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Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, established 1947

June 2026



Your bearings for June

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Commodore's Report

June always feels like the moment the season truly settles in. The docks are busy, the breeze is steady, and the clubhouse has that familiar hum of summer energy. As we head into the heart of the season, I want to share an important update about one of the cornerstones of YBYC: our youth and adult sailing programs.

After many years of remarkable service, our long-time coaches—Laurie, Terry, and Greg—have let us know that they will be stepping down at the end of the 2026 season. Between them, they have poured decades of time, skill, and heart into building the high school team, teaching new sailors, and keeping youth sailing alive and thriving in Newport. Their impact on this club is hard to overstate.

What comes next is something we, as a club, now need to figure out together. The future shape of youth sailing at YBYC isn't predetermined. It may evolve, it may restructure, and it will absolutely depend on who steps forward and what strengths they bring. The coaches have generously offered to brief anyone interested in learning more, and they want to help set the next generation of leaders up for success.

If you've ever thought about coaching, teaching adults, supporting the administrative side, or simply want to understand what these roles involve, now is the time to raise your hand. This is a pivotal moment for the club, and we need members who are willing to explore possibilities and help chart the course ahead.

If you're curious or want to learn more, please reach out to ybyc-board@googlegroups.com.

For now, let's enjoy the long days, the full sails, and the community that makes this club what it is. I'm grateful to be heading into summer with all of you.

YBYC Commodore 2025–2026

Sam Weber



June 2026 - Board Bits

Here is a brief summary of the June 2, 2026, Yaquina Bay Yacht Club board meeting:

- Website Migration: The board approved the Commodore's motion to transition the club website to the Wix platform.
- New Memberships: The board approved membership for Ken & Tammy Leatherman (Household) and Michael Swift (Military).

Committee & Operational Highlights

- Education: A boater safety class is scheduled for June 20th, to be hosted at the training room in Englund Marine.
- Fleet: The Capri 22 is in the water with its new mainsail. The committee is still searching for a 14' welded aluminum boat with a 15–20hp motor.
- Youth Sailing: The NHS Sailing Team is in good financial standing following the Marathon, where they earned \$1,000. Cleanup of the trailer area following the event is pending.
- Treasury: The club is preparing for an upcoming port bill for dock space (approx. \$5,000).
- Historical: Planning for the Sailstice event is underway with community partners.

Something you think we should discuss, let us know by [submitting a Comment](#).



Call for Sailstice Volunteers – June 20

Summer Sailstice is right around the corner, and we're gearing up for one of our biggest community□facing days of the year. On Saturday, June 20, YBYC will open its doors (and docks) to the public for our annual open house—an invitation for neighbors, families, and curious future sailors to come learn about the club, meet our members, and maybe even hop aboard for a short boat ride.

To make the day run smoothly, we're looking for volunteers to help with greeting visitors, answering questions, managing the flow on the docks, supporting boat rides, and keeping the clubhouse welcoming and lively. Whether you can give an hour or the whole afternoon, your presence makes a real difference in how the community experiences YBYC.

If you're interested in helping—or just want more details—please email ybyc-board@googlegroups.com. Let's show the community what makes YBYC such a special place.

**Subject to Change*

YBYC Annual Calendar: May - December 2026

- Jun 7 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a sunny early-summer cruise.
- Jun 20 SAILSTICE (Sat) - All Day Event open to Public
- Jun 20 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck hosted by Beatrice Germain.
- Jun 21 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a bright midsummer sail.

July

- Jul 5 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a warm post-holiday weekend sail.
- Jul 18 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck - Hosted by Deb Rose - A high-summer potluck with a host-selected theme.
- Jul 19 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a relaxed mid-July cruise.

August

- Aug 2 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a warm-weather sail perfect for families.
- Aug 15 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck - Hosted by Angela Sutton & Eric Parsh - A late-summer gathering with a host-chosen theme.
- Aug 16 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a mellow August cruise.

