# The Jib Sheet



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### Yacht Club Calendar

December 13-Board meeting 18-monthly meeting/potluck

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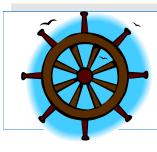
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# Commodores Log

It's the time of year with the shortest daylight hours, the most rain, and the coldest temperatures here in the Pacific Northwest. Spirits remain high and the holidaze are upon us. This year we will have a special treat that just about coincides with the winter solstice. We will be treated to total lunar eclipse on the night of December 20-21. Might even be worth a little jaunt to somewhere with clear skies to see this one!

This is a great time for getting together with family and friends, sitting by a warm fire, and enjoying a good read. But don't count out the boating, sailing and outdoor opportunities. This is the time of year that crabbing in the bay is often at its best. The lingcod are on the bite on the nearshore reefs as they move closer to shore this time of year. Some of the best surf of the year can be had in the winter months. We also get some lovely days for a sail during those breaks between storms.

Thanksgiving Day was such a day. With a boatload of visiting family we set out for a sail. Although the ocean was pretty flat and it was tempting to head for open waters, the turkey in the oven at home kept us in the bay. It was a delightful beat up to Coquille Point in the southeasterly breeze. We turned and set the chute on a long reach all the way down to buoy 9. A quick jibe and we were able to hold the chute out to almost buoy 7. Then it was beat back up under the bridge into a massive ebb tide. Although it was cold out there, it was wonderful to share the magic of where we live with family from out of town and great to get home to a warm fire and a true feast.

The end of the year is also a time for taking stock of where we have been, where we are now, how we got here, where we want to go, what we'd like to do and how we are going to make it happen.

That goes for YBYC too. As YBYC looks to the beginning of its 65<sup>th</sup> year, there is much to reflect on. The club has certainly evolved over the years, but the core mission of promoting the enjoyment of aquatic sports, the civic benefit to our communities, and good fellowship among members and other like minded clubs has changed little. This a good time to thank the outgoing Board members who steered the ship for the last year under Mac's leadership and those incoming Board member who help navigate over the next year. By the time you read this the new Board will have started on their task of setting the course for YBYC. This is a great time for you to think about where you would like to see YBYC headed. Please help us shape the course, for the journey is what makes our lives interesting. Fair winds and following seas,



S/V Cheap Sunglasses owned by Ken and Stephanie Brown-photo by Joe Novello

# **Quote of the Month**

Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk."

- Sir Francis Chichester

# **News You Can Use**



### Notes from the Rear Commodore



Holiday Greetings to you all,

Although Barb and I are new members this year, we both welcome this opportunity to serve on the board, and hope we can make a valuable contribution. By way of introducing ourselves to those of you we haven't had the pleasure of meeting, we are semi-retired (well, mostly I guess) and have recently completed a 5 year "honeymoon cruise" through Mexico and the South Pacific, ending with health issues in Australia that forced us to sell our cruising boat and return home to Yachats last year. We now have a Capri 25 and have enjoyed getting her out on the Wednesday races, though racing isn't our first language, so to speak.

Anyway, though I've been told my responsibilities will be primarily involved with "Special Projects", I want all members to feel free to contact me for anything you would like brought up at board meetings, and anything you feel like talking about for any reason, for that matter. My goal is to help YBYC continue to grow and evolve into the best yacht club around, with the most active membership possible. With your help and input we can do this together! Fair Winds, Mike Fulmor

### Member Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership! If you didn't receive your notice - contact Membership Chair Stephanie at 541-961-1823 or <a href="mailto:alaskamissy\_2000@yahoo.com">alaskamissy\_2000@yahoo.com</a> Do you know someone who has everything? This is a great time to gift a membership, too.

# **December Meeting**

December Monthly Potluck and Meeting starts at 6pm with Hot Buttered Rum and Peppermint Patties (virgin drinks will be available too). Christmas Ham will be served at 7pm. Bring a side, salad or dessert to share and your favorite beverages.



If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift (\$10 max) for each person in your party.



Don't forget that in many parts of the world Saint Nicholas is the Patron saint of sailors, also of thieves. Why do they get a Saint? Well I guess that's a different issue. So be on the lookout this Season as he may forego reindeer for a nice cruise.

### The Paddlers Box



After 6 years of using a varied and aging assortment of kayaks for our classes, YBYC has invested in a new fleet of 7 Wilderness Systems kayaks. These boats are more "user friendly" than some we have used in the past, and they include a variety of sizes to accommodate paddler weights ranging from 100 to over 300 pounds.

Plans are already underway for the 2011 coastal kayak instructional program. On Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a 4-5 hour "Paddlesports America" class offered to Club members as well as the public by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The registration fee for this class will be in the neighborhood of \$ 25.00 to cover the text and materials.

On Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, the day after the land-based class, Club members who have taken the Saturday class will be able to practice essential self and assisted rescue techniques as well as learn basic boat control and paddling skills. This will be the only time in 2011 that Club members will be able to have this instruction at the greatly reduced rate. If you want to join us, be sure to reserve June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

Tentatively we have the following classes scheduled for 2011:

Our introductory class, Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and "Rescues", will be taught on the following weekends: June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; and July 23th and 24<sup>th</sup>

### Sailing News from 'Round the World



San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's revised bid to host the next America's Cup in San Francisco is giving some members of the Board of Supervisors pause.

