom and we are not sure what we will do about that.

On the website, you will find that I got information from a couple of other tuggers regarding material they used. Just search on “window channels”. Jay Sterling is sending me a sample of what he used and says fits 3/8 in. glass. Andy Mutch has not seen his finished product and will let me know what he thinks when he does. All this information and chatter will be posted on our message board. When we have one solution or more, I will update you in the newsletter.

## CETOL VS WEST MARINE WOOD PRO PLUS

In the Fall 2006 *Tuggers*, I wrote about switching from Cetol to West Marine Wood Pro Plus. I said I would let you know how the Wood Pro weathered—it did not. We had taken the cap rails down to bare wood, used an epoxy, then Wood Pro Plus. It is all starting to come off. Don't know if it is the epoxy or the Wood Pro Plus, but we are going back to Cetol. The good news is that Cetol has a new color called “Teak”. It is browner—the color the old Wood Pro used to be—very possibly the same product just brought out under the Cetol name.

## DIFFERENCES IN OUR TUGS

Perhaps these are differences that might be appropriate for another questionnaire, but for now I just want to let you know about them. That way some of our upgrades don't seem so strange.

1. Some of the 37' tugs have moveable side window in the pilot house. *LADY* does. So when ordering material for window channels we had to figure 11 moveable windows. Some of the tugs have only 9 moveable windows.
2. Our seat in the salon must be pulled out all the way in order to get to the openings into all the storage under the seat. We are hull 8. Sometime later they changed the openings so you can get into the storage with the seat in place. We just had an under-seat door installed this winter to make access easier. It was not yet varnished in the picture. Works great!

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

We had 52 surveys returned. Of those boats:

- 40 are documented, 2 expired, 2 not found, 1 Canadian, 8 not documented
- 32 Cummins, 15 BMW, 1 Volvo, 2 Yanmar, 2 Caterpillar, 1 not powered
- 13 starboard galleys, most built after mid 1987
- 27 masts are aft of the stack, 9 have no mast
- 11 belong to original owners



If you did not respond to the questionnaire and would like to, send it along.

I can send you the questions if you have lost them. Next issue, we will do a story on more of the upgrades people have made. Send your pictures and stories.

Orders late in May will be filled  
in July—boating calls!

# Ships Stores

Make out checks and send to LNV T, 214 Eagle View Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

## NEW LNV T Pins

Back by popular demand! We have these great little (1 5/8 x 1 in.) pins in blue and off-white. Order them as gifts for family- and souvenirs for your guests. Cost: \$8.00 includes US postage.



## NEW LNV T Blueprints

Before the original blueprints for the 37' and 49' were turned over to Mystic Seaport, we were able to get copies. We have them in PDF format on a CD. They are for owners' information and study only. No permission is implied or granted to design or build from these plans. Cost: \$10.00 includes US postage.

## NEW CD of all past Tuggers

We now have a CD of all 30 Tuggers which started in Fall 1999. They are in PDF format. Cost: \$3.00 includes US postage.

## LNV T Burgee

LNV T burgees are 22 in. long Cost: \$25 includes US postage



## LNV T Tee Shirts

Available in green and blue, sizes S, M, L, XL. They run narrow through the chest so we recommend one size larger. Cost: \$12.00 includes US postage.



## "VICTORY TUG" Caps

Only 7 left! Let 'em know we are Victory Tugs.

We have 4 green, 2 blue and 1 maroon left and will most likely not be able to get exactly the same design again. Cost: \$16 includes US postage.



Don't forget we have a **Banner for Loan** for your next LNV T rendezvous. Contact [macygalbreath@msn.com](mailto:macygalbreath@msn.com).

## LOST TUG—FOUND!

**MONKEY**, hull 52, (right) was found last summer in New England by **Jay Sterling & Marty Raymond**, **CRUZ-IN**, hull 74. The two boats are seen together (far right) and plan to rendezvous again.

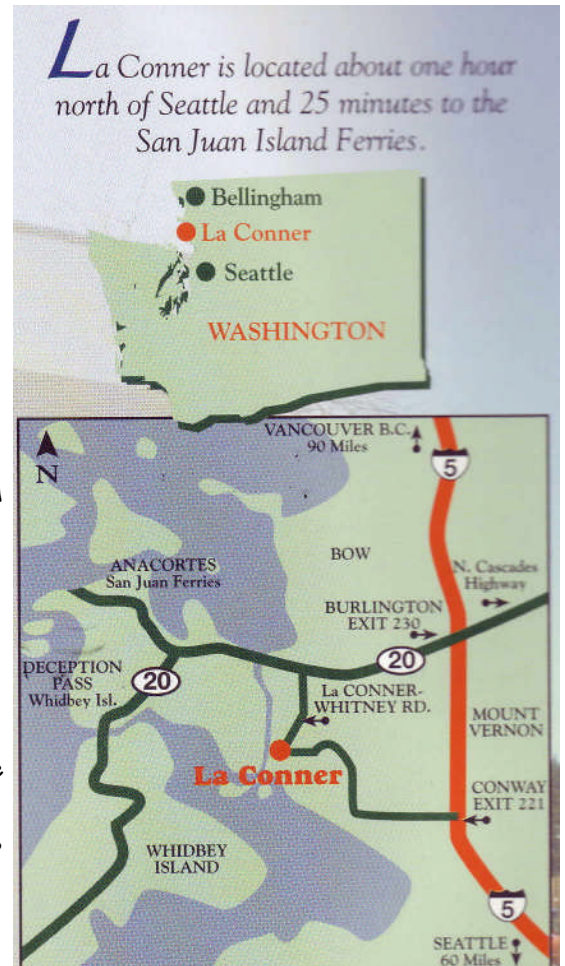
We are down to only 6 boats that we have no information on at all. Several we are not in contact with the owners. Keep your eyes open for missing tugs.



