The Jib Sheet



February 2010

A publication for the Members and Friends of the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club

Yacht Club Calendar

February 13- Board Meeting 20-Monthly Meeting 24-Wednesday Educational Series

Our Mailing Address is 750 SW Bay Boulevard, Newport, OR 97365

Our Website URL Is www.yaquinabay yachtclub.org

For questions about the Club, contact us at YBYC.email@gmail.com For questions about or contributions to this newsletter contact Jeff Cressy, editor, at jcressy@charter.net

YBYC 2010 Officers Mac McConnell-Commodore Vice Commodore : Greg Krutzikowsky Rear Commodore : Paul Erskine Secretary : Alice McNamara Treasurer : Dorothy Bogumil

age.



It was her, the Queen Annes Revenge rounding the point at Caye Caulkers split. My eyes watered in the skin chafing wind and at first I thought "could it be Jeff in pirate garb? "But the apparition was him, clear as I'm talking to you now. His beard at his waist, tied in colored bows, shoulder slings with 3 pistols each and broken hat with matches burning on each side making him fierce, it was Blackbeard in hellish fury. Seeking prize? Could his crew be low on rum and de spirited? Contentment with this crew you can see is drink, and gives amens to drinkers with sailing problems. But wait! She comes closer now and better I can see that it is a Rastafarian at the helm and the boat is not the Queen Anne at all but the vessel "Peace Mon Belize".

And so it goes at Caye Caulker, with wind and wave at 82 degrees and not a car on the sandy isle, it is tranquil beyond laid back. My swim about goes, boasting long days marveling at nurse sharks, sting rays, eels and wondrous tropicals: wrasses chasing and defending coral sanctuaries, parrot and trigger fish munching the ends of the staghorns and the myriad of angelfish, puffers, tangs and the like. Patrolling these wondrous cayes is hard work but I am to the task, I am after all, Commodore on mission to protect, save and enjoy the wonders of these coastal waters.

Stand-Fast Blackbeard, Edward Tench, and plunder no more. Surrender up your perilous rum mattered-ways comes now the YBYC Commodore! As I reported, the University weekend training was a wondrous success. We all learned so very much from the energetic young sailors and much interest was met as we told them of our student memberships. They thanked us over and over for the welcoming that they received, and welcome they were. It is amazing what having that youthful vibe of enthusiasm, confidence and daring added to the days. It certainly challenged even the best of our sailors who were there----tactics, wind sense, balance and disciplined sailing. For me it was jaw dropping awe.

The Club at its last Board meeting adopted the new membership levels of Student, Military and Crew at the rate of \$60/year with no initiation fee. The general fees stayed the same with the exception of the Initiation fee that was dropped to \$100 for the year to again encourage new membership. We retained most of the new members we recruited and that meant that our budget not only met its goals but had money to spare even after purchasing the 420's. Now we can concentrate on building the contingency fund so that on the rainy day it is needed it will be there.

The High School Student sailing club is being met with optimism and inquiry from students at Newport and Taft. Joe is doing over the top work in putting this together and with his expertise in sailing and school system politics; it is bound to be successful. We still need coaches, assistants and helpers. You can help the kids, or you can help because it will selfishly just make you feel real good. Call Joe to see where you can plug in. Recruiting will begin at the High Schools in the next few weeks. The season is from the first week in March through the last week in May. A coach is needed at Newport High.

I hear the Rastafarian drum call now and must go. But I'm thinking of you each day as I patrol these forsaken shores awash in rum, Bilkin brew and marine life galore. Fair winds Mac



Phillip "Gene" Bateman 1940-2010

It was with great sadness that the YBYC heard of the passing of one of its own. Gene lived in the Toledo and Newport area his entire life. He was active in many community activities and was a former Commissioner of the Port of Newport. He is survived by his wife Judy, and two children. He was the skipper of the Seafisher. He will be greatly missed.

Quote of the Month

"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective." -Henry David Thoreau

Meeting Notice

Saturday, February 20th 6-7 PM social hour-7 PM Meeting

This month's meeting is hosted by Ken & Stephanie Brown & Elliott & Daniella Crowder. The meeting will feature a wine tasting featuring Red Diamond Wines, the same label that the YBYC will be pouring at the Seafood and Wine Festival. We will also have a presentation on chartering in the British Virgin Islands. Members are asked to bring a dish to share that complements wine and come in island attire if you like! If you are not a wine drinker please bring the libation of your choice.

News You Can Use

January Monthly Meeting

The highlight of the January meeting was the YBYC's annual chili cook off. The judges this year were: Philomena O'Brien from Nana's Irish Pub, Michael Waliser from Saffron Salmon and Henry Kulczyk, experienced chili master. With 11 entries the competition was stiff. The judges awarded: Jeff Cressy (pictured) 1st place, Bernie Stoll 2nd place, Elliott Crowder 3rd place- Elliott also won the People's choice, which was voted on

by the YBYC members and friends in attendance.

