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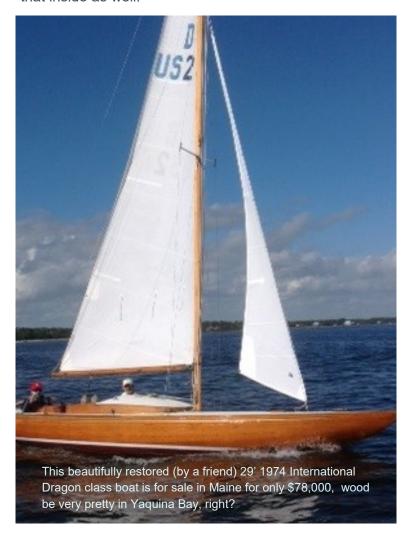
Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

**May 2018** 

### Weather "May" be Improving!

Wednesday racing is underway for two weeks so far, but the fleet size has really dwindled this year. See some ideas in the Race and Cruise section for increasing the participation or making the most of what we have. Meanwhile, Spring weather seems to finally be here, hope to see everyone out on the water enjoying it!

Summer SAILstice is coming fast, more info about that inside as well.



#### Board Bits:

The YBYC board met on May

1. Items on the agenda were: Ken
Bishop was installed as the new Vice
Commodore; use of the clubhouse
for the Marathon will donated to the
Newport Boosters for the this year,
will put them on the calendar for next
three; discussed how to increase the
number of boats racing on Wednesdays; plans made to recover lapsed
members; plans for this year's Sailstice event; plans for overhauling the
welcome for new members. The
board meets again on June 5.

Anchor 1) Device designed to bring up mud & weed samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times. 2) Thing rotting in the bilge of every racing yacht (unseen). 3) Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that are dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope and/or chain, designed to hold a vessel securely in place, until: a) the wind exceeds 2 knots, b) owner and crew depart or, c) 0300

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### Commodore's Report

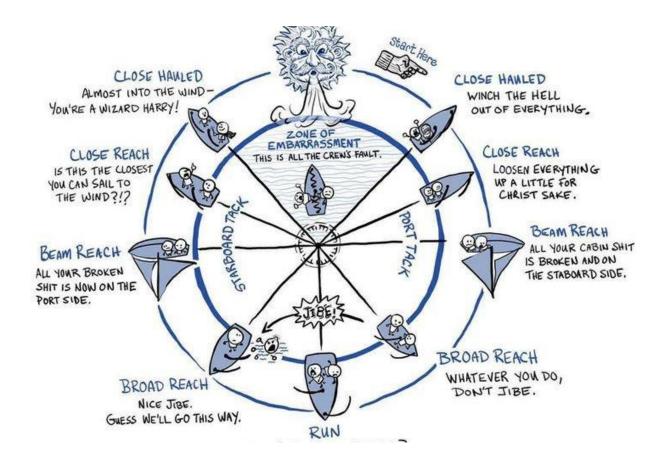
To my Members & Friends, This evening I am writing to you from Houston aboard my tugboat.

I would like to think that some members will be representing us during the blessing of the fleet during that event.

As I look ahead to the summer and the coming season, I would encourage those in the know to try and mend the fence in regards to the boat house. There are two sides to this story. I had coffee with the Harbormaster on this subject and during our talks he showed me the plan for a NEW Newport Harbor that is still in the planning stages. It is very good news for our club. The docks will be laid out similar to the Embarcadero with two fingers directly in front our clubhouse. With input from our members, we could very easily end up looking like a world class club and a must stop for vessels traveling on the Oregon Coast.

Personally I am very much looking forward to the Memorial Day Weekend. My yacht, the s/v Blanco will be sailing in the Pacific Ocean for the first time since it was built. Blanco was owned by a family in Gig Harbor where "HE" has spent his whole life. I hope some members will join us for this "First Sail" either on board or better with their boats.

I again wish to thank the members for the honor as Commodore. I will try my best. See ya all on the water and be safe out there.



### **Race and Cruise News**

Wednesday Racing Turnout is Underwhelming this season, due to many reasons, health problems, boat problems, crew problems, and general loss of interest by some previously active racers. The last 2 weeks we've had two boats actually racing, but one week there were about 5 more out just enjoying an evening sail, some or most sailed by either non-members or inactive/lapsed ones. It seems that possibly the FUN of racing has gone away for these folks for various reasons, so your hapless Race Chair has been doing lots of thinking about ways we might improve this situation. We have always had a problem with a few dedicated racers with faster "racing style" boats versus sailors who enjoyed the fun of competition but were less experienced and/or had slower "cruising style" boats, so had little chance of being very competitive. We've tried splitting the fleet with some success in the past, but we need a fleet to split. We're going to keep trying to get more participation, but if the dismal lack continues, we might:

- Make this Spring Series a "rebuilding" time, have some practice starts and training races for new racers who want to learn how to be more competitive no matter what boat they sail.
- Start a Cruising Class 5 minutes early, then "A" fleet (race designed), then the previous week winner a minute later, more minutes added weekly if they keep winning every race.
- Do away with committee boats, have self-started races (6:15 start, "line" between CG and #12 or set a buoy) over a course we communicate to each other by radio CH 68 or have the white board on the rail and sail around telling everyone who is interested. Competitors who want to can take their own elapsed or finish time from their phones.

The goal here is to try to reestablish the fun of friendly competition and the camaraderie-filled after party at the clubhouse, have old hatchets get buried, hopefully get new people interested in becoming members, or at least create some goodwill towards the club with non-members, and make Wednesdays a high point of everyone's week. The alternative seems to be watching it continue to slowly (or not so slowly) disappear. This is not trying to be dramatic, just stating reality as this writer sees it.



