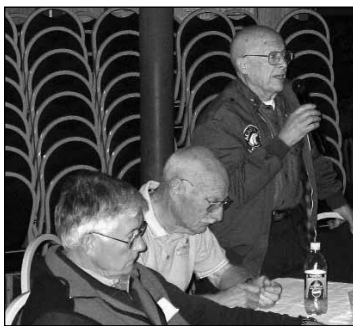




## Radio Rendezvous IV

The fourth Radio Rendezvous got off to an early start with an antenna party at Port Madison. Larry Hills, Bill Whitney, Bill Webber, and Bob Swaine used high tech tools to place a G5RV antenna high up into the trees. The G5RV antenna was developed around WWII for quick deployment for emergencies. It is an all band antenna easily matched to a transceiver. The next morning we started at 0747 with a morning check-in on the Puget Sound Boaters Net on the 146.88 repeater – during the morning various members checked-in on their way to Port Madison. In all – there were 15 boats in attendance, e.g., *Cassis, Encore, Gizmo, Intrepid, Little Brother's, Loreley, Nootka, Oceana, Panther, Red October, Ruddy Duck, Shania, Starbird, Summation*. On Saturday at 3:00 p.m. we visited boats and used an antenna analyzer and other tools to check equipment. We set up a temporary “ham shack” in the clubhouse with both VHF and HF equipment. We contacted a number of stations across the U.S. including an island contest and an Amateur in Florida who had been licensed eight-one years.

Laura Cruz organized a great potluck dinner attended by almost 40 people, after Greenbox. Heather Ballanine brought a baked ham, a “ham” tradition started by Cheryl Rice last time. Bob Swaine, Dan Withers, and Bill Whitney shared a number of tips on DXing and were part of the busy equipment and troubleshooting team. The good news is that no one’s radio worked worse afterwards. Bruce McCaffrey (Heather’s dad) gave an introduction to a DVD he shared



*Dave Ballaine, Bill Whitney and Bruce McCaffrey*



*Day Chapin, Chuck Lowry, Steve Alarcon and Dwight Shaw*

about a DX expedition to a small island off Antarctica. The program concluded with lots of questions and answers. The next morning we convened at 0747 and 0830 for morning



*Larry Hills and Bill Whitney*

## Amateur Radio Class and Exam

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Amateur Radio Class and Exam on Saturday, January 12th. This popular class has filled up the past two years. The focus of the class/exam is to review the material for the FCC Tech exam to enable a passing grade for the afternoon’s exam. Join the over 155-licensed radio operators in the club and participate next year in this virtual Greenbox community of boaters while cruising.

## More Information & Local Practice Net

Our Committee meetings are open to all members and guests – we meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 1800 hours at the Portage Bay Mainstation. The meeting schedule for the next few months is: November 14th, December 12th, January 9th. If you have a 2m radio you are welcome to join our “practice” net – the Puget Sound Boaters Net. We meet at 0747 every morning on the 146.88 MHz repeater.



*Getting Ready for Open Boat Program*

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