

Cruisers' Wine & Cheese Party, February 24, 2007

After a wonderful afternoon lecture and video on Gale Browning's sail around Cape Horn and through Tierra Del Fuego, Vicki Lohman welcomed over 50 hungry and thirsty sailors to the "nth annual" wine and cheese party. While we could not come close to beating the all-time record Erick Chang set in arriving at the cruisers' dinner from Antarctica, Evelyn Doyle's daughter Amelia *did* fly in all the way from Los Angeles to participate in the fun!

The appetizers were especially grand this year, from a delicious shrimp salad, to massive fresh fruit plates, to an unusual but delicious beet-and-beef nacho. And lots of cheese. John and Kyrah Von Senden brought a sound system and played all our favorite music. The cruising awards this year were as just as useful, and twice as cuddly, as last year's dinghy survival kits. Pete 'n' Pete awarded gorgeous grey blankets, complete with West River logos and fleecy undersides, to participants in last year's cruising events. Additionally, several goofily-named certificates for "special" accomplishments were handed out (in the Triton fleet, we used to call these the broken sprocket awards).

Since last year's contest was not only popular, but also won by self-described wine neophyte Mary Cece, we decided on something equally difficult this year: "name-the-cheese". Three cheeses were matched up with seven names. The eight people tied for second scored 34%. Only Kim Romary, with absolutely *no* help from her *good* friend Eleanor the *judge*, named two of the cheeses correctly, thus avoiding the sudden-death name-the-country playoff, and winning a nice bottle of wine provided by Silesia liquors in Fort Washington, MD, who also provided the wine for the party. For the many people who just fell in love with "Cheese A", that was a Dutch Parrano cheese, available from Whole Foods. "B" was Mahon, and "C" was a fresh Asiago.

Thanks again to all who helped set up and clean up. We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Early Bird cruise!

Attendees:

Larry Baker

Peter and Joan Bell

Alexandra and Rick Buek

John and Mary Cece

Erick and Jane Chang

Mel Converse

Joseph Cowert

Richard Crenshaw

Evelyn and Amelia Doyle

Pete and Pokey Emens

Lynn, Don and Zack Fegley

Jody Gibson

Eleanor Holmes and Phil Rost

Peggy and Mike Kelly

Vicky and Al Lohman

Art and Judy Mensch

Paul Mettus

Don and Kathy Mueller

Bruce Ogden

Mick and Charlene Osman (Thanks for all the great publicity!)

Lincoln and Kandy Phillips

Kim, John, and Wesley Romary

Monty Schumpert

Jill Seagraves

John and Kyrrah Von Senden

Liz and Al Sutherland

Pete and Cindy Tollini

Judith Weihe

Stuart and Sondra White

Susan and Greg Whalen

Russ and Margo Zink