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C-Brats at the Boat Show



Ever the opportunists, C-Dory enthusiasts used the January 14-23 Seattle Boat Show as a forum for a mid-winter party, a chance to reconnect with semi-old friends and meet new ones, and unearth new toys we simply must have.

For three couples, that meant brand-new 25-foot cruisers. For me, it meant a laminated chart of the San Juan and Gulf Islands. And for about 100 of us it inspired the prospect of a Saturday-night dinner and tour of the new C-Dory factory in Auburn. C-Dory president Scot Reynolds and probably a dozen gracious employees barbecued salmon, made salads and dessert, affixed name tags to attending C-Nuts,



Left: Some very happy C-brats doing business with C-Dory at the Seattle Boat Show.



Right column from top:
Jon (C-Lou) and Brock (Bambina).
Joe (R-Matey) and Mike (TyBoo).
Sam and Kerry (Salty-Cs)



answered questions, and awarded door prizes such as coats, a handheld VHF, and other practical marine paraphernalia to those with lucky numbers. Later we strolled the factory and learned how the new boats are now produced under one roof. Some readers may recall the former site, located since the 1970s on Pacific Highway South.

Since probably half the assembled C-People flew or drove from distant places such as Alabama, Alberta, British Columbia, California, Oregon, and Renton (hey, these people are devoted), Kent's Hawthorne Suites Hotel experienced a bump in occupancy Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday morning the C-Pod sauntered to the breakfast buffet and shared weekend stories as well as tales about boating adventures from the left coast to the right, and many rivers and lakes in between.

Many more escapades will be unwrapped in 2005, including a Desolation Sound cruise in September. Excited C-Nuts are waxing and prepping. Join us at www.c-brat.com and help us decide where to cruise in February. Happy boating! ■

