

THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

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May be a Good Time to go Sailing?

Wednesday Racing is Underway- and all that's missing is You. You know who you are! We are looking for more boats out there to make it a little more fun and competitive, and you don't need a fast boat to participate. Just show up for the 6:15 start between #12 and a nearby buoy and take your own time from your cell phone as you finish between the "CG" buoy and the bench ashore. Everybody is a winner when you get out there and have fun! See pages 6 and 7

It's Getting Ever Closer to Summer Sailstice on June 22, let's make this one the best ever.

The High School Team has one more regatta.

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Commodore Ken presents his report from the bridge. Pg. 2

Board Bits:

The YBYC board met on 5/7 and here is a summary of the agenda: New club brochures are here, Friends of the Myricks donated some sailing books to the club, We'll be hosting a chamber function, Business After Hours, at the club June 13 which all are invited to attend, painting may happen soon, security cameras will be installed after the recent theft of kayaks and vandalism, Peggy and Alice will host the potluck this weekend, new mooring line for boat house is required, new club logo shirts may be coming soon, internet is back working thanks to new power supply from Commodore Ken.

The board meets again on 6/4. Minutes are available from our secretary. To receive a copy, please email: alimc_77@msn.com



Catmandu feeling reflective



Commodore's Report

Ahoy!

At last, the spring season is upon us! And what a start we've had! I am particularly excited to see the start of the spring season of sailing begin again!

When I first got involved with the Wednesday night series, I had just finished up at OSU, having been working to revitalize the sailing team there. I had grown up sailing, but it had been a while. There was no high school sailing team when I graduated Newport High. And to my surprise, OSU had no team put together when I started looking. We fixed up a small fleet of FJ's and the Tornado 20 and I started hunting for an advisor, but nobody on staff was a sailor. I coordinated with the U of O sailing team, but we never entered a competition that year. Instead, I would trailer the boats down to Fern Ridge and take people out, and teach them the love of sailing through the reincarnation of the OSU sailing team, a far cry from the competitive and active team they are today. Finishing up with school, and returning to Newport, I got involved with the Yacht club, crewing for a Coronado 15 named Woc Dam (Mad Cow in reverse, I never got it.) I have always felt fortunate to be able to find Sailing in the community here. It's an experience like no other, and an experience that not everyone is fortunate enough to be a part of.

So this is my call to all sailors! Let's get out there on the water and sail together these Wednesdays in our friendly and fun evening races, enjoying the evening on the water, and having fun. Let's bring others out on the water this summer, and introduce them to the great sport of sailing. Let's remember how fortunate we are to live in an area that allows us to do this, to dance through the wind with our sheets shining like little white triangles while the wind swirls around us, on our beautiful pacific northwest evenings. Let's remember to take advantage of this opportunity sail, and to enjoy the company of our fellow sailors.

I can't thank Greg enough for serving as Race and Cruise chair this year and organizing the races. We've had a couple fun ones so far and I hope to see more folks on the water in the coming weeks. And another thank you for Mike serving as Education chair this year also and organizing the rules reviews earlier, as well as being Race and Cruise chair last year. Participation has been a bit lower in the last several years, for no good reason from what I can tell, and that makes the logistics of racing a bit more challenging. It's always more fun with more boats on the water, and we're working hard to make that happen. So grab your friends, dunk your boats, and I'll say it one more time: Let's all get together this summer for some fun on the water! Wishing you fair winds, Dr. Ken Bishop,

YBYC Commodore

It's an Old Fashioned Shrimp Boil hosted by Peg and Alice



Join us for our May 18th YBYC potluck, hosted by Peggy and Alice. We will be preparing a shrimp boil, followed by a short game to see if seafood really is brain food.?

Please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert, beverage of choice, and your table settings. As usual, happy hour is at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00.

Clubhouse Work Party Scheduled

Sunday June 2nd at 10am we have an "All Hands on Deck" work party scheduled and hope to see lots more than the same diligent group of volunteers who always show up! We'll be doing gardening, window washing, trash pickup, and the usual spruce-up, as well as cleaning out the storage shed and organizing the back room. It's our chance to get the clubhouse in great shape for the Chamber "Business After Hours" gathering as well as the Sailstice and other events to come throughout the year. Come on down for some fun and see how many hands make light work, plus we might possibly have some food and refreshments on hand to reward your efforts. This is a great way to show your support and mingle with your fellow members, hope to see yawl!