September

- Sep 6 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a Labor Day-adjacent sail easing into fall.
- Sep 19 (Sat), 5pm - Monthly Potluck - Dock Walk (Eli Adam) - A progressive dockside feast celebrating the end of summer.
- Sep 20 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a crisp early-fall cruise.



October

- Oct 4 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a cool-weather autumn sail.
- Oct 10-12 (Columbus Day Weekend) - Fall Regatta. End of race season. Exact Dates/Details available closer to date
- Oct 17 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck hosted by Greg Krutzikowsky
- Oct 18 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a shoulder□season cruise with beautiful fall light.

November

- Nov 1 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a brisk late□fall sail.
- Nov 15 (Sun), 11am - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a cool□weather outing before winter.
- Nov 21 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck - Annual Dinner & Awards (YBYC Board) - The club's signature year□end celebration.

December

- Dec 6 (Sun), 12pm - Cruise Sunday (1st) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a winter sail for hardy members.
- Dec 19 (Sat), 6pm - Monthly Potluck - Holiday Gathering (Host TBD) - A festive seasonal potluck closing out the year.
- Dec 20 (Sun), 12pm - Cruise Sunday (3rd) - Meet at Coast Guard buoy at 11am, VHF 68; a final casual sail before the holidays.



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**SATURDAY
JUNE 20**



**TIME
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**



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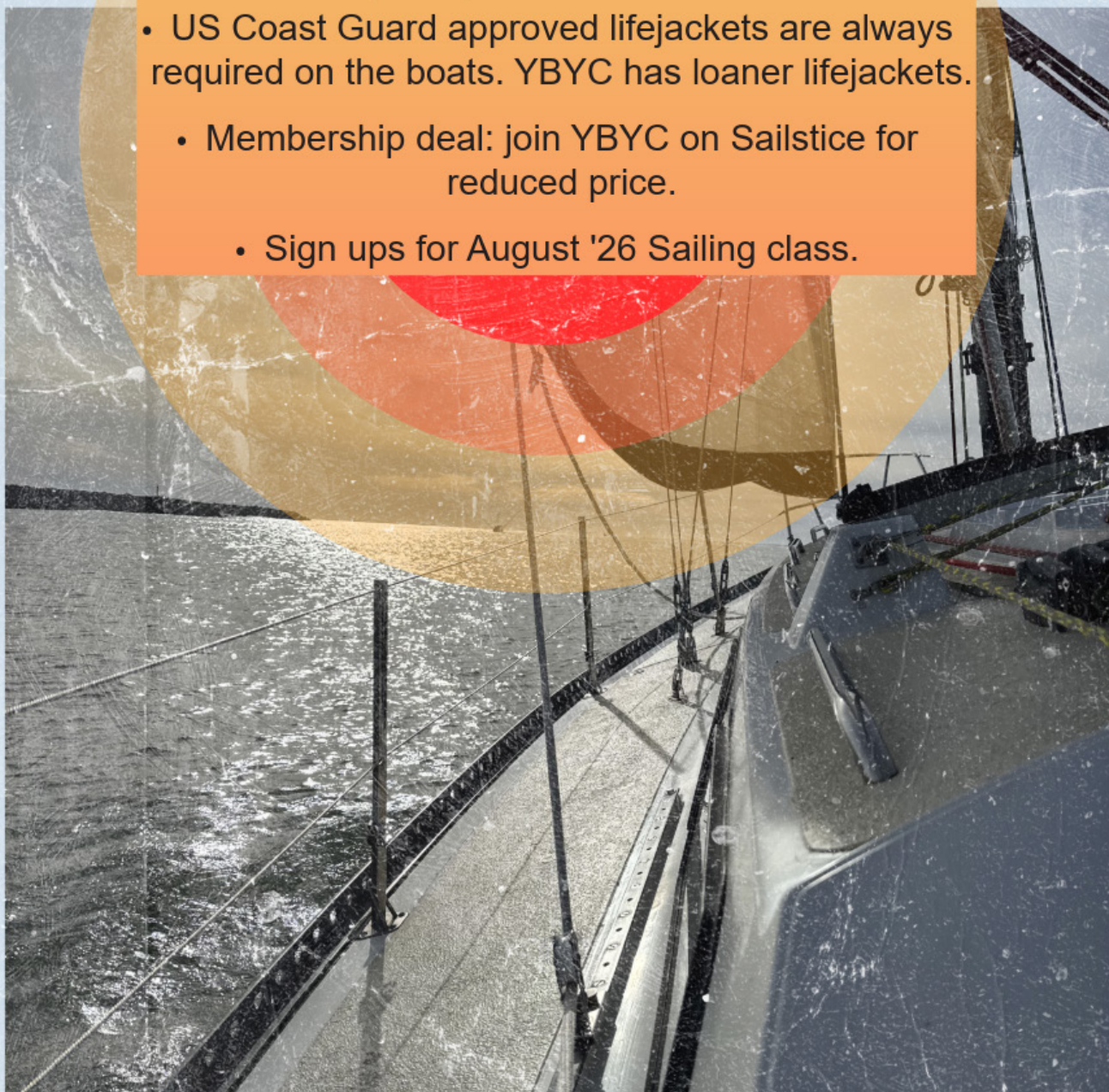
June 20, 2026

