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T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Cindy Warwick

Starting The Season Off Right

With the lake a hairs breadth away from 100%, I am feeling optimistic that this season is destined to be a great one. To me, a full lake signifies rebirth, and much excitement ensues when you dream of deep water well into October. My optimism is not just related to the lake level, but hopeful that those members who have not been as involved with events in the past would feel comfortable enough to join us more often this year. That doesn't mean you to have to be tied up every weekend, but we really want to get to know you better. I will strive to do a more diligent job of making sure you are notified of upcoming events. We really want to have you there!

Participation for the Free Sail Classes has been strong and I want to take this opportunity to thank Peter Cipes and Jane Anderson, for organizing, as well as all of the club members that gave presentations, set up/cleaned up, loaned boats for the practice at Emigrant, brought food to the potluck and basically made everything look so seamless. You are amazing and none of this is possible without you.

As I was jotting down a few thoughts for my brief welcome speech to the students of the free sail class, I came to appreciate what this club really offers. Not just fun and frolic, but such a sense of community and incredible support for one another. If someone is in need of assistance, there is always a willing soul there to lend a hand; no matter what. Whether you are a motor sailor, use a sail or are currently boat less, this club is always welcoming; our shared love of being on the water makes it more family than just belonging to an organization. That is a rare find these days and I am very fortunate to be part of this wonderful group.

With a warm day this last Sunday, Mark and I were able to get the boat in the water. I'm anxious to try out the four new winches! And fingers crossed that my bird deterrents do their magic this week. I'll keep my eyes peeled for everyone and please don't hesitate to give a shout out if you need any help at all!

See you soon,
Cindy Warwick, Commodore

R Y C E V E N T S 2 0 1 1

MAY

- 07--Saturday Healthy Kids Day at Ashland Y 9 a.m.--1 p.m.
- 14--Saturday Launch day for marks--10:00 am
- 14--Saturday **SOCIAL: After Launch Dinner--4:00 pm**
Resort Restaurant--No Host

JUNE

- 04--Saturday RACE CLINIC 10:30 am Racers and other interested parties meet at the RYC shed.
- 04--Saturday **RACE** Ice Breaker Trophy Race
Skippers meet 12:00 pm, 1st Shape 1:00 pm
- 11--Saturday **RACE** Series race #1
Skippers meet 12:00 pm, 1st Shape 1:00 pm
- 11--Saturday **SOCIAL** Micro Brew Tasting--5:00 pm
- 18--Saturday **RACE** Jensen Trophy (around the lake)
Skippers meet 12:00 pm, 1st Shape 1:00 pm
- 18--Saturday **SOCIAL: Sailstice Celebration after the Jensen**

- 25--Saturday **SOCIAL: LADIES SAIL DAY**
Meet at the shed 1:00 pm
Raft-up in Hoxie Cove for dinner 5:00 pm
More information call Marylou Schnoes by June 19th. 541-890-6163

JULY

- 09--Saturday **RACE--Stamm Memorial Trophy (Portsmouth)**
NEW MEETING TIME
Skippers meet 12:30 pm, 1st Shape 1:30 pm
- 16--Saturday Young Sailors' Celebration 1:00 pm
- 23--Saturday **RACE--Series race #2**
Skippers meet 12:30 pm, 1st Shape 1:30 pm
- 23--Saturday **SOCIAL** Cheeseburger-in-Paradise pot luck
After the Series #2 race

Howard Prairie Regatta July 29-31, 2011

- 29--Friday--One Design place holder: Details TBA
- 30--Saturday Regatta registration 8:30 am
Skippers meet 10:30 am, 1st Shape 11:00 am
- 31--Sunday Final day RYC H. P. Regatta
Skippers meet 9:00 am, 1st Shape 10:00 am



C r u i s e r ' s C o r n e r

Attention, Lady Sailors: This Will be Fun!

By Marylou Schnoes

Rogue Yacht Club is having a Ladies Sail Day in which we'll get together for an afternoon outing followed by a potluck raft-up at Hoxie Cove on **Saturday, June 25th**. We'll meet at the Club House at 1:00 p.m., where we'll decide who will ride on whose boat, and then head out for an afternoon sail. At 5:00 p.m., we'll raft-up at Hoxie to eat. Please bring



your own beverage and a dish to share. For those lady sailors wanting to go home after dinner, a ride back to the dock will be available. Those who want to, can sleep-over on the water. (Bring a sleeping bag, if you stay overnight). Consider inviting a younger female, for a day of fun and seeing women at the helm. Coordinators for this event are Marylou Schnoes and Jane Anderson (certified ASA sailing instructor) If you are interested please call Marylou at 541-890-6163, by June 19th.