Congratulations to all! We look forward to next year's event and it was safe to say everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who contributed side dishes and worked so hard to make this a success



Frostbite Series has Begun

The first Frostbite of 2010 was anything but frosty, four boats met on Sunday January 31 for a short lap around the buoys. We wrapped up by the end of slack tide and made it back to the dock about the time the sunshine hid behind the clouds again. It was great to see Vela, Hispaniola, Hot Tub and Kiwanda out sailing. Join us on the water around noon on February 14, February 28, March 14, March 28, and April 11 for more great sailing.

Membership News

New for 2010 we have a Crew Membership available! A person is eligible for crew membership when sponsored by a YBYC skipper. This membership is only available for 2 years, after which the crew member is encouraged to join YBYC at the Individual or Household membership level. The annual dues for this new level are just \$60.00.

Cookbook Orders are Being Taken!

Thanks YBYC members! We're all wrapped up on the recipe collection. If you missed this chance, don't worry, you can still submit recipes for future cookbooks. Our order of books should be arriving in late April or early May and we are excited to share this neat community cookbook with everyone. You can place your order now and be sure to be the first to get your new YBYC cookbook. These will make great gifts, too! Contact the cookbook committee to reserve your copy. Advance payment of just \$10.00 per book is much appreciated.

-Cookbook Committee; Stephanie, Pat, Nairne, Donita, Dorothy

PHRF Renewals Due

Hi sailors, for those of you planning on joining us for Wednesday night racing it's time to renew your PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) dues. You probably got the reminder notice in the mail last December. Current PHRF Certificates are needed for proper scoring. If you're new to PHRF, let us help you measure your sails; it's much easier with someone to show you the way. PHRF dues are \$45 and new this year you can pay online via Paypal.

-Ken, Race Chair

OSU and U of O Boats Practicing



Page4

(Thanks to Merry Petitclair for the picture)

University Sailing Weekend

Below are a few more excerpts from Commodore Mac's impressions of the weekend that 17 OU and OSU students got together and there wasn't one casualty! A heartfelt thank you to all who helped this project be such a success. Sophie, the University of Oregon sailing co-coordinator, sent a note of thanks and a U of O burgee to add to our collection.

"It was definitely the beginning of a relationship between the YBYC and University Student sailing. Those of us who were there learned a lot. These University folks are on their game and understand the art of sailing. Our new projector system worked perfectly and was wondrously helpful to the process. The University of Oregon and OSU students and coach asked me to thank the Club for its generosity and the incredible welcome they received and all said that they want to come back again, soon" This is a very important collaboration between the YBYC and two fine Universities that will benefit both.

First Impressions of our Club 420s

I had the good fortune to take a very brief sail in one of the new Club 420s. Two of my sons, Ronan and Merak, came out as crew. Of course that meant that at least one would want a turn at the helm. We were only out for about a half hour, so these are just my first impressions of these boats. First, these are obviously designed as racing dinghies and are well thought out. There are adjustments for everything. The boats are very responsive, so tacking and jibing is a breeze. We obviously did not use the spinnaker or the trapeze so can't say anything about them. The boys had fun and got the hang of things very quickly and the one who took the helm did great. Bottom line is that these boats are nice little racing dinghies that are well set up. I think they will be lots of fun to sail for folks that are reasonably agile. - Greg Krutzikowsky –Vice Commodore

YBYC Worldwide

Our own Betts Haswell has been sailing about Antigua, where she's pictured at a restaurant. Here's some of her blog:

"Jill and I arrived here at Jolly Harbor Jan.27. George had been here working nonstop getting the "Windhontas" ready to sail. I went for a short sail last Wednesday with an experienced sailor from here, a member of the yacht club. We sailed south to Cades Reef where Jill and I had great time snorkeling while Nick and George continued to fine tune the riggings, reefed in the main sail.



Today we set sail south to cades reef again where we plan to just drop anchor, snorkel, and spend the night. Tomorrow we head south to Guadalupe. So far all good! The Jolly Harbor Yacht Club also has a "race" every Saturday afternoon. They call it a "sail" instead of a "race" because the insurance for the boats is more if they are racing. The winner gets a bottle of rum. Nick told us that between Florida and Brazil, this is the only club that has a "sail" every Saturday all year long. I forgot to ask him about hurricane season.

2010 YBYC Wednesday Evening Educational Series

All Classes are on Wednesday evening in the YBYC Clubhouse starting at 7:00 PM and will end at approximately 8:30 PM. The next scheduled classes are: February 24 – How to Splice a Three Strand Dock Line – Ron Cole and Paul Erskine. Please bring in a splicing fid and some three strand dock line. March 10 – Rigging Your Boat for Single Handling and Safety – Joe Novello March 24-TBD

Hardship Fund

In response to the continued slow economy and to help our members in need to maintain their membership in YBYC, we have begun collecting for a Hardship Fund. If you would like to help by contributing to this fund, please contact the Membership Chair, Stephanie. You can also make contributions in the Donation box at the clubhouse or simply mail your generous gift to YBYC, 750 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport, OR 97365



Pictured: front row; Jeff Cressy, Web and Newsletter member, (Scott Walters was absent), second row L-R, Daniella Crowder, Publicity Chair, Peggy O'Callaghan, Hospitality Chair, Tom McNamara, Fleet Chair, Alice McNamara, Secretary, Stephanie Brown, Membership Chair, Betts Haswell, House Chair. Third row; L-R Greg Krutzikowsky, Vice Commodore, Ken Brown, Race Chair, Mac McConnell, Commodore, Paul Erskine, Rear Commodore. (Absent; Dorothy Bogumil, Treasurer, Jerry Davis, Education Chair.)

