



T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Derek Budd

End of Summer

There are plenty of warm sailing days left this year, but the "back to school" message is in the air and preseason football is on TV, so I know the end is coming. But I don't want to dwell on the end but rather what's still left. On Aug 25, Kim and I raced our Catalina 22 and then joined in the "Dog Days of Summer" social event, then camped in Hoxie. We had a great time at each step – kind of a RYC trifecta. The racing was fun. It was our first time racing "Tenacity". We were the slowest boat in the fleet, but it was still fun to sail with a purpose and work together. The "Dog Days" was also lots of fun with radio control sailboat racing and blind dinghy racing to go along with good company, food and beer. Finally, we motored out to Hoxie to do a little camping on the lake. What a great day! The next morning we sipped our coffee while the sun broke over the lake and took a moment to reflect on how lucky we are to have such a great place nearby. There are a few nice weekends left, so get out there and enjoy your boat and join us for the remaining social events up at the lake.

As part of end of summer push to take advantage of the good weather at the lake, I'm making an effort to take some of my friends sailing. Last weekend we finally took some of our very close friends out for a sail. The weather was warm, the beer cool and the scenery was spectacular. It was fun to share this part of our life with our friends. I have a few more people I want to take out sailing so I'm making plans now.

On the competitive side of sailing, over the Labor Day weekend, several members of the club will be traveling to the Redwood Regatta hosted by the Humbolt Yacht Club. This will be one of the races in the Laser series. Laser sailing has rejuvenated one-design racing in the club. Going head to head in similar boats is great fun because you can see in real-time if you're doing good or not, and you know exactly where you stand – no need to wait for calculated corrected time. Already the competition is fierce with the newer sailors to the Laser showing good form and winning races. So, if

you're getting a little tired of Portsmouth handicapped racing and are looking for a new challenge, you might consider finding yourself a Laser.

Of course the end of summer is not all about sailing. I like to mountain bike too; but that's another topic. For the Rogue Yacht Club, this is the time of year where we begin putting together the board of directors for next year. I've had the pleasure of being on the board for most of my time as a member of the club and have served in almost every position. I can honestly say that being on the board has been the most important thing that has helped us make close friends with many of the members of the club. Being on the board provides year long interaction with the "old guard" and new members alike. If you're a new member looking to get more involved or an existing member who would like to reconnect, I encourage you to consider joining the RYC board. It's a small commitment of time and effort with great benefits. Even if you don't choose to join the board, I hope to see you at the fall members meeting in September where next year's board will be voted on by the RYC members.

RYC 2012 Calendar

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!
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- 22 Saturday--WORK DAY: Take out Barge & Marks**
TIME: 12:00 p. m. **Contact Jay Harland in advance if you would like to help with this very important work day.**
- 22 Saturday--SOCIAL: End of Season Potluck**
TIME: 3:00 p. m. **PLACE:** RYC Shed
BRING: Something to BBQ, something to share, own drink.
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- 27 Thursday--ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
The annual general meeting of the membership, including election of a new board of directors, combined with a no-host dinner.
TIME: 6:00 p. m.
PLACE: Angelo's Pizza, Phoenix, Oregon.
To Pre-Order Call: 541-535-1535
MENU: <http://www.angelospizza.com>



NOVEMBER

03 Saturday--SOCIAL: Commodore's Dessert
TIME: No-Host Bar and Dessert 7:00 p. m.
PLACE: Rogue Regency Inn, Medford, Oregon
COST: \$12.00

Invitation to come by mail: Please R.S.V.P. Commodore Derek Budd by October 25, 2012

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A CHECK TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2013. Pay early and get a discount.

DECEMBER

Some time in December--SOCIAL: RYC Holiday Party
Would you like to volunteer your home? Contact: Jeanne Klein.
TIME & PLACE: TBA RYC PROVIDES: Entrée
YOU BRING: Side dish, salad, or dessert to share, and BYOB.

