

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

Yacht Club Calendar

March 20-Monthly Meeting 20-Blessing of the fleet 24-Wednesday Educational Series

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The Seafood and Wine Festival came off without a hitch. The booth was simple but displayed well. Attended by 19,500 light hearted reveling souls, the Red Diamond brand name did great with Gold for the Shiraz and Silver for Cabernet. The YBYC servers were enthused and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Elliott said that his only regret was that he didn't sign up for a second shift. "I loved reeling them in. I'd see them in the aisle and say "What are you doing with that empty glass?--- and it worked every time, here they'd come and I'd fill 'em up!". I certainly had fun working three days in a row. Wearing my old rodeo cowboy hat, a middle aged woman came back for three tastes of Syrah. On the fourth and last taste she looked at me and said, "hey cowboy, how about a kiss"? What was I to do? Many kudos to Ken for a fantastic event and the many helpers who made it such a fun and financial success for YBYC.

The high school sailing club is well underway and the excitement is electrifying. There are lots of Newport youth interested as well as the Taft youth. Anne Williams is organizing the North group and Dave Schmaltz has taken the coaches position with the Newport group with Lori Weitkamp backing him up. Already hard at work, Dave and George have totally reorganized the shed, rigged the 420's and put things where they need to be. Joe Novello is in the background knitting the YBYC and School District together, minding the legalities and technicalities and quietly weaving the program into the magnificent fabric that it is to become.

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Wednesday classes are underway. Jerry has lined-up some nice programs tailored to making us better boaters. Look for posts in google groups for upcoming classes.

I'm back from a funtastic three week swim-about. My adventure began in Belize and without further planning on my part, it just unfolded taking me on the Ragamuffin sailing adventure, up the Rio Dolce through the jungles of Guatemala, to the Mayan Ruins in Copan Honduras and finally to Roatan for a week of diving and play. When I travel, I play hard. If you would like to hear some of the stories and meet the characters I found along the way, drop me a line at macmcconnell@peak.org.

Remember the first and third Sunday at noon is Frostbite. We have had great weather and the sailing hasn't been bad either. Even if you don't have a boat, it is a good time to come along and enjoy the magnificence that is the Bay and near-shore ocean. Just post on google groups that you want to come along for a ride and we will find a place on one of our many boats ---for you. The more boats and folks on the water, the merrier it is. Right Merry?

Finally, the March monthly meeting is going to be a Celtic delight. Betts and Donna are putting together a Saint Patrick's feast extraordinaire. Former souse chef Elliott will prepare the Corned Beef in his own special way. The sides and grog you will provide. And how about this for entertainment: Rebecca Lomnicky was voted NUMBER ONE at the Scottish Fiddle invitational in Scotland in 2009 marking her as one of the greatest Scottish fiddle players in the world and she is going to play for us!!! Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss this one and wear your clogging shoes. Fair winds, Mac

Quote of the Month

There is little man has made that approaches anything in nature, but a sailing ship does. There is not much man has made that calls to all the best in him, but a sailing ship does." -- Allan Villiers



Meeting Notice

Be sure to join us March 20th for a very special Monthly meeting and concert as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the first day of spring. **Social hour-6-7PM** Corned Beef and Cabbage



Dinner 7pm. The corned beef will be prepared by former sous chef Elliott Crowder Members can bring desserts and drinks.

We will also feature a performance by Celtic fiddler extraordinaire Rebecca Lomnicky, accompanied by Peter Willis. As mentioned, she has won the prestigious Glenfiddich International Fiddle Championships at Blaire Castle in Scotland in 2009, roughly akin to the America's Cup. The concert will be open to the public with doors opening at 7:45 with the Concert starting at 8:00 with a suggested donation of \$12. Bring your dancin' shoes and feel free to dress in Irish attire, but check your Shillelagh at the door!

News You Can Use



Beach Cleanup March 20

Join in an Oregon tradition! The SOLV Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup returns on Saturday, March 20th from 10 am to 1pm. Volunteers will scour the coast from the California border to the Columbia River to protect our coastal environment. The first all-volunteer beach cleanup in the nation was held here in Oregon in 1984. Since then, annual volunteer beach cleanups have spread to all 50 states and nearly 100 countries around the globe! For more info: http://www.solv.org/

Membership News

This year's initiation fees have been set at just \$100, and there's no initiation fee for Students, Military or Crew memberships. Out potluck meetings are a great time to bring your friends and introduce them to our fun bunch of boat-loving people. If you know someone who likes to be involved and hands-on, this is the place; all our activities are powered by volunteers who enjoy the water and messing about in boats. New brochures are available at the clubhouse and through the links on our website.

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

Sailing News from 'Round the World



(March 10, 2010; Day 10) - The last 24 hours have brought another reminder that the ocean gives no quarter to the crews taking part in the Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race on their leg from Qingdao to San Francisco, as 30-40 knot winds and towering seas have required teams to measure their limits.

Said leader 'Spirit of Australia' skipper Brendan Hall, "Last night was black as the ace of spades and windy enough to blow the hair off a wet dog. The waves were large and very powerful and their white, foaming crests loomed up ominously over our stern. Several of them broke over the transom, filling the cockpit up with white water. The critical decision for me was saying when to back off and slow down, so as not to over-stress the sails, rig and deck gear."

