

THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

April 2021

Hello Spring; Let's Go Sailing!

Monthly Virtual Meeting 4/17- NautiTrivia online can be fun! Prizes to win! See Pg. 3

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BOARD BITS

The YBYC board met virtually via Zoom again on 4/6. Here is a synopsis of what we did:

Plans are afoot for another try at Trivia Night...stay tuned; exploring the possibility of having a July 4 event at the clubhouse for fireworks; finances are looking grim, but clubhouse reservations are on the upswing; no Spring Regatta, but Wednesday evening sailing should commence on 4/28; we are close to getting a slip arranged for the Carpi 22; the High School team has been active with several new sailors joining. The board meets again on 5/4.

Members may always get a copy of the full minutes by e-mailing alimc_77@mcn.com





Commodore's Report

Greetings boaters and happy spring,

As the weather warms up and the vaccines become more commonplace we (YBYC board of directors) are feeling better about returning to our normal format of Wednesday sailing followed by BBQs. We are going to try it out on the first Wednesday of the spring season, April 28th. It is up to everyone individually how comfortable they feel about sharing food off the grill in an open air environment. Join if you want, bring your own food, or pitch in some cash and eat off the grill. I know it might not be for everyone just yet but many of us are wanting to get together and have been vaccinated. We are also looking toward summer and hoping to have a club wide get together over the 4th of

July. This may or may not be possible but we are keeping fingers crossed that things will continue to improve on the pandemic front so this can happen. It would be lovely to see you all someday soon!

I don't know about you but I have been busy busy the last few weeks and am really looking forward to doing some boating this spring. Whether driving the research boat, out for sea trial for Chandler Marine Services, or out for a sail on the bay, getting out there always helps me to slow down a bit and enables me to enjoy the beautiful Oregon Coast and Yaquina Bay.

Stay healthy everyone,

Todd

Todd Chandler

Commodore YBYC 2020-21



Let's Get Nautical for Trivia Night!

I know we all miss our YBYC potlucks, so get ready to ZOOM into a bit of Sailing trivia on Saturday April 17th at 6:30 pm. Have some fun as you test your knowledge of all things nautical. (and knotal...) Join up with other sailors for a group team or test your skills on your own.

At 6:30 we will take about 15 minutes to socialize, sign up, and name your team, then we hope to get the games started shortly after. Teams will then be muted so they don't hear answers, so look forward to more socializing after the game. If you want to sign up a team in advance or have questions, please contact Michelle at mkjones1230@gmail.com Michelle will send out the Zoom link before the appointed time.

We have some tasty goodies for prizes including: a \$10 Gift Certificate at My Petit Sweet at Sea Towne, a \$10 Gift Certificate at Butter & Lace Bakery in Toledo, and also a YBYC beanie.

Be there or be square, and I don't mean the knot – which, by the way is another name for what knot???

~Alice MacNamara



April Race and Cruise News

It's the time of year that we typically transition from predominantly southerly winds to predominantly northerly winds, usually by around mid-April. April is also when our Spring sailing season begins at YBYC. This year, we will not be holding a Spring Regatta on the last weekend of the month like we have done in past years, but we will start our Wednesday evening Spring Series on April 28!

Spring Series format will be just like what Summer and Fall Series last year. We will again focus on just having fun sailing! No plan to keep a formal score for the series, we will not have a committee boat, those going out will confer to decide on the course before the start, start time will be by GPS time that each boat will monitor. Everyone's cell phone provides GPS time and you should be able to configure your clock to display time with second's. Of course you can always set your wrist watch to match your phone if you don't want to take your phone on the water. Of course those participating will decide for themselves how to deal with COVID concerns and if they will stick to sailing with household members or have somewhat larger COVID pods that they sail with. We hope to see you out on the water!



2021 High School Sailing Season Going Full Swing

By Laurie Weitkamp

A small but enthusiastic band of student athletes have been testing their sailing skills on Monday and Wednesday afternoons this spring for the Newport High School sailing team. While several of the students sailed in 2019 and 2020 (Hunter Stewart, Chloe Burke, Sara Rash), several others (Everett Johnson, Sheala Hubbard) are new to the team and new to sailing and/or sailboat racing. With last year's season being extremely short, this year is a building year as we work to increase sailing skills before focusing on racing.

Partially for Covid restrictions and partially because of the small number of participants, the students have been sailing in OBF's Optimist single-handed prams, which were moved from OBF's Toledo facility to the Floathouse in Newport in early March. Sailing the Optis—or any single-handed boat, for that matter—is great for increasing sailing skills, because the craft's sole occupant has to do everything: steer, trim the sails, balance the boat, as well as know the rules of the road. For sailors who have mainly crewed in the past, it's been a great opportunity to learn to skipper and figure out how to make the boats go forward, especially up wind. For our new sailors, they've been learning to sail by leaps and bounds. It also turns out the Optis are quite stable in relatively high winds, which has been fortunate since it's been fairly breezy during most practices.

Despite the small turnout and sailing funny-looking Optis back and forth between buoys in front of the Embarcadero, the level of enthusiasm on the team has been fantastic! After two hours on the water at a recent practice, the kids were all smiles while putting away the boats and clearly had fun out on the water (the warm sunshine didn't hurt, either). Seen from the coaches' angle, it is impressive how quickly our sailors are improving their skills and become proficient sailors, and obviously enjoying it.

