

THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

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Happy New Year!

Anybody for a Zoommeeting? - We (Vicki K. brought it up) thought some of us might be missing each other enough to try a virtual Monthly Meeting 1/16. This first attempt at rekindling Club Activities will be an introduction to Zoom Bingo! Hope to see y'all. Deets pg.3

Youth Sailing Report– Season on hold, Covid is still here and sports are a victim.

Race and Cruise Report– Waiting for some nice warm winter days for Frostbite sailing...see page 3

Some Filler- An excerpt from Mike and Barb's South Pacific adventures from the Captain's Log to make you think about sailing across the big Blue. Pg. 4

BOARD BITS

The YBYC board met on 1/5 via Zoom sessions. Here is some of the business conducted: Todd has the parts for the Boston Whaler, and should be able to complete the repairs in February; much of the meeting concerned financial issues, but a 2021 budget cannot be created at this time since we don't have any idea what may happen in the next several months regarding income; a ceiling on new expenditures without board approval has been set; ideas for holding virtual membership meetings are moving along; HS sailing is preparing for a new season; Tom has installed a heater in the Capri 22, and purchased a new tiller; the equipment shed vents have been repaired; Ken has requested photos of club activities for publicity. The board meets again on 2/2. Members are welcome to attend. Members may always get a copy of the full minutes by e-mailing



Another happy family sailing lesson, these folks drove from Eastern Oregon and stayed on *Mahalo* for a few days.

Commodore's Report

Greetings all and Happy 2021! I hope this finds everyone doing well in whatever challenging situations you may be in. Hang in there and remember, these strange times shall also pass. Since we have not been getting out on our waters much lately I have been enjoying a lot of vicarious sailing on YouTube and wanted to share a special gem.



My favorite sailing movie of all time is Irving Johnson's 'Around Cape Horn' from 1929. It is the only movie footage (that I know of) of what it is like to sail on a giant clipper ship around Cape Horn. These were the

last commercially viable cargo sailing ships before steam engines phased them out. I have owned this movie for 2 decades on VHS but recently found it on YouTube here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tuTKhqWZso>) courtesy of the Mystic Seaport Museum. The vessel he sails on around the horn is the 'Peking' from the famous flying P line and is on display in NYC in the Seaport District. I highly recommend the movie for its educational and entertainment value and to see how far we have come since these voyages. The narration of this movie by Irving Johnson himself is truly incredible as he gives us a glimpse of what life was like onboard one of these ships. I can't say enough about this 29 min movie, so please give it a watch if you are not familiar with it!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the members who have stepped up in this time of need to keep the club financially viable through your donations, timely yearly dues, and volunteer hours. This has been an unprecedented time for the club, one in which we end up giving to the club more than we are getting in return. Remember, this too shall pass! I am hopeful that we can once again resume our meetings, potlucks and Wednesday sailing this coming season. Thank you to all who keep our club going!

Cheers,

Todd

Todd Chandler

Commodore YBYC 2020-21



Todd and Leigh's schooner *Russamee* sailing on the Atlantic side of Panama.

Zoom Bingo Will be a Hoot!

.Yaquina Bay Yacht Club Sailing BINGO!

Join YBYC for its first virtual event next Saturday, 1/14 at 7 p.m. Join us for a little fun and a long overdue visit!

Have a drink and snack ready to go and all you need to do is click (or copy and paste) the Zoom link below before the appointed hour. I'll provide you with the link to the BINGO cards when you get there. If you can, RSVP to Vicki Krutzikowsky at vickihoosky@hotmail.com or text 541 351-1062. That will help me know how many to expect. I can also help you with any tech problems ahead of the game.

Vicki Krutzikowsky is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: YBYC Sailing Bingo Night!

Time: Jan 16, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75318381233?pwd=YIZTV2VFOExHeTIYZGYxdWFiNWFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 753 1838 1233

Passcode: YBYC

January 2021 Race and Cruise News –Greg Krutzikowsky

As we ring in the new year, we are all hoping that this year will bring more opportunities for sailing on Yaquina Bay. Looking forward I was inspired by this lovely poem by an anonymous author that was published back in the 1930s:

**“When the doors of Winter open
And Spring is once more free,**

**There’s the sound of voices calling
To the men who love the sea.**

**There’s the voice of Nature singing
To those who’ve learnt to know**

**That life is worth the living
When the cool North-easters blow.**

**So spread your snow-white canvas
To catch the fleeting wind;**

**The deep blue sea invites you
To leave dull care behind.**

**Inhale the breath of Heaven
And the fragrance that it brings,**

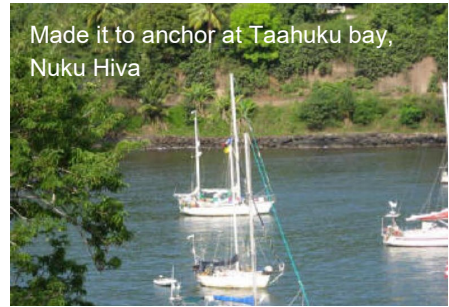
**And hear the joyous melody,
The cool North-easter sings.”**

While we wait to see what spring brings us, we will start up Frost-Bite Series which is an opportunity to get out sailing with your family and friends (make sure you do so in a Covid safe manner). Frost Bite sails start at noon out on the Bay on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from January until our regular sailing season begins. That means as of this writing, the next one is on January 17. So if the weather looks good enough, by all means do your best to get out on the water and GO SAILING!

