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Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

June 2018

Sailing Season in Full Swing

Summer's here and the time is right for sailing in the Bay. Last Wednesday we had 10 boats out for a leisurely sail/race and there's plenty room for more! Rumor has it there may be an Ultimate 20 joining us one of these days.

Newsletter's a little late due to the editor going out of town to welcome his new grandson into the world. Baby Gus Fulmor spent several days in the NICU after a "rough start" but he's better and may go home tomorrow.



Sailstice is 11 days away, June 23, hope everyone plans to attend either as volunteer (who get in free to the dance party) or just show up and enjoy the good time! More info inside.



Felicity taking a boatload of happy folks out sailing last Sailstice

Board Bits:

The YBYC board met on June 5th. Items on the agenda were: Mike will prepare a welcome brochure for new members, Peggy will get more hats and look into getting a generic YBYC shirt ordered, Barb has done a great 2 days cleaning the club carpet with hopes that renters will try harder to keep it that way, Wednesday "races" self starting at 6:21 phone time has been working well, we're waiving initiation fee for new members signing up and paying on Sailstice. Next meeting August 3.

- **Chart** 1) Large piece of paper that is useful in protecting cabin and cockpit surfaces from food and beverage stains. 2) Type of nautical map which tells you exactly where you are aground or what you just hit.
- **Compass** Navigational instrument that ... indicates the presence of machinery and magnets on board ship by spinning wildly.

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COMMODORE'S NOTES



Hello to all members and friends. I trust that your summer is going well. We are approaching the longest days of the year. Beachcombers Days just around the corner. The Sailstice and of course the Wednesday night races. Last week was a record 10 boats on the water. Yours's truly got last, fouled a member. (I still say you called Starboard and I meet you port to port Argh!) sailed with my dog. Come on you guys. Big ol boat. Come on down. Anyway, this week I wish to share with you a very important meeting I attended with the Oregon Boating Safety and Education Foundation. Or the OBF. These are the guys whom own the Boat house next to the 420's. In attendance. Arron Breats- Port of Newport.; Dan VanCalcar- Chairman; Amy Greer-Instructor; Brian Getting-Executive Director; Tom

Murry-Instructor; Bud Shoemake-Director Port of Toledo. I am likely misspelling some of these names and titles. I got the story about the boathouse. The rub is, it was never YBYC property. It was allowed by the Port of Newport. We helped them. Not the other way. They are nonprofit. We are for profit. The rub was the way the boathouse was left by members and when the kayaks were moved, there was around \$750 dollars' worth of gear missing. I asked this board if they wanted YBYC to pay this expense. The board elected to call it even in the interest of moving forward as one group helping another. I think this is a fine idea. As both Ports and OBF were represented there. I am of the option that we as a yacht club have much more to benefit by supporting this group rather than fight the tide. We all want new members. This is where we will find them. By sponsoring this group, folks will very quickly figure out it better to sail than paddle around. What we can do to help? I have asked harbor ops if they could put a temporary fence around the west end of the clubhouse so as they could store their boats overnight safely for classes they hold the following day. Of course, we must vote, and the Port would have to agree. We could start a YBYC grant for OBF. We could donate the busted up JY Trainers to the Port of Toledo for a great tax deduction. We can work with this group to sail with their boats as a support group while they learn their skills. We can sign up for a class. Christine & I did and there is room for a few more. July 7th. In short, we have A GREAT Opportunity to lead in an area that needs help. We all want to support safe boating. This is a great chance to do just that. Let's lead by example instead of holding a grudge. I would like to see us vote on a Power boat group, an intermediate membership-that is member without voting rights; I don't think that the high school sailing team should be allowed to join just because it's cost less than OBF. They hold the classes and we get the money. That's not right. Junior membership would be better served. And lastly a Hobie Cat Fleet. Whatever we decide to do in the future. The time is now to act. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthwhile maritime group that is on our doorstep and has extended the olive branch.

CJ Collins – YBYC Commodore. www.cjc.gom@gmail.com

Race and Cruise News

Wednesday Racing Turnout is Improving, 10 boats out last Wednesday, and by Summer Series we may be able to reinstate the committee boat, though it appears many in the fleet are enjoying the “no pressure” sailing model that doesn’t require a full crew of “rock stars” and weekly bottom cleaning, etc.