Cruiser's Corner

PVC Frame to Support Your Winter Boat Cover

by Mark Warwick

Creating a frame of 3 arches with 1" PVC pipe. Arches are attached to each other for strength. One arch attaches to stern railing, the other two to the middle and forward stanchion posts. Mast stays down in its traveling position. Cut PVC slightly longer than each stanchion place a 45



on top (no glue) and tape it to post. You need 6 total (*Back arch shown above*). The only place I glue is where the arch pieces meet the T's in the middle. That way you can easily take it



apart. Middle fitting is a "cross", only glued from the sides. I run an old sheet from the back arch to the front arch, snug and tie it to keep the frame together



because there is no glue holding these pieces together. On the very front, I take the whisker pole and tie it from the top of the front arch to the center of the bow pulpit. This supports the tarp and keeps wa-



ter from pooling on the front of the tarp
 Here is what it looks like covered. I first cut an old tarp



to cover the end of the boat, cutting a hole in it to slip it over the mast, then draping that piece over the back arch. The main tarp goes on and I close the back in with bungees. I have to do it this way because the next size tarp is way too big. This keeps the boat very dry all winter. To make this, you need: PVC glue and primer, About 60' of 1" PVC Pipe, 6 - 1" 45 degree elbows, 2 - 1" Tees, and 1 - 1" Cross "T." Total should be no more than \$20-\$25 to make the arches.

- 1) Measure the distance across between the stanchion posts and add about 18" to that length.
- 2) Cut it and try it to see if it creates the amount of arch you need. If it is too long, cut a bit off. If the length is OK, cut that piece in half and glue your "T" in place. The glue needs to set a bit on these pieces (overnight would be good) because if it is not set up well it will come apart when you bend the arches to set them in place.
- 3) Each arch may be a bit different so you should measure each one. No need to glue where the arch pieces go into the 45's, as they will be held in place by the nature of their position and the weight of the tarp.

Dog Days of Summer Fun for All

The 2012 Dog Days of Summer celebration on August 25th was well attended this year, and a lot of fun was had by all. This year's events were hotly contested and enjoyed by all who attended. The first event was a one design class of Radio Controlled





(RC) Fairwind 600 sailboats. Gary Spafford and Mark Warwick set realistic racing marks (built by Warwick) in a windward leeward course. The boats were provided by Peter Cipes, Michael Guss, Rick Hartwein, Gary Spafford and Mark Warwick. There were 12 to 14 competitors with three rounds of racing. This year's winner of the RYC RC Sailboat championship was Bill Horton.

The second event of the Dog Days Celebration was the



Blind Dingy Race. This race has a blindfolded rower and a passenger providing rowing instructions. The object is to row a dingy blindfolded out to a mark and back before any of the



other competitors can finish. This year Gary and Chris Spafford opted out, "So some one else could win" (*they have won*

every year since its inception--ed.). This year's Blind Dingy Champion and winner of the coveted paddle was Rick and Stephanie Householder.

Finally, all Dog Days participants sat down for a fine Polish Dog pot luck dinner. The club provided the dogs and trimmings and John Wigen brought some of his fine home brewed wine and beer to share.

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

P o r t s m o u t h S u m m e r S e r i e s

The last three races, out of twelve, for the Portsmouth Handicap Series ended on August 25. Competitor boats included three Lasers, one Coronado 15, one Holder 20, one Santana 20, one Ultimate 20, one Catalina 22, one San Juan 24, one Catalina 25, and two MacGregor 26s. With all the sailing over and the handicaps figured out first place was taken by Vice Commodore Jay Harland with his Ultimate 20, *Madison*. His final score of 13.5 points represented 5 firsts, three clean seconds and one tie for second. The next highest score of 18 points was shared by John Spillman on his Santana 20, *Hog Wild*, and Jim Gurley on *Eris* his Holder 20. Spillman edged out Gurley for second place with three firsts scored in races 2, 3, and 10 versus only two firsts by Gurley in races 6 and 12. Other competitors in order of finish were John Kling, Derek Budd, Mark Warwick, Patrick McLain, Jesse Repp, David Franklin, and Jim Botsford.



Commodore's Cup July 11, 2012

This year's Commodore's Cup had six entrants however with all of their good intentions their desire to race were foiled by a complete lack of wind. This year's Commodore's Cup All-Comers Race was canceled. Better luck next year.

Redwood Regatta Humboldt Yacht Club

Over the Labor Day weekend five RYC members took the long drive to Eureka, California to Humboldt Yacht Club's Redwood Regatta at Big Lagoon. Jay Harland, John Spillman and Mark Warwick competed in the Laser class and Cindy Warwick crewed on a Hobie 16 that ended up winning its class. Jay, John and Mark finished in the middle of the field. Competitors competed in 5 races with light winds and some foggy conditions.