“W.J.C.” – ‘When the cool North-easters blow’ – The Australian Boating Annual (1936)

Leaving Paradise PV (to go to Real Paradise)

So we finally got it all together to leave for the Marquesas Islands and points west. Of course the process had been ongoing for as long as we'd owned *Arabella* (4 years), ever evolving during our Mexican cruises, but in the last month in PV before our planned departure "date" of March 21-30-ish things got intense. We decided to get the engine looked at by an actual mechanic, and ended up replacing all the injector nozzles and the closed system water pump, plus boiling out the heat exchanger, changing all fluids, filters, belts, and some hoses...etc. And of course the really glamorous job of rebuilding both heads went on as well, (done by yours truly), along with countless other minor projects.



Then there was the provisioning challenge- how much of just what would we need/want for the next month or so we'd be far from any store, plus the next several months knocking around the South Pacific after the passage. I won't bore you here with what we ended up getting, but suffice it to say, storage space got really tight aboard, and of course we probably bought more than we really needed.

Anyway, John, (who has crewed for me numerous times, beginning with my Ranger 23), arrived about the 15th of March, Barb left to drive north in the van with Buddy on the 21st, Bob, (a good friend and owner of a Hunter 410), showed up around the 28th, and we actually pulled out of Paradise (Village Marina) on the 31st, having decided to only go as far as Punta de Mita since it was a Friday, and we didn't want to break any superstitions at the beginning of such an ambitious voyage. OK, so we might have had small hangovers from pre-departure celebrations, and that may have influenced our decision too. Of course any humor from leaving on April Fool's Day went right over our heads.

So we began our voyage rested and in good spirits, and were rewarded with some of the all-time best sailing I have ever experienced, which continued for almost two weeks. The diesel ran for a few hours to get us free of the Tres Mariettas, and for about 4 hours one night when the wind completely died, but that was it until the ITCZ. We flew every combination of sail, from cruising chute, main, mizzen staysail, and mizzen, to main alone, jib alone, spinnaker alone, and even a time with the genny poled out to one side, and a free-flying (wire luffed) staysail winged out on the other side. At one point the spinnaker halyard parted and we lost use of it, but that's a whole story in itself.

We weren't able to get the Hydrovane self steering system to work, (especially after the mizzen preventor failed and the jibing boom sheared off the "sail" part), and the autopilot used too much electricity unless we had the generator or engine running, so we did a lot of steering; then the "bullet-proof" Robertson autopilot went south, and we did even more. We think that may have been part of the reason we made better time than lots of other boats, because I believe no autopilot can steer as well as a live person. Since there were three of us, we decided to do a "three on, six off" watch schedule, which had the advantage of rotating time slots every day. As a result we each stood the dreaded "dog watch" (3-6 am) every three days, and no one person was stuck with it. Inevitably there were times when sail changes or small crises robbed us of our off watch time, or we couldn't sleep well due to the motion of a speeding sailboat flying over waves, but we all stayed pretty well rested despite everything. We just got a bit zombie-like after awhile, and looked for our bunks every chance we had.

When we got near the mystical waypoint of 5 north and 130 west, supposedly a good place to dive south through the ITCZ, things became more interesting. We had some cloudy days, our first rain-squall, fluke or non-existent wind from every direction, and on Friday the 13th of April, my log says, "Realized we have nowhere enough fuel for the ITCZ (inter tropical convergence zone, 600 miles of no wind), going to have to sail every chance we get. Generator won't work, autopilot died, otherwise, the rain is really special...

Everything ended up OK, though. After a couple more days and nights the rain squalls ceased, the SE trades started to tease us along, and after we crossed the equator (with appropriate fanfare and hijinks of course) it again became a textbook "good sail". We finally caught a nice Dorado (Mahi-mahi in these parts) on our last day underway. Arriving at Hiva Oa on the morning of April 23 was almost an anti-climax, and, though all were happy to arrive, we knew there were many more sailing days to come between here and Tahiti.

Member to Member

Support your fellow YBYC members! You can contact Ed (Mike F) to get your business listed here too

<p>Alan Brown Tire Center (Les Schwab)</p> <p>New Location on HWY 20</p> <p>Newport, OR (541) 265-6604</p> <p><i>Ask for Ken Brown, mgr</i></p>	<p>Jeff Schrantz - State Farm Insurance Agent</p> <p><u>313 SW 2nd St Ste A,</u></p> <p><u>Newport, OR 97365</u></p> <p>(541) 265-2011</p>
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