



Commodore's Log

by Dick Barbara

A Happy, Productive RYC Board

On Tuesday, November 19, your new RYC board met for the first time to do the work of keeping our club headed on the right course with sails well trimmed. During the fast-moving 2 hour meeting, we covered mundane (yet necessary) topics, such as insurance, budgets and website details, as well as the more "on the water" topics, such as youth sailing and one-design racing fleets. No matter the subject, I witnessed a group of committed, talented, hard-working, fun people interacting with each other and accomplishing tasks in a professional manner. I am confident that this group will lead us through a successful, upcoming sailing season loaded with well organized, fun, challenging events. What more could a Commodore or club member ask for in the composition of a board?

There are some highlights from this past meeting that I think are worth mentioning. During our discussion about increasing membership, Jim Botsworth mentioned that we should make the arrangements to have a presence in next April's Pear Blossom parade. Maybe we could haul half a dozen lasers, sunfish and other small boats in a chain along the parade route, all the while passing out pamphlets advertising our club and its benefits. Jesse Repp suggested that we hold this spring's Free Sail Day at Lost Creek Lake in search of more forgiving winds for new sailors. We talked at length about the details in developing a Catalina 25 fleet, and how we could be as inclusive as possible. Youth sailing was another topic of discussion. Jesse suggested that we hold a youth racing series in the mornings before our regularly scheduled afternoon races to take advantage of lighter, more manageable winds. We also discussed how we can get some of our long-time, now boat-less members back on the water and in the mix. If you would like to be informed about the other, various topics we discussed and acted on, please read our RYC meeting minutes that follow.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming holiday party graciously hosted by Derek and Kim Budd on December 7th from 6:00 to 8:30. Their address is: 1395 Evergreen Lane, Ashland. The club will spring for a turkey and a ham. All you need to do is bring your favorite side dish or dessert, your drinks and, of course, a willingness to talk about anything to do with your boat.

RYC 2013 Calendar

DECEMBER

RYC CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: December 7, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p. m. — 8:30 p. m.

HOST : Derek & Kim Budd

PLACE: 1395 Evergreen Lane
Ashland, Oregon

RYC PROVIDES: Ham and Turkey

YOU BRING: Salad, Side dish or dessert (enough to share) and what ever you plan to drink.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FEBRUARY

22 Saturday: SOCIAL + BUSINESS Salmon Bake

TIME: 6:00 p.m. dinner

7:00 p.m. Member Meeting

PLACE: Girl Scout Building, Medford

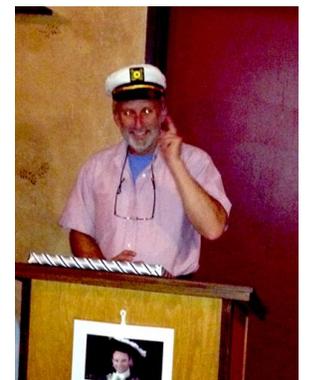
COST: \$5.00/person + what you spend on raffle.

Last chance for discounted membership of \$75

Around the Docks

Commodore's Dinner

The 2013 Commodore's dinner and Awards night was well attended by over 50 members and guests. The event was held, this year at the Bella Union Restaurant in Jacksonville. Commodore Jay officiated the awards and passed the belaying pin on to Commodore Dick Barbara.





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

NATURE'S LITTLE SECRETS: The British Virgin Islands

Article and Photos by Peter Cipes

Ahoy Fellow RYC Members! We just flew home from 19 days in the BVI, and boy are my arms tired (and my butt, from sitting on worn-out airplane seats for 11+ hours!). But, as usual I am re-energized, well tanned, and am already plotting and scheming our next trip.

This was our 11th trip to the Virgin Islands, and our 14th Bareboat Charter. Each time we go, we seem to further refine our particular taste in anchorages, daily routines and other aspects of the trip. A typical day might go something like this: Eat, sail, snorkel, drink, snorkel, eat, read, sleep. There's lots of variation, but you get the idea. The more we do this, the more we realize that for us it's as much a life-style as a vacation. Once we settle in to the daily routine of life onboard, the boat literally becomes our home.

