



# T e l l T a l e s



## Commodore's Log by Derek Budd

### Make vs. Buy

Many businesses face the decision of buying or making a piece of their product. I see this frequently in the software business where we create a system of many components and sometimes we have to create a piece when we can't buy something suitable. In sailing we often face similar choices, particularly if you own an older boat – both of my boats are more than 30 years old. This decision is also affected by two other factors, how handy you are and how frugal you are. I, must confess, inherited both of these traits from my father. I also enjoy the process of finding a creative answer when my boat needs a little "improvement." I'll think about it for some time and wander around the hardware store looking for something that might fit the bill. Doing it yourself on the cheap is often quite satisfying. I know I can't build most of the real gear that the boat sails with, but I can take care of some of the small enhancements. I'm sure many of you have interesting stories of things you've built or fixed in a creative way.

When I bought my Laser, it was all original equipment including the short tiller extension. Now finding a tiller extension for a Laser is not difficult. But for me, a tiller extension didn't need to be carbon fiber or cost \$200. I went on line to get some ideas, then went down to Goodwill to buy what I needed. I ended up with a graphite golf shaft with a nice leather grip that was the perfect length for \$1 plus the cost of the flex-joint where it connects to the tiller. There was still the problem of attaching the two pieces together, but that was easily solved by a trip to Ace Hardware.

My Catalina 22 had all the original cushion covers. They were a lovely yellow

plaid pattern and were actually turning to dust. The Catalina 22 is one of the most common keelboats ever made so you can actually buy a set of covers for a 30 year old boat, but I didn't do that. I went to the fabric store and bought a bunch of blue acrylic material from the remnants section and borrowed a friend's sewing machine. After the sewing machine jammed and turned the stitching into a rats nest 20 times, I was starting to question my decision. But, in the end, they came out great, and I can take pride in that I did it myself.

Of course not all projects come out as envisioned. My boat came with a bilge pump with a long hose that stuck out the port side vent. After a couple of years, I decide to improve this by shortening the hose and routing it into the cockpit drains. This year I learned that if the cockpit drain hose gets clogged then the water will flow into the boat through the bilge pump. Oops.

No sailboat is perfect and there will always be little things that you will want to change to meet your needs. I have a running list of things I want to fix. Most are conveniences or fixes to things that were not part of the basic Catalina 22 design. But for me, these projects are a significant part of the "sailing" or "sailboat" experience. I enjoy the projects and thinking of ways to solve the problems with things I can buy locally or build myself. I would love to see some of the cool projects other club members have done.

## RYC 2012 Calendar JULY

**07 Saturday--RACE**  
**Portsmouth Series #2**  
Skippers' Meet 12:00 p.m./First Shape 1:00 p.m.

**14 Saturday--SOCIAL**  
**Young Sailors' Day**  
**TIME: 1:00 p.m. PLACE: RYC Shed**  
An event to encourage involvement of children, and to promote enjoyment of sailing among current and future junior

sailors. Event open to members friends and family.

**21 Saturday--RACE**  
**Stamm Trophy & Portsmouth Series #3**  
Skippers' Meet 1:00 p.m./First Shape 2:00 p.m.

**21 Saturday--SOCIAL:**  
**Cheeseburger in Paradise Potluck**  
**TIME:** After race. **PLACE:** RYC Shed  
**BRING:** Something to BBQ, something to share, and your own drink.

**Annual Event** provides for camaraderie among members. Costumes, grass skirts, and other Jimmy Buffet style garb is encouraged. Bring it!

**27 Friday--Possible SJ 21 Class Racing**

**28 Saturday REGATTA**  
**RYC Southern Cascade Regatta**  
**Registration:** 9:00 a. m.

**Skipper's Meeting** 12:00 p. m.  
**HappyHour:** 6:00p.m.  
**Dinner:** 6:45p.m.-8:00p.m. Chili Feed!  
**NOTICE: Club members must pre-order, on the registration form, to get a Regatta T-Shirt and Meal Ticket.**

**29 Sunday REGATTA**  
**Southern Cascade Regatta, Day #2 Skipper's meeting and First Shape will be flexible start to accommodate for best winds.**

[\[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER\]](#)