So far we haven’t done the staggered start giving slower boats a 5 minute head start (subtracted from their finish time) which gives them a better chance of finishing with breeze on days it tapers off, but we still might try it if there is interest expressed. We have been agreeing on a course at the dock, which gets communicated to everyone before the Self Start at 6:21 (GPS time off your phone), using a line between CG buoy and #12 marker. If competitors want to note their finish times and submit them to Race Chair Mike, they are welcome to do so, and we can apply the handicap to determine corrected times

Spring Regatta was a beautiful sail up to Yaquina Head and back on Saturday May 26th, though the turnout was a little sparse. We started with three boats, *Mahalo*, *Spirit*, and *Nancy K*, although *Cover Girl* had her covers off and a headsail bent on, there was no sign of her skipper at departure time, and she ended up completing the course as the rest of the fleet were putting their boats away. It was meant to be a casual sail and that was fine. Unfortunately *Nancy K* had some mechanical issues and decided to retire before venturing too far out. It had been discussed that if the wind was too light or completely on the nose, we might motorsail out to the point and sail back, but it wasn’t completely decided on, or at least I didn’t think so...

My crew and I were perplexed and somewhat taken aback, then, as *Spirit* was sailing so fast and well single-handed that we couldn’t catch her all the way to the first mark, #3. It was a humbling experience indeed until Hal told us he’d had his very quiet but powerful motor on the whole time thinking we did too. That was a big relief and cause for a few minutes of laughter!



June 16 General Meeting will be hosted by The Chandlers



International Theme - Start of World Cup

Social hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, **please bring setups** (or do your own dishes) Mahalo.

There will be lasagna and a “Fresh Ice Cream Sandwich Station” they will provide, with other desserts also encouraged. Bring your Potluck offerings of side dishes, appetizers, etc. and enjoy a nice evening at the club. The bar will be open but BYO favorite beverage, especially if you want beer or wine, and we will look forward to seeing everyone!

SAILstice June 23, 2018: Almost Here

OK, it's crunch time, and we're hoping for an even bigger turnout than last year, which was great. This event requires lots of helpers to accommodate lots of attendance by the friends and neighbors who are not (yet) members of YBYC. There will be sign-up sheets at the Monthly Meeting, or just show up around 11 on the 23rd and surely there will be something for you to do, deckhand or runner, lifejacket fitter or radio operator, schmoozer or snack server, chair arranger or decorator, the list goes on. We're hoping to sign up lots of new members with our special one-day promotion, so you can be a salesperson too. Let's once again put our club on the map while bringing some great music and free sailing to Newport.



Kayaks are Available

In case you didn't know, we have three kayaks available for member use, secured to the boat rack out back by the shed. You can talk to Tom McNamara if you are interested in using them, because they require some skill and ability. Unlike the past, however, members can take them off premises if desired, and the same policy of you break it you fix it applies as it does with all our club boats. Paddling time is here!

A Great High School Season Comes to an End

After nearly three months of twice-weekly practices and many, many highway miles driving to regattas, the 2018 Newport High School sailing season has come to a close. We had nine active sailors this season who sailed in six regattas: two, two-day regattas (Seattle and Hood River), two one-day regattas in Portland, and we hosted two one-day regattas here in Newport. This year's team members were a mix of returning sailors and wanna-be sailors who'd never sailed before, with half the team being female. Although the team didn't



win any regattas, they did win a few races and everyone learned a huge amount from the experience of sailing in big fleets, even if they were at the back of the pack.

As coaches, it was highly rewarding to see all team members work hard to make major improvements in their sailing ability. This included new sailors learning to crew or skippering their first regatta, and seasoned sailors refining their de-powering techniques when the wind blows hard (no reefing sails in dinghies!) or perfecting their capsizes recovery skills.

We celebrated the season with a BBQ on the deck of YBYC on a glorious evening in early May. All the sailors received awards, ranging from "most capsizes" to "best hiking style", to celebrate both memorable moments on the water as well major achievements. While several of our sailors are graduating from high school this year, many will hopefully return next year (and bring their friends). This year's many successes wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of the coaches: Head Coach Greg K., assisted by Laurie W., Terry L., Eli A. and Ron T. While it's nice to relax after such a busy season, we're looking forward to another great team in 2019!



