

# THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

June 2023

## Sailing into summertime...

### Summer Sailstice is Saturday June 17!

YBYC will be offering free sailing trips on Yaquina Bay to members of the community. Come celebrate summer on the water!

**Wednesday night races continue**, with the spring series wrapping up this month. Additionally, your Race & Cruise Chairs are looking for feedback regarding cruising events this season.

**June monthly member potluck** will take place after Sailstice on Saturday, June 17. Join us for a plant-based feast hosted by Gretchen Ammerman!

**Welcome, new members!** We are thrilled to have James Holley, and Craig and Kelley Waldron join the club.

## Board Bits:

The The YBYC board met on 6/6. Some of the items on our agenda were: The YBYC member survey has been posted, and all are urged to complete it; the Port Of Newport has presented their strategic plan and we are reviewing it and suggesting a change of wording regarding recreational boating; plans for Sailstice are on track; a couple of new memberships were approved; a discussion of membership levels and possible revisions; "free" charitable organization rental requirements will be developed and posted; The board will meet again on 7/11. Interested members are welcome to attend.

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



# Commodore's Report

Ahoy!

By now you have seen a YBYC survey come into your inbox in some form. Some of you may see this twice as we make sure we include everyone: members present and past, sailing team families, and past sailing students. We want to learn what you think about YBYC, what should change, and what should stay the same. We'd like to learn what is important to you, what is not, what can help you most to enjoy the benefits of YBYC membership, and how we can best incorporate your membership and your talents into our club. We will incorporate this input in our strategic planning process.

Our planning process builds on a draft plan from around 2010. The updated plan will help us focus our efforts and resources, and as appropriate, we'll share the plan with others. For example, we at YBYC are growing back from the pandemic into and onwards to full operations of our sailboat racing and regattas, and increasing our recreational boating support. We are also approaching the end of our original lease of the YBYC clubhouse with the Port of Newport. As the Port of Newport plans include the commercial fishing fleet and recreational fishing in South Beach, YBYC has a unique position in the area supporting recreational and non-motorized boating like sailing the Yaquina Bay, river, and Pacific Ocean too.

The Capri Club, Thursday evening Capri lessons with Vice Commodore John Estabrook are a great example of how YBYC supports recreational boating. Check them out and consider joining John one evening. We are beginning to plan some later Summer cruising on the Bay and possibly offshore when the prevailing winds usually lay down a bit.

We are joining sailing organizations around the world in celebrating "[Sailstice](#)". We look forward to seeing you on the date of our YBYC Sailstice this coming Saturday, 6/17/23. We'll celebrate with free sailing for the community followed by our monthly member potluck hosted by member Gretchen Ammerman. The forecast is looking decent now though we'll keep an eye out.

In addition to a special YBYC membership discount only available at Sailstice, YBYC will raffle off some great items including an OBF guided kayak tour to support our youth sailing, and a few cases of SEA02 a lovely sparkling wine in the fun limited edition Orca can. This is a fundraiser for our organization to further support our mission and our community's recreational boating. And our Ship's Store will be open too.

Questions on any of this? Contact a Board member and you can always reach me at [commodore@yaquinabayyachtclub.org](mailto:commodore@yaquinabayyachtclub.org) and 541.270.6001

See you soon and fair winds,

**Diane Henkels,**

**YBYC Commodore 2022-2023**



## Local happenings:

**OREGON BOATING FOUNDATION:** Our recreational boating neighbor is starting up their kayaking program for the Summer and you can see them launching from the kayak dock off Port Dock 7 just southwest of the YBYC clubhouse. OBF does some great tours of Yaquina Bay, so consider that option if your sailing plans change.

**TOLEDO FREE FAMILY BOATING PROGRAM:** We have a few sailors signed up to take people for sailboat rides in the Toledo's Free Family Boating program on Thursdays 3-6pm and Sundays 12-4pm. This is a great program for families and anyone of any age who like to get on the water. Contact Joe Novello if you're able to take people out on rights around the Port of Toledo.



## June '23 Commodore Challenge:

Identify the alphabet letters of the flags for YBYC race signals, then identify as many words as you can using those letters. Email entries by June 30 to [ybyc.email@gmail.com](mailto:ybyc.email@gmail.com)

In case of a tie score, your entry will double in value if you send in at least one picture of the letters spelled out in flags. Otherwise tie score winner to be determined by the Commodore.

**\*\*\*Winner gets a box of SeaO2 wine donated by the Commodore\*\*\***

Hint #1: [YBYC Race Committee Boat Duties](#)

Hint #2: [Signal Flags Activity \(National Parks Service\)](#)

## June Race and Cruise News

Spring Series well under way, with 3 to 4 keel boats and 1 to 3 club 420s out racing. We are happy to see some of our youth sailors out for some of the Wednesday evening races. We have had good luck with getting a chase boat out when youth sailors are out, and even sometimes when they are not. Special thanks to those who have taken that on and even been committee boat, too! It is after all a great opportunity to get out on the water and have some fun and help out too.

Currently there are no plans for any cruise outings this season. In years past we have had outings on the ocean up to or at least towards Yaquina Head, trips up to the Toledo Summer Festival in August, and even some raft ups in the bay. The Race and Cruise Committee would love to hear from members and boat owners what they would like to do this sailing season in the way of cruise events, so please let us know.

