



# T e l l T a l e s



## Commodore's Log by Derek Budd

Commodore's log, lake date 41326.4: We are in pursuit a vessel of one-design. Our mission is to acquire a fleet of Lasers and lure others to join us in our quest for sailing pleasure on warm sunny days. But first we must make cautious contact with the aliens wielding these high performance Lasers and persuade them to give them up for our moola. Not always an easy task. More than just the negotiations, the evaluation of the unfamiliar and used Laser equipment can make for an uncertain process about who's getting the better end of the deal. It's enough to bring the most confident lake Klingon to the bitter end of his outhaul.

But these danger filled missions are what soldiers of the "Star Fleet RYC" have signed up to do with all the bravery in our hearts. I recall my first encounter with a Laser; I was not really ready to deal with the Vulcan wielding the Laser, but with confidence and blind faith, I bought the device and loaded it onto my space craft ('92 Mercury minivan). I was soon rewarded with the thrilling hum of the hull planing rapidly across the water, and the uneasy rocking of the mast right before a death-roll. There are sure to be setbacks, old vangs, accidental jibes and unexpected swims. But these will not deter us from our quest to return one-design technology to our summer outpost in the Cascades.

However, the larger challenge of this quest will be the mastery of the Laser technology. For many it will be frustrating for others uncomfortable. But we all know it is for the better of the fleet and the whole RYC community that we prevail and master these devices. If we fail, they will turn against us and they will turn our spouses against us, and we will be weakened in future sailing purchase decisions.

Now is the time to travel to the far reaches of the Craigslist galaxy in search of the elusive desperate Laser-selling sailor willing to sell for a song. Be adventurous, brave and determined. You will be rewarded with the unity and pride that comes with sailing in the RYC Laser fleet.

## RYC 2012 Calendar

### APRIL

**19 Thursday--FREE, INTRO. TO SAILING COURSE #1**

**TIME: 6:30 p. m.**

**PLACE:** Plexis Healthcare Systems in Ashland at the intersection of A St & Pioneer.

**CONTACT:** Contact John Spillman (541) 482-7778 [volspil@gmail.com](mailto:volspil@gmail.com) for more information. Pre-registration not necessary.

**26 Thursday--FREE, INTRO. TO SAILING COURSE #2**

**TIME: 6:30 p. m.**

**PLACE:** Plexis Healthcare Systems in Ashland at the intersection of A St & Pioneer.

**28 Thursday--FREE, INTRO. TO SAILING COURSE #3**

### O N - T H E - W A T E R

**TIME: 1:30 p. m.**

**PLACE:** Emigrant Lake boat launch (day use fee)

If you have participated in the Intro. to Sailing classes, join us at Emigrant Lake for small boat sailing.

**POT LUCK with RYC club members.**

**BRING:** food to share and a life jacket.

**If the weather is bad this event will be rescheduled for the following weekend.**

### M a y

**22 Saturday--WORK DAY: Launch Barge & Set Marks**

### J U N E

**02 Saturday--EDUCATION: Racing Rules Clinic**

**All racers encouraged to attend: 10:30 a. m.**

**02 Saturday--RACE: Icebreaker Trophy**

**Skippers' Meet 12:00 p. m./First Shape 1:00 p. m.**

**09 Saturday--RACE: Portsmouth Series #1**

**Skippers' Meet 12:00 p. m./First Shape 1:00 p. m.**

**09 Saturday--SOCIAL: After Race Round-up (Potluck)**

**TIME: After race. PLACE: RYC Shed**

**BRING: Something to BBQ, something to share, own drink.**

**23 Saturday--RACE: Jensen Trophy**

**Skippers' Meet 12:00 p. m./First Shape 1:00 p. m.**

**23 Saturday--SOCIAL: Summer Sailstice potluck**

**TIME: After race. PLACE: RYC Shed**

**BRING: Something to BBQ, something to share, own drink.**

**30 Saturday--SOCIAL: Ladies' Sailing Day**



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

With the introduction of club Laser Fleet racing this year there will be the opportunity for some or all of those adventurous souls to participate in some campaigning this summer. Transporting a Laser to a nearby regatta is certainly easier than taking a keelboat and spending four to six hours putting up and taking down rigging (though many folk do). Preparing for a campaign takes some time and effort, but class racing against worthy opponents from other clubs can build an increased enthusiasm and hone sailing skills for competition at home. Below is a list of nearby regattas, being offered this summer, with links to each club's website.