750 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365

*FREE sailboat rides for ALL,
weather & tides permitting.*



- We'll be opening the clubhouse at 11:30 am
- US Coast Guard approved lifejackets are always required on the boats. YBYC has loaner lifejackets.
- Membership deal: join YBYC on Sailstice for reduced price.
- Sign ups for August '26 Sailing class.



More Information: <https://summersailstice.com/>

Sailstice - June 20th, 2026



June 20 is not only the Solstice this year 2026, but also same day as Sailstice! YBYC is celebrating as we have for years by opening the clubhouse to the public, offering free sailboat rides, and a sailboat racing simulator (for those who want to race but not on the water). We'll have music from different parts of the world including here and Ireland, potentially others. Next door at Englund Marine, YBYC is collaborating with the Oregon Marine Board to put on the Boating Safety Class for those who want to get an Oregon Boater Safety card.

We need volunteers:

- boat owners and captains w/crew to take out people who want to sail. Sometimes people come and have never stepped on a sailboat before (we'll have lifejackets). This is a really fun and sometimes life changing experience. Contact members Alice McNamara and/or Peggy O'Callaghan
- runners to help escort boat riders to and from the boats; this will likely be Englund's floating dock right now, also contact Alice and/or Peggy
- someone to help set up and facilitate the table sailboat racing set up
- post the colors (flags and burgee), and bring them in at the end of the day
- spruce up the grounds, pulling weeds; this is best done before Sailstice, though not at times the clubhouse is rented
- welcome people and be available ~ enjoy the music
- get the word out!

Contact Diane Henkels 541.270.6001 if you want to help, have questions or ideas of how to help, and we'll come up w/something that will work.

And we have the club monthly potluck organized by Beatrice Germain and Diane Henkels ~ for cuisine from ports around the world.

If the day is gorgeous, it will likely be a full day of sailing fun and good food!

- 5pm starters w/ 5:30 dinner (approx). Looking forward to see you there ~

Beatrice Germain | Diane Henkels

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Dinghy Season is Upon Us!

Regattas for your dinghy calendar:

- [Howard Prairie Lake](#) - July 25-26 at the RYC Shed-Howard Prairie Marina.
- [Willamette Sailing Club Al Morris Regatta](#) - August 1 & 2 at Willamette Sailing Club, Portland, OR
- YBYC Dingy Regatta: 1st Saturday in September (dock walk day)



Forever Young Sailing

As our 2026 sailing season moves along, I'd like to discuss the topic of sailboat ratings. Now with both high school and collegiate sailing programs these don't come into play as it is all one-design racing. The same is true of all one-design fleets whether they be they dinghies or offshore keel boats. Many, perhaps most, sailors race in fleets where all boats are not of the same type. They vary in length, beam, draft, weight, sail configuration or rig type, sail area, sail area to weight ratio and so many other factors. So, how are they able to race against each other fairly? The short answer that people have come up with is a rating system that assigns a boat a rating based on its characteristics and then the elapsed time for a race is corrected for each boat's rating to supposedly make them comparable to get fair results.

