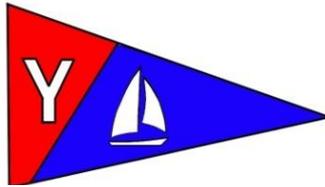


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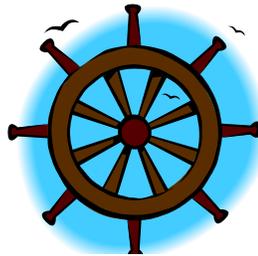
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Commodores Log

Hi Allya'all

Wow, what a mild winter this has been, I hope you are all enjoying the outdoors and opportunities provided by the weather or lack thereof that we have been experiencing. We could be in Tornado country...

The High School Sailing Team is off to a rousing start with 24 participants and a dedicated instructor cadre from our ranks within the club, they are practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays in the late afternoon so if you have an opportunity, go by and check them out, they are the future of our sport.

It has come to my attention that our own Elliott Crowder (Rear Commodore) was instrumental in the creation of the access path that goes under the Yaquina Bay Bridge, this was going to be closed off to the public by order of the "Homeland Security" order pertaining to the location and Elliott chaired a group that got access instead of concertina wired denial fencing to this lovely multiuse area, GO ELLIOTT, Goodonya...

Next time you are at the Clubhouse you will notice that it is MUCH quieter than it used to be, that is due to the installation of carpet spearheaded by Mac McConnell and his band of assistants, George Benton, Alice and Tom McNamara, and Dave Schmaltz, if you see these fine folks, please thank them for their efforts on ALL OF OUR behalf's.

This is going to be a busy season coming up with the blessing of the fleet (if your boat is in the water) on St. Patricks Day which is also the Monthly Meeting day, and in April the Depoe Bay Wooden Boat show (21&22) where we will have a tent which will need volunteer help and then the Spring Regatta which signals the beginning of the racing season for all those interested parties and you know who you are, hopefully a full and fun racing season for all of us.

As an organization we need to start thinking about getting more volunteer time invested by our membership. The same people seem to always be doing everything and it would develop more camaraderie and friendship between our members if more would get involved. It is a good feeling to be able to share in the joys of the community that is YBYC and share in the pride with which we can present ourselves in the greater community. Think about the fun we have on the Wednesday evenings following the races when we all get together back at the clubhouse, that spirit and enthusiasm could energize some of the projects like the Spring spruce up at the clubhouse, or the Boathouse project which will be coming up soon. There are community exposure type opportunities such as the Toledo Wooden Boat show or Sailstice if we have it or some other form of an open house event.

Race and Cruise Outlook for 2012



Great weather for the last two Frostbite Series Sundays allowed members to get out onto the bay for some fun winter sailing. It's also a great time of year for bird watching on the bay with buffleheads, coots, grebes, loons, and scoters out there as spring comes our way. Speaking of spring, this year's Spring Regatta will be held on the weekend of April 28th and 29th with the Wednesday night Spring Series starting on May 2nd.

After hearing from a number of people about changes they would like to see to the YBYC Wednesday race series, we looked at and summarized information from racing the past few years. We put the information into the files in the members' only section of the YBYC web site for all to consider then created an online survey to get informed input from members. We brought the results to the Board to get their input.

Here are the decisions we reached about season structure, fleet structure, series scoring, and handicapping. This year we are going to have two series of 11 races each with one fun race in between. Spring Series will start on May 2nd and run through July 11th, and the fun race between series will be July 18th. Summer series will start on July 25th and run through October 3rd. These 11 race series will allow up to 3 discards if enough races are sailed. We will continue to use the low point scoring system. The PHRF boats will continue to sail as one fleet and we will continue to use the time on distance method for PHRF handicapping.

Input from Joe and Terry, survey results, past race results, and past Race Chair advice were considered for the Portsmouth fleet series. Both the Spring and Summer Series will be split into two for the Portsmouth fleet. Early Spring Portsmouth Series will start May 2nd and end June 6th, late Spring Portsmouth Series will begin June 13th and end July 11th, with a fun race on July 18th. Early Summer Series will begin July 25th and end August 29th, and late Summer Portsmouth Series will start September 5th and end October 3rd. There will be a maximum of two scored races each night and sailors will have to sign up for the boat they are racing before heading out.

