

T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log

by Derek Budd

It Takes a Regatta...

You've probably heard the phrase, "It Takes A Village." It usually is said in the context of raising children. The idea is that all the people of the community contribute to the outcome. Likewise, putting on the **Southern Cascade Regatta** takes a lot of people each contributing to the effort. It starts at the beginning of the year with planning. In the spring, there's marketing, shirt design, and organizing people to take on different tasks. Finally at the end of each July the whole RYC community comes together to put on a safe, fun and well organized event. In a small club like ours, that means a significant portion of the membership (and their partners) get involved in one way or another. Thanks to everyone who said yes when they were asked to help in some way. I believe that the *process* of putting on the regatta is almost as important to the club as the event itself because of the collaborative effort that is required. It builds camaraderie between people who may not have previously worked together or known each other very well. Kim Budd has declared several new BFFs!

I believe it's an honor to be asked to help someone move. Not because I like carrying boxes and furniture, but because of what it implies. It says, "I need help and I trust you." Together we can do something that has to be done and I can't do alone. The personal connections that are forged in the common effort are the strings that tie the club members together and build the relationships that are hard to develop by simply attending social events. Working together and contributing to a common cause is what's meaningful.

This year we made some important changes to the regatta to improve the event and help it grow in the future. The first, and most obvious, is the name change to **Southern Cascade Regatta**. This was done to help cast it as a regional event. Most attendees live in proximity to the Cascade Mountains. Other changes were made to attract outside fleets of one-design boats by offering Friday afternoon sailing, and adding more races. There were also other minor changes that are meant to provide a better experience to the racers. Once again we took on the food preparations to make it more economical to join us for a group dinner.

I know I can't mention everyone who contributed, but I want to say thanks to key players who made this year's event a success beginning with Cindy Warwick – "The brains of the operation." **The race committee:** Dick Barbara--Race Chairman, Kim Budd, Karen Cipes, Peter Cipes, Bill Horton, and Jeanne Barbara. **Food:** Jeanne Klein and Kristy Rogers. **Racer support:** Heidi Radabaugh, Laura Hergenrader, and Michael Guss. **Photography:** Mike Dickinson. **Set up crew:** Roger Schnoes, Mark Warwick, Rick Hartwein, Jay Harland. **Chase boat drivers and crew:** Roger Schnoes, Rick Hartwein, Mark Miller, Roland Swenson, and, Kent Heider, and Doug Henry.

RYC 2012 Calendar

AUGUST

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

4 Saturday--SOCIAL: Ladies Sail Day
TIME: 1:00 p. m. **PLACE:** RYC Shed
RAFT-UP: 5:00 p. m. for potluck Hoxie Creek

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: After race. **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: 3:00 p. m. **PLACE:** Group Picnic Area
 This year's "Dog Days of Summer" social event is planned for Saturday August 25 in the group picnic area at Howard Prairie. Events will kick off around 3:00 p. m. with our annual "Blind Dinghy Race." The perennial champion will be sitting this one out, so a new name will be etched on the coveted "canoe paddle" trophy. Skippers will row dinghies around a buoy blind-folded; their crew (spouses) will guide the respective captains. We will have multiple starts if necessary.



Reintroduced this year will be the Radio Controlled Sailboat Regatta. All members are eligible for this regatta trophy by racing one of five radio controlled Fairwind sailboats off the jetty. Owners; Rick Hartwein, Mark Warwick, Gary Spafford, Michael Guss, and Peter Cipes, will have their RC boats ready for the competition.



The "Dog Day" dinner will begin around 6:00 p. m. Sausage dogs, buns and condiments will be provided: John Wigen will also bring samples of his infamous "Hoxie Creek Mosquito Repellant" and "Buck Island Amber Ale." Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share. If you have special "Dogs" you prefer, be sure to bring them along. This year a special ceremony will be performed by club members to help assure a weed-less and full lake next year: Bring your ugliest hat along to help scare away the weed gods.

REMEMBER: Bring: YOB, a side dish, preferred "dog", scary hat, and dinghy & crew for the race.



SEPTEMBER

15 Saturday--RACE: Laser Series #3 & Johnston Trophy
 Skippers' Meet, 1:00 p. m./First Shape 2:00 p. m.

15 Saturday--SOCIAL: Wine Tasting Event
TIME: 5:00 P. M. **PLACE:** RYC Shed
 Join us for the post Laser Class Wine Tasting Event.
 Bring your favorite bottle of wine to share with others!

22 Saturday--WORK DAY: Take out Barge & Marks
TIME: 12:00 p. m.

22 Saturday--SOCIAL: End of Season Potluck
TIME: 3:00 p. m. **PLACE:** RYC Shed
BRING: Something to BBQ, something to share, own drink.

27 Thursday--ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TIME: 6:00 p. m. **PLACE:** TBA
 The annual general meeting of the membership combined with a no-host dinner.

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

Four Boats Compete in Jensen

On Saturday, June 23 the Jensen Trophy Race our "Around the Islands" race had few competitors this year. The Jensen is run as a PHRF Handicap pursuit race. This year's trophy was won by Jim Gurley with his Holder 20, "Eris." Second place was Derek Budd sailing a Laser Radial, third place was taken by Roland Swenson in an Aquarius 21, and Peter Cipes brought up the rear in "Joy Ride²" his Precision 28. At the start there was 13 minutes 35 seconds between Swenson's first boat across the line and Gurley's last to start, but Jim managed to cross the finish line ahead of the other three sailors. With only four boats in the mix, several of the racers felt that it would have been a lot more fun if more club members had participated as have in the past. They did, however have a very good time on the water in spite of the low turn out.