As you might imagine, it is often something sailors bemoan as not accurately reflecting how their boats perform. I'm going to limit this discussion to two different rating systems that have been used at YBYC. Performance Handicap Rating Fleet (PHRF), which is perhaps the most frequently used in bigger boats club racing across the US, and the Portsmouth Yardstick, which is perhaps the most frequently used for dinghies worldwide, and many other categories of boats when they are not one-design racing. I will also touch on a little history on the rating system used at YBYC. There are of course other rating systems that have been or are currently being used, which include the IOR, IMS, IRC, MORC, ORC, and SMS to name several that you can look into if you are interested.

The PHRF system is owned by US Sailing. Different regions across the US have variations of PHRF that are to a large degree based on prevailing local conditions. Local ratings can be adjusted if a class of boat is strongly outperforming or under performing its assigned rating. While the boat class is the basis for individual boat ratings, each boat must pay for a rating each year and it may differ from the general class rating do to its individual attributes like sail sizes, spinnakers, propeller type and other factors. Not only are individual boats in a region potentially assigned different ratings, but the basic rating for a class of boat (i.e., J24 or Capri 25) can vary as much as 10% from one region to another, which is said to be due to prevailing local conditions. PHRF usually corrects race times based on a time on distance formula. Some have also criticized this method because distance measures may be inaccurate for a variety of reasons. So there is also a time on time method available for correcting race times with PHRF.

The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) rating method is based on empirical results of boats racing against each other that have been collected from a large number of races in varying conditions in many places. Boats are given a DP-N rating based on the results of an analysis of how they have done against each other. The several categories of boats are: centerboard, multi-hull, keelboat, offshore. There are a number of primary and secondary yardstick classes of boats in each of these categories.

Forever Young Sailing, continued ...

These ratings are meant to correct the differences in time it takes two boats in the same category to sail the same course of any given distance, so there is no need to measure the distance for this time on time method of correction. Of course, some boats perform very differently in different wind conditions such as centerboard boats that can plane or catamarans, for example. But all boats do to some extent and there is an adjustment factor that can be applied to the DP-N when wind and seas conditions based on the Beaufort wind scale for describing conditions. Of course to use that, one has to assume that all boats that sailed the same course experienced the same wind/water conditions, which rarely is true on Yaquina Bay.

The assumption is made that all offshore boats (which are what we have been calling keelboats at YBYC (what they call keelboats are classes like the Soling or Star) are in racing condition and have standard size sails, spinnaker poles, and engine/propeller configurations. Again, there are a number of adjustments that can be made if this is not the case, such as if a boat doesn't have a spinnaker when it was designed to have one, or if a boat adds an asymmetrical spinnaker and bowsprit when it was not originally designed to have one. These adjustments can be applied at the discretion of the local race administrator. While there are many boats that have per-calculated DP-N ratings, some do not. There are several methods available to determine DP-N ratings for these boats.

A little history of rating systems used at YBYC: for many years, YBYC used PHRF ratings, even though few if any boats ever paid to get valid PHRF ratings. We even went to using the time on time method rather than the time on distance PHRF method of figuring results for a while. YBYC received letters from the folks at Northwest PHRF that give valid ratings essentially saying that we should not be assigning ratings to boats that have not gotten valid ones. At that point, YBYC decided that it was not in the business of assigning PHRF ratings and would no longer do that.

Since few boats stepped up to pay for valid PHRF ratings, we moved to using the PY ratings to figure corrected times for the different types of boats racing. It is now used for both centerboard boats if they are different from each other and for the offshore classes. Of course, PY ratings were never meant to be used for comparing the different categories of boats like centerboard to catamaran to offshore, for example. We also have not used the wind factor in figuring results because during our races winds and sea conditions are often so variable.

Hopefully this has provided you with some perspective on the rating systems. Is the rating for your boat perfect? Absolutely not. But it is a basis for letting boats compete against each other.