Racing season will close with the Columbus Day regatta on the weekend of October 6th and 7th. Sailing instructions for Wednesday night series and the Notice of Race for Spring regatta will be posted soon on the YBYC web site. We will also post information about how we will determine who is awarded the Racer of the Year perpetual trophy which is open to skippers in both the PHRF and the Portsmouth fleet. The basics are as follows. Racer of the Year will be determined by both participation and placing in the Wednesday night series and both the Spring and Columbus Day regattas. Skippers or co-skippers must compete in 75% of these races to be considered for the award. Scoring details will be posted soon.

As for cruising plans for 2012, Mike Blackburn has been scheming up all kinds of fun opportunities. Some ideas so far include bottom fishing on the ocean, a possible trip out for tuna, fireworks outings for viewing displays in Yaquina Bay and Toledo, a sightseeing trip up the coast, and a raft up outing up river to name a few.-Greg Krutzikowsky

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Barb and I send greetings from the “other Newport” deep down in the bowels of Southern California. By the time you read this we hope to be home, but this long strange trip will have lasted a month by then. Things sure are different here, but the only things I admire are that the sailing weather lasts all year, and their bay is much bigger than ours.

Speaking of differences, while refreshing knowledge of the 72 COLREGS, aka “the rules of the road” it struck me how different the mindset of the typically prudent cruiser –type mariner is from that of the racer. In Captain’s class we’re taught that vessels in sight within a half mile must signal their maneuvering intentions to each other, while on the race course we’re more likely faking our competition into thinking we’re doing the opposite of what we actually intend to do. Big Difference There!

On another topic, it was quite an eye opener to notice how many old Lido 14’s are languishing around Balboa Island in varying states of repair (or disrepair), mainly suspended between moorings and seawall on continuous loops that allow them to be reeled in when someone actually wants to go sailing. Most of them haven’t experienced that for years, it appears. For that matter, there are boats all over the harbor whose sole purpose seems to be acting as place-holders so the lucky folks with moorings can keep them. It’s always sad to see boats just sitting that could be giving their owners so much pleasure if they were used. One feels the boats would be quite grateful if they could just do what they were meant to do.

As we prepare to say adios to the Land of Sun and Fun, the main thing we are grateful for is that the weather is so darn nice down here it serves to keep the teeming masses where they are, so we have little to fear of them moving north. Most probably have no idea Oregon is even up there to the north of them, and if they do, they’re pretty sure it’s way too cold and miserable to support life! While visiting we do our best to not to change that perception, rest assured. We want to help save our Newport from the rampant development and overcrowding we see here.

So, to conclude this meander, I propose we all make a pledge to get out on the water as often as we can during our relatively short, but always sweet sailing season- use our boats in whatever manner we see fit, but by all means use them! Since buoy racing doesn’t appeal to everyone, Mike Blackburn will be proposing more opportunities for fun distance-type sailing (it’s always a race anyway) to make use of those weekend days when we’re lucky enough to get good weather. The sail upriver to Toledo is always interesting and beautiful, and on nice days, sailing up the coast to the Head gives a unique perspective on that spectacular area. Flotillas are another word for floating parties, so let’s show lots of sails out there as often as possible and no doubt we’ll continue to get more people interested in this fun-tastic sport of ours. -Mike Fulmor

March Meeting



**6-7 Social Hour
7pm Corned Beef served**

Bring your own place settings, beverages and don't forget your green! YBYC is providing the corned beef and cabbage, you can bring a side, salad, dessert, or appetizer to share. Family style limericks welcome! Hosted by the Crowder's.

Quote of the Month

"The ocean has always been a salve to my soul...the best thing for a cut or abrasion was to go swimming in salt water. Later down the road of life, I made the discovery that salt water was also good for the mental abrasions one inevitably acquires on land."