Sailor with YBYC Roots Crewed on *RAINDROP* to Win the 2018 Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race.

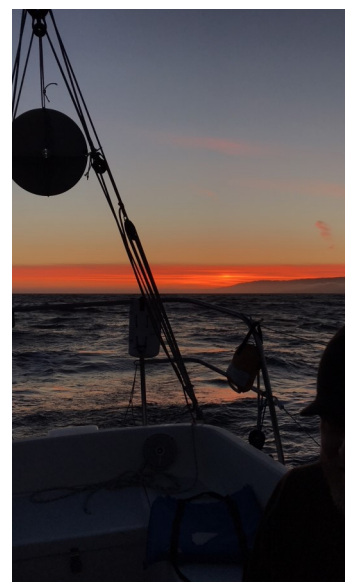
The annual Astoria to Victoria race began on May 10 in challenging NW wind and swell conditions off the mouth of the Columbia River. Tyler McNamara was aboard *Raindrop* for his second time in this race. Son of YBYC's Alice and Tom, he has had extensive racing experience. He was captain of UO's sailing team, raced dinghies around Portland and the Columbia while working at West Coast Sailing in Portland, crewed on the Brown's *Cheap Sunglasses* here on Yaquina Bay, and was a regular crew member aboard *Declaration of Independence*, an Express 37 racing and winning in Seattle. Tyler has occasionally skippered *Grinner* while visiting home.

This year's Oregon Offshore was a fast one compared to Tyler's last time. Here is his own description of the race:

Two years ago I did my first Oregon Offshore. It was great! While not the most optimal wind conditions, the weather was absolutely beautiful and we had a really enjoyable race. I had deliberately avoided involving myself in this infamous Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race for many years on the advice of fellow sailors with their stories of grueling ocean conditions for endless hours in the cold pouring rain. I also have always prided myself in my immunity to motion sickness. So after my first experience being a pleasurable one, I hung up my hat and proudly stated that it would be my one and only Offshore race... Now here we are 2 years later and I was somehow convinced to give it a go all over again, and boy was it a whole different experience.

First off, it turns out I do get seasick, very seasick. Within the first hour of crossing the Columbia River bar, half of the crew had already discharged their breakfast, and the next 19 hours would prove to be a pounding beat up the coast as both the wind and swell seemed to be hellbent on making things as difficult as possible. I had the pleasure of doing the race with some really fantastic people making it feel like true teamwork. We chose a strategy early on, stuck with it, and with a bit of luck and perseverance were able to pull off a victory! It doesn't matter how miserable the first half of a race is when you get to experience a magnificent 20hr downwinder up the Straits of Juan de Fuca and watch the sun set behind you as you pass your competition and fly to an overall finish!

With a corrected time of 31:46:21, the Rain Drop and its crew came in first place in class and also won the Overall trophy for best fleet performance. This time, for real though, it was my last one.





YAQUINA BAY YACHT CLUB
Newport, Oregon

Invites You to Join Us for SAILstice:



Daytime - Free Sailing Rides

Come by the Clubhouse after 11:30 am (750 SE Bay Blvd., Newport) and sign up for a **free 1 hour trip** out on the bay on one of our members' boats and get a taste of the fun of sailing! First come, first served as space and weather allow, we'll be going from 12:00 noon until 4:00. Children over 5 years old welcome with a proper CG approved, well-fitting life jacket.

After sailing, come to the Clubhouse for an...

Evening Dance Party with Lloyd Jones Band



Boogie the Sun down with some great blues from Portland's Own World-Renowned "Groovemeister", Mr. Lloyd Jones with his band. Doors at 5:00, music starts at 6:00. Beer, wine and food will be available at this over 21 event, all proceeds benefiting the YBYC Education Program. Tickets are available to the public in advance for only \$12.00, \$15.00 the day of the show. Beach theme so wear Hawaiian for judging in the Ugliest Hawaiian Shirt Contest! ☺

Tickets available at Bier 1 or call 541 547-3483 for mail

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