# 2007 LORD NELSON VICTORY TUG RENDEZVOUS

Thursday—Sunday, August 23, 24, 25 and 26  
La Conner, Washington

The Northwest Tuggers welcome everyone to come to beautiful La Conner, Washington for our fifth annual rendezvous. Come by boat and tie up along the Swinomish Channel. We have reserved all of the south dock for tugs! Their rules make it necessary to come in on Thursday in order to have reservations. Those coming by car will love this place with lots of B & B's. The enclosed brochure will give you just a taste of what is there. Lots more information is available upon request from our cruise Captains Bruce and Margrit Elliot.



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| Thursday, August 23 | Arrival. "Traditional" pot luck on the dock.  |
| Friday, August 24   | Group gathering and "tug talk" in the morning.<br>Poker run begins. More great prizes including one night of moorage at Port Sidney Marina, BC, one night of moorage at Bremerton or Port Orchard, wine from LNVT <i>CONCINNITY</i> , and more! |
| Saturday, August 25 | Dinner at La Conner Seafood & Prime Rib House in a private room overlooking the Channel and featuring a Seafood Buffet.<br>Tour of the American Tug factory<br>Tentative tour of Dunlap Towing working boats                                    |
| Sunday, August 26   | Shopping and sight-seeing and dinner on your own or with other tuggers.<br>Depart by noon.<br>Short cruise being planned to Stuart Island Marine Park and maybe Roche Harbor  |

**Reservations:** Let Bruce Elliot ([bmelliot@nwlinc.com](mailto:bmelliot@nwlinc.com)) know if you will be at La Conner. He has made the marina reservations. Don't call the marina direct. Moorage rates: 31's = \$27 per night including electricity, 41's = \$33 per night and 49's = \$40.

## 2008 LNVT Rendezvous on the Chesapeake

An idea under consideration right now is to focus on a big rendezvous each year in a different part of the country. We are looking at next year's rendezvous being someplace on the Chesapeake—probably Annapolis. With **Dave and Vicki Howell** being back working on their house at least part-time, they can also throw their energy into a special rendezvous there.

This idea does not mean that we won't be having regional rendezvous in other areas, like the northwest where we are going on our fifth year, but that more energy and focus will go into the "big" one with the hope that people will come with and without their boats. Let us know what you think about this idea and where another good location might be for future years.

# Calendar of Events 2007

Please let me know of other events that should be listed on our calendar.

JANUARY 25-27	Trawler Fest	Stuart, FL	www.trawlerfest.com
MAY 5	Opening Day of Boating in the NW Parade from Portage Bay to Lake Washington	Seattle, WA	www.seattleyachtclub.org/ OpeningDay
MAY 10-12	2007 Maritime Festival	Seattle, WA	www.portseattle.org/news/ events/
JUNE 7-9	Trawler Fest	Poulsbo, WA	www.trawlerfest.com
JUNE 23	International Tug Boat Race Detroit River	Detroit, Mi & Windsor, Canada	www.tugrace.com
AUGUST 2-4	Trawler Fest	Mystic, CT	www.trawlerfest.com
<b>AUGUST 23-26</b>	<b>LNVT Rendezvous &amp; Cruise</b>	<b>La Conner, WA</b>	<b>macygalbreath@msn.com bmelliot@nwlinc.com</b>
AUGUST 24-26	Tugfest 2007	Parry Sound Georgian Bay, Canada	www.tugfest.net
AUG 31, SEPT. 1-2 Labor Day Wknd	Olympia Harbor Days Budd Inlet Vintage Tugboat Races	Olympia, WA	www.harbordays.com
AUG 31, SEPT 1-2 Labor Day Wknd	Victoria Classic Boat Festival	Victoria, BC	www.classicboatfestival.ca
SEPT. 7-9	Waterford Tugboat Roundup	Waterford, NY	www.tugboatroundup.com
SEPT 27-29	Trawler Fest	Solomons, MD	www.trawlerfest.com
OCT. 20-21	Classic Workboat Show Center for Wooden Boats	Seattle, WA	www.cwb.org

