

THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

May 2023

Spring regattas, Wednesday night races, and more...

High school sailing wrapped up their 2023 season with a successful Oregon Cup Regatta hosted right here on Yaquina Bay. Read more about it in Laurie Weitkamp's recap.

Wednesday night races are underway! Following the successful Spring Regatta to kick off the season, the Spring Series has officially begun. We hope to see you on the water!

YBYC's Capri 22 keelboat is launched and ready for the 2023 season. Members can join the "Capri Club" and get checked out to take the club boat out on the bay.

Monthly member potluck Saturday May 20th at 6 pm will be a an Asian fusion feast. We hope to see you there!

Board Bits:

The YBYC board met on 5/2 . Among the topics covered were: Lengthy discussion of when to hold Sailstice, and details of the event; a survey of members is being developed by the planning committee to help craft our strategic plan; the Toledo Community Boating Program needs volunteers to assist with sailing little boats; our grill needs some new parts; much talk about our door lock re: code access for renters vs. members; we may want to upgrade to a remote access with cameras; 2023 race season has begun with a lovely spring regatta; Chase boat/committee boat volunteers are needed. The board meets again on 6/6. Interested members are welcome to attend.

Board meeting minutes are available from our secretary. To receive a copy, email: secretary@yaquinabayyachtclub.org



Commodore's Report

Gorgeous weather to be out and our spring series is in full swing! Our first Wednesday night race of the series included some nice steady and introductory winds for our student racers, a bit of tide to strategize, and a showing of our regular racers and the chase boat. Wednesdays are a great opportunity to practice your sailing skills with others if you learned on the 420s or if you are hoping to take your boat or crew with a friend. You can also lend a hand on the chase boat. Contact the Fleet Chair for training on chase.

We are devising more opportunities to sail “keel boats” like the YBYC’s Capri 22. Look for a new club policy regarding using the Capri—designed to create a way to enable affordable use by club members and also a financially self-sustaining program. Look for details soon and consider joining the Capri Club.

Come visit with your fellow club members about this and more at the Asian Fusion potluck next Saturday May 20 with our Hospitality Chair, Alice McNamara. Bring a tasty dish to share and \$5 if you’d like an adult beverage like a frosty and bubbly SEAO2.

Soon the Port of Toledo will be starting up their summer boating program and they could use a hand. We’ll have a sign up sheet available at the May potluck if you would like to sign up to take people out sailing in Toledo’s protected marina which is often a full ten degrees warmer! The Free Family Boating sails are Thursdays from 3 - 6 pm and Sundays noon - 4 pm starting on Memorial Day.

Do you know a sailor who is 18 and would like some paid work teaching sailing? Oregon Boating Foundation is looking for instructors. Encourage eligible and interested sailors to apply and contact ollie@oregonboatingfoundation.org.

We look forward to YBYC’s Sailstice which will be a bit scaled down this year ~ please contact me if you’d like to be take members of the public out for a sail. Our club is committed to making sailing accessible and that is a great day, weather permitting, to take people out for free rides.

NOTE: We have a YBYC survey coming out soon to find out what you like about YBYC and how we can improve. Please fill it out, and include everyone in your membership. If you are a family please get input from all your family members. We are updating our YBYC Strategic Plan are looking forward to learning about what our members, those who used to be members, those who have taken the sailing class but did not join, our student sailor families think, too.

The Port of Newport has a new office next door and YBYC will be present at the Grand Opening May 19. The Port meetings are open to all and it is good to learn what is happening as it impacts YBYC sometimes directly as with the development of Port Dock 7 where we moor our dinghy docks and boathouse. YBYC has had a long relationship with the Port since our first 20 year lease was executed in 2004 and we built our clubhouse. The Port meetings and minutes have information very relevant to boat owners, such as the new marina rates, 7/1/23 Recreational Marina Rates and Fees available [here](#).

Questions on any of this? Contact a Board member and you can always reach me at commodore@yaquinabayachtclub.org and 541.270.6001

Fair winds,

Diane Henkels, YBYC Commodore 2022-2023



May '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 May 31 to 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 \(National Parks Service\)](#)



Oregon Cup high school regatta was a huge success!

The Roughly fifty high school sailors from Western Oregon gathered in Newport, OR on Apr 23, 2023, to sail in the 8th Annual Oregon Cup for bragging rights to be the top high school sailing team in Oregon. All day long, 11 two-person Club 420 dinghies were on the water at any one time as teams raced a total of 18 races. Conditions were perfect with winds in the 10-15 mph range and a few gusts to 20 mph, making for quick and exciting action on the windward-leeward racecourse. A big incoming tide all day long provided an extra challenge to the sailors, while the lack of rain was a nice treat for the many parents and siblings who rooted for their teams from in front of the Embarcadero. As an added benefit, the wind angle (southwesterly) meant the leeward mark was right in front of the crowd of cheering family members, for especially exciting viewing. Sailors from the Gorge and Portland duked it out for the top spots, with Gorge sailors winning the Cup. The relatively young age and inexperience of Newport's team resulted in some great (5th place) finishes in some races, but not yet consistently among the top boats. Next year!

Oregon has three venues where high school sailor practice as part of the Northwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (NWISA): Willamette Sailing Club (WSC) in Portland, Gorge Sailing in Hood River, and YBYC in Newport. Currently all the students sailing at YBYC go to Newport High school, although it has included students from Taft and Waldport since it started in 2013. Two high schools (Hood River Valley HS and Columbia HS in White Salmon, WA) sail as part of the Gorge Team, and upwards of 15 high schools sail at WSC. There are currently over 60 high schools actively sailing as part of NWISA, almost all of whom are in Washington, spread mainly between Olympia and Bellingham, including the San Juan Islands (a long ways from Newport!).