#### Spring Regatta was proposed to be an

ocean sail/race up to Yaquina Head and back on Saturday the 26th at the request of our new Commodore. Anyone who doesn't have an ocean ready boat is welcome to come aboard *Mahalo* or join CJ on *Blanco*. I'm guessing other members with capable boats will also be taking passengers.

### May 19 General Meeting is an Old Fashioned Potluck– Hosted by Dave and Barb Schmaltz



They will provide the desserts! Don't bring dessert! Please do bring a main dish, side, salad or appetizer, your desire to have fun with fellow sailors, your place settings (or please be sure to do your own dishes) and your favorite beverage as always. The bar may not be open because Mike and Barb have a "must attend" family reunion in Idyllwild, California, and won't make it back to town until Sunday afternoon. Darn, hate to miss those great pies, Y'all enjoy!

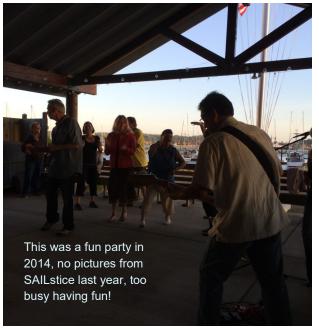
### SAILstice June 23, 2018: Let's Get This Party Going

Only a month and a half to go, and it's time to start making this thing happen! We need everyone on deck for this to work well and smoothly, so I hope you are all ready to do your part.

First things we need are publicity and door prize/raffle items. There are fliers made that need to be displayed where you work, shop, or hang out. I have a stack printed, or you can print them from the file on the SAILstice event page. Just tell your printer to shrink to fit on regular size paper, 8.5x11. I also have donation request letters with forms on the back for businesses to write off their donations, just ask and I'll give you some, but meanwhile you can ask local businesses if they are willing to donate. I will hit the local bayfront restaurants that contribute every year.

We already have kegs promised from Bier 1 and Rogue, and are working on the OLCC temp permit today, as well as the special use permit from the Port.

We need boats, deckhands, and clubhouse crew for the day, more later.





### Congratulations Vice Commodore Ken Bishop!

Dr, Ken has generously offered his time and energy to fill the vacancy left when Capt. CJ moved up the ladder. He has already brought new vitality and great ideas to the club with a willingness to pitch in and help wherever needed, starting with a membership initiative to see how many lapsed members he can convince to rejoin. Next time you see him let him know how much we all appreciate a busy guy like him stepping up for the good of YBYC.

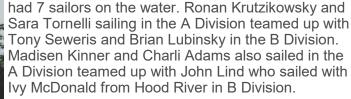
### 2018 Oregon Cup Wraps up High School Season

The first warning for the Oregon Cup Regatta sounded at 11:45 on a cloudy May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday on Yaquina Bay with 8 to 12 knots of breeze, oscillating between the south and southwest. Nine teams composed of 38 high school sailors from Hood River, Portland and Newport vied for the Cup. The simple odds favored Hood River two to one with six of the nine competing teams hailing from there. Two Newport teams were competing and one from Portland. But even two of these teams each had to borrow one sailor from Hood River to complete their team of four sailors. So in reality the odds of having a Hood River sailor on the winning team were eight to one.

Marine



Newport



A whole host of volunteers pulled together to make this awesome regatta! Jeff Longmore, Terry Lettenmaier, Cindy Milligan and two volunteers from Hood River manned the committee boat and managed to get in 18 total races. Eli Adam and another volunteer from Hood River operated one chase boat and Ron Yenchick operated another. The chase boats had it easy, with their only duty during the day being moving marks as needed. The sailors themselves had no trouble handling the conditions so there was no need to assist capsized boats. The clubhouse was filled with happy sailors supplied with

copious amounts of food and beverages laid out by volunteers Pam Lind, Marla Allen, Laurie Weitkamp, and Paul and Evelyn Brookhyser.

The racing was extremely close, especially in the A Division with the top three boats separated by only 3 points after 18 races. Newport sailors Ronan and Sara placed second in A Division behind one of the Hood River boats. Outstanding performances by some of Newport's newer skippers John Lind and Madisen, who finished races in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places, respectively also deserve mention. In the end, Hood River took home the Oregon Cup and Newport finished in 5th place. We are looking forward to next year and another shot brining the Oregon Cup back to Newport! -Greg K.



### YAQUINA BAY YACHT CLUB Newport, Oregon

### Invites You to Join Us for SAILstice:



### **Daytime - Free Sailing Rides**

Come by the Clubhouse after 11:30 am (750 SE Bay Blvd., Newport) and sign up for a free 1 hour trip out on the bay on one of our members' boats and get a taste of the fun of sailing! First come, first served as space and weather allow, we'll be going from 12:00 noon until 4:00. Children over 5 years old welcome with a proper CG approved, well-fitting life jacket.

After sailing, come to the Clubhouse for an...

## **Evening Dance Party with Lloyd Jones Band**

Boogie the Sun down with some great blues from
Portland's Own World-Renowned "Groovemeister", Mr. Lloyd Jones
with his band. Doors at 5:00, music starts at 6:00. Beer, wine and food
will be available at this over 21 event, all proceeds benefiting the YBYC
Education Program. Tickets are available to the public in advance for
only \$12.00, \$15.00 the day of the show. Beach theme so wear Hawaiian
for judging in the Ugliest Hawaiian Shirt Contest!

Tickets available at Bier 1 or call 541 547-3483 for mail

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