## LISTING YOUR BOAT "FOR SALE"

In addition to letting us know for *Tuggers*, you should post a "for sale" message on the website. There you can give specs and lots of details. You can also post pictures in the photo gallery. Just be sure to remove it when sold and also contact your *Tugger*

**FOR SALE— Some, but not all, of these boats can be seen at [www.yachtworld.com](http://www.yachtworld.com) and on our website.**

1983	Truancy, hull 1	37'	360-293-4945 (also fax)	WA	165,000
1985	Tess II, hull 22	37'	705-528-8137	ONT	175,000 us
1985	Sir Teady, hull 31	37'	sirteady@comcast.net		199,000
1986	Bodacious, hull 44	37'	845-647-1390	NY	170,000
1986	Nimbus, hull 50	37'	ggw.gerald@verizon.net	MD	165,000
1989	Tortuga, hull 73	37'	530-4647-1390	CA	175,000
1988	Nelson's Lady, hull 9	49'	gfperry@frontiernet.net alnelsonslady@aol.com	UK	749,999 us

\*\* Original Owner  
 ?? Last known owner/boat name

# LNV T Roster

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## LNV T 37

HULL #	NAME	OWNER	HULL #	NAME	OWNER
1	TRUANCY	Coram	39	MORNING MIST	Sharp
2	VICTORY	Allnutt	40	SEA TURTLE	Giove
3	HIAQUA	Payne	41	THEODORE BAYRE	Shrier
4	RAVEN	Mullard	42	WHISTLE	Laird
5	CARLA B	Butterfield	43	KEDGE	Peterson
6	BOLD EAGLE	Mazure	44	BODACIOUS	Garofalini
7	JENNY B	Bahan	45	DUN WURKIN	Barker
8	LADY	Rothert	46	THISTLE DEW	Blackwood
9	TUGBOAT ANNIE	Emory**	47	LAST CALL	Nordlie
10			48	AFTER ALL	Skinner
11	DRIFTER	Brown	49	MOCKO JUMBIE	Riggs
12	LADY HAMILTON	Dunning	50	NIMBUS	West
13			51	MIKFIN	Leader**
14	MOBY	Oates	52	MONKEY	Bates??
15	TEDDY BEAR	Reich**	53	MINOTS LIGHT	Ludwigsen
16	ELIZABETH NOBLE	Rodman	54	BRIGADOON	Hugdahl
17	CONCINNITY	Fahndrich	55	ECCO DOMANI	Flood
18	ONEIDA	Egan	56	OUR VILLA	Glinski
19	ALEGRIA	Ambrose	57	LOON	Mutch
20	BLUE JACKET	Portlock	58	EQUINOX	Elliot
21	LITTLE BITT	Eldred	59	SEMPER FIDELIS	Bauer
22	TESS II	Mehl	60	PET TUG	Steplock
23	LA SALLE	Capitan	61		
24	LE PAPA	Findlay	62	TUG E BEAR	Shann**
25	ANNABEL LEE	Weaver	63	NELLIE D	Howell
26	PUFFIN	Surratt/Prentice	64	BRUTUS	Whitehead
27	LORETTA MAY	Oplinger	65	GEORGIA J	Nusbickel**
28	ANNABEL LEE	Geserick??	66	KNOCK OFF	Niccolls
29	DOREEN	Benedict	67	BRAVE DUCK	de l'Etoile
30	LITTLE BOSS	Cooper	68	LARSHOLM	Larsson**
31	SIR TEADY	Shaw	69	TORTUGA	Gabriel**
32	PERSERVERANCE	Mehrkens**	70	LORD NELSON	van Dommelen??
33	GROWLER	Powers	71	GREYMALKIN	MacPhail
34	ROSE BUD	Smith, C&R**	72	RENEGADE	White
35	CHARITY	Isaksen	73	TORTUGA	Perry
36	JOSEPHINE	Goetz	74	CRUZ-IN	Sterling
37	ELNORA	Mitchell	75	KUKUI	Spatola
38	ANNIE	Behan	76	J EDGAR MOSER	Sharpe/Hutchison

## LNV T 41

1		**	5	SHERYL ANN	Toews**
2	CAPT. MIKE	Campanelli	6	CAROLINA	Sousa

(NOTE: hulls 3 and 4 not finished as Victory Tugs)

## LNV T 49

1		**	6	LADY JOANN	Mann
2	MARY K	Smith, Ed	7	POLAR MIST	Smith, K
3	URSA	Fogg	8	GUINEA RIDER	Morris
4		**	9	NELSON'S LADY	Bayne
5	SOUNDER	Windecker			

Please help fill in the blanks.

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Patrick Mitchell, Bainbridge Island, WA on  
*ELNORA*, hull 37  
Cruising on Puget Sound on a picture-perfect day with  
Mt. Rainier in the background.