### WHISKEYTOWN SAILING CLUB

May 26-27: Whiskeytown Memorial Regatta  
<http://www.whiskeytownsailing.org>

### VANCOVER LAKE SAILING CLUB

June 2-3: Vancouver Lake Sailing Club Regatta  
<http://www.vlsc.org>

### TRITON YACHT CLUB

June 22-24: Emerald Cup Regatta  
<http://tritonyachtclub.org>

### KLAMATH YACHT CLUB

June 30-July 1: Firecracker Regatta  
[www.klamathyachtclub.org](http://www.klamathyachtclub.org)

### FRESNO YACHT CLUB

July 7-8: High Sierra Regatta, Centerboard Boats  
<http://www.fresnoyachtclub.org>

14-15: High Sierra Regatta, Keelboats & Thistle

### ROGUE YACHT CLUB

July 28-29: Southern Cascade Regatta  
<http://www.rogueyachtclub.org>

### COOS BAY YACHT CLUB

September 1-3: Labor Day Regatta  
<http://www.coosbayyachtclub.org>

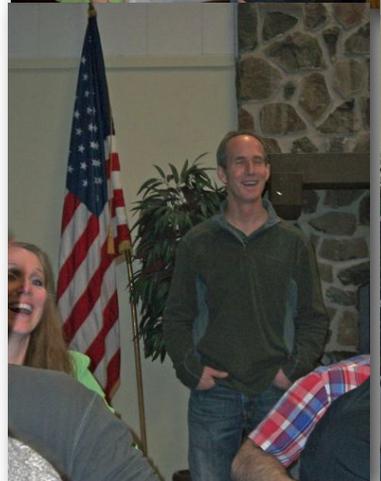
### EUGENE YACHT CLUB

September 8-9: Harvest Regatta  
<http://eugeneyachtclub.org>

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

### **S a l m o n B a k e 2 0 1 2**

The 2012 Salmon Bake was well attended and included the presence of some of RYC's oldest and newest members. There were also a few attending because they are thinking about joining. The salmon and tri-tip were cooked to perfection and the side dishes and desserts were varied and plentiful.





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

### **Possible Boat Work Space Available**

Jane Anderson and Monty Zukowski are hoping to rent a shop space near Jacksonville with a chain hoist, air compressor and forklift. We can arrange workshops on fiber-glassing, hull painting and trailer maintenance as desired. We are looking for people to share the expense and share their expertise. Please contact [monty@washdish.com](mailto:monty@washdish.com).

### **N e w M e m b e r s**

RYC has accepted two new memberships in the past couple of months: **Vic and Laura Ford** live in Klamath Falls and they joined RYC after they purchased *Windfall* the San Juan 21 formerly owned by Dana and Pat Collins. The Ford's enjoy the sport of sailing and they may split their sailing season between Klamath Lake and Howard Prairie Lake this summer.

The other new membership accepted by the RYC board is **Jim and Mary Botsford**, from Medford. They own a 1976 San Juan 24 named *Yellow Jacket*. Jim and Mary used to sail quite a bit in Portland and Jim raced on the Columbia River. They are looking forward to being part of RYC participating in events and trailering their boat to other waters for racing and cruising. In the past they have sailed in the San Juan Islands and other cruising locals. They have been out of sailing for the past 23 years and now have returned. "I had forgotten how much darn work there is in bringing an old boat back into shape," says Jim. The Botsford's are boat partners with Tom and Kim Pepple (not members yet) who are new to sailing, but they are excited to learn the sport and be part of the sailing culture at Howard Prairie Lake.

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

### **New Board Member Appointed**

In order to fill a vacancy on the RYC board our board of directors has appointed **Jeanne Klein** to fulfill the remainder of the year for the position of 2nd trustee. Klein co-owns a Clipper Marine 21 named *Blond Moment* with Kristy Rogers. Kline has been a member since 2011; she became interested in RYC while taking our free sail course last April. Welcome to the board Jeanne thank you for stepping up at a time of need.

The 2nd trustee position came to be open when Brian Balfour's work and schooling, he is training to be an EMT, began taking more time than he had available to fulfill the duties of the 2nd trustee. Thank you Brian for the help you were able to give.

## **RYC Board Meeting: February 8, 2012**

### Minutes

**Attending:** Derek Budd, Commodore; Jay Harland, Vice Commodore; Roger Schnoes, Treasurer; John Spillman, Trustee; Cindy Warwick, Rear Commodore; Monty Zukowski, Secretary  
**Derek called the meeting to order** at 6:40.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** A few more members paid their dues, and lots of little details such as insurance were paid. Roger brought up advertising and wondered if we wanted to make a bigger push to recruit more advertisers. We also have new members who have signed up for sailing classes. The board approved the treasurer's report.

**Sailing Education:** Peter Cipes came to report on the ASA sailing classes. We have revised the prices (and the board approved). We also will get a sign made for the boat saying "Training Vessel" or "RYC Sailing Class Underway." Peter is also looking for a better boat to teach with. Peter is hoping to teach the follow up class for basic cruising to the former students. We discussed what it would take to grow the school if we wanted to and what would be required to teach kids classes. Anyone who wants to learn to be an instructor should contact Peter Cipes. We discussed a resolution to actively recruit more instructors if our current instructor pool shrinks.

