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Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

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## All About A New Season

We've survived another Oregon Coast Winter and our boats are still floating, or at least happy on their trailers. It's time to get ready for another great season of sailing on beautiful Yaquina Bay, and for most of us that means supporting our local yacht chandlery, but hey, what else gives a better return of fun for dollar spent?

#### **Boat Recommissioning Tips**

Before you launch:

- **Q:** Did you remember to put the outboard on? Unless you don't have one...
- **Q:** Is the battery charged?

  Otherwise the bilge pump doesn't work.
- **Q:** Did you remember to bring the sails? Never mind, you have a good outboard?
- **Q:** Is that mouse still living under the v-berth? Don't worry, he won't drink that much beer.

Where do you take a sick boat?

To the dock

Current— a tidal flow that carries a boat away from it's desired destination or towards a hazard

Freeboard: Food and liquor supplied by the owner



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## **Commodore's Report**

## Welcome to Sailing Season, Everyone!

By the end of this month we will be on the water again with our regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Races (be sure to get your waiver in for those - see website or Greg) and have completed our Spring Regatta. Also coming up very quickly are the summer's sailing and kayaking classes. Information on this schedule can be found on the OBF website at <a href="https://www.oregonboatingfoundation.org">www.oregonboatingfoundation.org</a>.

Joe Novello and his team of coaches Terry Lettenmaier and Laurie Weitkamp have done a great job with the High School Team this year. They've just wrapped up hosting a youth regatta on the bay with teams from all over Oregon. It's pretty awesome to showcase our terrific (and under-rated) sailing spot!

I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming club event; participation is what keeps us going! Be sure to bring guests and crew and share the fun with them, too!

-Stephanie

#### **Board Bits**

The YBYC board met on April 5. Among items on the agenda were: There are talks with the OSU sailing team regarding practices here; OBF has been receiving donations, and is planning a sailing camp and a kayak camp; new members were approved; A spring cleaning work party is set for 4/16; Work on 420 maintenance is ongoing thanks to funds from the Newport Boosters; Greg Krutzikowsky will take the US Sailing small boat instructor class to prepare for taking over the High School team program.

Note that the board meets again on May 10... not May 3...

## Race and Cruise News

Sailing season is here! We have had some lovely spring days lately and some folks have been out on the bay taking advantage of the weather to do some sailing. The season opening Spring Regatta races are coming up on April 23-24. We've got fantastic t-shirts and dinner lined up for the Regatta. One of our newest members, retired US Coast Guard Admiral Rand Wintermute will be supplying the committee boat for the regatta. A number of volunteers have already stepped up to help out with the event, but we could still use help with checking teams in Saturday morning, crew on the chase boat on Saturday from about 11 till 4:30, and few other odds and ends throughout the weekend. If you would like to help out on either Saturday or Sunday please con-

race@yaquinabayyachtclubl.org for more details. It should be a fantastic event so plan to come on down to race, help out, or watch and join us for dinner!

The Wednesday evening Spring Series racing starts on the 27th. We will of course be continuing our after race BBQs at the clubhouse. Commander Rand wants to supply his boat and boat handling expertise for our Wednesday races this year. That means there is an opportunity for folks not racing to get out on the water every Wednesday to help set courses, run starts and collect finish times. This is a great opportunity to get out on the water and have some fun as race committee! Bring your beverages, binoculars, cameras and or music and enjoy a lovely evening out on the bay each week. A consistent team of a few people would be ideal. Contact the Race Chair if you are interested. With your help more boats can race every week. Its a win-win situation if ever there was one

## 2nd Annual High School Regatta a Huge Success

Thirty high school sailors from Newport, Hood River, and Portland had a fantastic day of sailing at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Yaquina Bay High School Sailboat Regatta on April 9, 2016. The day started out cloudy with a light northwesterly wind, but as the afternoon progressed, the sun came out and the wind picked up resulting in truly wonderful sailing conditions despite a strong incoming tide. The regatta was sailed in YBYC's fleet of six 420 dinghies, supplemented by three boats brought by the Hood River team, with teams rotating among boats.

The Race Committee, led by Greg Krutzikowksy and Terry Lettenmaier, set short once-around windward-leeward courses, which took 10-15 minutes to complete, allowing for a total of 20 races (10 for the "A" fleet and 10 for the "B" fleet) to be sailed. Throughout the day, the A fleet would sail two or four races in a row, head back to the dock to switch sailors with the B fleet, who then sailed two or four races, until all 20 races were completed.

