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Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

**December 2020** 

#### **Merry Christmas!**

Winter Solstice - is coming December 21, when once again the sun will head north to our latitude and the days will start to get longer and warmer. Let's hope for positive new beginnings coming with it's return.

**Commodore Todd -** introduces himself and shares some of his history -on page 2

It's not too late- to order some very cool YBYC merchandise for those last minute gifts, -see page 4

**Youth Sailing Report**— Our high school sailors won a prize for best sailing video! -see page 3

Race and Cruise Report— Time to think about Frostbite sailing and some advice for a new race committee member from 1960 that still rings true. Page 3

#### **BOARD BITS**

The newly installed YBYC Board met virtually on 12/1. Among agenda items were: Work on the Boston Whaler continues, Todd advised the board on the cost to replace seals, etc., relative to the club's finances; our budget is looking OK for the time being, as membership renewals are being received, and donations are tallied; Cindy Milligan joins the board as assistant to treasurer Dorothy; vandalism has resulted in a broken window at the clubhouse: there have been a few small rentals, and reservations have been made for additional rentals; youth sailing has been awarded 3rd place in the video competition; a new tiller for the Capri 22 will be ordered, and a heater will be placed in the boat for the winter: Seafood and Wine Festival will be a different format this year. and is not a good fit for our club; race and cruise is going ahead optimistically with plans for the 2021 regatta and racing season. The board meets again on 1/5. Members are welcome to attend.





## **Commodore's Report**

Greetings all, I hope everyone is keeping well during these challenging times. Let me introduce myself as your new Commodore - I am Todd Chandler, husband of Dr. Leigh Torres, father of Avery Chandler and genuine boat addict. As owner/operator of Chandler Marine Services, I get to play with boats every day! However hard the work being done, working on a boat has never seemed like real work to me...it has always been a way to get out of real work!

I would truly be lost without boats. Boats keep me grounded and give me purpose. From the time my parents encouraged me to race speed boats at age 9

until the present day, some 42 years later, boats of one type or another have played a huge part in my daily life. During those early years racing speed boats around the east coast I gained an appreciation for speed on the water and how to make a boat go fast. Then during my college hippie years in Olympia, I discovered I could buy a sailboat and throw an anchor off the college beach - then sail north to the San Juan Islands to look for work in the summers. While at Evergreen I even managed to get science credits for sailing my own boat around the Canadian Gulf Islands. My day job in college was farming clams...this of course involved anchoring my sailboat in front of the clam farm, then taking the work skiff around the finger inlets of Puget Sound in search of clams. A college internship studying whales led to a 15 year career as a boat driving field researcher for a non-profit. Living on 3 different sailboats over 21 years as an itinerant biologist, I always felt so lucky to have a mobile home that led to countless journeys and explorations from Alaska south to Panama. Combining the non-profit whale research with my love for sailing I was fortunate to conduct 2 five month research expeditions to Central America aboard our 60' wooden schooner "Russamee" and make a National Geographic documentary on blue whales. Currently, I continue to be around boats on a daily basis as owner/ operator of Chandler Marine Services, LLC and drive a research boat for my wife, Dr. Leigh Torres and her GEMM Lab at Hatfield Marine Science Center. I still feel so lucky to be able to play with boats everyday.

I am eternally grateful for boats and boating and know that many of you feel the same. This is what unites us, I sincerely hope that soon we can resume our normal activities on the water and in the clubhouse to enjoy camaraderie, seamanship, telling tales and introduce more people to the amazing world of boating. Stay safe everyone and hang in there!

Peace and wellness to you all,

**Todd Chandler** 

Commodore YBYC 2020-21

#### **High School Sailors Win Video contest!**

By Laurie Weitkamp

Two of our former high school sailors, Chyanna Blackburn (Class of 2020) and Madisen Kinner (Class of 2019) won \$100 with their film at the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sailing Film Festival. The short film competition was open to youth 25 and under, with entries competing in either Junior (under 15) or Senior (age 15-25) categories. All films had to incorporate the power of wind propulsion in some way, and were limited to 3 minutes in length. Any type of film was acceptable--comedy, drama, action, thrillers—as long as it was appropriate for all ages.