### **Old Business**

**Standing Rules:** We discussed the standing rules and don't have the original electronic documents so we'll work from the paper copy of them to revise them.

**Laser Class Course Chart:** John will also work with Peter to create a new course chart for the laser class racing.

**Salmon Bake:** We're in need of gas grills for the Salmon Bake. The raffle prize will again be donated moorage from Howard Prairie Resort. We discussed the program for the evening.

**Social Calendar:** We went over the social calendar which will be presented at the Salmon Bake.

**Regatta Report:** Cindy wrote up the regatta job descriptions and planning timeline. We're still looking for volunteers to help with the regatta. We will be recruiting at the Salmon Bake. The regatta sign up flyer is ready to post on the website.

**Next meeting** will be March 21 at CSA Planning.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:00



## **RYC Member Meeting, February 25, 2012**

### **Minutes**

**Commodore Derek Budd called the meeting to order at 7:50**

**Introductions:** Board of Directors introduced themselves. Then the members introduced themselves.

### **Reports**

**Minutes:** Monty read the minutes from the previous general meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roger went over the treasurer's report. The biggest change last year is that we streamlined the meals at the regatta which made it more profitable. Last year we had some expenses on the barge but no other big expenses. We don't anticipate any big expenses this year. Roger had a printout of the members contact information for people to check and correct.

**Warehouse opportunity:** Monty announced that he was looking for people interested in pooling together to rent a warehouse in April for boat repairs.

**Racing Information for 2012:** Vice Commodore Jay Harland went through the racing calendar and introduced the Laser series racing. Basically the Portsmouth races have been moved a bit earlier so the Laser races could be later in the warmer weather. The Jensen will be a PHRF pursuit race again as that was popular last year. Dick Barbara will chair the regatta again this year (much applause). The Stamm Trophy race will double as the third Portsmouth Summer Series race. Also, the Commodore's Cup and a Laser class race will be on the same day as well. The Johnston Trophy will be a Laser race this year as well. Again the regular racers will be signed up to chair a race if they haven't already signed up to chair one by the April board meeting.

Jay gave many reasons why racing Lasers would benefit the club. We are promoting Laser racing this year to have a set of one design races for the Regatta. Class racing also promotes more active learning and improvement for the serious racers. The Laser is also a flexible platform with different sized rigs. That creates opportunities for youth sailing. The largest adult racing class in the world is the Laser. The Laser racers will race at the Coos Bay Labor Day Regatta this year and it will be part of the Laser series scoring. This will help get other club's sailors interested and aware of our regatta. We currently have five Lasers ready to go and

are hoping to get eight for the season. We will also have a Laser clinic for new Laser owners.

The Portsmouth handicaps are posted on the website. All racers must check that their handicap is correct and email Jay if there are any corrections.

Derek reiterated the benefits of the Laser class to the club.

**Tell Tales:** Bill Horton requested email addresses of anyone who wants to receive the newsletter.

**Member Directory:** Derek showed the new web based member directory. Members can update their own profile online. Derek walked us through the web pages. We will not distribute new binder pages for the member directory. Peter Cipes mentioned that some members may not want their phone or email in their profile. Everyone will be notified by email and have the option to change their information.

**Regatta:** Derek went over the Regatta changes. Cindy's survey showed that people really wanted the racing opportunities to improve. The name will now be the **Southern Cascade Regatta**. We will emphasize the class racing. We will set up a rest dock in Hoxie Cove, which will be especially nice for the smaller boats. We will reciprocate with other regattas to encourage them to come. Cindy is working on the Regatta "Cook Book," a guide to how to prepare for and run the regatta so that others can easily help out to make it happen. It covers marketing, registration and trophies, race management, dinner, and swag-clothing and accessories. Cindy explained that the dinner will be more flexible so the racers don't have to rush back so they don't miss dinner.

**Sailing Education:** The club is still promoting sailing education through the free introduction to sailing classes and ASA classes in the summer. Peter announced the ASA classes for the summer.

**Raffle:** Elysia Harland won the moorage at Howard Prairie.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15.**

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## **Past Commodore Passes Away**

**LeRoy Critten**, former RYC member and Past Commodore passed away recently at the age of 71; he is survived by his wife Joann. LeRoy was RYC Commodore in 1987, and he built the Icebreaker Trophy. This is the perpetual trophy, still used today, for a Portsmouth Handicap race meant to reward the hearty sailors who ventured to race the first race of the year. Critten raced a C-Lark and San Juan 21 *Wind Shadow* for many years as a member.



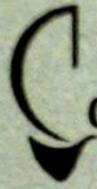
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