In high school sailing, each team consists of four sailors, with two sailing a boat in the A fleet and two in the B fleet; their scores are combined for the team score. Newport had 1 1/2 teams at the regatta. Team 1 consisted of skipper Ronan Krutzikowsky and crew Zack Smith sailing in the A fleet, and skipper Matt Beaudry and crew William Birchfield in the B fleet. Team 2 consisted of Carson Martinson and Marcus Pavlisick who traded crewing and driving in the A fleet, with sailors from Hood River as the Newport 2 boat in the B fleet.

At the end of the day, teams from Hood River took the top three places overall, with the Newport 1 team in 4th, missing 3rd place by a mere 2 points. Ronan and Zack sailed an excellent regatta and were 2nd overall in the A fleet. Although the Newport 2 team took last place, it was the first time either Marcus or Carson had skippered in a regatta and they clearly learned a huge amount from the experience. Our Newport sailors will sail in one more high school regatta (Hood River in early May) before they end the season. We also expect at least one or two high school boats at the YBYC spring regatta. Continued...

The many parents who came to watch the races had a great view of the action from the lawn between the Embarcadero buildings, since the course was set close to shore to try to get out of the worst of the current. Once the sun was out in full force, most spectators shed coats, applied sun screen, and asked the age old question, "Is it always this nice here?" A large group of parents and sailors from Hood River weren't quite done with Newport, though, and planned to go surfing at South Beach in the

morning before making the long trek

home.

A huge thanks to all who made the regatta run smoothly. This includes Joe Novello as Regatta Chair, Greg and Terry for RC, Laurie Weitkamp for food, Vicki Krutzikowsky for scoring, and the many parents who helped with the regatta in many critical ways. Based on the broad smiles on the sailors and parents, the regatta was clearly a huge success.

Team scores (totals over 20 races):

Hood River 1: 36 Hood River 2: 75 Hood River 3: 82 Newport 1: 84 Hood River 4: 88

M OR TTO ADY Word has it these two were in front more than they were behind...

#### OBF ANNOUNCES 2016 KAYAKING INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

Registrations for this year's OBF classes are filling up fast. Although the Level 3 Youth Kayak Day Camp and the Willamette River Trip have already been over-subscribed, a few spaces still remain for the Introductory Youth Kayak Day Camp and the Intermediate Youth Kayak Day Camp. Parents wishing to enroll their youth should register online soon through the OBF website: www.oregonboaotingfoundation.org. Some spaces also remain for the adult classes. See Schedule to the right ———>



#### **OREGON BOATING FOUNDATION**

#### INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2016

#### Date(s) Class/Camp

- June 18 Adult "Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues"
- June 27-July 1 Introductory Youth Day Camp Ages 10-17
  Primary emphasis is on enjoyable learning through doing in a well-supervised and safe environment. This camp provides an introduction to kayaking including basic paddle skills and maneuvers, self and assisted rescue techniques, and a day trip to Beaver Creek.
- July 9 Adult "Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues"
- July 11-15 Intermediate Youth Day Camp Ages 10-17
  A Level 2 continuation of the introductory camp with additional skill development and an overnight trip to Elk City County Park.
  Requires that participants have previously taken the Introductory Youth Day Camp and instructor approval.
- July 18-22 Level 3 Youth Camp Ages 13-17
  Includes how to safely paddle in conditions such as colder water, wind and small waves, coastal currents and a well-supervised introduction to small surf. Rolling skills training is available. Requires that participants have taken an intermediate day camp and instructor approval.
- July 27-28 Adult Level 3-4 Coastal Kayak for more advanced skill development.
- August 8-12 Willamette River Trip for Youth
  Launching from McCartney Park near Harrisburg to a take out
  at Buena Vista. Three days paddling and two overnight camps
  with automobile assess for parents. A total of approximately 50 miles of
  current-assisted downriver paddling. For participants between 13-18
  who have taken an intermediate or higher level youth day camp and have
  instructor approval.

All classes and camps are taught by currently certified American Canoe Association Kayak Instructors.

