

# NEWS FROM MARGARITAVILLE

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## BOAT PARADES AND ACCOLADES



2017 Dealer Meeting at Shipwreck Beach

Ranger Tugs & Cutwater Boats hosted their first official dealer meeting on Wednesday this week at Roche Harbor Resort.

We had 15 dealers attend the meeting from all over the USA and Canada. If you see one of them wandering the docks, say hi!

We sent them on a whale watching trip yesterday where they saw several Grey Whales.

Congratulations to our local dealers, Port Boat House (Largest International Ranger & Cutwater Dealer), Bellingham Yacht Sales (Largest Domestic Cutwater Dealer), and Sundance Yachts (Rookie of the Year)!



Lauren Fritz, naturalist with San Juan Outfitters, shows pictures of whales likely to be encountered on whale-watching trip of Ranger Tugs/Cutwater Boats dealers Wednesday. The dealers saw several whales in Rosario Strait during the four-hour-long excursion.

Photo by: John Knowlton



Dozens of Ranger Tug and Cutwater Boat owners mix and mingle and Thursday's welcome party at this year's Ranger Tug/Cutwater Boats Factory Rendezvous, which continues until Sunday. Photo by: John Knowlton

## PARTY BARGE PILEUP!

Welcome! We had a great turn out for day one. We should see at least another 30 boats come in today!

The party barge was rockin' at 10am yesterday when we opened registration. It's great to see all of our friends and family showing up for one last blast of summer boating in the PNW.



Thank you to all of our volunteers working the welcome booth!

## FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:00-10:00 – Understanding Your Garmin Electronics Seminar – Seaside Lawn Tent
- 10:00-4:00 – Registration - Party Barge
- 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
- 10:00-4:00 – Scavenger Hunt – Roche Harbor Grounds (info in welcome bag)
- 10:00 am – Crabbing Seminar – Party Barge
- 11:00 am – Crabbing/Fishing Derby Begins – Party Barge
- 11:30-3:30 – Cornhole Tournament Bracket A - Party Barge
- 1:00-2:00 – Insurance Q & A – Party Barge
- 3:30 pm – Crabbing/Fishing Derby day one final weigh-in - Party Barge
- 4:00–5:30 - **Happy Hour – Seaside Lawn**
- 5:30–7:00 - **Dinner – Seaside Lawn Tent**
- 7:00 pm - **S'mores – Seaside Lawn Beach**
- 7:19 pm - Roche Harbor Colors Ceremony – Enjoy From Anywhere

## BABY ALERT!



Congratulations to Ivan and Nely Guzman on the birth of their baby girl, Jaylene! She was born Wednesday morning at 1:56 am weighing 6.9 pounds. Ivan is a much-loved member of the customer service team.

# WHY DID THE CREW OF KISMET MOVE FROM A RANGER TUGS R27 TO AN R29S?

After six years of trailering our boat, Kismet, all over the USA and Canada, we decided it was time to sell our much loved Ranger Tug R-27. We felt that if our decision was to sell her, we should do it now while we could still get a better return on our invested dollar. We had taken very good care of her and that care showed.



Jim and Lisa Favours

The other option was to keep our trusty tug indefinitely. We certainly considered that as a possibility. This was not a decision we took lightly because our first tug added some amazing trailering adventures to our boating endeavors. That was a benefit we would not have realized had we not decided to downsize from a larger trawler and try trailering. We immediately fell in love with the flexibility, affordability our tug offered us. The freedom of our new found boating mobility was invigorating.

In 2011, we drove to the Pacific Northwest to meet that first tug in Kent, Wash. We've taken that same boat back and forth, westward across the country, two more times to explore Puget Sound and British Columbia. This region is a boater's paradise by any experienced cruisers' standards.

We don't always go west. Al-

most every winter we trailer our boat south, from Michigan to Florida. This way we can maximize our time on the water. The boating season in Michigan is a very short five months at most.

Both Lisa and I agreed that we love the trailerable trawler lifestyle, and we didn't want to give that up. We adored our tug, and never even thought of looking at other boat manufacturers to compare features, benefits or design. Fluid Motion, which makes both the Ranger Tugs and Cutwater Boats, gets top marks for their superior factory support before, during and after the sale. We've purchased enough new boats to know this is a rare bird.

When we started to think about changing boats, we naturally gravitated to the Ranger Tug R-29S. I say "naturally" because in the six years of Ranger Tug ownership, we've felt like we are part of something larger than just owning a boat. The factory has generously fostered a network we like to call our "community." We feel like family in that collective, constantly meeting other like-minded, helpful Ranger Tug owners.



R27 "Kismet" cruising Lake Powell

How could we give that up?

Before we made the final decision, we considered how some of our boating needs have changed over the last



Jim and Lisa on orientation day with R29S "Kismet"

four years. When we bought our first tug, we had no grandchildren; today we have two. We felt in order to initiate them into boating, we should have more room for them and their parents when they visited. We also felt a growing desire to share short trips with other family and friends. The R-27 was just a tad too small for that. Ranger Tug has the right boat for our growing needs, it is a Ranger Tugs R-29S.

Fast forward to the present – after two weeks on our new Kismet we've had fun discovering the innovations six years have brought to these tugs. For example, there are lots of newer, updated features throughout, including the boat's famous fit and finish. The 10-foot beam provides an even more stable ride, and offers more elbow room for cabin maneuverability and clearer vision of the transom. The latter is especially important for the captain when cruising. We are also enjoying the added benefit of the head, now located off the stateroom, rather than in the aft saloon.

We've also found the Volvo Penta D4 300 hp to be more authoritarian than what we were used to with the Yanmar engine on the R-27. The Volvo responds well to my commands.

In our third week on the boat, we are still finding new features that make us go "WOW!" We still plan on trailering our new Kismet, but realistically, we'll be a little more cautious in planning travel routes going forward.

By the way, our 4-year-old grandson just spent his first full week with us on the new Kismet. We made some precious memories with him as he, along with us, became familiar with the new boat. No doubt about it -- We made the right choice!

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## WHERE IS THE SEASIDE LAWN?

To best way to get to the Seaside Lawn is by dinghy but you can also walk there. It's a nice walk with a beautiful view of the dock.

Walk towards the Hotel De Haro and take a left on the brick road. Follow that path behind the restaurant, in front of the chapel and keep an eye out for the lighted path down to the lawn.

PICK UP TOMORROW'S NEWSLETTER  
IN THE WELCOME TENT AFTER 10AM