



T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Jay Harland

Important Salmon Bake, Save the Date!

The days are getting longer and the sailing season will be here before we know it. This is the time of the year that the club prepares for the up-coming season. The success of each season depends on the efforts of its members to pitch in and do their part. We hope to have a good turn-out at the Salmon Bake and have club members get engaged in all the great volunteer opportunities that club has to offer.

For its part, the current board has been working to advance the interests of the club. There will be several important agenda items at the Salmon Bake such as the level of support for a deck construction project near the shed and also the addition of automated starting mechanisms for club races. As usual, we will review the race and social calendars for the upcoming season. The Board has also put an emphasis on marketing this year and our expanded marketing plan will be presented; ultimately the best marketing effort is the individual ambassadorship of RYC members in the community and up at Howard Prairie.

The biggest challenge the club faces this spring is uncertainty surrounding resort operations in the upcoming season. There are maintenance issues like weed abatement that need immediate attention and I have continued to push this issue with Jackson County. There are major facilities issues like the dock replacement project that require planning finalization and must enter the project development phase. The reality is that RYC has only indirect influence over these issues. The relationship between Jackson County and the concessionaire is foremost in the advancement of these issues. Holly LeGrande has stayed in contact with RYC through several conversations with myself and others over the winter. She desires to continue as the concessionaire and is making a concerted effort to restructure and solidify the relationship between the resort operator and Jackson County. The best the club can do, at this point, is to wish her well and hope that a sustainable resolution can be reached that is good for all parties now and for many years to come.

RYC 2013 Calendar

FEBRUARY

08 Friday--SOCIAL--RYC Ski Night at Mt. Ashland: Start around 4 p. m., ski till 6:30 p. m. then meet in the T-Bar. Non-skiers are welcome to join in the socialization at the T-Bar.

23 Saturday--SOCIAL + MEMBER MEET--SALMON BAKE

TIME: 6:00 p. m.

PLACE: Girl Scout Building

2001 N. Keene Way Drive, Medford, OR

RYC PROVIDES: Choice of Salmon or Steak

COST: \$5.00 per person to help cover expenses

YOU BRING: Side dish, salad, or dessert to share, your own drink, and place setting.

**PAY YOUR DUES EARLY TO QUALIFY FOR THE RAFFLE
BRING YOUR CALENDAR TO SIGN UP FOR EVENTS**

MARCH

THINK ABOUT FINISHING THOSE WINTER PROJECTS.

APRIL

03, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays

RACE--Spring Racing Series

PLACE: Emigrant Lake

TIME: First Start 5:30 p. m.

Dingy Racing & Lasers to race one design.

18 Thursday--EDUCATION Free Intro To Sailing Day 1

Contact: Derek Budd (541) 944-8341 info@rogueyachtclub.org

25 Thursday--EDUCATION Free Intro To Sailing Day 2

Contact: Derek Budd (541) 944-8341 or info@rogueyachtclub.org

27 Saturday--EDUCATION Free Intro To Sailing Day 3

On-The-Water: must have attended classes on Apr 18 & 25

MAY

01, 08, 15, 22, 27 Wednesdays

RACE--Spring Racing Series (cont.)

PLACE: Emigrant Lake

TIME: First Start 5:30 p. m.

Dingy Racing & Lasers to race one design.

**18 Saturday -- WORK DAY--Set racing marks and launch
race committee barge.**

TIME: 10:00 a. m. **PLACE:** RYC Shed



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

Spring Racing at Emigrant Lake

RYC will host a spring racing series at Emigrant Lake every Wednesday evening during the months of April and May. This is a chance to dust off your dinghy and get out for some fun well before the snow melts up in the mountains. We hope to turn some heads (of potential new members) by filling Emigrant Lake with sails each week and posting a banner on a parked car along Hwy 66. These races will hone our skills and raise the profile of Rogue Yacht Club down in the valley. More details to follow at the Salmon Bake meeting.

Past Commodore Bob Schmidt Passes

Bob Schmidt, one of several founding members of RYC, a member since 1958, and our fifth Commodore in 1965, passed away at nearly 97 years, last month on January 9, 2013. During the last several years Bob lived in the Three Fountains assisted living in Medford, Oregon. He stayed active there at the fitness center until his death. Prior to his move to assisted living, in recent years, we have seen Bob, a long time Honorary member, at many of our social events (Christmas Parties, Salmon Bakes, regattas, and a few member meetings).



In earlier years, Bob was an avid sailor and racer. In a letter to Mark and Cindy Warwick, Mark and

Nancy Schmidt related, "Sailing was always his passion." Over the years Schmidt and his wife, Lu, of 62 year, sailed a Geary 18, Lightning, El Toro, Penguin, C-Lark, San Juan 21, and a San Juan 23. Starting with club races, Bob was a "guiding light" in the Penguin, C-Lark, and SJ 21 classes. Schmidt was one of the main instigators of early RYC racing. Club races were originally at Emigrant Lake with marks made from inter-tubes (1960-1963) starting from Cemetery Point. Bob, with other early members developed the Southern Oregon Regatta that originally was hosted on alternate years by RYC and Klamath YC. The club's first big regatta was attended by approximately 60 boats and raced near Klum Landing.

