

The 14th Annual Commander Rendezvous was held at the Cap Sante Marina in Anacortes, Fidalgo Island, USA. By all accounts it was a success! Thanks to Ray and Marlee Spencer for organizing the event and encouraging many owners to take their vessels across the border for the first time.

The decorating committee did a super job of stringing light to create a party atmosphere on the two party barges provided by the Marina. The Mason jars of flowers were a lovely addition to each table. The Pot Luck Dinner, Captains' Forum, Breakfast, Tech Talk and Auction were all held there.

Two new formats were added to the Rendezvous: Dress Like a Commander and an Auction. Folks put a lot of thought into their costumes which ranged from Gilligan-esque to full brocade swashbuckler attire. Owners contributed small/large, silly/serious, cheap/expensive items to the Auction. Barry Rutten ably led the event and made sure everyone had great fun.

Tech Talk and the Captains' Forum discussions lasted over three hours and both touched on the topic of Ethanol in gasoline. Bottom line: Don't use gas with ethanol if 100% gas is available - even if it costs 100% more! Ethanol eats tubing, tanks, paint and coatings! Carry spare filters on board and change both oil and fuel filters at least once per season. Use the best quality filters. There IS a difference! Don't switch oil brands to save a few bucks. Delo is tops. Water pump impeller: Change at least every other year. It is cheap insurance to change it every year! Thanks again to Todd Koroll for leading Tech Talk.

Rendezvous 2014 will be at Silva Bay Marina, Gabriola Island from July 4-6, 2014.