Summer Sailstice Just Around the Corner

Once again on June 22nd we will be inviting the public to come sailing with us on our boats for 1 hour jaunts around the Bay from Noon to 4:00 pm. In the past this has proved to be a well attended and much appreciated outreach program and has brought new members into our club,

Besides the obvious need for boats and skippers, we need deckhands, runners, clubhouse organizers, a radio operator, and lots more. This is truly an "All Hands"

enterprise and after sailing we get to party down with the Lloyd Jones Quartet, fresh from recording their brand new CD, playing lots of new material from it. Tell your friends, let's Boogie!



May Race and Cruise News

It certainly feels like we have had a solid Spring transition, with winds now predominantly from the north for the last few weeks and mostly sunny skies. Spring Series is also under way and more boats seem to be getting ready for the sailing season and starting to join in the fun on Wednesday evenings. The YBYC web site has been updated with info the this year's Wednesday Racing Series. Some new information there so check it out! While we are likely to have a committee boat for Wednesday the 15th to get us started, after that in future we will be starting based on signals given on VHF channel 68. This year we have set the finish line between the CG buoy and the bench on the grass on the bay side of the Embarcadero Resort with each boat recording their own finish time to the second from their cell phone. We are trying to keep as many boats sailing every Wednesday as possible.

It's also time to start our after racing get together at the clubhouse. A few of us gathered on the clubhouse patio on the evening of May 8 to enjoy each other's company and an after race beer, but on Wednesday May 15 the after race gathering at the clubhouse for a BBQ will be back in full swing. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier so come on down!

Saturday May 18 will be first monthly meeting since sailing season started. We would like to start a new Cruise Tradition called Sailing Potluck Saturdays. This is a great excuse for folks to go out sailing and take friends on the Saturdays of our monthly meetings. After all, there is not much better than an afternoon of casual sailing followed by camaraderie at the clubhouse. So if you own a boat invite folks out sailing, if you don't own a boat bug your boat owner friends to take you out or get checked out in the club's 420 and get out on the water. Whatever you do, don't miss out if you can help it! Unfortunately I will have to miss out on the 18th as I will be up in Portland with the High School Sailing Team at the Oregon Cup State Championships. But June 15th is booked for sailing! And who knows, maybe some of those coming to the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the clubhouse on the evening of June 13th might want to join in the fun too!

Of course the upcoming Sailstice that Mike is once again organizing will also feature cruising on Yaquina Bay right after the actual Summer Solstice. Lots going on out on the water as sailing season rolls on through the spring and summer so make sure you take advantage of the opportunities to get out on the water and have some fun.

Greg Krutzikowsky



A fuzzy memory of wet Wednesdays past

High School Sailors Have Been Traveling!

By Laurie Weitkamp

Our high school sailing team has had a busy spring sailing regattas in Port Angeles, Hood River, and Portland, in addition to twice weekly practices in Yaquina Bay. On Apr 13-14, we had four sailors (skippers Madison Kinner and Hunter Stewart, crews Sara Rash and Lauren Bobo-Shisler) make the long drive to Port Angeles, Washington, to sail in Port Angeles Harbor, directly in front of the Port Angeles Yacht Club. Our Newport team was joined by 14 other teams from around the Pacific Northwest. It was nice to meet sailors, parents, and coaches from many Puget Sound teams that we normally don't sail against.



Racing on Saturday started after a brief delay in light winds oscillating 90 degrees between N and E, but the race committee managed to get in 4 races (2 for A fleet, 2 for B fleet) in the light breeze. This was the precursor to the forecasted westerly gale. The wind quickly built in early afternoon, going from 5-8 knots to 12-15 knots in a matter of minutes, taking many sailors by surprise. Sailing continued as the winds built to 15 knots with higher gusts, resulting in many capsizes on the race course. When the wind gusts were clocked in the upper 20 kt range, racing was abandoned for the afternoon, with many sailors who had already gone swimming during capsize recoveries happily swimming in the boat ramp area, helping get the boats out of the water (most sailors were wearing wetsuits, but it still looked really cold!). Winds on Sunday were much better, starting with 5-10 kts and slowly building to 10-15 kts. Our sailors were in the mid or back of the fleet, but learned a huge amount from that much time on the water.

