# THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

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## **Goodbye Summer!**

Sailing season is winding down, with only 4 more Beercans left, (3 after today) and the big Columbus Day Regatta left on the racing calendar. As always, we need volunteers to make the party happen, and hope you all will feel motivated to donate a little time and energy to the Cause.

Don't miss the dock party this Saturday, more inside...



Cover Girl gets a great start

#### Welcome New Members:

Household: Steve and Sarah Vogel
Keith Cinko

Individual: Norman Austin

Let's all be sure to say Hi and make them feel at home when we see them!:

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## **Commodore's Report**

Hi YBYC,

I hope you all have had a great summer with plenty of time to enjoy the water. After all, it is the water and watersports that brings us together as a Club. With the end of summer is the wrap up of our weekly Wednesday racing, only a few left to practice before our final race of the season, the Columbus Day Regatta on October 8 and 9. Matt Hawkyard, our Race Chair, is looking for volunteers to help on Chase Boat, Dinner Planning and Prep, Registration, Cleanup, and Race Committee. Ken and I will be on board Hot Tub as Committee Boat. Don't forget to register early, the more we know about participation in advance the better; forms are on the Website!

One of the best monthly meetings is on September 17 - The Dock Walk! Participating boats should fly their YBYC Burgee and any other flags to identify your vessel. We have members all throughout the Embarcadero docks, so plan to wander and visit with everyone! Bring a dish and park it on a member's boat; finger food is best since we're not seated for this meeting. Great time to bring friends and prospective members, too.

And as we head towards the end of the season, we also are preparing for the year ahead. There are openings to join the YBYC Board, so if you have ideas on things YBYC can improve or implement this is the way to get things started. Help us by volunteering! See you all soon~ Stephanie

"There is nothing half so much worth doing as messing about in boats" ~Kenneth Grahame



Run Rabbit Run scooting by on a recent Wet Wednesday race.

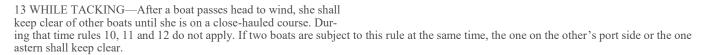
## Know the Rules: A study in sunshine

By Matt Hawkyard

10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS -When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat.

11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED—When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

12 ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED—When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead.



Position 1

15 ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY—When a boat acquires right of way, she shall initially give the other boat room to keep clear, unless she acquires right of way because of the other boat's actions.

I was recently in San Diego for "work" and had the chance to go out for the Thursday Night Thing (TNT) at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. I was fortunate to find a spot on a Thistle and sailed in their one-design fleet against about a half dozen boats. It was the highlight of my trip. Air and water were both 65 degrees and we had a nice steady 10-12 knot breeze, which apparently is windy for an evening race down there. I'd never sailed on a Thistle but it was a blast or as Thistle sailors might say "quite fun". During the race, we had an incident involving another Thistle as we sailed towards the windward mark. I thought the circumstances were interesting and have made it the focus of this month's article. The situation involved rules 10, 11, 12, and 15, but was especially related to rule 13.

At the beginning of the scenario (position 1), the two boats were on opposite tacks and rule 10 applied. In this case A was the boat on starboard-tack and had right-of-way over boat B on *port-tack*. Had both boats continued on their original courses, B would have been required to *keep clear* of A. However the situation changed when boat A tacked in front of boat B (position 2). Once boat A began to tack, rule 13 came into effect requiring boat A to *keep clear* of boat B until she was on a close-hauled course. This is where the situation got interesting. After completing her tack, boat A was *clear ahead* of B and reacquired right-of-way. However, since A lost much of her speed when turning, boat B had to quickly maneuver to avoid A after the turn at which point rules 11 and 12 went into effect (see my last article for more about overtaking). After the race, the skipper of boat B approached the skipper of A and said that he had been fouled since he had been forced to maneuver to avoid A as a result of boat A's tack. The skipper of B did not choose to protest since we were battling for 4<sup>th</sup> place and didn't think it was worth the fuss.

Since no official hearing was held, the best I can do is tell you what I think was correct based on the rules listed above, especially rule 13. From my perspective (on boat **A**), we had reached a close-hauled course before boat **B** was forced to maneuver. Since, boat **B** was able to maneuver around **A**, rule 15 was not violated. Furthermore, boat **A** was *clear ahead* following the tack and did not have to anticipate the *overlap* that occurred when she was overtaken (see last week for more about this). Based on these factors, I think that **A** would have been exonerated had a protest been filed. However, if boat **B** was forced to maneuver before boat **A** reached a close-hauled course, then **B** would have been fouled by **A** (rule 13). I think the lesson is: If you tack in front of another boat, you had better give them enough room to avoid contact (i.e. *keep clear*) and be sure that you have completed your tack before they are forced to maneuver. If you do this and the other boat is forced to alter course before you have completed your tack, just go ahead and do some turns. As I'm not a certified US Sailing official, I welcome folks to discuss this situation with me and with each other.

On another note: I really had a great experience visiting the Mission Bay Yacht Club. I felt welcomed from the moment I walked onto the grounds. Within a couple minutes of mentioning that I'd like to crew, the commodore walked me around, introduced me to folks and ultimately found me a spot on the Thistle. After racing, I enjoyed pecan-crusted trout, quinoa salad and a local craft beer (they're IPA-crazy down there) and talked about sailing with a bunch of like-minded folks. I really hope we can be as welcoming to out-of-town sailors (though a burger and potato salad after the race is just as good!).