According to an article, written by Pete Livers, in the Nov.-Dec. 2002 *Tell Tales*, Schmidt was quoted as saying, "I use racing to improve my sailing." In the same article Bob cited the example of Larry and Ann Horton who had purchased a C-Lark and then followed Schmidt around the race course until they proved to be top sailors.

Bob Schmidt's hand helped navigate RYC into the club it is today. Bob used to quote his good friend, Walter Stamm, saying, "Good wind, good sailing, good friends. That's the foundation of Rogue Yacht Club."

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

Howard Prairie has New Contact Information

It has come to my attention that there is new contact information for Howard Prairie Lake Resort. This might be new information for some of you so I thought I would include it here.

Web address: <http://www.hplake.com>

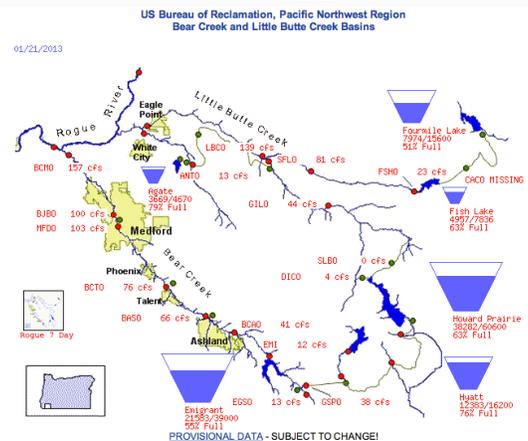
Email address: paradisepeak@wildblue.net

Lodge Phone: (541) 482-1979

Marina Phone: (541) 482-7412

Keeping an Eye on Lake Levels

This is the time of year that is crucial to filling the lake up at Howard Prairie. Many things affect how full the lake gets by opening day and beyond. Snowpack, rate of snow melt, rate of inflow and outflow. Currently, the fill rate is behind where it was at the same time last year. Hopefully, the snow pack will provide sufficient inflows as the snow melts this spring. If you want to look for yourself: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/roguetea.html>



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

RYC Board Meeting: January 8, 2013

Minutes

Attended by board members: Jay Harland, Commodore; John Spillman, Vice Commodore; Roger Schnoes, Treasurer; Patrick McLain, Trustee; Jesse Repp, Trustee, Jeanne Klein, Secretary; Derek Budd, past Commodore

Jay Harland called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes: Jay Harland read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved.

Review of the task list from the previous meeting

- Jay will connect with the county commissioners on weed abatement issue.
- Jay has written letters to all of the 2013 Honorary Members.
- Derek sent out member directory information email.
- Room reservation for Salmon Bake has been made.

Treasurer's report – Roger Schnoes

- Paid for new racing marks.
- Paid a few other misc. expenses.
- Corporation Report is underway.
- Membership dues have not been coming in. Salmon bake will bring more.
- Roger completed the set up of 2013 records.

Social Report - Patrick McClean

- Patrick added last years events to the working calendar.

Vice Commodores' Report-John Spillman

- Contacted Ashland Rowing Club. They have juniors practice on Mondays but are willing to work around us. John to continue discussion to see if we can share the lake without running into each other. Monday's are preferred because of other OSF sailors who may join in our races.
- Marine Board Permit is ready once the dates are finalized. John to pursue the necessary signatures from Jackson County and Sheriff.
- Automated Starting Devices discussed. Regatta Pro Start looks like it would be the best one for our needs. Nice for Race Committee, Spring series without race committee, teaching racing clinic. Ask members at the Salmon Bake for general consensus on this item.

Old Business

Social Calendar

- Patrick reported that most of last year's events were transferred over to 2013.

- Suggested events to add: Bigger BBQ event for Barge Launch, BBQ for Free Sail Class, Viewing Party for America's Cup, Night Skiing, Sailstice pot-luck raft up (on a full moon weekend!), invite non-racers to attend Firecracker Regatta at KYC.
- Social calendar approved.

Marketing

- Jesse will have cost for car stickers by the end of the week.
- Jesse sent the sail class attendees an email to check in with them, received a bit of feedback.
- OSMB list-it will be \$75 to get a list of names and addresses for outreach from all the surrounding counties for marketing purposes-board approved the expenditure.
- Jesse has shell of marketing plan done and the board will have a dedicated meeting in March exclusively for marketing.

Salomon Bake

At the February meeting, the board will gear up for the Salmon Bake.

New Business

Deck Project: Jesse has an estimate for a 20x20 deck with a single set of stairs @ \$3500 in materials using pressure treated wood-Roger suggested that we try a capital campaign as an option. We will consider this cost and look for feedback from members for this project.

Electronics Data Repository: There are several options to store our data, dropbox, website, google docs. The sync version would reside on the RYC laptop-the board suggested a new email address to be created for the board members to upload documents to the site-John will set up the site.

Assignments:

- John will set up a data storage area and let other board members know of process.
- Jay will connect with county commissioners on weed abatement issues.
- John will pursue signatures for OSMB permit.
- John will ask members at the Salmon Bake about automatic starting devices.
- Jesse will get list of OSMB addresses for local counties for marketing use.
- Jesse is finishing up getting cost for car stickers.
- Board will look for feedback from members about the deck project.

Date and location for next meeting: February 19, 2013 at 6:30 at CSA Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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