R a c e r ' s C o r n e r

Race Committee Barge Gets Repaired

by Mark Warwick, Rear Commodore

The first part of the barge repair, on Saturday, April 9th went well. After grinding out the checked areas, we decided it was warm enough to put the epoxy down (the bare wood soaked up the epoxy like a sponge). We sealed all the plywood sheet joints and ground out 95%



of any of the problem areas. Any remaining areas (which aren't visible) should be covered well by the rubber coating, and that goes down on April 23rd. The next step will be to epoxy putty the areas that



are deeper and need filling. John Wigen and I will do that sometime before the 23rd. We confirmed that the deck is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood, and the deepest area we ground was only about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, so we are in good shape. All in all, we all agreed that

this should put the barge in great shape for a number of years. Both Laura Hergenrader and John Wigen were of great help today.

Placard Experiment to Give Faster Keelboats More Race Miles

by Jay Harland, Vice Commodore

Greetings racers! I just want to give everyone a heads up on a new race course placard experiment for the upcoming season. The race course placards are the square signs that depict the course to be sailed and the number of laps to be sailed on the race committee barge. The placards are placed in the display standard that has two columns on the starboard side of the barge. Typically during non-regatta events, only the astern column is used. That will no longer be the case with the new placard and what it signals to the racers. When the new placard is designed, we will put an image of the new placard in an upcoming telltales issue. The placard is a signal only to keelboats with Portsmouth D-PN rating of 91.0 or lower. In our fleet, that is any keelboat that is as fast, or faster, than a Santana 20. The placard only applies to keelboats- not center-boarders or multi-hulls. The placard indicates that those keel boats are required to sail three laps for the course chosen by the race committee while all other boats are required to only sail two laps.

The purpose of the new placard is to allow faster keelboats in the club an opportunity to get more miles of racing in within a similar period of time while letting slower or smaller boats in the fleet get a brief rest between races. It is expected to ease pressure that some of the slower boats in the fleet may feel that they are "holding up the faster boats" or causing the courses to be shorter than the faster boats desire. Nothing else about the race will change. All the boats will start together and they will all be scored. The faster keelboats will have their times reduced by one-third for that race prior



to application of the handicap and then the scoring will be applied to all boats. It is expected that this change will have only a small difference on the total amount of time to run all three races, the slower boats tend to finish about twenty two minutes behind the Santana 20 on a "1-5" course [Course B]. This is adequate time for the Santana 20 to get past mark 1 and set the kite and be halfway to bottom mark 5 when the slowest boat is finishing its second and only lap. It will typically take another 20 or so minutes of racing until the Santana 20 or similar rated boat will cross the line and be ready for the next start sequence.

On days that start out with north-northwest winds and with a favorable wind forecast, I will coordinate with that day's race committee to determine if it may be appropriate to use the new placard. The placard is most appropriate for a Windward-Leeward "1-5" course [Course B]. It will not be recommended to use the placard on fluky wind days such as south winds or days when the north wind is not consistent in the 7-12kt range. It is also not recommended or needed if the particular fleet on a particular day has a relatively narrow handicap rating range. There will be additional reminders at the skipper's meeting on a day when the use of the new placard is being considered. This is an experiment that we will try and use a couple of race days this year. We will debrief at the end of the season to decide if the experiment was a success and whether it should be used again. Feel free to e-mail me or give me a call on our experiment and how it will work.

Community Outreach

Free Sailing Class of 2011 a Success by Peter Cipes, RYC Sailing Education Coordinator

This year's Free Sail Class was really fun and very successful. The classroom sessions were held on two consecutive Thursday evenings at Pioneer Hall in Ashland and were attended by 16 eager students and a handful of



club-member volunteers. We learned about sailboats and boat parts, sailing theory, basic safety and boating law, and we got some hands-on knot tying



practice. We also got to see presentations on cruising and racing, two very exciting and different sailing activities.

As usual the class culminated in an afternoon of small boat sailing at Emigrant Lake.



This year we added something very special to the on-the-water day, a BBQ and Potluck for sail class students and RYC Members. The weather was nearly perfect with sunny skies and light breezes from the north.



All the students who attended got to have a ride in at least two of the three different boats that were there, and then got to mingle with members and eat great food!