Jimmy Buffett

Sailing News from 'Round the World



HIGH SCHOOL SAILING RIDES A WAVE OF POPULARITY

By Deborah Bach, Three Sheets Northwest

(March 8, 2012) - Looking around at the teens on the docks and out racing in the waters off the Seattle Yacht Club on Saturday, Brendan Fahey smiled. It was a sight to see - more than 120 guys and girls from about 25 high schools racing on Portage Bay for the seasonal kick-off of the Interscholastic Sailing Association's Northwest District (NWISA).

It wasn't like this when Fahey joined the sailing team at North Kitsap High School in the late 1990s. Back then, there were only about seven registered high school sailing teams in the district.

It's real - and it's growing. The Interscholastic Sailing Association, the national governing body for high school sailing in the U.S., reports increased numbers of high school sailing teams across the country. Participation in NWISA - which includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and British Columbia - has increased fivefold over the past six years, to more than 25 schools with registered teams.

Crews and coaches watch the races from the Seattle Yacht Club docks. So the Northwest seems a fitting place to host the 2012 Mallory Cup Double-Handed Championship, which will bring the top sailors from around the country to Seattle to compete for the nation's most prestigious high school trophy.

The championships will be held at The Center for Wooden Boats on May 11-13, with the district championships there the previous weekend. It will be only the second time the Mallory Cup championships have been held in the region, said NWISA President Burke Thomas.

"It's a huge deal," he said. "It's really exciting."

How to attract more young people to sailing - and thus ensure a future for it - is a topic of increasing focus among yacht clubs and marine businesses as the boating demographic ages. -- Read on:

<http://threesheetsnw.com/blog/2012/03/high-school-sailing/>

Board Bits



The YBYC board of directors met on March 6, and enjoyed the newly-carpeted clubhouse. Among items covered were a suggestion from Laurie Weitkamp that she act as a liaison between YBYC and NOAA to accommodate the needs of both organizations; plans for the new storage building are evolving, with a modified design being considered; new members, including several junior sailors were voted in; Joe Novello reported that we currently have 24 kids in the junior race program, and hopes to send some to a race this weekend; our race committee presented results of the 2012 pre-season survey; cruising opportunities for this summer were described; scheduling of the B2B race and a possible Coronada 15 championship series were discussed; fleet committee reports that the Boston Whaler has been repaired, and fiberglass repairs to the dinghy fleet are nearing completion. Dorothy reported on a recent audit of the club's financial activities, with recommendations for improving the accounting of funds received and spent. The next board meeting will be on April 3.

Depoe Bay Wooden Boat Show April 21-22

Calling all volunteers! YBYC will have a booth at the Depoe Bay Wooden Boat Show April 21-22 and needs folks to staff the booth. It's easy duty chatting with nice folks about boats, YBYC and all the fun stuff we do. They put on a nice show with activities for the whole family. Contact Special Events Chair Elliott to help out.-*Stephanie Brown*



Annual Blessing of the Fleet



Join the parade on Saturday March 17 at 1pm on the bay and get your vessel blessed. Registration is free, forms are available at Englund Marine and Schiewe Marine. Decorated Boats form a line grouped by fishery/purpose and file past the USCG MLB Victory for your blessing then proceed just under the bridge, which is ceremonially 'across the bar', and back again. If you don't have a vessel, you can still take part by viewing the parade from around the bayfront and listening to the live radiobroadcast. This ceremony is traditional for commercial fleets around the world, and is a great time to see our working boats sharing the water together.-*Stephanie Brown*