Chyanna and Madisen's film, "The Amazing Race", was a fun parody of the TV show by the same name, in which contestants search for clues for their next destination, often in exotic locations. In their winning film, contestants "Jibbet" (played by Chyanna) and "Bailer" (played by Madisen) were required to use a sailboat to search for clues to their next destination. The film features wonderful footage of the two sailing around Yaquina Bay in a 420, with a great sound track that really brings the action to life. Clearly, our sailors had a lot of fun making the movie, with great footage taken on the water, in the YBYC clubhouse, and even a bloopers clip at the end.

Chyanna and Madisen's film tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior category. However, I have no doubt they would have won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "People's choice" award, had there been one, because their film was far more creative and interesting than any of the other films in the Senior category—what were the judges thinking! All the winning entries are available to view at the website https://sailingfilmfestival.com. Chyanna and Madisen's film starts at 19:40.

Like most things in 2020, this has been a difficult year for high school sailing with all practices and regatta cancelled in mid March, just as the Newport team was preparing to attend its 2<sup>nd</sup> regatta of the season. Many of our experienced sailors graduated in 2019 and 2020, but we had a new group of enthusiastic sailors who were just getting the hang of sailing when the season was halted. It's not clear what will happen this coming spring, but we're hopeful we'll be back on the water in one form or another in the not too distant future!

#### December 2020 Race and Cruise News -Greg Krutzikowsky

As 2020 draws to a close, we can look forward and hope that 2021 will bring better times for sailing and racing here in Yaquina Bay and YBYC. For those of you with access to boats either in the water of that can be put in the water, YBYC will start its Frostbite Series on the auspicious last day of Fall, December 20, 2020. Frostbite Series will be held at noon and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month until our Spring Regatta scheduled for the end of April, 2021. Frostbite Series is a casual sailing series with no objective other than to get out and go sailing if the weather is conducive and you are able to do so. No racing, no scoring, just a time to get out and sail. Boats can meet out on the bay at noon if you can make it. Of course in these COVID times, you should follow the best advice available to do so safely for you health and well being. That means, among other things, sailing only with members of your immediate household and/or whatever COVID safe pod that you are a member.

And now for something completely different (and perhaps humorous), I will share with you something I found on the Sailing Anarchy website today that was said to be published some 60 years ago:

"While no previous knowledge is necessary (or even desirable for that matter), it will behoove you, as a recipient of this signal honour, to memorise a few simple rules so that you may foul things up as capably as those who have been working at it for years. Prime among these rules is that you have complete and unadulterated power. Your word is law.

Occasionally, in the excitement of gentlemanly competition, one boat will foul another and a protest flag will be flown. Deal with such cases severely and decisively, or you will find yourself having to render decisions on something you probably know nothing about. No one will furnish accurate data on what actually happened and all concerned will be in a highly emotional state. Insinuate that everyone is trying to delude you, disqualify as many boats as possible and imply that all protesting skippers are lacking in sportsmanship. Have a can of beer and try not to come unglued."

-Cliff Hunt – Advice to a new Race Committee member (Yachting 1960)

### Special Christmas Sale on Fabulous YBYC Merchandise!

























Many more items......Hoodies, T Shirts, Rainjackets, E mail Peggy O with any questions. Various sizes/ colors

Hat , beanies and T shirts. 15.00
Hoodies and Fleece jacket. 21.50
Rainjackets. 42.50

# Member to Member

Support your fellow YBYC members! You can contact Ed (Mike F) to get your business listed here too

Alan Brown Tire Center ( Les Schwab)	Jeff Schrantz - State Farm Insurance Agent
New Location on HWY 20	313 SW 2nd St Ste A.
Newport, OR (541) 265-6604	Newport, OR 97365
Ask for Ken Brown, mgr	(541) 265-2011
Oregon Coast Painting, LLC CCB# 187567	Ocean Pulse Surfboards
Interior/Exterior Brush and Roll Professionals, "Serving	Custom shapes by Tom McNamara
all of the Oregon Coast"	541-961-1576 , tom@oceanpulsesurf.com
1190 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, 541 961-5987	
Ask for Erick A. Toy	
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310 NW 9th St., Corvallis OR Suite 201 (541) 753-4785	403 SW 10th St., Newport, OR (541) 265-9326
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Visual Thinking Northwest– video production	Kenneth Bishop, DC
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