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

2010 Seafood and Wine Festival



This was without a doubt the BIGGEST Seafood and Wine festival the club has seen yet. The Chamber reported that there were over 19,000 patrons total for the three day event. As I gathered with my helpers for setting up the booth on Thursday I was already getting a feeling that it was going to be fun, It may have been the energy from Mac, Brad, Daniella, George, Stephanie and I or it might have been the excitement of the big tents and the happy vendors.

Our main wine was Red Diamond and three great wines from Spring Valley vineyards with a port wine from Whidbey's. The nice thing this year is that we were once again pouring medal winners but this year we had a Gold medal on the Shiraz and a Silver medal on the Cabernet from Red Diamond with a Bronze medal on the Whidbey's Port. The medals showed that people are more willing to taste them, we completely sold out of the Shiraz and the Chardonnay and sold the most all of the others.

The booth would not have been successful without the great sales people we had, it was fun to watch Elliott sell(I almost had to drag him away from the booth to go taste some wine). I know I will probably forget someone but I need to thank all of the volunteers for the great job; Stephanie, John and Barb Dougherty, Shannon Helmricks, Dave and Jill Capri, Scott Martin, Becca, Nairne, Donita and Ron, Judy and Sharon, Dave and Barb Schmaltz, George, Gregg and Vicki, Mac, Betts, Elliott and Daniella and Alice. And I would like to thank the Academy and my publicist and my makeup artist.....oops wrong speech.

The items that we sold that were the big hits (and money makers) were the T-shirts and the water. The biggest surprise was the candle holders and the temporary tattoos, I think I even sold a wine stopper to a guy for a buck.

So the info you have all been waiting for: the gross sale for the three days \$7002.39 and it looks like our net profit should come in at(approx) \$3900.00.

I could not have done it without help and I know I will be calling on my crack sales team to help next year.

Thanks for the help. Ken Brown

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: March 24- Topic 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

Depoe Bay Wooden Boat Show

Hi all, we are embarking on the time of year where we make our presence known to the community through exposure in public events, the first of which is coming up in April at the "Depoe Bay Wooden Boat Show" which is held this year on April 17th and 18th in Depoe Bay by the harbor.

We normally have a tent/booth with information about our club and ship's store and nautically appropriate displays and sometimes demonstrations.

Volunteers are needed to man the booth and help with the events is appreciated ...you will get your reward in heaven.

Please respond to <u>ybyc@googlegroups.com</u> or <u>pmerskine@yahoo.com</u> if you can help... and the next weekend is the Loyalty Days Regatta...with the Loyalty Days Parade to follow the next weekend, May 1st.

Andrew Kerr Workshop at Eugene Yacht Club - Saturday March 27th

Learn about sail trim and racing tactics at the upcoming Andrew Kerr Workshop on Saturday March 27th!

The Santana Fleet 19 is pleased to host another workshop with Andrew Kerr. Andrew is a professional racing coach with a long history of international championship racing and coaching on many different boats over his career. We are delighted to have him return to EYC.

This live interactive classroom coaching session by Andrew is open to all sailors and will cover sail trim and racing tactics. Here are the details: **Date**: Saturday March 27th

Where: Eugene Yacht Club, Eugene Oregon

Time: 10am-2pm (with a short break for lunch – burgers available for sale) **Cost**: \$10 per person at the door, open to everyone

Hosted by: Santana 20 Fleet 19

Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there! For questions, contact Jim Martinez at <u>jmsail908@gmail</u>.com

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.
- 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!
- 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!
- March Birthdays: George Watrous, Miranda Yearous, Sandi Anderson, Cindy Milligan, Alan Wells and Allison Germaneri (your name not listed? request an info update form from Membership Chair, Stephanie Brown)
- The Livingston dinghy is on the dock and the motor is in the boat house. Members can use the boat for crabbing, fishing or whatever they like.
- The Loyalty Days Regatta is April 24th and 25th. The Notice of Race and application is on our website under racing.
- Frostbite series continues: Join us March 14th, March 28th, and April 11th for more great sailing
- Raft up and Camp-out March 27- We're planning to take our boat upriver to anchor overnight on Saturday March 27. If you'd like to come out and anchor nearby for an on-the-water block party, now's your chance. –Ken and Stephanie



Editors Corner

This is an exciting time for the YBYC. Both the calendar and the daffodils say spring has sprung. What a great way to celebrate this momentous occasion with a good ol' fashioned feast and fiddlin' blowout. Hope to see you there. This would be a great meeting to bring prospective new members. Remember, we are dues driven.

Other excitement revolves around Joe Novello's efforts with the high schools. The YBYC members have a great body of knowledge to share and the importance of bringing competitive sailing to our youth cannot be underestimated. Great job Joe, and if you are able to get involved, please do. 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? Joe Novello says that he has saved enough money from discounts by club retailers to pay his Club membership fees for the next three years. You can too! Rather than calling a stranger or looking in the yellow pages, call another YBYC member! 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.

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