



T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Cindy Warwick

Where Has The Time Gone?

I can't believe it's September already and the season is winding down. Even though we're close to the end of sailing season, much is still to be done to finish off this year and get geared up for the next.

With the planning for next year comes the installation of new Board members. Have you considered being on the Board? I would like to encourage everyone (especially new members) to really give some thought to joining the Board. It is not a huge time commitment and the value you would bring is beyond measure. The club depends on its members to take ownership and guide it through to the next level. This is the perfect opportunity to step forward and be part of something that will ensure growth and a true legacy for years to come. It took vision and dedication by those original members over 50 years ago and it's up to us to carry that onward for those that follow.

This month marks a few events that I wanted to make note of:

September 24th--3:00 p. m.--End of season potluck hosted at the home of Rick and Marsha Hartwein. Their home is located up on the Greensprings, so it's a short hop from the lake. Keep your eyes peeled for additional details to come shortly. You don't want to miss this!

September 28th--**ANNUAL MEETING**--No-host dinner at 6:00 p. m., meeting at 7:00 p. m. We will have our second general meeting to be held at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix. This meeting takes on special significance as we (the board) will be bringing forth some re-branding ideas for the regatta and the formal vote for the 2012 Board. So we need you there!

RYC 2011 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

11--Sunday RACE--Johnston Trophy (Lake Champion)
Skippers meet 12:30 p.m., 1st Shape 1:30 p.m.

24--Saturday WORK PARTY
Removal of race marks and barge
Crew meet at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Vice Commodore, Jay Harland, to Volunteer.

24--Saturday SOCIAL Final Pot Luck of the year 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Rick & Marsha Hartwein's home
BRING: your own drink, grilling item, and a dish to share.

28--Wednesday: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS.
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Angelo's Pizza, Phoenix, OR

OCTOBER

22--Saturday SOCIAL
Commodore' Dinner & Awards
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Rogue Regency Hotel, Medford
R.S.V.P. Invitation to Cindy Warwick.

DECEMBER

10--Saturday SOCIAL Holiday Party 6:00 PM
TIME & PLACE TBA

Final Get Together at Hartwein's

Once again Rick and Marsha Hartwein will be opening their home for the annual RYC end of the season pot luck. Come to their home at 3:00 p. m. on Saturday, September 24th after the barge and marks are put away for the winter. All RYC members and guests are welcome to come to celebrate the end of another great sailing season. Bring something to grill, something to share and your own drinks. Let's all get together and celebrate on last time. **DIRECTIONS:** From HP Resort left on Howard-Hyatt Rd. stay right to almost Hwy 66, then turn left in 2nd to last driveway on left. From Ashland take Hwy 66 (Greensprings.) turn left on Hyatt Prairie then take the second driveway on the right coming from Green Springs Inn on Hyatt Lake access road. It's about 1000 ft. from 66 on the right.

R a c e r ' s C o r n e r Summer Series Races Hotly Contested

Series #3 was held on August 13th. Eight boats continued the battle for the coveted Series Trophy. Below skip-



pers and crews pose for photo after 1st skippers' meeting.

This day the wind was blowing from the NNW throughout the three races (7-9) between 6 kn. to 10 kn.. Most of the boats got off to a good start, in series race #7,



with Team Madison (Jay and Elysia Harland) crossing the finish line first with an actual elapsed time of 12':31". They

were followed closely by Jim Eggleston's *Escudero* crossing the line at 12':35" and Jim Gurley in *Eris* at 12':52". However, after correcting time for handicap race #7 shook out in the following order: 1) Laser #153020, Mark Warwick; 2) Holder 20 (*Eris*), Jim Gurley; 3) Ultimate 20 (*Madison*), Jay and Elysia Harland; 4) Santana 20 (*Hog Wild*), John Spillman; 5) Tanzer 22 (*Whimsey*), Doug Henry; 6) San Juan 21 (*Foxy Juan*), Lee Fox; 7) Laser M #075595, Derek Budd; 8) Lido 14, (*Orange*), Nancy Smekal; and 9) Columbia 30 (*Escudero*) Jim Eggleston.



Series race #8 (second race of the day) had winds averaging 9 kn. and was twice the distance of race #7. Actual finishes were hotly contested between *Escudero* and *Madison* with only 24 seconds between the two. They were followed by *Hog Wild* by with an elapsed time of 34 minutes. Post handicap positions were listed: 1) Laser M #075595,

Derek Budd, 2) Laser #153020, Mark Warwick (trailing Budd by 14 seconds); 3) Santana 20 (*Hog Wild*), John Spillman; 4) Ultimate 20 (*Madison*), Jay and Elysia Harland; 5) Tanzer 22 (*Whimsey*) Doug Henry; 6) Juan 21 (*Foxy Juan*), Lee Fox; 7) Holder 20 (*Eris*), Jim Gurley; 8) Lido



14, (*Orange*), Nancy Smekal; 9) Columbia 30 (*Escudero*) Jim Eggleston.

Series race #9 With an average wind speed of 10 kn.. was also a hotly contested race with only 2 minutes between the first boat across the line (*Escudero*) and the last boat (*Whimsey*). Final positions are listed: 1) Juan 21 (*Foxy Juan*), Lee Fox; 2) Laser #153020, Mark Warwick; 3) Laser M #075595, Derek Budd, 4) Tanzer 22 (*Whimsey*) Doug Henry; 5) Ultimate 20 (*Madison*), Jay and Elysia Harland (tie); 5) Santana 20 (*Hog Wild*), John Spillman (tie); 7) Holder 20 (*Eris*), Jim Gurley; 8) Columbia 30 (*Escudero*) Jim Eggleston.