Flotsam and Jetsam

- Save the Date- The Port of Toledo is celebrating its Centennial year and its annual wooden boat show is August 20-22. This year is promised to be special.
- Remember you can make a *tax-deductible* donation through the Oregon Boating Foundation. The money is used to provide community boating education and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Ron Cole for further information.
- The club has Lido 14 sailboats available for club member use. These 2 or 3 person dinghies are fun to sail and explore Yaquina Bay. They're conveniently located on the port dock near the clubhouse. To use the Lidos, check the online calendar for availability, and place your reservation by contacting Stephanie Brown at alaskamissy_2000@yahoo.com or 541-265-4575; reservations are posted online on the club's website www.yaquinabayyachtcluborg under the 'Calendar' tab. (See Greg's review above)
- Don't forget to use our Google group site at groups.google.com/group/ybyc It's the best place to keep up on club and member activities, chat and exchange info with fellow members. The Club also has a Facebook page, check it out!
- As some of you may know, Oregon State University is conducting research focusing on "non consumptive" users of Oregon's ocean. This includes boaters, surfers, kayakers and the like. The data will be used to include this group in the very vital process of decision making regarding Oregon's ocean which we all dearly love. To participate contact Chris Eardly at <u>ceardley@coas.oregonstate.edu</u>.
- Ships Store- Please do not forget to check out all the fine items at the ships store. Donna and I love our new aprons; fly the mighty blue and red even in your kitchen!
- Happy Birthday to these YBYC members: February Birthdays-Carl Dudley, Stephanie Brown, Betts Haswell, Blaine Crichton, Pat Blackburn, Donita Cole, John Voss, Ron Cole, Gail Watrous, Bob Meyer
- Please take a minute to check your contact info on the Google groups membership roster. Contact Scott Walters for any changes.

Page /

- If you haven't paid your dues yet.....PLEASE DO! Contact Stephanie Brown for info on payment arrangements.
- We're still looking for volunteers to pour wine at our booth at the Seafood and Wine Festival Feb. 26-28. You must attend a class in order to serve wine. Please contact Ken Brown ASAP! Be sure to visit our booth regardless.



Editors Corner

I have to admit, I was very happy to win the chili cook off. I had very recently lost my 14 year old four-legged first mate. Many of you know how hard that is. I needed to smile again.

Timmy 1996-2010

It sounds as if our Commodore is having a great time. I'm sure he is spreading good cheer and a salty yarn at every turn. Mac and Betts travels are great for the club. With all available technology, anyone can have access to Club info. We have a proud history in a proud town others should share



in. Speaking of which, let's all do what we can to increase membership and alliances like those with the schools. Cheers, Jeff

Member-2-Member Network

Have you ever needed a carpenter, cabinet maker, tile setter, tire company and didn't know who to call? Ever needed to have an item on your boat or home repaired, but had no idea where to call? Rather than calling a stranger or looking in the yellow pages, call another YBYC member! Every member who runs a business or performs a service is encouraged to signup. It's totally FREE to members! Non-members pay a nominal fee. Want to get yourself listed? Email the YBYC newsletter editor at jcressy@charter.net with your listing information. We need to support our own, especially in this economic climate, please consider doing what you can.

Alan Brown Tire Center (Les Schwab)

Ken Brown manager (541) 265-6604 1155 SW Coast Hwy Newport, OR 97365 Email: tyrguy@yahoo.com

Dr. Kenneth S. Bishop

Chiropractic Physician 111 SE Douglas Suite F-1 Newport, OR 97365 541-264-8138 www.yaquinachiropractic.com

Amy Lynn Greer

Certified Public Accountant Ph/fax: (541) 563-5147 Cell: (541) 961-6814 PO Box 1341 Waldport, OR 97394

American Home and Stone---541-929-3100

Members: Shane and Mac McConnell

> Cabinets, tile, granite countertops, stoves (wood, gas, pellet), spas: Discounts www.americanhome

Ocean Pulse

Custom Surfboards, Skateboards, and Snowboards Tom McNamara (541) 265-7745 428 SW Coast Hwy Newport, OR 97365 www.oceanpulsesurf.com

Bike Newport

Elliott & Daniella Crowder, Owners 150 NW 6th Street Newport, OR 97365 (541) 265-9917 website: bikenewport.net email: bikenewport@charter.net