See you out on the water,
Greg Krutzikowsky

Application for Maritime Exploration and Training Program

Thank you, Dawn Barlow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Senior Research) Marine Mammal Institute | College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences - Hatfield Marine Science Center | Oregon State University

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Run by Oregon Sea Grant and Oregon State University's Office of Marine Operations, the Maritime Exploration and Training Program is a 5 day hands-on workshop for current high school students, 16 years old or older, and recent graduates from Lincoln County and nearby areas. This workshop will be held July 27th -31st at Hatfield Marine Science Center and will provide basic seamanship skills, including at sea practice on small and midsize vessels, and connections to maritime employers. To apply, visit: <http://bit.ly/MaritimeProg2026>



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Capri Club — Get More Time on the Water

If you've been wanting more sailing time without the commitment of owning a boat, the Capri Club is the easiest way to make it happen. YBYC members can join the Capri Club to sail the Capri 22, enjoy regular access to the boat, and get comfortable handling a keelboat at your own pace.

Membership includes:

- Access to the Capri 22 during the season (Spring Regatta through Fall Regatta)
- Ability to reserve the boat once you've been checked out
- A simple, structured way to build skills and confidence
- A great option for anyone working toward more independence on the water

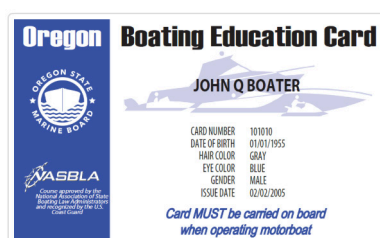
Cost: \$150 to join for the season, plus standard daily rental fees.

Checkouts: Members not yet checked out on the Capri 22 pay a one-time \$25 checkout fee.

If you're ready to get more sailing in this year — whether for fun, practice, or building toward bigger goals — the Capri Club is a perfect place to start. Sign-ups are available on the YBYC website.



Requirements: [Oregon Boater Education Card](#) required.



Wildlife of the Month: May

June on Yaquina Bay is a month that feels stretched wide open — long days, warm light, and a steady hum of life that builds from sunrise to sunset. The bay settles into its summer rhythm, and everything that lives here seems to lean into the season. For sailors, June is one of the most rewarding months to be out on the water: the wildlife is active, the winds are gentle but reliable, and the whole estuary feels like it's breathing deeply.

Harbor seals are especially visible this time of year. They haul out in larger groups on the sandbars and mudflats, soaking up the sun between foraging runs. On calm afternoons, you'll see them floating on their backs in the channel, flippers raised like little sails catching the warmth. Their movements are unhurried, almost meditative, until a school of baitfish passes by — then they slip beneath the surface with surprising speed, leaving only a ripple behind.

Brown pelicans are fully settled into their summer routines by June. They patrol the jetties and the marina entrance in long, gliding lines, wingtips nearly brushing the water. When the anchovy schools rise toward the surface, the pelicans respond instantly: folding their wings, dropping like stones, and hitting the water with that unmistakable splash that echoes across the bay. Cormorants join the hunt too, diving in coordinated bursts that churn the surface into a patchwork of ripples and silver flashes.

Bird life along the marsh edges becomes more dynamic as well. Great blue herons and great egrets stalk the shallows with renewed patience, taking advantage of the growing abundance of juvenile fish in the eelgrass beds. Purple martins chatter around their nest boxes near the marina, swooping low over the water in tight arcs as they hunt insects. Their calls carry across the docks, adding a bright, lively soundtrack to early summer mornings.

June is also when the first salmon smolts move through the estuary on their way to the ocean. Their presence draws attention from every predator in the bay — gulls, seals, and the occasional opportunistic sea lion cruising the deeper channels. On the right tide, you can watch the surface come alive with tiny splashes as the smolts school tightly, trying to stay ahead of whatever is chasing them.

June is a month of abundance, a time when the bay feels full and generous. Whether you're rigging a boat at the dock, sailing past the bridge, or simply watching the tide roll in, the wildlife is impossible to ignore. Everything is moving, feeding, nesting, or growing — and the whole estuary seems to glow with the energy of early summer.

Wednesday Night Socials Continue!

