

THE JIBSHEET



Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

October 2020

The End of the Season?

Halloween Already - The trick is, we don't get to go trick or treating, darn it! I miss the days of the haunted porch maze so well set up by the very creative Brown Family.

October Monthly Meeting – is once again cancelled, Phase 2 is just like phase 1 as it applies to us :(

Mechanical Expertise Needed - for the club outboards and the Whaler. Todd and Tom have been hitting it hard but would welcome help!

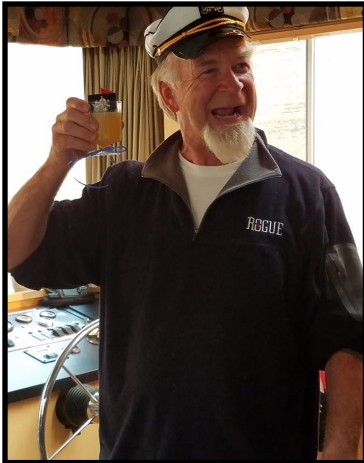
YBYC still needs \$\$\$ - To ghost through this wind hole, but many generous life members have stepped up, along with other members who appreciate the value the club provides. We're still floating, though low in the water! Luckily clubhouse rental reservations appear to be coming back slowly but surely.

BOARD BITS

The YBYC board met on 10/6 and here is what transpired: Recent donations from generous members have improved our financial situation; Dorothy reported on insurance changes resulting in some savings; the budget is still looking grim, however; a few clubhouse rentals have been held and a few more are scheduled; unfortunately, our vacuum cleaner has died; HS sailing has produced a video; the nominating committee has been busy and needs to fill the hospitality and ship's store positions, as well as some help with web and newsletter; notice of annual dues will be going out soon, with a mail in ballot (assuming we will not be holding the annual meeting in person); sailing instruction has provided some needed revenue through the generosity of Mike Fulmor, but we need to have someone take over that function soon. The board meets again on 11/3, when the slate of board positions will be completed. Please consider taking part by filling a position.

John Lennon was a sailor, who knew?





Commodore's Report

Ahoy YBYC members, ex-members and friends,

I'm reporting from a secret off the grid wilderness location where there are so many deer they ask to go home with you to get away from the crowding. At least that's what they told us, so pardon some recycled material from last month...

This is the time, (when I return) to get the boat squared away for the winter, covers on or hauled out, though there are many beautiful warm sailing days in the darndest of times like December and January. Sometimes the hassle of hauling out combined with the enjoyment of those days is worth taking the special long term deal. Then there's the Lighted Boat Parade, a very fun event we should try to take part in.

We're still deciding if we should try to hold a social distanced Annual Meeting, but the logistics to really do it safely seem overwhelming at this point. How do you feel, would you come? The risk/reward calculation is a tough one!

A carrier pigeon just flew into camp with the news that Yahoo is closing down the Group function very soon, and we will no longer have a backchannel e-mail group there. But all is not lost, we already have a Google Group all set up. As Greg informed us, "Yes, there is already a YBYC google group that we can move to. There are currently 101 members of the group. YBYC Group is listed as the owner. I do not know who the moderators are and do not have any admin privileges", but we've discovered Stephanie Brown does, so we'll get it fired up for those of you who would like to join. <https://groups.google.com/g/ybyc/about>

Begin recycled stuff: Mike would still like to train a future Newsletter Editor. It's easy and fun and only requires a computer with Publisher or similar program, Mike says. If you have any web site editing experience, he would also like to pass on the position of Web Person, again with all the training and support not usually provided! That's a joke because it's true. Also, anyone with any inclination to educate new sailors and the time to do it would be most appreciated. The Instructor Qualification Clinics are cheap and easy for an experienced sailor, and the revenue from lessons is very much needed by the club right now. Plus it's very rewarding personally. The students are so happy and appreciative. You don't need a CG license if you don't use the motor, and Mike will train you with his highly successful lesson plan. - Jay Skoch, 2020 Commodore



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Wednesday Nights on Yaquina Bay

By Laurie Weitkamp

While most of us have been following the “stay home, stay safe” advice this summer, a small group of dedicated sailors have been venturing out on the bay on Wednesday nights within social distance constraints. Being out on the water, seeing the fishing boats coming and going to the working side of the bay front, and watching the many seabirds, seals, and sea lions has been extremely enjoyable and pleasant reminder that life goes on.



