

# THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

April 2023

## Sailing into Springtime

**Monthly member potluck April 15th** will be hosted by Kim Holmes and Alan Robson, featuring a lasagna main course. We hope to see you there!

**High school sailing** is in full swing! The team has recently traveled for regattas and clinics. Scroll down for a recap from coach Laurie Weitkamp.

**Education event April 20th** will feature Rod Scher, author of the book *Sailing by Starlight*.

**Spring Regatta is coming up, April 29-30!** Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for ways to help out. We hope to see you on the water!

**Toledo free boating program is seeking volunteers.** Members are encouraged to consider sharing their love of sailing this summer.

## Board Bits:

The YBYC board met on 4/4. The agenda included: There is an opportunity for members to help with the Toledo Community Boating program this summer; we have some cases of SeaO2 wine from Compton left from the festival, and they will be available for purchase or other means; we are developing a survey for members to submit comments or concerns; the club's banking has been moved to OS Credit Union; the Port of Newport will move in to their new headquarters soon, and become our neighbors; education has a program set for 4/20; the Capri 22 keelboat will launch in May, and members will have an opportunity to get checked out on it with a system in place for racing the boat each week, as well as daily charters; we hope to have a weekly evening session for keelboat skippers to advance their skills; the HS team has been practicing, and still needs volunteers to help; the Oregon Cup HS regatta will be here on 4/23 and will need volunteers. The board meets next on 5/2.

Board meeting minutes are available from our secretary. To receive a copy, email: [secretary@yaquinabayyachtclub.org](mailto:secretary@yaquinabayyachtclub.org)



# Commodore's Report

We have such a great Board and Members doing all kinds of things for our club from taking care of boats, helping members get out on the water, engaging with the community to share our love of this beautiful bay and boating generally, and helping make the most of this great clubhouse. It's wonderful to see the camaradery building up after the pandemic.

As our more active boating season ramps up I encourage members to make good use of the new membership directory you recently received. If you'd like to get out on a boat for a ride or to crew — use the listserv to let us know, or pick up the phone. If you would like to sail the regatta and need a place on a boat or some crew for your own, let us all know.

And chase a Saturday sail with a lasagna feast Saturday, April 15, hosted by Kim Holmes and Alan Robson. (We may see Alan out on his laser or open for a sail with someone beforehand!). Remember that we have an April 20 program then on Sunday April 23 the Oregon Cup youth sailing regatta here with youth competitors from Hood River and Portland area, and consider sailing or at least watching our Spring regatta to end your month.

## FAQ for April:



*Q: What signal is priority in racing sailboats, horn or flag?*

*A: Flag.*

*Q: What are the most common signal flags used in sailboat regattas?*

*A: The key signals given in regattas are prep, warning, start flags, and postponement. Others include "come within hail" to check in with the committee boat, "abandon race" if the wind shuts off or shifts dramatically (some classes have rules about acceptable amount of wind shifts).*

Thank you to member Greg Heitzler who mastered our audio-visual equipment on a moment's notice to get Peter Hatch's great history slides up on the big screen. Thank you very much to member Paul Erskine who helps keep our clubhouse secure by changing the door codes from time to time. Members may access at any time except during rentals and if you are ever unable to access please House, me, or any Board member.

Thank you to Kim and Rob Allen for hanging the plaques and pictures! These are basically the club's history on the wall. We look forward to seeing new names on these plaques.

And Hurray! We have our long lost Chili cookoff plaque. Our collective wisdom of "recent" winners is this: 2018 Mike Fulmor; 2019 Mike Fulmor; 2020 Barb Fulmor; 2021 Did not happen; 2022 Alice McNamara; 2023 Dan Van Calcar — If you know differently, let us know asap!!

Fair winds,

**Diane Henkels, YBYC Commodore 2022-2023**









## Busy high school sailing!

The last couple weeks of high school sailing have been very busy, because we've been taking our sailors to clinics and regattas, in addition to twice weekly practices. It's been great fun to see our sailor's skills increase and learn the great sport of sailing and sailboat racing. Someday, we might even see sunshine during practice. (Monday's practice during the atmospheric river was particularly miserable, although not a single sailor complained about the cold or rain)!

The weekend of March 25/26 was a team race clinic hosted by Willamette Sailing Club (WSC), and our two experienced skippers and one new sailor, in addition to teams from WSC and Hood River, were able to attend (it was also the first weekend of Newport's spring break, so many of our sailors were on vacation). It was taught by three experienced team racers who came up through the Willamette youth sailing program, sailed in college (and were ranked nationally at team racing), and are now coaching high school sailing at both Willamette and Gorge Sailing (Hood River and White Salmon). Newport sailors (and Newport coaches) learned a huge amount, as the clinic alternated between informative classroom sessions and on-the-water drills and racing. For those unfamiliar with team racing, it's played with two teams of three boats each, sailing around a square course, and the team with the lowest total score (highest finishes) wins. There is a lot of strategy slowing other boats down, and otherwise using the racing rules to advantage to achieve the highest finishes. The wind was light and extremely shifty on Saturday, making setting the 6-buoy course challenging, but was perfect on Sunday for many, many actual races (I lost count).