More than anything else, for many of us, this event signifies the true beginning of the sailing season. It is a reminder of how much fun we have in boats and an invitation and enticement for us to get our boats up to Howard Prairie. Soon!

I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped out with this event. RYC does great things because we have great members who step up to volunteer. I look forward to many more great events coming soon. See you at the lake!



RYC To Present Program at Healthy Kid Day, Ashland YMCA
by John Spillman

RYC will be a presenter at Ashland YMCA's , [Healthy Kids Day](#), on Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Takes place behind the YMCA around the soccer fields. A fun day with activities and information that promote health, wellness, nutrition and safety for children and families. It is a chance to connect with over 300 families in a few hours.

We will set up Jim and Nancy Smekel's Lido 14 for show and tell. **All club members are welcome to come out and share your enthusiasm for sailing and RYC.**

Contacts: John Spillman 541-324-9610 or Monty Zukowski 541-899-8182

C l u b B u s i n e s s

RYC Board Meeting: April 12, 2011

Minutes

Attending: Jay Harland, Roger Schnoes, Jim Smekal, John Spillman, Cindy Warwick, Mark Warwick, Monty Zukowski

Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:33.

Minutes: Monty read the minutes and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Roger gave the treasurer's report. He has been contacting people who haven't paid their dues, trying to get them paid up so they can be in the directory which is coming out soon. We paid the moorage and gas from last year and the moorage for this year. We also paid the insurance and free sail class costs. No income. Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice Commodore: Jay reported we have race chairs for each race for the upcoming season. Jay has built the database with the handicaps. Vice commodore's report approved.

Old Business

Booster Fund: RYC is still looking for ways to spend that money to promote youth sailing. Jay motioned to spend it on the ASA classes, free sail classes, and youth event planned for the summer. Motion was approved by the board.

Dock replacement project: Jay had more productive discussions with the county. Also, the county applied for money from the marine board to replace the launch floats. Engineers from Salem will be visiting Howard Prairie on 4/20/2011.



Barge repairs: The work party went well. They sealed all the joints with penetrating epoxy after sanding all the bad wood away. The next phase is to put epoxy filler in. Then the final work party will be to sand the filler, tape and apply the rubberized surface coating. The damage was not very deep. It looks like the repairs will be successful and should last quite a while. Mark also ordered gas shocks for the lid. Mark will also coordinate with Rick to get the oil changed for the chase boat.

Marketing: John has organized the presentation at the YMCA. The Y has printed up the flyer and distributed it. John and Monty will present after Cindy introduces us and the club. Jim put a notice on craigslist and has had a few responses of people interested in the free sail class. We will also have a booth at the Y's Healthy Kids day on May 7 and have a boat to display. Volunteers needed from 9-1 to man the booth.

HP Sailboat: Jay talked with Joel about HP getting a boat that could be chartered. He's willing to talk about it. For this year we are working out a deal to use a member's boat in exchange for moorage. Details are still under discussion.

April 30th Potluck: Jim is organizing it. We'd love to have members come out and bring a dish and let people know what the yacht club is about. The club is hosting the potluck, the students are invited but not expected to contribute a dish. Jim reserved picnic area B, the board approved paying the fee for the reservation. Jay will organize some food provided by the club.

Website: Derek has come up with the new styles for the website which look great. Now we need to assign people to write the content for the website. Monty will divvy up the tasks and send it out to the board to volunteer to get it done.

New Business

Google Group: Monty will send the minutes out on the group. The board will use the group for a while to make sure it works smoothly. If it works well we will consider using it for the *Tell Tales* so that people can sign up and unsubscribe themselves. Monty gave a brief overview of our new Google Apps account. At a future board meeting Monty will give a detailed overview of the Calendar and File Sharing abilities.

Regatta: Cindy says it's time to figure out what we're going to do for the second place trophies because we are running out of them. Discussion ensued. Monty will bring a sample of some mountain mahogany and madrone for the wooden plaques. Cindy is talking to a new screen printer to get a quote. We also discussed details about the dinner. We won't be able to sell beer due to our insurance.

Racing: Jay discussed whether we want to have the faster keel boats do longer courses for race 2 on consistent wind days, but there were some tradeoffs to discuss. The hope is to get the faster boats to finish around the same time as the slower boats because they are going longer. Jay will explain the approach in the upcoming telltales.

Next board meeting: May 10th at CSA Planning.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p. m.



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