The annual Oregon Cup, held between the three Oregon sailing teams (Portland, Hood River, and Newport) will be held on May 1st in Portland. We hope to have at least a few Newport sailors participate in the regatta. By the next newsletter, the high school season will be over but we hope our youthful sailors will continue to sail on Yaquina Bay on Wednesday nights. Keep an eye out for them!

Who Wants to go for a Boat Ride?

It's been a long process, but after several years of owning and upgrading the "free boat" that was given to me by a gentleman I still have never met, (and ultimately investing more \$\$ than she is worth), the *Mahalo* is finally ready for an educational ocean voyage. The plan is to run her up to Astoria in an overnight dash, cross the Columbia Bar, and put her into a marina either in Ilwaco or Astoria proper depending on the timing. Participants will practice navigation, night sailing, watch standing, operating boat systems, and experiencing what a long boring boat ride is like, most likely under power the whole way, along with possibly having some fun! The experience will be equivalent to an ASA 103, 104, and 105 class all rolled into one, with the possible exception of anchoring practice unless time allows. It will require some experience and a minimum of Basic Keelboat class as a prerequisite, along with the proper clothing and gear, including an inflatable lifejacket with built in harness or a separate harness, and tether, since everyone will be harnessed at all times when on deck. Tentative cost will be \$250 per student, which will include provisions and a ride back to Newport. Contact education@yaquinabayyachtclub.org if interested in more details.

Checking Out of the Marquesas 05/26/07

So we had a slight change of plans, and the crew flew out of Nuku Hiva instead of continuing on to Papeete, where they had to be by the 31st. They were replaced by Admiral Ladysailor herself, who flew in May 15. It was a happy change for *Arabella*, because finally we are back to the two of us who know, understand, and love her, and we share the same attitudes about life and cruising. Also the time constraint is removed- no more deadlines to meet or hurrys to be in. I understand some people are bound by their "real life", but *this is my real life*, and I like to enjoy every minute of it. Now we can relax and experience this beautiful place at a cruiser's pace. Bottom line is, this should have been "plan A".



Taohae Bay, Nuku Hiva.
Those specks are lots of
anchored boats

We did a little anchorage-hopping around Nuku Hiva to get Barb's sea legs working, kicked back and got some business taken care of (taxes, and bills, uggggg) but thanks to the great wifi hotspot in Taohae Bay, we could do it all from the comfort of the boat. Changed oil and filters, topped off fuel and water, loaded provisions and set off for Manihi, our first stop in the Tuamotu Group, on 5/24. Right now we're about halfway there, sailing along in bright sunshine, and all is good. One thing I discovered, though, was a sneaking suspicion of mine was correct. I was talking with Maotai at the Yacht Services branch there at Nuku Hiva, and noticed he collected lots of used oil from yachts, and he mentioned, "we take it to the station and they just dump it into the tank". I had been hoping it was the used oil tank, but no, my fears were proven justified when I changed a fuel filter enroute. There, in the dim light of the engine room, I saw what had made the 120 liters of fuel smell like burnt old crankcase oil. It was recycling, Nuku Hiva style. Engine seems to run fine on it, just hope my filter supply doesn't run low.

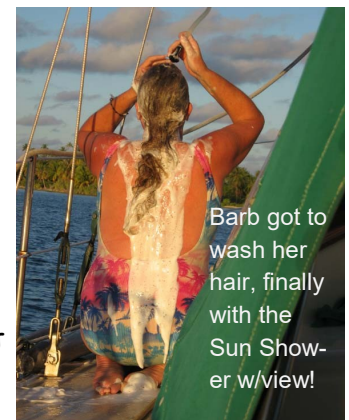


5/28 (continuing) So here we are pleasantly, though literally, stuck in the lagoon at the Tuamotu island of Manihi, wrapped up tight on some coral heads 65' below, invisible to us. At first we thought we'd made a poor choice of location for the anchor, (probably did) but I wouldn't be surprised if 90+% of those who drop the hook anywhere around here experience the same fate. At least we don't have to worry about dragging into that major coral island-type deal right behind us...

Entering the pass (bottom of the pic) into this hollow island (Atoll) caused us a bit of trepidation, I don't mind admitting, since it was "our first", but luckily our timing was good and fears were unfounded. We slid right in towards the end of the afternoon flood, and then the fun began, since the C-map electronic chart had no details for this particular atoll, and the cruising guides were less than complete in their information. So we just kind of winged it and eventually found the marked channel that goes around inside the whole circumference of the atoll.

Anyhow, it's beautiful here, the locals are extremely kind and generous people, and it's so nice to be on an unrocking-boat after the little (4.5 day) passage from the Marquesas. Maybe the 23 days of rocking and rolling on the crossing just put me off it or something, I don't know...

We've been promised a diver, but he hasn't made it the last two days, so we may be looking to ask the Pearl Hotel dive shop guys for help. Have a feeling it may be a crummy job nobody wants to do, working blind down 65 feet wrestling anchor chain off coral heads. Maybe there's a big business salvaging anchors and chain- who knows. Meanwhile we won't mind being here a week or two and figuring it out. ~Mike Fulmor



Barb got to
wash her
hair, finally
with the
Sun Show-
er w/view!

Member to Member

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