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

Nominating Committee Picks for 2013 Board

The RYC Nominating Committee nominates the following people for consideration by the members for election to the following board positions during the annual meeting September 27 at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix, OR.

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| Commodore: | Jay Harland |
| Vice Commodore: | John Spillman |
| Rear Commodore: | Derek Budd |
| Treasurer: | Roger Schnoes |
| Secretary: | Jeanne Klein |
| Trustee: | Patrick McLain |
| Trustee: | Jesse Repp |

RYC Member Meeting: August 29, 2012 Minutes

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

Derek called the meeting to order at 6:34.

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

Treasurer's report: July was busy with the regatta and other miscellaneous expenses. August was pretty light, with a little carry over from the regatta. The regatta was profitable. Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice Commodore's report: Racing has been good except the windless Commodore's Cup. Jay talked about the difficulty finding race committee volunteers. All the race chairs were covered, but volunteers have been scarce. Jay suggested maybe entering non-racing volunteers into a raffle with the prize given at the commodore's dinner. Jay also suggested a cruiser's trophy for a specific race where to be eligible you must have cruising gear aboard, award presented after the race. We also discussed doing a poker run to have a cruiser's event.

Discussion: Dick Barbara suggested organizing more personal contact with volunteers to keep them motivated and aware. We [the board] discussed having procedural checklists for the chase boat, barge and race committee. We also discussed having an orientation for the chase boat and race committee at the beginning of season racing kickoff.

Regatta: We had great wind. The changes this year were helpful: the name change, focusing on working with the wind instead of sticking to a schedule. Friday night class racing would be great, being more definite about that earlier in the registration process. Scoring went smoothly with Jeanne and the laptop on the barge. Results were posted quickly and happy about that. We had one participant who dropped out without telling anyone which led to a delay starting one of the races. We need to be clear to racers that they need to notify us if they decide to drop out. We also had a delay because some boats came up without an invasive species permit and were stopped by the sheriff. We may look for getting a group

permit or something to streamline it. Also we will add it to the regatta registration instructions.

Dick suggested having a BBQ because while the chili was great it's more of a winter food. To do that we really need 2-3 committed volunteers. It would also be nice to make it more festive with some music and maybe lights. Pulled pork is an easy alternative. For the dinner, another regatta has two prices--a cheaper pre-buy and a more expensive day-of, and you are served last if you buy the day-of. We will be investigating the purchase of our own platters v. using the resort's for the next year.

Registration went fine. We had 26 boats total, up from 18 last year. The snipes were interested in doing their regionals with us next year.

John Wigen provided beer and wine that he made and deserves special recognition. Also a big thanks to Cindy for organizing the event as well as Dick Barbara for the racing. We talked about having a board member specifically for managing the regatta.

With the America's Cup coming up next year we're expecting a bump in the regatta registration.

Social Committee report: Dog days of summer was fun. Sept. 15th there will be a wine tasting after the laser class race. The last event will be the barge takeout potluck on Sept 22nd. Ladies day sail was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Old Business

Commodore's Dessert: will be November 3rd at the Rogue Regency Inn at 7PM.

Maintenance: Barge trailer tires were replaced because the sidewalls were degrading. We also got a spare. We need to get tire covers. Monty will pick up covers for the wheels.

Bylaws Revisions: We decided to have a separate working meeting to finish the editing of the bylaws. It will be 6PM Wednesday Sept. 12 at CSA Planning. We discussed the major changes as a group during this meeting and will work out the details in the working meeting.

New Business

Nomination of Board Members: Roger Schnoes, John Spillman, and Jeanne Klein will continue on the board. Derek will be the outgoing commodore. Jay is undecided. Monty will retire from the board. We're looking for board members!

Sailing Mentorship Program: Derek suggested formalizing a sailing mentorship program to help people get interested in sailing and hopefully join the club. We could also do a better job reaching out to the ASA class participants.

Weed Abatement: We talked about how to get the resort or county to eradicate the weeds. The weed situation at the lake is a huge problem and needs to be taken care of. We will come up with a position statement on this issue.

Upcoming Meetings

Next general meeting: Annual Membership Meeting on Sept. 27th at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix. 6PM for dinner, 7PM for the meeting. We will discuss the bylaws and board nominations.

Board Bylaw working meeting will be 6PM Sept. 12 at CSA Planning.

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 17 at CSA Planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:19.



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