



T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Jay Harland

RYC Seeks New and Previous Members

With the marketing emphasis of the Board this year, I have been thinking about how to expand the club's membership. Obviously, there are challenges like getting younger people to join the club. Finding the secret sauce for that dish has proven elusive so far. A few of us will be kicking that challenge along with some other obvious marketing objectives at Standing Stone at the end of March. It will be kind of fun and it is a smart group that is likely to come up with some cool new marketing widgets.

While the marketing stew is simmering, we have also been dealing with the resort operations changes for 2013. Last Thursday, Cindy Warwick, Peter Cipes and I met with Jackson County Parks to aid the County in sorting out slip assignments. We drysail Madison, so I mainly watched Peter and Cindy provide invaluable support to the County's effort. This gave me time to take broad stock of these members' contributions to our local sailing community.

The next morning these two topics collided in my brain. For several years, I have heard stories from other members about this or that person who used to be a member but isn't any longer. Most of these are people that I don't know. So, I always follow-up and ask why they are no longer a member? Other past members I know personally and have asked them that question directly. The typical answer is some variant that they, "really don't see much direct benefit from being in the club". The irony is that many of the past member names were people who were having their slip assignments preserved through the volunteer efforts of two past RYC commodores.

There are lots of reasons why someone might not want to belong to RYC, but receiving little personal benefit as an active sailor at Howard Prairie Lake is not a compelling one. I hope our marketing efforts, together with the ambassadorship of individual members, will improve the club's communications and outreach so that the benefits of RYC membership are more broadly understood. Donning my Don Quixote suit, these efforts would see new and returning members alike realize the full value of membership to each of their individual sailing experiences.

RYC 2013 Calendar

APRIL

**03, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays--RACE
Spring Racing Series**

**Dingy Racing & Lasers to race one design.
TIME: 5:00 p.m.**

PLACE: Emigrant Lake at Cemetery Point.

**18 & 25 Thursday--EDUCATION--FREE
Intro To Sailing class Days #1 & 2**

TIME: 6:30 p. m. --9:00 p. m.

**Location: Plexis Healthcare Systems, Game Room
A Street at Pioneer Street, Ashland, Oregon**

**Contact for Informaton: Derek Budd (541) 944-8341 or
sailclass@rogueyachtclub.org**

27 Saturday--EDUCATION Intro To Sailing Day #3

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

**27 Saturday--SOCIAL: After Class Potluck
with RYC members about 3:00 p. m. by the boat ramp.**

Please RSVP to Patrick McLain kpmclain88@gmail.com

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Free, Introduction to Sailing Class Offered

The Rogue Yacht Club is offering free Introduction to Sailing classes at the Plexis Healthcare Systems, Game Room on the corner of A Street at Pioneer Street, Ashland, Oregon. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays April 18 & 25. Topics will include basic sailing theory, water safety, knot tying, intro to racing, intro to cruising and practice on the water in small boats.

No pre-registration is required

On-the-Water Practice & Potluck

If you have participated in the Intro to Sailing classes, join us at Emigrant Lake at 1:30 p.m. for some small boat sailing and pot luck with RYC club members. Bring food to share and a life jacket. A self-service parking fee of \$4.00 is assessed by Jackson County Parks at the entrance. **If the weather is bad**, this event will be rescheduled for the following weekend.

RYC Members are invited to the potluck to meet and greet new sailors. Potluck will start at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please **R.S.V.P.** to Patrick McLain kpmclain88@gmail.com so that we can barbecue enough food!



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

Spring Dinghy Race Series

Get your 2013 race season started early!

Wednesday night dinghy racing begins at Emigrant Lake starting April 3rd. The temporary race course will be set up in the western finger of the lake. You can launch your boat from the ramps within the park (\$4 parking fee) or on the western shore (no fee), closer to the course, if you have a dolly or lightweight trailer. To access this shore traveling eastbound on Hwy 66 take a left turn about 1000' past the Emigrant Dam Access Road. Look for a RYC burgee and banner. [Google Map: http://goo.gl/maps/qrgQ1](http://goo.gl/maps/qrgQ1)

A wet suit and booties are a must for this race series as the water temperature is cold!

Lasers will be racing one design. We'll shoot for a **5:30 p.m. start** of the first race.

Please email John Spillman, volspill@gmail.com if you wish to participate. John will check in by email with everyone on Wednesday mornings to make sure we have enough racers and acceptable weather conditions.