Socials will continue every Wednesday, and the grill will still be fired up — just on a slightly more “sailboat-standard” schedule.

Food Timing

Dinner will be served around 7:00 pm, but sometimes later depending on wind and finish times.

Burgers, brats, and hot food will remain available for a recommended \$10 donation.

New Grill

Thanks to Jerami and the Race team, we now have a brand-new grill ready for the season.

All Members Welcome!

These evenings are for everyone, not just racers. Whether you’re coming off the water, coming from work, or just coming to hang out, the clubhouse will be open and welcoming.

Help Wanted

Because race nights can run late, we could use a few non-racing volunteers to help with early setup and getting the grill staged. Even occasional help makes a big difference.

BYOB & Snacks

As always, socials remain BYOB, with light snacks available for anyone who wants to drop in.

YBYC Spring Series 2026

Current Overall Standings

Fun Race on May 27th (unscored)

Current Rank	Series Competitors					Current Standing	Points Received					Current
	Boat	Class	Sail	USPN		Net Points	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	June 3rd	TOTAL
1st	Alchemy	Merit 25	676	82.9		3.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	9.0
2nd	Grinner	Capri 25	36	84.2		6.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	9.0	4.0	19.0
3rd	Bella Zoe	Islander 36	1974	82.2		9.0	9.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	24.0
4th	knot bumper	Catalina 25	1938	93.9		10.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	3.0	23.0
5th	Tatsu	Benateau First 27		74		11.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	3.0	1.0	29.0
5th	Nightengail	Nightengail	887	90		11.0	9.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	25.0
7th	Mahalo	C&C 37		73.6		12.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	25.0
8th	Princess	Catalina 22		96.3		19.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	37.0

Scoring is best 5 of 7 races, competitors must race at least 5 races in each series to qualify for overall series winner, or overall combined series winner

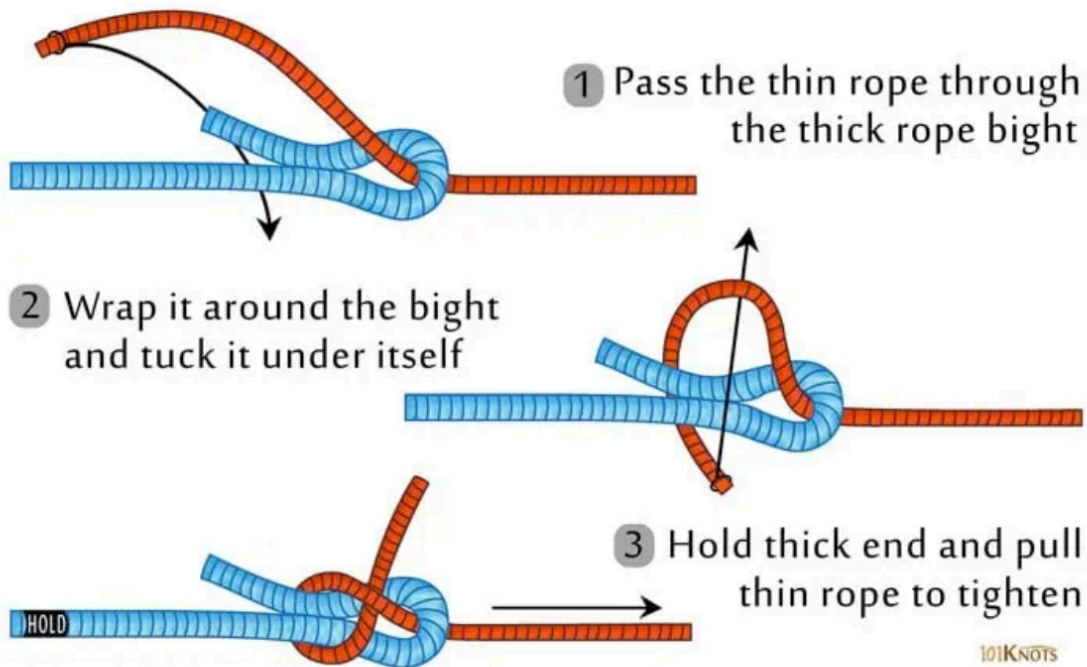
Note: Current Series Rank is based Correct Total where Two lowest scores are excluded

Featured Sailing Knot: [Sheet Bend](#)

When two lines need to work together, the sheet bend is the bridge between them. It's especially good when the lines are different sizes, gripping the thinner one securely without fuss. You might use it to extend a painter, join two towlines, or improvise a fix when a line comes up short. It's the knot that turns mismatched gear into a team.

