



# T e l l T a l e s



## Commodore's Log by Derek Budd

### Commodore Budd Looking Forward

Well, it's the end of the 2011 sailing season, but like the seasons of the year, the end of one marks the beginning of a new one. For me, it comes with the added honor of being your Commodore for 2012. I'll be working closely with the board to continue the traditions of the Rogue Yacht Club and trying some new things to help make the club more fun and valuable to the members.

I have been on the board for a number of years and have very much enjoyed the experience. The thing I think I enjoy the most is working with the other members and getting together each month. It's not work, it's a date each month to hang out with some of my sailing friends. It's these friendships that are the most important part of being in the yacht club. For example, the last couple of years I've not had a vehicle to tow my boat up and down the mountain. Fellow RYC members have helped out each year. These friendships were strengthened by the time spent together at board meetings and other club events.

So, one of my goals as Commodore, is to provide opportunities for members to strengthen their friendships with other members. Many members join the club to get involved in the organized sailing activities. However, the most important thing members gain are the friendships that come from working together on fun things. I encourage everyone to get involved. Like most things in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. For me, it means I may never have to buy a truck.

**Don't forget that your 2012 dues are due, \$75 now, \$80 after the Salmon Bake member meeting.**

## RYC 2011 Calendar

### November

16--Wednesday RYC Board of Directors' Meeting 6:30 p. m.

### DECEMBER

10--Saturday **SOCIAL** RYC Holiday Party

**HOST: Jim & Nancy Smekal**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**BRING: A dish to share and your own drinks**

**RYC PROVIDES: Entrée meat**

**PLACE: 2946 Chancery Circle, Medford (near Cedar Links Golf Course between Crater Lake Ave. and Foothills Rd.)**



## Racer's Corner

### **One-Design Racing in RYC Future?**

by Jay Harland, Vice Commodore

*Take the Survey (link at end of article)*

Over the last few years there have been various discussions about the lack of one-design fleet racing. Productive discussions to settle on a one-design keelboat have been fleeting (excuse the pun). The reasons for this are not unsurprising - I am a U20 promoter, Spillman is partial to S20, Warwicks and Cipes like keelboats where you can drink and make food and sail all at the same time, Eggleston needs to have the biggest and fastest boat, and so on. The reality is that some Portsmouth mixed boat racing is not a bad thing at all. In part, it is fun, precisely because it is so imprecise that it cannot be taken too seriously. We have a great time every weekend and that is great.



The issue is, without any fleet draw, our regatta has been suffering and our relationships with the other regional clubs is not on a positive trend. Also, for those in the club that do take their keelboats to one-design events, it is pretty hard to call tactics in tight class racing when all your home-port racing is spread out all over the race course.

I have done some informal polling on this issue. I have posed the question about forming a Laser fleet and break-



ing the season up into a Portsmouth season and a one-design Laser season. I have already started doing some calendar shuffling in my head and I do not think it would be hard to maintain a viable Portsmouth racing calendar while providing for a good Laser one-design series. Laser racing is cheap when compared to keelboat campaigning. My informal polling, has already gotten commitments to a level where fleet formation is minimally achieved. With a little greater degree of interest, I think the concept will crystallize quickly and the club would be off to the races.

Use the link below to participate in the one-design survey no later than November 20th:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVZ37PX>

## Trophies Awarded at Commodore's Dinner

The winner of the first race of the year, the **Icebreaker**, an all Portsmouth handicap was **Jim Gurley** (*right*) on his Holder 20, "Eris."



The second trophy of the year was for the **Jensen Memorial Trophy** in honor of Bob Jensen a RYC member who passed away in 1987. This year's around the lake winner was **John Spillman** (*right*), on "Hog Wild," his Santana 20 seen here with crew member Dan Zigler.

The third trophy, presented to **Jay Harland** (*right*) and crew Elysia Harland and Dick Barbara, was the **Stamm Memorial Trophy** a Portsmouth handicap race in memory of RYC member Walter Stamm who passed away in 1969.



The **Commodore's Cup**, an award given to novice sailors in or out of RYC, was awarded this year to non-member **Dan Ziegler** (*top next column*). Dan is a regular crew on "Hog Wild."



The RYC **Summer Series Races** were held throughout the 2011 sailing season. This year had more competitors than we have seen in many years and the races were hotly contested throughout the four race days woven among the trophy races. The series, scored with PHRF handicapping, was won this year by Team "Madison," (*right*) **Jay and Elysia Harland** on their U-20.