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

Project: Building a Laser Dolly

by Derek Budd, Rear Commodore

The Laser sailboat is a very simple boat that can be launched and sailed on lakes, rivers, bays etc. I noticed that many Laser sailors use a dolly to launch their boats instead of launching right from their trailer. I didn't really see the value of the dolly until last year when we sailed off the beach at Emigrant Lake. The beach was too soft and not steep enough to back the trailer in. I transferred my boat to Jay's dolly and easily launched and retrieved my boat. Now I've been enlightened to the value of a dolly.



I looked around on the internet for laser dollies.

There are some nice products out there like the Seitech Dolly, but they're in the \$400+ price range. So I widened my search to see what other "value minded" sailors had done. I found a wide variety of devices from different materials for Lasers and Sunfish



boats. When I saw one made of PVC, I thought to myself, "that's something I can handle." So I headed off to Home Depot to buy 1 1/4 inch PVC, a variety of T's and elbows, a rod for the axle, glue and some other odds and ends. Later I went to Harbor Freight where I found some good little wheels that fit perfectly on the 5/8 inch rod I used for the axle.



The following weekend I began the task of assembly. I didn't have any measurements for the pieces, so I just sized them by eye, cutting the PVC with a hacksaw. After a few hours I had it dry fitted together and it looked pretty good. The final design was a combination of several ideas I had seen in photos.

The next phase was gluing all the pieces together. An easy process, but a little more demanding because the glue sets up pretty quickly and there are pieces from both sides of the frame that need to meet in the middle. I then painted the dolly with spray paint and put some pipe insulation over the rails to provide some cushion and grip against the hull of the boat.

I've only pushed the boat around the yard on the dolly, but it seems like it's going to work well. The project cost about \$100 in materials. I look forward to using it the next time I have to launch my boat on the beach.

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

There may be as many as 10 social events scheduled for the RYC sailing season this year. Beginning with the last Saturday in April and ending near the end of September this Sailing season will be packed with events.

The first social event that members are encouraged to attend is the **Free Sail Potluck**, held this month on Saturday the 27th at 3:00 p.m. after sailing practice. The club will provide the barbecue and condiments, but remember to bring a generous salad, side-dish or dessert to share. Please **RSVP** to Patrick McLain kpmclain88@gmail.com so that we can barbecue enough food!

On May 18th we will have our first potluck of the season at Howard Prairie Lake. The **Spring Splash** is to celebrate the launching of the club barge and setting of the race marks. It is the best excuse in May to have a party so take advantage and meet at the RYC Shed at 3:00 p.m.



June has two social events scheduled; the first on the 1st and the second on the 22nd. June 1st will be the **Ice Breaker Micro-Brews**. This event was started two years ago and is increasing in popularity with each year. Meet at the RYC Shed at 5:00 p.m. June 22nd is the RYC sailabration of the first day of summer. Sailors all over the northern hemisphere will be celebrating the **Summer SAILstice** in their own sailing grounds. We will gather for a potluck dinner and a possible raft-up in Hoxie Cove.

Club get together continue in July with the annual **Cheeseburger in Paradise Potluck** on July 20th. This is when all of RYCs "Parrot Heads" get to put on their best Jimmy Buffet garb, listen to our favorite island music while we eat together and visit with friends. The second social event of July is the **Southern Cascade Regatta Dinner** on Saturday, July 27th. This is the most attended social event of the summer. A complete dinner is provided for a nominal fee and club members, racers and cruisers alike, get to meet and greet with serious sailors from all over the Pacific Northwest.

With August the RYC social committee is planning the **Commodore's Cup Raft-Up** a potluck on the water in Hoxie Cove on August 10th. This will be a good night to relax after the novice races of the day and watch the meteor showers. Also, on August 24th, RYC will be celebrating **Dog Days of Summer** with a potluck down by the lake. This is the social event where we have the RYC blind dinghy races and the RYC RC Sailboat Championship.

September brings our annual **Lake Champion (Johnston Trophy) Wine Tasting Event** after the Johnston Trophy Race on September 14th. Bring your favorite wines to share with others. Finally, the **End of Season Potluck** held on Saturday the 21st, after removing the race marks and barge for the season, will be our last chance to meet and dine with our RYC friends at the lake.