On April 8 we had seven Newport sailors sail in the one day "Forrest Cook" Regatta in Hood River, Oregon, against teams from WSC and the Gorge. Although Hood River is known for its high winds, Saturday's wind was extremely light, and the race committee did an excellent job quickly starting races on the river in the morning easterly, then moving everything to the currentless boat basin when the wind dissolved and the river current started sweeping boats downstream. Although winds never exceeded 2-3 mph, the race committee was able to run a total of 8 races (4 for the A fleet and 4 for the B fleet) as the northwesterly waxed and waned but never completely filled in. For many of our sailors, this was their first sailboat regatta, so they learned about regattas, got to meet sailors from other schools, and lots of practice doing roll tacks. Out of nine teams sailing in Hood River, Newport placed 7th, and the mixed team (with one Newport sailor) placed 6th, some of our highest finishes. A shout out to skippers Everett (sailing with Ana and Kyrstan) and Sophia (sailing with Caroline and Claire) for dealing with the often-frustrating light to non-existent winds. At least it wasn't raining!

Our last regatta of the high school season will be Sunday, Apr 23, when we host the Oregon Cup for bragging rights by the three Oregon teams (WSC, Gorge, and Newport). Look for our entire fleet of 420s on the water in front of the Embarcadero, and lots of young sailors at the clubhouse or heading down to the docks for boat exchanges. And as always, thanks to coaches Greg, Laurie, and Terry, plus Dave Schaltz, Kaya Johnson, Dominic Gerbo, and Jessica for helping with practices!

— Laurie Weitkamp

## April Race and Cruise News

The YBYC racing season starts with our Spring Regattas held on the last weekend in April each year. This is a celebration of spring featuring racing, camaraderie, and great food. It's a great way to start the season right, by getting out on the water, honing your skills, and having fun with friends and family. This year it will take place April 29 and we will have a relaxed non-racing sail on April 30. More information can be found on the website: <https://yaquinabayyachtclub.org/spring-regatta.html>

Wednesday Night racing is nearly upon us! The Spring Series begins on May 3rd and runs through June 21, with Wednesday May 31 being a Fun Race that will not count toward the series score. More info can be found on the website:

<https://yaquinabayyachtclub.org/wednesday-racing-series.html>

— Greg Krutzikowsky & Dominic Gerbo,  
Race & Cruise Committee Co-chairs





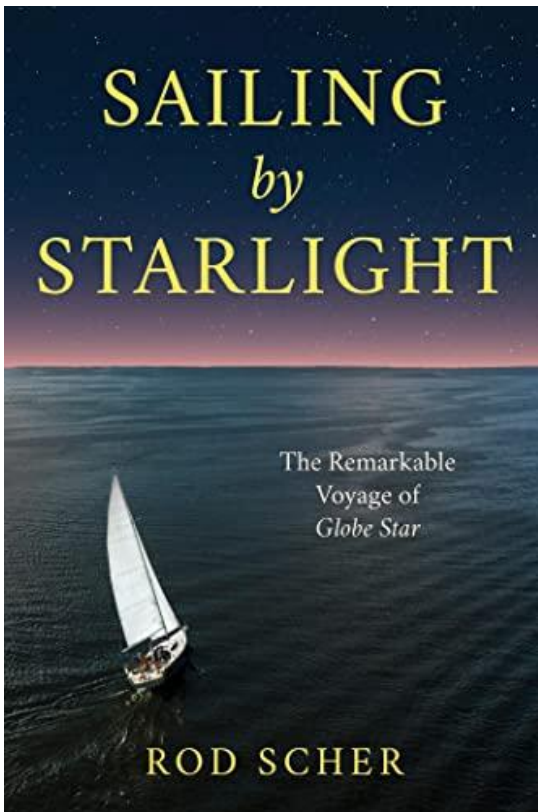
## Monthly Member Potluck Saturday, April 15th

Our April YBYC Potluck will be hosted by Kim Holmes and Alan Robson. The main entree will be lasagna and members are encouraged to bring salads, desserts, and side dishes. Bringing your personal plates helps make cleanup easier as well.

Happy Hour begins at 6:00, with dinner at 7ish. Please BYOB or make a donation to our in house bar.

We hope to see you there!





## Upcoming Education Event April 20th

On April 20 at 6.30 pm, Rod Scher, local author from Depoe Bay, will talk to club members and their guests about his book, *Sailing by Starlight*, which tells the story of Marv Creamer, his crew and their sailboat, the *Globe Star*, as they set out to sail around the world in the mid-1980s without using any instruments.

We hope to see you there.



## Toledo free family boating program needs volunteers

Do you know how to sail and enjoy sailing others around? Consider volunteering some sailing time at the Port of Toledo's Free Family Boating program this Summer. They have many sailboats and people asking to use them all the time, but lately there are fewer volunteers to take people out on rides. This is a great way for YBYC skipper members to get people out on the water.

The YBYC skippers would sign up as volunteers for the Port of Toledo and give sailboat rides and rudimentary instruction - just enough to get the people out sailing by themselves in the enclosed estuary. The program has two day sailor type boats (see photos) that work perfectly for this function. YBYC members would be volunteering under the Port's authority/insurance.

The Free Family Boating is open Thursdays from 3 - 6 pm and Sundays noon - 4 pm from Memorial Day until (and excluding) Labor Day weekend. There will also be slots available during the Toledo Wooden Boat Show.



Contact Joe Novello ([joenovello3@gmail.com](mailto:joenovello3@gmail.com)) if you are interested in signing up as a volunteer. It's great to get sign ups at least two weeks in advance.



# Member to Member

Support your fellow YBYC members!

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