



# T e l l T a l e s



## Commodore's Log

by Derek Budd

### Virtual Sailing

Virtual Sailing. Doesn't sound as fun as actually sailing, and it isn't. But at this time of year, if you're stuck in the Rogue Valley, poking around YouTube.com can help fill the void and shed some light on what other sailors are doing. I suggest getting your chores out of the way first as it can be quite a time sink.

There are lots of videos of the America's Cup races. These are great! Big boats being raced to (and beyond) their limits. These races are awesome! Super fast boats, sailors with helmets, crashes, and the highest in sailboat technology make for some intense sailing and interesting viewing. Search for "AC45" to get started. Of course there are a number of epic races like the Volvo ocean series, Fastnet and Vendee solo around the world that offer a glimpse into the most intense and dangerous sailing.

Another good search phrase is "extreme sailing". Here you'll find some frightening offshore storms, heavy wind days on the lake and intense racing in rough water. I'm frequently stunned at conditions and the stress the boats and their crews are put under, and some these guys do it day in and day out! It makes me happy to be safe on the couch.

Lasers are the largest one-design class in the world, and not surprisingly there are thousands of videos from around the world. Even if you're not a Laser sailor, you'll be impressed by what some of these guys can do. There are racing clips, instructional pieces, and various antidotes and crashes. However, there are also a lot dumb ones that aren't worth watching – but you do anyway. I guess that's what this is all about, wasting some time and seeing what the rest of the sailing world is doing. Whatever your sailing interest there's something out there for you. I like the "kite cam" videos – where a little video cam is flown on a kite behind a sailboat offering a bird's eye view of the boat under way.

I received a little waterproof video camera for Christmas and I'm looking forward to taking some dumb videos of me and my friends sailing and sharing it with the rest of the world - to fill their time on long winter nights.

## RYC 2012 Calendar

### FEBRUARY

**25--Saturday: SOCIAL** Annual Salmon Bake & membership meeting

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Girl Scout building  
2001 N. Keene Way Drive

**Across the street from North Medford High School.**

**Please RSVP Derek Budd**

**RYC PROVIDES:** Salmon, beef, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

**YOU BRING:** Hot side dish, salad, or dessert to share, your own place setting, anything to drink not provided above.

**ALSO BRING: \$5.00 each** to help cover the cost of the entrée also bring money for raffle tickets.

**Your calendar** to sign up for racing and social event committees.

**Your Club Dues: \$75.00**

### **2012 Membership Dues are Due**

*A Message from Treasurer Roger Schnoes*

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2012, now would be an excellent time. Club treasurer, Roger Schnoes, says that only 15 people have paid their dues for the year so far. **Dues are \$80.00 for an annual membership, but current members receive a discounted rate of \$75.00 if dues are paid by the end of February.** As an additional incentive, those members who have paid their dues will be eligible to win a year's moorage at Howard Prairie in a raffle at the salmon bake.

**Send your membership check to:**

**Rogue Yacht Club  
P. O. Box 723,  
Medford, 97501**

**Roger will, also be accepting payment at the RYC Salmon Bake on February 25.** It really helps when people pay their dues promptly; it makes bookkeeping easier and it allows the board of directors know what kind of budget they have to work with for the rest of the year.



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

### RYC Board Makes Change in Race Schedule

The RYC board has made some changes in approach to the racing season this year. The first change is a **Laser Class Series** of three race days in addition to the traditional **Portsmouth Summer Series** which will be contested over four race days. To accommodate the **Laser Class Series**, while minimizing race committee duties, the race calendar has been optimized by adding the **Laser Class** in one instance and combining two of RYC's perpetual trophy races with other races. These combined race days should not conflict with each other and may even enhance the racing experience. There are three race dates that have been combined: 1) July 21, the **Stamm Memorial Trophy Race** will also be scored and count in the **Portsmouth Summer Series (Day 3)**; August 11, RYC will host the novice only **Commodore's Cup All Comers Race**, scored using Portsmouth, and the one design **Laser Class** will race as a second fleet (the first day of the **Laser Series** will be on August 4 as a stand alone race day); the last of the three combined race days will be on September 15 with Day 3 of the **Laser Class Series** and, for the lake championship, the **Johnston Trophy**.

Another change will be the start times for the skipper's meeting and first shape. All races through the **Jenson Trophy** a Portsmouth pursuit race around the islands, on June 23, will have a skippers' meeting beginning at 12 noon with the first shape being dropped around 1:00 p. m. After that date, beginning with the combined **Stamm Memorial Trophy** and **Portsmouth Summer Series, Day 3** the Skippers' meetings will begin at 1:00 p. m. with the first shape dropped about 2:00 p. m. for the remainder of the racing season.