A full season of social events are on the schedule. Any one who is not already doing so should consider chairing one of these events and contacting Patrick McLain, Trustee in charge of social activities kpmclain88@gmail.com

RYC 2013 Calendar (continued from page 1)

MAY

01, 08, 15, 22, 27 Wednesdays--RACE
Spring Racing Series (cont.)
Dingy Racing & Lasers to race one design.
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Emigrant Lake at Cemetery Point

18 Saturday--WORK DAY

Set racing marks and launch race committee barge.

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

CHAIR: John Spillman & David Franklin

18 Saturday--SOCIAL--Post launch potluck and/or drinks

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

PARTY CHAIR: NEEDED

JUNE

01 Saturday--RACE--Ice Breaker Trophy Race

Skippers' Meet: 12:00 p.m.

1st Start: 1:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Derek Budd

CREW: Jim Botsford, Kim Budd, Patrick & Karen McLain

01 Saturday--SOCIAL--Ice Breaker Micro Brews **Bring your favorite micro-brews to drink and share after the Ice Breaker Trophy Race.**

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

PARTY CHAIR: Karen and Patrick McLain

15 Saturday-- RACE--Summer Series Day #1

Skippers' Meet: 12:00 p.m.

1st Start: 1:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Warwick, Cipes, and Spafford

22 Saturday--RACE--Jensen Memorial Trophy **Reverse handicap start pursuit around the islands**

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Roger Schnoes

22 Saturday--SOCIAL--SAILstice Potluck

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hoxie Cove

BRING: Food to share. Possible raft up for the night.

PARTY CHAIR: NEEDED

29 Saturday--EDUCATION--Get Started Racing **and Racing Clinic**

Presentation on Land & On-the-Water

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

JULY

06-07 Saturday-Sunday--Klamath YC Firecracker Regatta
RACE--Laser Series #1 (at the regatta)
START TIMES: Set by host [Klamath Yacht Club](http://www.klamathyachtclub.org)

13 Saturday--RACE--Summer Series Day #2

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: John Spillman

20 Saturday--RACE--Stamm Trophy & Summer Series Day #3

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Brian Balfour

20 Saturday--SOCIAL--Cheeseburger in Paradise Potluck

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

PARTY CHAIR: Tori Balfour

27-28 Sat.-Sun.--RACE--RYC Southern Cascade Regatta

More information to come.

RACE CHAIR: NEEDED

AUGUST

10 Saturday--RACE--Commodore's Cup [for new racers]

Cruiser's Cup [built for comfort, not for speed]

Skippers' Meet: 12:00 p.m.

1st Start: 1:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Jesse Repp

10 Saturday--SOCIAL--Commodore's Cup Raft-Up

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hoxie Cove

PARTY CHAIR: NEEDED

17 Saturday--RACE--Laser Series #2

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Jim Gurley

24 Saturday--RACE--Summer Series #4

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: Jay Harland

24 Saturday--SOCIAL--Dog Days of Summer Potluck

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PARTY CHAIR: NEEDED

**31 Saturday--CAMPAIGN--Coos Bay YC Labor Day Regatta
and RACE--Laser Series #3 (at the regatta)**

SEPTEMBER

**01 Sunday--CAMPAIGN--Coos Bay YC Labor Day Regatta
and RACE--Laser Series #3 (at the regatta)**

14 Saturday--RACE--Johnston Trophy & Laser Series #4

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m. **1st Start:** 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: NEEDED

14 Saturday--SOCIAL--Wine Tasting Event.

BRING: Your favorite bottle to share with others.

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

PARTY CHAIR: Kristi Rogers

**21 Saturday--WORK--Removal and storage
of race barge and marks.**

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: RYC Shed

21 Saturday--SOCIAL--Last potluck at the lake.

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

DETAILS: TBA

PARTY CHAIR: NEEDED

26 Thursday--ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

TIME: **Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. **Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

VOTE: Elect new RYC board and vote on other important issues.

NOTICE: **Place:** TBA, **Date:** Subject to change.

28 Saturday--RACE--Laser Series #5 (Last race of the season)

Skippers' Meet: 1:00 p.m.

1st Start: 2:00 p.m.

RACE CHAIR: NEEDED

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

**RYC Member Meeting
Salmon Bake, February 23, 2013
Minutes**

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Jeanne read the previous general meetings minutes.