How to Tie a Sheet Bend Knot

Sheet Bend Step By Step



How to Tie a Sheet Bend Knot



YBYC Nautical Horoscopes — June Edition

Celestial Seas & Moonlit Bearings

Capricorn - The Compass

You're channeling the spirit of the steady helm this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Aquarius - The Spinnaker

You're channeling the spirit of the firework spark this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Pisces - The Tidal Current

You're channeling the spirit of the evening tide this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Aries - The Bow Wave

You're channeling the spirit of the flare this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Taurus - The Anchor

You're channeling the spirit of the cooler lid this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Gemini - The Twin Masts

You're channeling the spirit of the twin burgees this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Cancer - The Lighthouse

You're channeling the spirit of the beachfire this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Leo - The Figurehead

You're channeling the spirit of the sunbeam this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Virgo - The Rigging

You're channeling the spirit of the organized dock box this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Libra - The Trim Tabs

You're channeling the spirit of the balanced trim this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Scorpio - The Deep Keel

You're channeling the spirit of the deep lagoon this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.

Sagittarius - The Horizon

You're channeling the spirit of the broad reach this June. Trust your instincts and lean into your natural strengths. A moment of clarity arrives mid-month.



Member to Member

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YBYC: From the Archives



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Admission—\$1.00 (plus tax)

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WEAR FISH FLOATS --- WEAR ANYTHING

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TOP FLIGHT ORCHESTRA

Should YBYC bring the annual dance back?! Who doesn't
want to wear seaweed, barnacles, or fish floats?!

Reminder: YBYC Elections Are Coming Up

As we sail into the second half of the year, it's time to start looking ahead to YBYC's annual elections. Each fall, members elect the next slate of officers and board representatives who will help guide the club's operations, events, and long-term planning. It's an important part of keeping YBYC member-driven, transparent, and thriving.

If you've ever been curious about serving on the Board, helping shape club programs, or simply want to understand what the roles involve, now is the perfect time to ask questions and explore what participation looks like. Whether you're considering running or just want to learn more, we're happy to walk you through the process.

For information on how to get involved, please email ybyc-board@googlegroups.com.

Your voice and your leadership help keep this club strong.



Annual Members Meeting – Updated Format, Same Fun

As we look ahead to this year's Annual Members Meeting, we're making a few changes to keep the evening smooth, enjoyable, and—most importantly—realistic.

Those of you who joined us for Wednesday Burgers this winter already know the truth: Sam's capacity at the grill has officially reached its limit. As much as we all love the idea of "Prime Rib by the Commodore," it's just not in the cards this year. Rather than risking a culinary shipwreck, the Board is exploring catering options to ensure we have a delicious, reliable quality main.

If you have ideas, recommendations, or favorite local caterers, we'd love to hear them. Please send suggestions to ybyc-board@googlegroups.com.

We're also looking at bringing back the Silent Auction, a longtime favorite that adds energy (and a little friendly competition) to the night. To make it happen, we're seeking donations—big, small, quirky, nautical, or creative. Some great possibilities include:

- Gift baskets (local foods, wine, coffee, spa items)
- Sailing gear or gently used equipment
- Art, photography, or handcrafted items
- Gift certificates to local restaurants or businesses
- Experiences—boat rides, lessons, tours, or hosted dinners
- Club-themed items or memorabilia

If you have something you'd like to contribute—or want to brainstorm ideas—email ybyc-board@googlegroups.com.

This year's meeting should be fun, festive, and full of good energy, and we're excited to shape it together. More details to come as plans develop!