The following sunny Saturday we had six sailors (skippers Madison Kinner, McKenzie Thomas and Hunter Stewart, crews Sara Rash, Chyanna Blackburn, Hailey Moats) sail the one day Forrest Cook Regatta in Hood River, which had 14 teams in attendance. The forecast had been for the winds to start in the 5-8 mph range and build as the afternoon progressed, but the wind came in early and was already blowing 10-15 before the races started. A total of 6 races by each fleet were sailed under very windy conditions, with gusts in the mid to high 20 mph range; the rescue boat reported a total of 30 capsizes. Despite the small size of many of our sailors (especially compared to some of the big guys, which makes a huge difference keeping the boat flat going upwind), they handled the conditions extremely well and were up in the front pack at times, and managed several 7th place finishes and took 10th place overall. The ear-to-ear grins of the sailors when they came back to the dock at each boat change, everyone soaked from spray and swimming, was easily worth the price of admission.

Our last regatta of the season is the Oregon Cup at Willamette Sailing club on Saturday, May 18. We expect to have a full team (2 skippers and 2 crew) for the event.

Although our sailing team this year has been small in number, they're all passionate about sailing and we're looking forward to many returning sailors next year! And the sailing team couldn't be possible without the huge dedication of the coaches: Greg Krutzikowsky, Terry Lettenmaier, Laurie Weitkamp, Ron Yenchik, and Eli Adams. Sail on!

Some Pictures from the Port Angeles High School Regatta

taken by Greg Krutzikowsky



Good Job!

The Ten Commandments of Beercan Racing– stolen from Latitude 38, Scuttlebutt, and Other Sources

I Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously. If you can only remember one commandment, this is the one. Relax, have fun, and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. No instructions? Improvise. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Break out the beer. The point is to have fun, but stay safe. Like the ad says, "Safe boating is no accident."

II Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them. The US Sailing 2005-2008 (or newer editions) Racing Rules, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions, is the current rules bible. Few sailors we know have actually studied it cover to cover: it's about as interesting as reading tax code or the phone book. For beer can racing, just remember some of the biggies (port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark). Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing. Like most things, it boils down to common sense.

III Thou shalt not run out of beer. Beer (a.k.a., brewskis, chill pills, thought cylinders) is the beverage that lends its name to 'beer can' racing; obviously, you don't want to run out of the frothy nectar. Of course, you can drink whatever you want out there, but there's a reason these things aren't called milk bottle races, Coca-Cola can races, hot chocolate races or something else. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.

IV Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating. No excuses or whining; if you're lucky enough to have a sailboat, just go use it! You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or unobtainium sailcloth to have a great time out on the water with your friends. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improving on them from week to week. Or don't - it's only beer can racing.

V Thou shalt not amp out. No screaming, swearing, or overly aggressive tactics. Save that stuff for the office or, if you must, for Saturday's 'real' race. If you lose it in a Friday nighter, you're going to run out of crew - not to mention friends - in a big hurry. Downing a quick chill pill on the way to the starting line has been medically proven to have a calming influence on the nerves.

VI Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor. This is extremely tacky at this level of competition and should be avoided at all costs. Perhaps it's justifiable if one's boat is damaged and blame needs to be established, but on the whole, tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a beer canner. Besides proving that you're unclear on the concept of beer can racing, it screws up everybody's evening, including yours. Don't do it - it's bad karma.

VII Thou shalt not mess up thy boat. Everybody knows some hardcore weekend warrior who ripped his sails up in a Friday night race and had to sit out the championship race on Saturday. The point is that it's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition: like the song says, you got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. Avoid other boats at all costs, not to mention buoys and other hard objects. If you have the luxury of two sets of sails, use the old ones.

VIII Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards. Part of the gestalt of beer can races is belling up to the yacht club bar after the race. Etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners, as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew. Besides, the bar is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones. However, when meeting new sailors, avoid the gung-ho, overly serious types who rehash the evening in such gory detail that the post mortem (yawn) takes longer than the race. As much as we enjoy a quick romp around the cans, there's more to life.

IX Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids, friends and whoever else wants to go. Twilight races are great forums for introducing new folks to sailing, such as your neighbors, out-of-town visitors, co-workers or maybe even the family dog. Always bring your significant other along, too - coed crews are happy crews. And don't just make the newcomers watch - give them a job on the boat. Get everyone involved.

X Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy. Leave the cell phone in the car, bring the ghetto blaster. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun, and we'll see you out there!

Transcribed by the monks at Spinnaker Sailing of Redwood City

Member to Member

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