S t a m m T r o p h y

July 21 the Stamm Memorial Trophy a Portsmouth handicap race was held under favorable wind conditions ranging between 9-12 knots. This was the third trophy race of the season and was also scored as Portsmouth Summer Series Race #3. The Race Chair was Peter Cipes most of the race committee were the same as the regatta crew for the following weekend. The Stamm had seven entrants with Jay and Elysia Harland, on their Ultimate 20, *Madison*, taking the trophy with 2 wins and a tie (corrected time) in the third race



with Jesse Repp's Coronado 15. Over all finishes were second place Derek Budd (Laser), third place Mark Warwick (Laser), fourth place Jessie Repp (Coronado 15), fifth place Patrick McLain (Catalina 25), sixth place Jim Botsford (San Juan 24) and seventh place David Franklin (MacGregor 26). This race was hotly contested with only minutes between most boat and often just seconds between the open centerboards.



As for the **Portsmouth Summer Series #3**, these three races (7,8, and 9) were added to the over all score. At the end of nine races (without counting any of the allowed throw-outs) Harland's boat *Madison* is leading the pack of 10 boats in the series with 21.5 points followed by Jim Gurley's Holder 20 with 49 points, and tied in third, with 50 points, are Derek Budd's Laser and John Kling's MacGregor 26 *Optimistic*. **PHOTOS**



F i r s t A n n u a l

On July 28-29 Rogue Yacht Club held its annual regatta. This regionally popular two day competition, formerly known as the Howard Prairie Regatta, has been rebranded **Southern Cascades Regatta at Howard Prairie Lake** to better reflect our regional connections. This year the regatta was attended by 26 competitors and their crews; the largest fleet was the **Laser Class** with nine boats in hotly contested class competition. Another group that formed on the day of competition was the **Snipe Class** consisting of four boats skippered and crewed by some very competitive racers from California and Washington. Other classes in competition were **Open Centerboard, Multi-Hull, and PHRF**. The wind blew steadily from the north on both days of racing with wind speeds ranging between 8 to 12 knots. After an unforeseen delay on the first start of the day Saturday's three races provided a lot of excitement for participants and observers alike. As the wind built throughout the day the club chase boats were kept busy checking the many competitors that capsized.



During the day many of the Laser sailors, both Sunfish sailors and a multi-hull sailor found themselves in the drink more than a couple of times, each. Sunday's three races began at 11:30 a. m. because the north wind built early. By the end of the two days of racing the racers were happy and tired.



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

Young Sailors Celebration

On July 14 the second annual Young Sailors Celebration took place and was very well attended. This annual event is planned to encourage involvement and inclusion of children and to promote the enjoyment of sailing among current and future junior sailors. Several club members donated their boat and time to provide a day of fun on the water and a picnic after at the RYC clubhouse. Thanks to organizers Monty Zukowski and John Spillman.

Cheeseburger in Paradise

On July 21 following this year's Stamm Memorial Trophy race RYC held its annual Cheeseburger in Paradise potluck dinner. The club provided the venue and cheeseburgers with all the trimmings and attending members brought side dishes. Costumes, grass skirts, and other Jimmy Buf-



fet style garb was encouraged and some members got into the spirit of the event. Heidi Radabaugh and Lara Hergenrader organized this event and did most of the cooking of cheeseburgers and a huge mess of sautéed mushrooms and onions.



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

RYC Member Meeting: July 9, 2012

Minutes

Attending: Commodore Derek Budd, Vice Commodore Jay Harland, 2nd Trustee Jeanne Klein, Treasurer Roger Schnoes, 1st Trustee John Spillman, Rear Commodore Cindy Warwick, and Secretary Monty Zukowski

Derek called the meeting to order at 6:37.

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

Treasurer's Report: Last month's report was amended. We now have 52 members. We had 6 people pay for ASA classes. Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice Commodore's Report: The year is going smoothly. Jay got an extra key for the barge lock box.

Old Business

Regatta: Looks like we'll have a San Juan class sailing Friday night. Current registrations are on pace with last year with extra efforts to grow those numbers for this year. John Wigen will be providing the beer and some wine. Roger Schnoes will go up Friday early to fill up the schwimmflugels to prepare for Friday races. We really need volunteers to sign up for helping serving dinner. John Spillman and Jay Harland will coordinate making the chili for dinner. Cindy Warwick ordered the bottles and the cups, but we were too late to get the hats. She's also getting the trophies and plaques made. We'll reach out to the "regulars" who often come to the regatta and encourage them to come. We're also updating the racing rules and protest form. The shirts are also being made.

Barge trailer tires: The tires look fine, but Roger will take them in to the tire store to have them looked at and probably end up just getting a spare.

Kids' sail day: We need people and boats. It'll be bigger boats this year, so cruisers are welcome to help out! We're expecting we'll need three more boats to accommodate everyone.

New Business

Commodore's Dinner: Derek is working on getting a venue for the Commodore's Dinner. We discussed many alternatives that Derek is considering.

Ladies' Sail Day: is moved to the first Saturday in August.

Event Calendar: Jeanne will post calendar on the bulletin boards.

Order of Reporting: Roger suggested having the social director (2nd Trustee) give a report after the Vice Commodore's report as a standing feature of the board meetings.

Next meeting: 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, August 29 at CSA Planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09.



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