Introductions of the board

Introductions of club members

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Report-Roger Schnoes-last year's ending balance was \$8,680. The current balance is \$7,806. Current paid membership is 33 members as of tonight. Last year there were 48 paid members at the Salmon Bake. Roger handed out the treasurer's report. We are in good shape-no major ups/downs this year. Roger passed around the membership spreadsheet so that members could update information as needed. Insurance is up this year-if anyone is interested in researching and reviewing the policies to see if we are paying too much, please let Roger or Jay know. Roger is



retiring at the end of the year, so is looking for replacement. Treasurer's report accepted.

County Parks Presentation-John Vial and Steve Lambert
Weed problems at resort-Steve Lambert-The weeds that are present at the lake are a hybrid-cross which is more aggressive and herbicide resistant. It is an expanding problem in many parts of the lake, not just the marina. Fish stocking is also a problem due to the weeds. High water levels have expanded the problem-low water levels and a good prolonged winter is the best treatment. Howard Prairie is not a county facility, it is managed with agreement with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)-all weed treatment has to be approved through BOR-they manage the water and are incorporating treatment into their Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan. They will address issue in early March through a contractor. The contract will start in the marina and moorage area and Klum landing-anything done across lake will be a long term solution.

Concessionaire agreement, John Vial-Jackson County Parks program is independent from property tax and the county gets no general fund support-the program is managed thru fees/income and from concessionaires-Howard Prairie is one of several concessionaire contracts-HP is largest source of income of all parks (around 60K per year).

No concession payment or taxes had been paid for last year and the agreement was terminated on 2/13. Jackson County is now running HP and will operate the campground and marina, but concession out the restaurant. The goal is to minimize disruptions. Reservations will be honored, and the current process for slips will be the same, however the county needs our help to build records on how reservations were made. Moorage and slip fees will be the same cost as last year. Moorage fees will be paid to Jackson County and the club will work through Jay. Members need to email Jay with the name address and slip number. The county has had some interest from potential concessionaires about running the restaurant and are moving quickly on this issue. As of this coming week, campsite reservation will be up. The RYC building is fine and no issues with it. No change in security issues. County took back Willow Lake and will plan on operating it in the future-better financially in the future.

Vice Commodore Report- John Spillman

Spring Racing Series-Emigrant Lake-Wednesdays in April and May- starts at 5:30 p.m. in the western finger of lake-

goal is to be more visible. **Summer Portsmouth Series**-traditional schedule **Sailstice** and **Jensen** on same date, **Commodore's Cup** and **Cruisers Cup** (new class). **Summer Laser Series**-five races-two outreach events at KYC and CBYC.

Automated Racing Timer Discussion-member is working on a prototype that would be a lot less expensive-needs pelican case seahorse 300 or 1200 or 1300-anyone have it?

Race Committee Training: Sign-up Sheet new this year-clinic.

Question about race committee, "Could we use website to create a form to sign up for race committee."

Social report-Patrick McLain: America's Cup party, **Three new events:** **Spring Splash Potluck** May 18th, **Commodore's Cup Raft Up** and meteor shower, **End of Season Potluck**, Check website for dates and information.

Marketing Efforts--Jesse Repp: Board decision is to make marketing a focus this year. Goal is to increase club visibility through new RYC car stickers; HP signage; local media exposure for events. Regatta Marketing goals are to solidify relationships with nearby yacht clubs; increase attendance. Another goal is sailing education.

Marine Board Data: RYC represents 1/6 of registered sailboats in SW Oregon; Identify new class fleets (MacGregor 26 Multihulls).

Deck Project: Project Description-getting estimates for this project; solicited level of support and fundraising-need to interact with county on the project.

U20 North American Championship: Stand Alone Championship Regatta June 23-25th 2013. Hopefully garner U20 class attendance at future southern Cascades Regatta (every other year). Our event to lose. Will be organized to minimize volunteer needs. Possible Deck project funding source.

Regatta Overview: Regatta Operations Manual drafted. Marketing and Registrations-first trustee (Jesse Repp). T-shirt design (**Jim Botsford**) Principal Race Officer: (**need a volunteer**). Dinner and Socializing-second trustee (Patrick McLain). Swag and Trophy-(**need a volunteer**)

Raffle for 1/2 off moorage was held-winner was Doayne Podhorsky.

Jay adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.



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Catalina 22 to Share or Sell

I am looking for a partner to share my Catalina 22. The boat is in good shape, but I just don't use it enough. Would love to have a partner to share costs, maintenance, sailing, etc. Please call Michael Gutman @ 541-621-0281 so we can come to a mutually beneficial arrangement!!! Would also be interested in selling the boat outright!

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