With the scoring rules taking into account absences it is still anyone's contest. Good luck to all in Series #4.

Silly Sails Question: What is a "spanker?" (See answer on page 4)

"Johnston" Race of Champions, Coming Soon!

by Gary Spafford

The "Johnston" RYC championship race will be contested, this year on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The "Johnston" is considered our "Race of Champions". Winners of RYC



racers will race off in one-design boats for the club championship. This year, as last, the race will be held in Catalina 25's.

Those qualifying for the race will be notified soon; boats and owners are ready to help facilitate this race. There will be three races held with skippers (club winners) switching boats between races. Last year's race was very close with only seconds separating winners from others. Lee Fox was the winner, out of 8 racers, in 2010.

Skippers meeting will be at 12:30. Because of some controversy in last year's race; racers will discuss the role of owners/guardians of the boats and whether they should serve as active crew. Sailing instructions, the day of the race, will be clear on this point.

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

R Y C D o g D a y s 2 0 1 1

by Pam Chapple

The third annual Dog Days of Summer event was held Saturday, August 20th. This year we had perfect weather with calm winds and hot temps. Yes, that's right, calm winds. Because this is a rowing event! The day started with the infamous Blindfolded Dinghy Race. We gathered at the beach area south of the jetty. We had a great turnout! The oarsmen donned their

blindfolds on the first horn. On the second horn they were off! Each boat has a blindfolded oars person and a navigator who directs them by various means around a mark set out from the beach (but not in the weeds!) and then back to the beach. As you can imagine chaos ensued – boats going in every direction,



collisions, flying oars – good times. Two heats were run, and then a row-off between the winners to determine the champions. The first heat was won handily by John and Shirley Wigen in their slick hand-made vessel. The second heat was won by none other than the reigning champions Gary



and Christine Spafford, who borrowed the Wigen's racing machine. Then there was the nail-biting final row-off between the Spaffords and Wigen's. It was close, but the Spaffords did it again. They took home the prized oar trophy once again. After the race

everyone convened in the group picnic area for hotdog roast and awards ceremony. Thanks to all for making this such a fun day! (*Dog Days of Summer photos by Dave Chapple*)



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

W E E D S - W E E D S - W E E D S

Once again, this year, lake weeds are a problem at Howard Prairie. Although the lake is still over 85% full, weeds as of the end of August are gathering at the surface and in anchorages. One particular area of concern is the dock area. Weeds have choked slips forcing owners and dock personnel to make attempts to clear the



noxious green stuff from the area so keel boats can enter and egress their slips. A few of the docks at the far East end of the dock have been cleared but those and the West end are still choked and need to be cleared.

Since the weeds have become so invasive during the last two years, it may become necessary for the club and the resort to put our heads together to come up with a permanent solution to the problem which could include continual harvesting during the season or researching an environmentally friendly herbicide alternative.

B o a t s F o r S a l e

1973 San Juan 21, Mark 1 Sail # 645--\$2,700.00

***Windfall* is FOR SALE!**

Father Time says, "give it up now." **Details:** white and blue, with trailer, outboard, and lots of extras included. Can be seen in slip 158, Howard Prairie Marina. Ready to sail. Call: Dana or Pat Collins (541) 773-7943

1981 Catalina 22, with trailer, Sail #10535--**\$3,500.00**--5hp outboard. Waters racing main sail plus older main for cruising. Roller furler with 150 genoa and 100 jib. Depth meter with speed and water temp. sensor.

New compass. Adjustable backstay. Contact: Michael Gains at mgaines4339@gmail.com [See August issue *Tell Tales* for photo].

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

RYC Board Meeting: August 24, 2011

Minutes

Attending: Jay Harland, Roger Schnoes, Jim Smekal, Cindy Warwick, and Monty Zukowski

Call to Order: Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:40.

Secretary's Report: Monty read the minutes and they were approved.

Treasurer's report: Roger reported on the regatta income and expenses. Doing the meals this way worked very well. We made good money on T-Shirt and hat sales as well. Board approved the treasurer's report.

Vice Commodore's report: Racing has been good, participation has been high. The weeds are really high and annoying this year, we need a hard freeze this winter to kill them off.

Business

Regatta: We talked about changing the regatta to encourage more participation. The price is already low compared to other regattas. Having a class race as part of the regatta would give more interesting competition to the participants. Moving the dinner to later would give the sailors more time in the good afternoon wind, maybe doing four races on Saturday. We're planning to get specific feedback from our participants to see how a couple of different schedule options would work for them. We also discussed how to increase publicity for the event. We also discussed ideas to encourage our members to participate in other club's regattas.

Standing Rule Change: We approved a motion to change the standing rules: Starting in 2012 we will remove the \$10 initiation fee.

Annual meeting will be Sept 28th at Angelo's pizza, eat at 6:00 p. m., meeting at 7:00 p. m.

Commodore's Dinner: We discussed details of the Commodore's dinner October 22nd.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday October 11th at CSA planning.

Member Request: Lehel Garamé asked the board to consider allowing him to give classes on rigging and mast raising/lowering.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Silly Sails Answer: "Spanker"--Designates the crew member who doles out punishment to others who do not perform to their optimum capacity. And, last month's term, truly defined: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baggywrinkle>

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