The action got underway at Sunday morning shortly after 9am when a parent with a truckload of racing sails and a trailer full of boats arrived from Portland near the top of Port Dock 7. The many sailors on hand quickly got to work putting these sails on YBYC's fleet of 420s, and getting the 4 boats off the trailer, rigged, and carried down the steep dock ramp (due to the -1 ft tide) and into the water. A brief competitor's meeting at 10:30 am explained the courses and sailing venue, before half the sailors headed out on the water for the first race starting at 11 am. Sailing continued throughout the day, alternating between A and B fleets sailing the boats until the final race was finished around 4:30 pm. At the end of the long day of sailing, everyone pitched in to de-rig boats, carry WSC's 420s up the nearly flat ramp (thank goodness for high tide!), and pack boats back onto the trailer, before hitting the road after a short awards ceremony.

Newport had 9 sailors participating in the regatta: Everett Johnson, Finn Collson, and Sophia Lihou were the skippers, and Ana Kaldy, Sonora Van Diest, Sequoia Newberg, Claire Hurty, Caroline Gardner, and Jackson Recinos alternated as crew. The Newport sailing team is run by many volunteer members of YBYC. Special thanks go to Terry Lettenmaier, Dave Schmaltz, and Cindy Milligan for serving as race committee, Eli Adam, Kaya Johnson, Diane Henkels and Dan Van Calcar for operating the rescue boats, Erik Hauge (Gorge Sailing) for overseeing boat exchanges, Dominic Gerbo, Alice and Tom McNamara, and Laurie Weitkamp for keeping things organized shore-side, and Greg Krutzikowsky as head coach and photographer. The Oregon Cup marks the end of Newport's high school sailing season, but please keep an eye out for 420s on Wednesday nights this summer as our sailors continue to hone their skills and get a jump on next year!

— Laurie Weitkamp

May Race and Cruise News

The YBYC sailing season got underway on Saturday April 29 with our Spring Regatta under excellent sailing conditions. Five boats entered, all from YBYC, and all sailors said they enjoyed the day. The keelboats sailed 6 races and the 420s sailed 4 races. Results are posted on the YBYC website. The Wednesday evening series kicked off Wednesday May 3. We have had 4 keelboats race at least once as of this writing and we are excited to see some of our high school sailors are racing 420s. We succeeded in getting a chase boat for the Wednesday evening races so far with a big thanks to Jay Skoch who has been out in the chase boat every Wednesday so far.

Wednesdays are a great opportunity to get out on the water. There are 420s available, keelboats racing, the club keelboat now available, and a need for folks to drive the chase boat and be race committee. Of course all of these things, like most things in life, take a bit of preparation. Talk with Tom, our fleet chair, if you want to use a 420, the Capri 22 now that it's in the water, or the whaler. All these boats require being checked out to use them. For those who would like to help for taking on race committee, let me know and we can set up an evening get together to go over the basics. None of these things are too difficult to do and what could be better than getting out on Yaquina Bay on a beautiful evening, then going back to the clubhouse for dinner with you friends! It would be great if we could get members interested in doing a combined chase boat/race committee on Wednesday evenings. It will encourage our youth sailors to take out a 420 and it would help all who are racing. It could be done on a rotating basis or whenever you are able to do it. We don't currently have enough boats racing to rotate committee boat duties like we did at times in the past. Looking forward to seeing more people and boats out on Yaquina Bay as the season progresses!

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





YBYC's Capri 22 launched for the 2023 season!

Our club's Capri 22 keelboat, *S/V Fulmar*, is rigged and ready for 2023! YBYC Members who want to sail the Capri 22 will join the "Capri Club". The fee is \$100 to join at the beginning of the season. The season is to be from mid-May launch date through the Saturday after the Fall Regatta. Members will pay a daily rental fee of \$75. YBYC Members who have not been checked out on the boat will pay a \$25 fee for the check out before joining the Capri Club. The fee for a regular Wednesday race will be \$60. A race skipper may reserve the boat for an entire series of races. In case of financial hardship, exchange for volunteer labor may be offered.

Members with sailing skills can schedule a checkout sail aboard *Fulmar*. Contact the Fleet Chair, Tom McNamara, to be checked out and/or to reserve the boat by phone (541-961-1576) or email (mcntm@msn.com).

For interested members who want to improve their skills a bit more first, Vice Commodore John Estabrook is offering Thursday sessions to gain confidence sailing the Capri 22 before getting checked out. Contact John directly for details.

More information, including online purchasing, can be found on the [YBYC webpage](#).



Monthly Member Potluck Saturday, May 20th

Our May member potluck will be a No-Host Asian-Fusion feast. This means members and guests may bring a main dish, side, salad, appetizer, or dessert with a possible Asian flair. Lots of countries and food ideas to pick from so it should be fun and interesting to see what turns up. If you are able to help mid-day on May 20, please give me a call (541-336-1021). As always, Happy Hour is at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Bringing your own place settings is encouraged to simplify cleanup.

We have hosts for all other months in 2023, but someone might consider hosting this type of potluck for 2024. Pick a theme and decorate... easy-peasy!

Thanks,

Alice McNamara, Hospitality chair



Member to Member

Support your fellow YBYC members!

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