If you have a racing situation you'd like to cover in an upcoming Jib sheet, send me an email: race@yaquinabayyachtclub.org

## September 17 Potluck- No Host Dock Walk = Big Fun!

Don't miss one of the most fun parties of the year, as we open our boats and serve delicious food and beverages to our members and anyone who is interested in the club or just happens to wander by. Often the other marina residents join in and it's a chance to make new friends and talk up the club. It all happens about 5 or 6 in the evening, on the docks at the Embarcadero, mainly "B", "C" and "D" docks, but you never know if something is



happening on "A" or "E" as well. If you are a "boatless" member, you are welcome to still bring something and leave it on any boat you choose! The clubhouse will be open, but the action is on the docks. Hope to see you!!

## Volunteers Needed at YBYC, ASAP!!!

Hello YBYC, We're approaching the end of the year at YBYC and need your help. Keep in mind that if volunteers are not forth-coming, the board may look at requiring a certain amount of service hours as part of membership. This has been discussed off and on for several years, and we are very close to emulating some of our sister clubs in creating this requirement.



Here's some of the ways you can help avoid the mandatory system, and pick something that appeals to you - ask any board member for more info:

Join the Board! We have openings NOW for many positions. We will be forming the 2017 Nominating Committee soon as well, and need people to work on building the 2017 Board. Ever wanted to be Commodore? Now is your chance to throw your name in the hat.

Join a Committee - Clubhouse Committee needs folks who can help keep the clubhouse in ship-shape and tour prospective renters, Race and Cruise need members, heck, all the committees need members. Chair-people shouldn't have to carry the whole load.

Tuesday afternoons at the Floathouse - we need a few volunteers to supervise youngsters on the water when this program is going on.

Wednesday Racing is winding down, but there are still opportunities to help about the chase boat and as committee boat. Signups here <a href="Wednesday Night Racing: Dinghy Sailing and Support Boat Sign up">Wednesday Night Racing: Dinghy Sailing and Support Boat Sign up</a>

Lots of help needed for the Columbus Day Regatta, contact Matt Hawkyard.

## R&C committee update

By Matt Hawkyard

As many of you know, the format of the Race & Cruise committee has changed. The committee now consists of 13 members including one representative from each boat registered for this years racing (11 members), one volunteer and myself. The group has been mainly communicating by Google group but has also had some informal face-to-face meetings. I am very appreciative of the time and effort that these folks have put into the committee. A couple of updates:

The committee has approved/modified Portsmouth Yardstick ratings for two boats including Cover Girl (86.4) and Run Rabbit Run (80.0).

The committee has taken a look at the way that the calculation for committee boat (OOD) is done. For those less familiar, when a boat volunteers for committee boat they are given a score for the week that reflects their average scores for all weeks of the series. The issue is that if a boat misses a week or two, their average score for OOD





can be greatly impacted by scores that they received for missed races (the score for a do not contend or "DNC" is the number of boats in the race + 1). The committee is reconsidering this calculation to exclude DNCs from a boats OOD average and should reach a decision shortly.

Wednesday night keelboats have been split into two fleets, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. In effect, this allows boats to sail against those with more similar ratings and should create some fun competition.

A survey is currently in progress to assess how folks are feeling about R&C issues. The survey was targeted towards the boats that are actively racing in the club and covers issues such as ratings, rules and racing events.

Thanks again to all of the folks that are on the committee and are working together to make our racing events as fun as possible for all.

## Ed's Corner

## Summer May be Ending, but Fall Fun is Just Beginning!

You may have noticed there is some recycled info in this newsletter, because many of the items from the last newsletter in July are still valid and bear repeating. Our club is in need of a bit more input from us all to be truly successful, from bringing in new members to volunteering, and mainly just participating in the various events we hold.

The Toledo Wooden Boatshow was a big success, with lots of merchandise sold and some new member inquires,

The big Columbus Day Regatta is coming soon, October 8th and 9th, and all members are encouraged to pitch in and help make it a rousing success as well as just attending the big dinner we have planned for Saturday night to welcome the folks from Fern Ridge in fine style. It's true they probably regard it as the annual Trophy Harvest, but we racers always learn a few things from them as they sail by us out there on the race course. :) Maybe some day we will keep more of the hardware here!

The July Potluck, hosted by Amy and Kelly Greer, was a blast even though we didn't really get around to playing too many games. The chicken dinner was deliciously plentiful; we missed everyone who didn't show up and help us eat it, but the Wet Wednesday gang got to finish it up. I was guilty of missing the last Potluck in August, hosted by Eric Toy, due to my son's engagement party, but I heard it was a great time as well.

It's not too early to start planning your design for the Christmas Parade of Lights in early December (the 3rd) The theme will be White Christmas. Though the weather doesn't always cooperate completely, it is always a great event and much appreciated by our community.

This newsletter may become a quarterly offering, perhaps even printed and mailed out to you next year because there just isn't enough new stuff every month to justify the time it takes, but upcoming events will be regularly updated on the website calendar and the front page of the website.

See you out on the Bay!

Mike Fulmor



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		Boardmeet-	race			Dockwalk
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			race			
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			race			

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Www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org for info about everything!