### 2 0 1 2 R a c e C a l e n d a r

DATE	RACE	SKIPPER'S	1st SHAPE
June 2	Icebreaker Trophy	12:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.
June 9	Portsmouth Series #1	12:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.
June 30 or July 7	Portsmouth #2	12:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.
June 23	Jensen Trophy	12:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.
July 21	Stamm Trophy & Portsmouth Series #3	1:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Aug. 4	Laser Series #1	1:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Aug. 11	Commodore's Cup & Laser Series #2	1:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Aug. 25	Portsmouth Series #4	1:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Sept. 15	Laser Series #3 & Johnston Trophy	1:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.

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

### Free, Introduction to Sailing Classes

Rogue Yacht Club presents, free to the public, **Introduction to Sailing Seminar** beginning 6:30 p. m. on Thursdays, April 19 & 26, 2012. The seminar will be a three part course that includes **two classroom sessions** and **one on-the-water session** held at Emigrant Lake at 1:30 p. m. on



Saturday, April 28, 2012 The classroom sessions are the prerequisite for the on the water session. The dry land sessions will be located at Plexis Healthcare Systems in Ashland at the intersection of "A" St. and Pioneer. No registration is required but for more information contact Peter Cipes at 541-488-1096 or [peterc@mind.net](mailto:peterc@mind.net)

After the on the water session (about 3:00 p. m.)

instructors, class members, and RYC members are invited to meet, greet, swap stories, and offer boats for sale at a pot luck picnic near the boat launch ramp. Last year's class pot luck was well attended and lots of fun was had by all who came.



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

### C a p t a i n s a n d C a n d l e s

*Submitted by Commodore Derek Budd*

Have you ever wondered why we get our nautical supplies at a **chandlery**? A maker and seller of candles was known as a chandler, and the place where candles were made and sold was a chandlery. How do we get from candles to nautical supplies? Well, until whale oil became readily available in the early 18th century, candles provided the only illu-



mination at night. Every boat consumed large amounts of candles on a voyage. To replace those consumed, the captain would have to visit the local chandlery while in port.

Captains would want to spend the briefest of time ashore, since they were needed at the boat to supervise porting of cargo. A wise chandler would often stock other nautical goods, such as rope, leather, and tar. Using chandlers that carried nautical supplies, in addition to candles, saved the captain a lot of time and trouble. Consequently, captains would prefer a chandler that carried additional supplies. Over time, captains came to look solely to chandlers as the source for their nautical supplies.

Source: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/bluedawn/?c=484>

## C l u b   B u s i n e s s

### **RYC Board Meeting: January 11, 2012**

#### Minutes

Attending: Derek Budd, Jay Harland, Roger Schnoes, John Spillman, Cindy Warwick, and Monty Zukowski

**Call to order:** Derek called the meeting to order at 6:45.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Only 15 members have paid their 2012 dues, most at the Commodore's dinner. Only two have mailed their dues in since then. We expect more to pay at the salmon bake, but there will be others who will need reminders after that. The board accepted the treasurer's report.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Jay discussed the Laser class racing. We will plan an away regatta where the club Laser racers will show up as a team. It will be a regatta that is later in the season, perhaps the Eugene YC Harvest Regatta or the Coos Bay YC Labor Day Regatta. The away regatta races will be counted in our season scoring. An email group will be set up for the Laser racers. We want to get video and photos of the Lasers this year to use as promotional materials. We will have shorter courses some of the time to accommodate the Lasers and some Laser only races. We will try to negotiate a deal for storing all the Lasers in one space at the resort.

The calendar will be reorganized to accommodate the lasers but minimizing the impact on the Portsmouth season. We basically lose one Portsmouth race. The Stamm Trophy race will now be part of the Portsmouth summer series. The Commodore's Cup and a Laser Series race will happen on the same day, as will the Johnston Trophy race, which will be

raced in Lasers this year (in heats.) We'll be discussing the laser class at the Salmon Bake.

#### Old Business

**Updates to Documents:** We're still searching for the original documents. Soon we will have a member form on the web which will be for the member directory.

**Regatta Task Force:** The new official regatta name is Southern Cascade Regatta, and approved by the board. The regatta announcement has been drafted and will be revised soon so it can be sent out. We are looking for regatta volunteers to chair dinner, registration, apparel and swag, marketing, race committee. More details will be forthcoming.

**Annual Financial Review:** Thank you to Elysia Harland and Kristy Rogers who reviewed the accounts! They found one little thing to correct, otherwise, the books are in good order.

**Website:** Derek put a member directory on the website and showed us how it looks. He will show it off at the Salmon Bake.

#### New Business:

**Salmon Bake:** We discussed Salmon Bake planning details.

**ASA Sailing Instruction:** Peter and Jane will be coming to the next board meeting to discuss the ASA sailing classes.

**The next board meeting** will be Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at CSA Planning.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:50 p. m.

*Below L-R The RYC Board of Directors: Monty Zukowsky, Cindy Warwick, Roger Schnoes, Derek Budd, Brian Balfour, Jay Harlan, Jim Spillman*

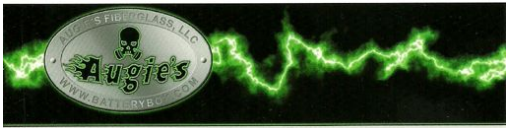




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