The Oregon Boating Foundation public education program offers kayaking instruction at several levels of difficulty. Although not all of the possible classes are scheduled for this summer, we may be able to offer additional classes for groups of 3 or more.

## TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

#### SPRUCING UP FOR ANOTHER SEASON

Come one, come all, you don't want to miss this opportunity to have some fun sharing some quality time with your fellow members while showing some pride keeping our beautiful clubhouse beautiful.

This is a classic example of many hands making light work- all we ask is everybody who can at all make it give two hours of their mid- Saturday to the club and it will really shine when we're done. Remember, this is a volunteer organization! And it's a great way to get to know your fellow members!

Date: April 16, that's right, this Saturday

Time: 11:00 am until 1:00 or 2:00 if we're really having fun.

Jobs Needing to be Done:

Patio: Pressure wash concrete, hang new lights, clean BBQ's, clean all the windows, check benches and fence for repairs

Landscaping: General cleanup—weed whacking, pruning

Shed: Check for rot and repairs

Inside: Dust/clean the out of the way places (fireplace and surround), clean carpets and other rugs, clean fabric bench seats, repair damage to the walls

Doors: Repair or replace the weather strips on the bottom of the doors.

Kitchen: Go through the cupboards and organize, clean oven and fridge (behind the appliances if we dare?)



Flagpole; Replace missing halyards and lube pulleys.

K&A will try to buy any parts or supplies beforehand, but bring your ladders and toolboxes and garden tools. Maybe a weed eater, too.



## Summer Sailstice is Coming, Summer Sailstice is Coming

June 18 may seem like it's a long time in the future, but it will be here before we know it. This year the longest (daylight) weekend day of the year, closest to the first day of Summer, and the international event called Summer Sailstice all happen to coincide with our monthly meeting/potluck, and we are going to gear up for a wing-dinger of a party! It will be a chance to do a "soft" membership drive, just showing people how much fun it is to sail, and what a fun bunch of sailors we are at the club.

We're in the beginning planning process now, but I hope everyone will mark their calendars and make sure to participate one way or the other, in the many activities we are envisioning.,

Here's how I see the day going:

Clubhouse opens about 11:00 am with coffee, sweet rolls, and a sign-up table for folks who want to go out for a sail to schedule a time Everyone will sign a waiver form so there are no liability worries

Several of us who have boats will be getting ready to take folks out for an hour or so, depending on how many sign up for a sail. We don't need to be licensed because no money or other compensation is involved. We'll all have a deckhand or two to handle the boat, but let our passengers get involved if they want to.

I'm hoping some of our high school sailors will volunteer to take potential new student sailors out for a spin on a 420.

We enjoy the day on the water, with or without passengers, until 5:00 or so, then collect at the clubhouse for a Wednesday-style burgers and hotdogs meal along with potluck provided by the members, and we invite the public (our new sailing converts) to join us for a small donation, then rock out to a live band until 10 or so.



To get the word out we'll need to publicize the event in advance via the local media, print, and radio, plus post some fliers around town to get the most possible turnout\, and if it's successful maybe next year we can print some t-shirts to sell, and maybe even have a fun regatta to add to the mix.

If you would like to participate, as skipper, open house helper, publicity, entertainment, or just help any way you can, please contact Mike and Barb and we'll get you signed up.

### **Ed's Back Corner**

The two Rules Sessions were well attended, although the second one was in conflict with a beautiful sailing day and several folks understandably, but not forgivenly, played hooky. The two DVD set is available to borrow with a \$50 deposit which will be cheerfully refunded when they come back to me. I strongly urge any racers who missed the showings to have a private showing with your crew. These new rules require everyone aboard to understand and know what is going on in those close quarters situations. Remember: Safety is no accident!

Please don't hesitate to suggest any educational programs you'd like to see, hands on or classroom, we'll do it all.

#### Nauti Trivia of the Month

Did you know that GPS was invented so nuclear submarines would be able to pinpoint their location in the ocean so they could figure trajectories to hit their targets on land? And that the idea for determining your position from satellites was based on some guys who figured out where Sputnik, the first satellite, was in it's orbit by the changes in the frequency of it's beeping signal broadcast on 20 mH? All they had to do was turn all their math upside down... I got that from an NPR story about how every idea there is came from somebody else's idea they had before. There really is nothing "new" under the sun I guess.

Sailors have way more fun

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