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





**YAQUINA BAY YACHT CLUB**  
Newport, Oregon



# SUMMER SAILSTICE!

JUNE 17TH 2023

YAQUINA BAY YACHT CLUB - 750 SE BAY BLVD. -  
NEWPORT, OREGON 97365

## Summer on the Water!

Summer Boating is getting underway! Celebrate summer with Yaquina Bay Yacht Club. Sailstice this year will be on June 17th, 2023 and we will be taking people out for free sailboat rides, conditions permitting.

We will open the YBYC clubhouse (750 Bay Rd, Newport, OR) on June 17th at 11:30 am for free sailing signups. (Weather and tide conditions permitting.) Coastguard approved lifejackets are always required on the boats. YBYC has loaner lifejackets.

Come support YBYC sailing programs and join us as we share our love of sailing and festivities with the community!

Members of the public attending would have an opportunity to:

- Support our Middle & High School sailing team by participating in a Youth Sailing raffle.
- Sign up for the YBYC August adult sailing class until filled.
- Join the YBYC for a reduced price. See details at Sailstice.

The Oregon Boating Foundation (OBF) kicks off it's Guided Kayak Tours on June 24th. Tours cost \$50/person for ages 6 and up and run through Labor Day Weekend. Choose between 9am, 12pm, 3pm or 6pm tour times and experience the beautiful Newport Bayfront and Yaquina Bay Bridge from the water. OBF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to get you out on the water safely. They also run Aquatic, Sailing and Kayaking Camps all summer for Youth aged 10-18 years old. Visit our website or call 800-806-4882 and signup today <https://oregonboatingfoundation.org>

Just up the river at the Port of Toledo is the Free Family Boating program. It starts up after Memorial Day Thursdays (3-6pm) and Sundays (12-4pm) on the waterfront at the Port of Toledo. Community Boathouse | Port of Toledo, Oregon FFB is a free event that provides opportunities for your whole family to try sailing, kayaking, stand up paddling in a safe and supervised environment. You can also take a 45min tour of the Yaquina River on the Yaquina Queen motorboat. Life jackets are provided.

# Monthly Member Potluck Saturday, June 17th

YBYC members and guests.,

We hope you will join us on June 17 for our monthly potluck! Gretchen Ammerman will be hosting a "Plant Based" dinner. Bring your favorite vegan dish or try something new. Of course, any appetizer, salad, entree, side or dessert is welcome.

6:00 Happy Hour, 7ish Dinner. Donation Bar will be open, or BYOB.

Thanks,

*Alice McNamara, Hospitality chair*





**Welcome new members,  
we are thrilled to have you!**

***James Holley***

James Holley was sponsored by member Stephen Andrewjeski and has already been to a couple of potlucks and spotted out on Wednesday nights. He has an Ericson 27 at the Embarcadero and is learning to sail.

***Craig and Kelley Waldron***

***A note from Craig:*** "Sailing the open ocean in a blue water sailboat was a fanciful dream of mine that I never gave much thought to and didn't think was possible until the pandemic. I started watching other couples on YouTube who were doing just that and I realized a sailing lifestyle is possible for us. Joining the yacht club is our first step in learning to sail and we looking forward to meeting each of you as we begin this scary journey of trying to convince ourselves that sailing is a possible pursuit for the next chapter in our lives"

For membership information, please contact Vicki Hoover Krutzikowsky  
(vickyhoosky@hotmail.com), YBYC Membership Chair



# ***A message from former members, sailing the ocean blue...***

Hello,

My wife, Sarah, and I remember our short time as members (2013-14) with fondness for the warm and friendly welcome we received. We lived in Florence, and the drive eventually took its toll in our continued involvement. We've been years away so any input from us would be out of touch with the present except to say we hope you have the same core of helpful people about.

We became members after deciding to retire onto our own boat. We wanted to keep sailing and learning as we were new hands to salt water sailing. We are now in our 7th. year of cruising abroad, now in Moorea, French Polynesia on a Jeanneau SO 49. We appreciate all those among your members who welcomed us in, shared info., and let us aboard.

To anyone seriously considering cruising we say...Go For It! Yes, trade offs aplenty, and often boat maintenance or repair, but still so worth it. We had limited experience and skills when we began, but we committed to learning what we needed to and survived.

We have a blog that tells a lot, (all hail Sarah). [Rhapsodyon-theblue.com](http://Rhapsodyon-theblue.com) for those interested. And for anyone with any questions or need for updated cruising info, we would be happy to share all we can, including the many resources we've used to gather necessary guidance.

Fair winds,

Bob and Sarah Gage





# Member to Member

Support your fellow YBYC members!

<p><b>Alan Brown Tire Center ( Les Schwab)</b> 155 SW Coast Hwy Newport, OR (541) 265-6604 <i>Ask for Ken Brown, mgr</i></p>	<p><b>Jeff Schrantz - State Farm Insurance Agent</b> 313 SW 2nd St Ste A, Newport, OR 97365 (541) 265-2011</p>
<p><b>Oregon Coast Painting, LLC CCB# 187567</b> <b>Interior/Exterior Brush and Roll Professionals, "Serving all of the Oregon Coast"</b> 1190 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, 541 961-5987</p>	<p><b>Ocean Pulse Surfboards</b> Custom shapes by Tom McNamara 541-961-1576 , tom@oceanpulsesurf.com</p>
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