**Planning To Camp At The Regatta?**  
For registration at Howard Prairie Lake go to the following link: [www.hplake.com](http://www.hplake.com)

## AUGUST

**4 Saturday--RACE**  
**Laser Series #1**  
Skippers' Meet 1:00 p.m./First Shape 2:00 p.m.

**11 Saturday--RACE**  
**Commodore's Cup & Laser Series #2**  
Skippers' Meet 1:00 p.m./First Shape 2:00 p.m.

**11 Saturday--SOCIAL:**  
**After Race Round-up (Potluck)**  
**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.. **PLACE:** RYC Shed  
**BRING:** Something to BBQ, something to share, own drink.

**25 Saturday--RACE**  
**Portsmouth Series #4**  
Skippers' Meet 1:00 p.m./First Shape 2:00 p.m.

**25 Saturday--SOCIAL**  
**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER (Potluck)**  
**TIME:** 5:00. **PLACE:** RYC Shed  
**BRING:** Your own dogs to BBQ, something to share, and your own drink.



## Cruiser's Corner

### **Just Dessert**

I am always thinking that there must be an easy way to serve friends a gourmet dessert aboard. Here is a recipe, by Anne Mott I found in the June 2012 issue of *Cruising World*, that looks easy. She says that it can be prepared at anchor or underway in about 15 minutes.

### **Bananas in Sweet Rum Sauce**

4 bananas (firm, but ripe)  
 4 teaspoons of butter  
 1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
 1/4 cup dark rum (substitute apple or pine apple juice)  
 1 teaspoon lemon juice  
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, grated  
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, ground  
 Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream (optional)

Peel bananas and halve length-wise. Melt butter in a large skillet over moderate heat until it bubbles slightly, then sauté bananas for 1 minute. Remove skillet from heat and add brown sugar and rum. Return skillet to heat and continue to sauté until sugar begins to melt, about 30 seconds. Add lemon juice, nutmeg, and cinnamon and cook over moderate heat, stirring and shaking skillet occasionally, until sauce is slightly thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Place bananas on serving plates, pour sauce over bananas, and serve with optional ice cream or whipped cream. Serves four.

## Racer's Corner

### **RYC Summer Series Day 1 Postponed**

The first of the summer series races was postponed from June 9 to the following weekend on June 16 because of weather. Temperatures were expected to be in the 50s with wind gusts over 25 mph; those conditions would make for uncomfortable and potentially dangerous conditions. First day results put *Hog Wild* and *Madison* in a dead heat for first place with a slight advantage to *Hog Wild* after the 1st round.



## Around the Docks

### **Ladies Day Sail Postponed**

Jane Anderson and Marylou Schnoes, organizers of the Ladies Day Sail, called for a postponement of the June event. The National Weather Service was forecasting a 90% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms; therefore, Ladies Sail Day will be postponed to a later date. They felt the participants would prefer a wonderfully warm, dry day where they could relish the beauty of Mt. McLoughlin and the eagles soaring, not be counting the seconds after lightning bolts. This event may be in August when the Lasers will be racing.

## Club Business

### **RYC Member Meeting June 6, 2012**

#### Minutes

**Attending:** Commodore, Derek Budd; Vice Commodore, Jay Harland; Second Trustee, Jeanne Klein; Treasurer, Roger Schnoes; First Trustee, John Spillman; Rear Commodore, Cindy Warwick and Secretary, Monty Zukowski.

**Derek called meeting to order** at 6:40 p.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Free sail class food paid for. Some regatta expenses paid. On the income side we had membership dues, sailing class registration fees and donations from the free sail class. Coming up are further regatta expenses and income. 50 memberships are active. The board approved the treasurer's report.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Light attendance at the Icebreaker Trophy Race, only four boats. Great conditions though. We have race chairs for all races now. Jay talked about a race scored for cruisers separately though both types of boats will race simultaneously. Roger suggested having a start clinic so people could get better at starting. Jay said that is a good idea for next year.

#### **Old Business**

**Regatta:** All the physical forms went out, as well as an email announcement.

We discussed the swag: beer cups, aluminum water bottles, and hats. Roger moved that we purchase the swag, but have the cups be given away with the food as part of the food expenses. We also discussed wood for the second place trophies. Jeanne has some burl wood that was given to her which would work. Dick Barbara will be invited to the July board meeting to finalize details for the regatta.