During the summer, we had regular attendance by the Rice-Goodwin family on board *Alchemy*, the Fulmors-McNamara-Milligan team on *Grinner*, and Joe Novello and friends were often seen on their evening dinner cruise on board *Felicity*. The 420 dinghy fleet was the most active, with usually two and up to four dinghies out on the water on a given Wednesday night. Regular dinghy sailors included Terry and Laurie, Greg Krutz sailing with one of his sons (Merak or Niko), wife Vicki, or alone, and high school sailors Chyanna and Madisen, with Ron Yenchik close by in his inflatable. Diane Henkels also made it out on the bay a few times when she was in town.

Sailing was pretty relaxed compared to other years, and the keelboats were generally content to tour around the bay. The dinghies were a bit more competitive and usually sailed a race, starting at the Coast Guard buoy in front of the Embarcadero to Laurie's three-minute whistle sequence (used in high school and college sailing) then heading up or down the bay depending on tides and wind. The dinghies worked hard to stay in front of each other, even though single handed boats had a speed advantage when winds were light (and disadvantage when it blew hard). Laurie and Terry often had a 35 lb. “weight handicap” in the form of their puppy, Max, who was often standing on sheets or getting in the way of the tiller, to the benefit of other boats.



One particular memorable evening occurred late in the season when only two dinghies were out: Laurie, Terry, and Max in one boat, and Greg sailing alone. It was a gorgeous late summer evening with a surprisingly warm westerly breeze and the tide just changing from ebb to flood. We'd agreed to race up to Buoy 9 (in front of the Coast Guard station) and traded tacks most of the way there, as both boats tried to get maximum benefit from wind shifts and current. Once we got close to 9, however, we realized there was no reason to turn around so soon and kept going out to Buoy 7, half way out the jetty. Sailing under the bridge and out into the ocean breeze in a 14 foot dinghy is definitely a thrilling experience, and we were further enchanted by a pair of enormous Stellar sea lions resting on Buoy 7, who waited to jump in the water until we were almost along side the buoy. It's experiences like these that I try to freeze in my memory cells, so I can pull them out in the dark days of January, when it feels like the rain will never stop and day length will never increase again, and hope that summer will come again.

Definitely good sailing season despite the pandemic and we hope we can sail without social distancing next year!

Youth Sailing Film Contest Updates

The Oregon Sailing Foundation is sponsoring a short film contest for youth sailors to win \$1,000. All they have to do is create a 3 minute film that features sailing. It can be related to sailing in any way (action, comedy, thriller, etc.) and there are also many runner up prizes. Youth 25 and under split into two age categories; Juniors under 15 and Seniors aged 15-25. Updated info: **Five finalists from each category will be chosen by the general public via a popularity vote at SailingFilmFestival.com starting at 12:00AM PST on November 5th and ending at 11:59PM PST on November 11th, 2020. Rally enough of your friends to vote, and you could make the finals.** Some of our former high school sailing team members have made their film and it's great! Chyanna Blackburn and Madison Kinner, who have been actively sailing in the Summer Series, teamed up to make a hilarious spoof on the Great Race. You have to see it! You will certainly recognize them sailing in Yaquina Bay. So go to the website starting October 5 and vote for them to help them win!

More updated info: **On November 15th, the winners will be chosen by the OYSF Board of Directors during our virtual Finalists Screening Party. Details on how to attend this event will be coming soon. Make sure to join our email list for updates.**



Random Thoughts From Ed aka Mike

Who knew what a flaming dumpster fire 2020 would turn into as we sat waiting for the weather to warm up in the early part of the year. Someone once told me an ancient Chinese curse was "may you live in interesting times" and I finally get it. Anyway, here are some ideas to help turn the negative into positive and come out of this with a smile on our face and a whole new beginning for YBYC.

- Work on the infrastructure of the club and do projects we ordinarily couldn't. Thinking upgrading the fleet mainly, since the clubhouse projects we'd like to do are expensive. Have our garage sale/sail.
- Really work to build the membership using our assets as the lure. "Use a boat for a tiny fraction of ownership cost, plus learn from experienced members to improve skills." The younger members we need should appreciate this value.



- Alternate revenue creation- if we can offer courses of instruction reliably, especially as a package with membership, we could conceivably replace the lost clubhouse rental income and be in a position to reclaim 501 3-c status as well. We'd be a proper non-profit once again, and qualify for grants.
- Share our passion with as many people as we can, promote!

Member to Member

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

<p>Alan Brown Tire Center (Les Schwab)</p> <p>New Location on HWY 20</p> <p>Newport, OR (541) 265-6604</p> <p><i>Ask for Ken Brown, mgr</i></p>	<p>Jeff Schrantz - State Farm Insurance Agent</p> <p><u>313 SW 2nd St Ste A,</u></p> <p><u>Newport, OR 97365</u></p> <p>(541) 265-2011</p>
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