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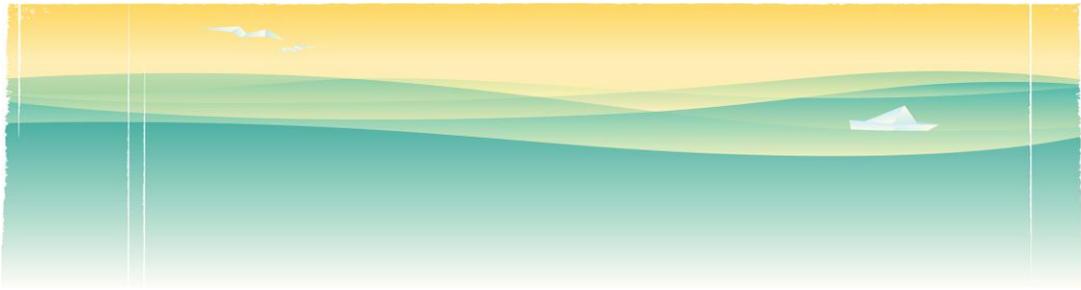
The seafood and wine festival was a bit less of a money maker for us this year, possibly due in part to our change of location. We weren't on a corner this time, still a success but not as big a success, THAT SAID...the volunteer effort was outstanding; the participants were cheerful and did well at plying our wares to the throngs of visitors. Thanks to all who helped out.

Keep posted for the upcoming education opportunities, Laurie Weitkamp will be giving a class on Tides and Currents in the bay on March 29th at 7 P.M., there are a couple of other race oriented classes TBA so look for information on them on the website.

With barely 6 weeks to go before we start racing I hope everyone is looking forward as I am to a great year, this ought to be a doozy with all the undercurrent of competition, be ready to bring your A game out on the water...There are also some tentative plans around some cruising opportunities for the Spring and Summer so stay tuned for details.

Daylight saving time is upon us this weekend (March 10/11) so Spring must be right around the corner, best wishes for a great Spring, I'll see you on the water...Paul

Flotsam and Jetsam



- ✚ Remember you can make a *tax-deductible* donation through the Oregon Boating Foundation. The money is used to provide community boating education and all donations are greatly appreciated. For monetary or other donations please contact OBF Chair Dan Van Calcar.
- ✚ The club has a fleet of sailboats available for club member use. These include Lidos, 420s and a small keel boat. These boats are fun to sail and explore Yaquina Bay. Check the Member's Handbook or with the YBYC Fleet Chair Tom Mcnamara at ; <mailto:mcntm@msn.com> for details on vessel use and to make reservations. Reservations are posted online on the club's website <http://www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org> under the 'Calendar' tab.

Wednesday 420 reservation website-

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?hl=en&key=tZvTrAppsstef-nGGCMmWDA&hl=en#qid=12>

- ✚ Don't forget to use our Yahoo group site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ybycgroup/> It's the best place to keep up on club and member activities, chat and exchange info with fellow members. You can also read Board minutes. **The Club also has a Facebook page, check it out!** It's updated frequently so you can be sure to keep abreast of club activities.
- ✚ **Ships Store-** Please do not forget to check out all the fine items at the ships store. Not only are you buying quality merchandise you can use, but it helps support the YBYC!
- ✚ **Join YBYC in the Loyalty Days Parade**
Hop on board the float and travel down Highway 101 with the crew from YBYC for the annual Loyalty Days Parade on Saturday May 5. Committee forming now to dream up and create a beautiful presentation of boats and boaters. Do YOU have a great idea for a parade float? Contact Special Events Chair Elliott to help out.



Editors Corner

Greetings:

I always look forward to St. Patrick's Day. This year it corresponds with our monthly meeting. That means we get treated to Elliott's great corned beef. Try not to miss this one.

As I write this, a 72 foot fishing vessel lies hard aground on the south side of the north jetty. Fortunately, there were no injuries. It does however serve as a cautionary reminder to all who venture upon the water. We all know how unforgiving the sea is, please be safe in all your aquatic activities.

Paul makes a good point concerning volunteerism. It may be a cliché, but the YBYC is only as strong as our member's participation.

Anytime you can lend a hand, please do! Loyalty days are coming up. Cheers, Jeff

Member-2-Member Network

Have you ever needed a carpenter, cabinet maker, tile setter, tire company and didn't know who to call? Ever needed to have an item on your boat or home repaired, but had no idea where to call? Rather than calling a stranger or looking in the yellow pages, **call another YBYC member!** Every member who runs a business or performs a service is encouraged to signup. It's totally FREE to members! Non-members pay a nominal fee. Want to get yourself listed? Email the YBYC newsletter editor at jcressy@charter.net with your listing information. We need to support our own, especially in this economic climate. Please consider doing what you can.

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