**Sailing Classes:** They are going well. We are promoting the kid's sail day by word of mouth.

#### **New Business**

**Equipment Maintenance:** We discussed getting new tires for the barge trailer and using an old one for a spare. Jay recommended getting wheel covers to protect it from sun. We already have money budgeted for that expense.

**Commodore's Dinner:** Derek asked for advice on setting up the Commodore's Dinner so he can call around and figure it out. We're thinking of October 20th as the date.

**America's Cup Trip:** Cindy might organize a caravan down to the Bay Area for the pre-America's Cup race in September.

**Insurance Information:** Roger brought up the insurance email about hurricane and store guidelines. We currently warn racers if there is 20% or greater chance of thunderstorms and let them know where the storm will be approaching from.

**Ladies' Day Sailing Event:** Jeanne will send out a reminder a week before the Ladies' Day event.

**Mail:** The P. O. Box got physically moved to a new location, and we now have two keys. Jeanne will take the other key as a backup.

**Next Meeting:** Monday July 9th at CSA planning.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:10 p.m.



**The Rogue Yacht Club (RYC) presents**  
**Southern Cascade Regatta** (formerly Howard Prairie Regatta)  
**July 28-29, 2012**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle) Center Bd. / Off Shore / Multihull Sails: M G J S  
 Fixed Keel \_\_\_\_\_ Swing Keel \_\_\_\_\_ Modifications \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:**

**Registration:** Before July 22nd \$45.00\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 After July 22nd \$60.00\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:** Homemade Chili - Meat \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Homemade Chili - Vegetarian \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Homemade Chili - Child \$ 6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (w/cornbread, salad, dessert & beverage)

**T-shirts:** White S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ White @ \$17.00  
 (tees are 100% pre-washed cotton) (XXL T's must be pre-ordered)

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to: **Rogue Yacht Club**

***\*Current US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount on registration. Please mail in a copy of your membership card with this form. If registering on-site, please make sure to bring your card with you.***

Note: T-shirts ( M, L, XL) will be on an availability supply only, unless pre-ordered.

**Mail to:** Cindy Warwick **Contact:** Cindy Warwick 541-855-9207 / warwickc@charter.net  
 215 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Gold Hill, OR 97525

**Read, sign and date:** I agree to sail according to the rules of the US Sailing Association and the written sailing instructions. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the Rogue Yacht Club, its members or officials involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the host organization from any liability for such injury or damage.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person responsible and present at the Regatta for the **underage participant:**

Print \_\_\_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_\_\_



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### San Juan 21, Reduced Price

**Ted and Marcia Fasy** (*former RYC members*), due to health reasons, want to sell their 1976 San Juan 21, **Ricochet**, sail #1720, for \$3,500. They have receipts for 6 sails originally worth almost \$4000. Ted did a lot of rigging on the boat, and it is in good shape. Ted felt that it was a competitive boat. Marcia says that Jane Anderson (*current RYC member*) knows the boat, since she crewed during races while Ted was a member. For information please contact Marcia Fasy at **541 226 2549** or **541 441 7627**.

### Sailing Gear For Sale Catalina 25 Gear

- \*Mainsail (serviceable)
- \*150 Genoa (serviceable) roller furlled.
- \*110 Jib (serviceable) hanked.
- \*Storm Jib (serviceable) hanked.
- \*Rebuilt brake winch for Swing Keel.

#### Other Goods

- \*Flasher Depth Sounder - works - no thru-hull needed.
- \*7.5 ft. Quicksilver Inflatable, wood floor.
- \*3.5 hp. Suzuki outboard.

Contact: [spaffsails@gmail.com](mailto:spaffsails@gmail.com)  
for photos & prices.

### Are You a Serious Racer?

**Do you need a digital compass?**

**Ray Sanchez-Pescadore** (*former RYC member and Viper racer*) would like to give away a Sailcomp Digital Compass to an avid RYC racer. For more information contact Rick Hartwein at **541-621-2717**.

This offer is intended for an RYC racer to use this compass on his/her boat for the purpose of racing. This offer is on a first come first served basis.



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