The **Johnston Trophy**, named in honor of Robert and Rose Johnston, the original owners of Howard Prairie Resort. This trophy is awarded to determine the annual lake champion among winners of other races; it is competed on one design boats, this year on Catalina 25s. This year eight members qualified three competed and the trophy was awarded to **Jim Gurley** (*right*).

## Cruiser's Corner

### Commodore Awards Special Trophies at Banquet

The **U. S. Sailing Sportsmanship Trophy** had two winners this year. It was awarded to **Jane Anderson**, one of our ASA sailing instructors, for her hours of dedication to teaching others the art of sailing and to **Monty Zukowski** working to establish an RYC youth and family sailing program.



The **Cruiser of the Year Trophy**

acknowledges that sailor or sailors who epitomize the "cruiser way of life." Always friendly and very social, willing to

share food or drink at the drop of a hat, and especially enjoys traveling from boat to boat spreading the joy! This year's winners, **Heidi Radabaugh** and **Laura Hergenrader**, sail "Sacred Space" a Dana 24. They are fun to be with, and they are dedicated RYC members.



Traditionally, we give out **Golden Mermaids** to those who have ended up in the drink, falling out of a dinghy, dock or sailboat. This year's winner lost a mast during a race and the process of trying to make repairs caused this year's Golden Mermaid winner, **Jim Smekal**, to end up in the lake.



## A r o u n d t h e D o c k s

### L a u n c h D o c k s R e n o v a t e d

Thanks to RYC Vice Commodore Jay Harland's leadership, representing the interests of our club, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) placed public use docks at Howard Prairie resort on their to do list for improvement. If you were around the marina area at the end of September and the first couple of weeks in October you would have seen Jackson County Park Rangers refurbishing the docks on the launch ramp. Using money given to the county by the OSMB the park rangers replaced the pressure treated tread boards and mooring rails with an all weather composite tread and steel mooring rails. They also added improved rub rails on the sides of the docks. When asked whether the day dock would be slated for similar improvement one park ranger replied that he did not think that the county had received any money for that project as yet and did not know when work on those docks might occur.



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### R Y C S h e d R e p a i r e d

A work party, scheduled for October 22, to reset the blocks underneath the shed was assembled by Vice Commodore Jay Harland. The front end of the shed has settled over time causing some concern for the stability and welfare of the RYC "club house" shed. Four members volunteered to work with Harland to jack up the building to level and stabilize it before winter. Thanks to Roger Schnoes, Mark Warwick, Brian Balfour, and Jim Smekal for their good work to benefit our facility.



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

### R Y C B o a r d M e e t i n g : O c t o b e r 1 2 , 2 0 1 1

#### Minutes

**Attending:** Cindy Warwick, Commodore; Jay Harland, Vice Commodore; Roger Schnoes, Treasurer; Monty Zukowski, Secretary; Jim Smekal, 1st Trustee; Mark Warwick, Rear Commodore; Derek Budd, Commodore elect; Brian Balfour, 2nd Trustee elect.

**Cindy called the meeting to order** at 6:30 p. m..

**Secretary:** Monty read the minutes and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussed membership details. No significant expenditures. Board approved the report. We discussed the ASA classes expenditures. We discussed the bill from Howard Prairie. A year end financial review needs to happen in the next month or two, so Roger will arrange that.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Jay got the video for the dinner together. We discussed the state of the racing equipment and replacing the tires for the barge trailer and keeping one of the old ones as a spare. It will be easiest to do next summer when the barge is off the trailer. Jay also suggested getting together a Laser class for racing. Details will be forthcoming.

#### Old Business

**Commodore's Dinner:** Cindy reported that 30 people have signed up for the dinner so far.

**Membership Initiation Fee:** Roger said the club's standing rules need to be updated with the fee change and other minor clarifications.

**Regatta Task Force:** Cindy would like to get a group together to figure out the rebranding effort and high level logistics. We are looking for volunteers. Cindy will get the survey out soon to move this process forward.

**Christmas Party:** The Smekals will host the Christmas party this year.

#### New Business

**New Board Member Orientation:** We welcomed 2nd Trustee Brian Balfour and Commodore Derek Budd to the board.

**Preliminary 2012 Budget Discussion:** Roger is preparing next year's budget and wants to discuss any changes at the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** 6:30 p. m. November 16<sup>th</sup> at CSA Planning. There will be no December board meeting.

**RYC Shed Repair:** We need to have a work party to reset the blocks underneath the shed. The front end of the shed has settled. Weather permitting we will do this on a coming weekend before the resort is closed.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30.

**For last month's actual Silly Sails definition: What are drifters and screachers?** <http://www.gmsails.com/screacher.php>



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