The board's budget committee on Wednesday asked for an updated financial analysis before voting on the plan, which shifts public race facilities to the northeastern waterfront. It also commits race organizers, led by billionaire Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, to paying at least \$55 million to upgrade and stabilize piers in exchange for long-term development rights on at least two city-owned waterfront parcels south of the Bay Bridge. "There's a little more work some critical work - that needs to be done," Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi said at the close of a 4 1/2-hour hearing. The committee is to meet in special session Monday before a final board vote slated for Tuesday on the city's plan to attract a sporting event projected to funnel at least \$1.2 billion into the local economy. "We're confident that after a few more days, support will only grow stronger," Newsom spokesman Tony Winnicker said. Under the deal Newsom's administration finalized Wednesday with Ellison's group, if the team selects San Francisco to host the regattas, it would get development rights and a 66-year lease on Piers 30-32 and a 75year lease on, and possibly title to, Seawall Lot 330 across the Embarcadero at the foot of Bryant Street. The team would also have the option of paying at least \$25 million more to shore up nearby Piers 26 and 28 in exchange for 66-year leases on them. The team will pay "commercially reasonable" rent but be given credit for infrastructure work performed. Newsom's revised bid scraps the city's original proposal to concentrate race facilities along the central waterfront, which had steeper up-front costs and included rent-free leases. The current proposal for the first time includes development rights to Pier 26 and Pier 28. Overall, it would require the port to relocate 78 tenants. Read more:

http://tinyurl.com/SFG-120910

# Towing Assistance or Salvage, what is the difference?

I recently read an article in the December issue of Boat U.S. entitled "Making Sense of Towing Vs. Salvage". This article heightened my awareness about how important a few words can be to your pocket book. Routine towing for things like dead batteries, running out of fuel, or damaged props usually incurs a simple assistance fee. However, thing change very quickly once the "salvage" word is mentioned.

The article defines salvage as "the successful rescue of a boat from imminent peril". Confusion arises around the definition of imminent peril. The article gives two examples of situations that occur routinely in our waters; that of a sailboat run aground at high water with the tide about to turn, and another of a diver hired by a boat owner to repair a leak on a boat at the dock. In both cases the person providing assistance claimed salvage and billed the boat owner twenty percent of the post salvage value of the boat.

What I took away from the article was that any time someone renders assistance to you on your boat, be very clear in the words you use about what is about to happen. It seems a prudent person may even go so far as to state something to the effect "we are very clear this is not salvage". You always have the right to refuse assistance and if time permits, call your insurance company to clarify what they will and won't cover.

You can read the entire article by directing your internet browser to <a href="https://www.boatusmagazine.com">www.boatusmagazine.com</a>
Article contributed by Joe Novello

# Lighted boat parade

Thanks to YBYC members Mike Fulmore, Alice Mcnamara and Paul Erskine for their work collecting prizes. Congratulations to Jeff and Merry for their grand prize winning pirate ship entry, also to Mac, Alice, Cindy and Tom for their win, the Kiwanda crew for their prize and to the ginormous crew of hot tub on their honorable mention. Also representing YBYC were there beautifully decorated Tenderly, Tom Murphys kayak, Grinner, and Catmandu.

# Racing

Keelboats, its time to renew your PHRF NW membership. This certificate is important to ensure the most accurate rating is being used for your vessel. Ken and Stephanie can help you measure sails and fill out the forms if needed. Frostbite series starts soon, weather permitting. Stay tuned to the Yahoo group for dates and times and plans.

- ♣ 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 Tom Mcnamara at ; <a href="mailto:mcntm@msn.com">mcntm@msn.com</a> reservations are posted online on the club's website <a href="mailto:www.yaquinabayyachtcluborg">www.yaquinabayyachtcluborg</a> under the 'Calendar' tab.
- ♣ Don't forget to use our Yahoo group site at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ybycgroup/ It's the best place to keep up on club and member activities, chat and exchange info with fellow members. You can also read Board minutes. The Club also has a Facebook page, check it out! It's updated frequently so you can be sure to keep abreast of club activities.
- ♣ Ships Store- Please do not forget to check out all the fine items at the ships store. Not only are you buying quality merchandise you can use, but it helps support the YBYC!
- ♣ Racing- The Fall Series has finished and the Wednesday Night races became the Wednesday Night seminars. Future seminars are being created. Join the YBYC group on Yahoo to get all the announcements. Stay tuned for info on the Frostbite Series, which kicks off in January.

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### **Editors Corner**

Greetings of the holiday season to all of you. Unfortunately I was out of town and missed the lighted boat parade. I hear it was a tremendous start to the holidays. If someone has some pictures I will publish them in the next issue. The November monthly meeting was a huge success with over 65 attendees. Dave Schmaltz provided the delicious prime rib and we even had enough to auction off full cuts with the proceeds going to the OBF. Thanks Dave. The meeting heralded the YBYC's changing of the guard as we welcomed Greg as our new Commodore as well as the remaining officers and committee members. Any Board members are encouraged to submit monthly columns, especially Committee chairs so the membership can stay informed. Of course, all member submissions are welcome.

I hope everyone has a great holiday and a wonderful New Year. 'Tis the season of giving so if you see someone who is not quite as fortunate as you and you can afford it, think about slippin' them a few bucks, especially if they don't ask for it. 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 <a href="mailto:icressy@charter.net">icressy@charter.net</a> 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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# **YBYC Classified**



**For Sale**: 1974 Catalina 27, can be seen at B-98 Embarcadero I would like \$8,000 but am very willing to listen to reasonable offers. If you would like more information call Jeff Longmore 541-225-7533 to arrange a tour.



Mac and Cindy McConnell's S/V Son O Beach being followed by a rainbow-photo courtesy of Joe Novello