Instead of boring you with long descriptions of all the technical and nuanced bareboat charter necessities (of which there are many, all of which are important if not crucial to a safe and successful charter experience) I thought I'd give you a pictorial glimpse at some of the highlights of our time. Each day in the Virgin Islands brings at least one very special, new and wondrous event. Please enjoy!



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U n d e r t h e S e a



E a r l y M o r n i n g R a i n b o w ! (a b o v e)

T h e B i r d s ! (b e l o w)



W h i t e H e r o n



Hang'n with Foxy

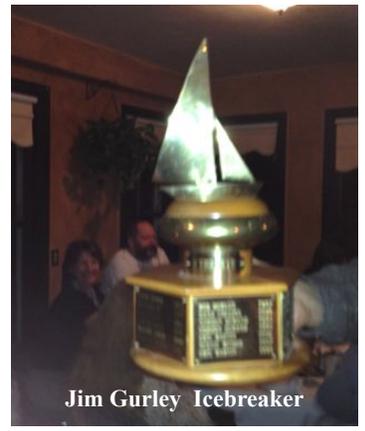


Peter and Karen Chillin'

A n n u a l A w a r d s



Derek Bud
Spring Laser Series



Jim Gurley Icebreaker

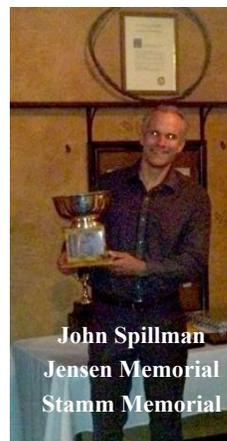


Tree of Shame (above)

*One of the most enjoyable aspects of the Caribbean is very clear water, which is great for snorkeling and diving. An additional benefit is the ability to easily see your anchor and know beyond a doubt that it is properly set.
*Stay tuned for next month's issue when I will go over anchoring techniques, tips and tricks!
—PC*



At the Helm



John Spillman
Jensen Memorial
Stamm Memorial



Patrick McLain
Smith Trophy
Most Improved



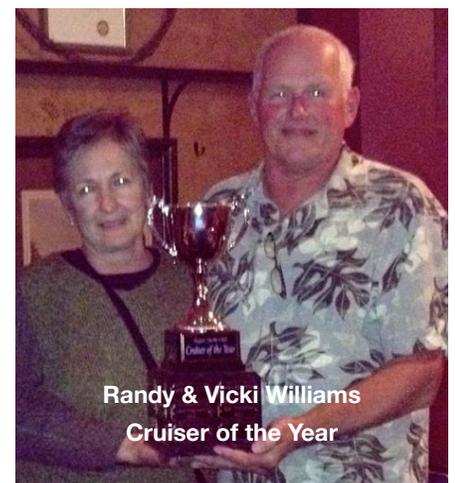
Jesse Repp
Sportsmanship
Award

Jay Harland

**Summer Series
Trophy**

**The Cumulative
results from the 12
race Portsmouth
handicap summer
series.**

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Randy & Vicki Williams
Cruiser of the Year



Sunset in the BVIs



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

RYC Board Meeting: November 19, 2013

M i n u t e s

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: **Jeanne Barbara** is going to remove postage and hard copy materials from the budget.

Jay Harland shared that we need to go down the list and decide what will increase. **Jesse Repp** said to make it an action that budget owners come back with proposed budget for their item (race team—**Jesse Repp** and **Jim Botsford**, social—**Patrick McLain**, **Jay Harland**—any extra expense for Santanas for regatta, **Dick Barbara**—class racing for 25's and youth sailing, **Jeanne Barbara**—sailing education, *etc.*). **Jeanne** will do budget for those items that are not assigned to others (membership expense category \$150, **Jeanne**—office expenses, **Jim** and **Patrick** look into budget for band, **Jim** will look at insurance to negotiate better deal- budgeted \$2600). Have this ready for December meeting. **Jay** said to carry the office items forward. **Jeanne** to contact **Peter Cipes** regarding the ASA process. **Club Boat:** Beginning of December **Jesse**, **Jay** and **Peter** will meet to review criteria for buying a boat. Approved for \$4000.

Website: **Jeanne** is going to regularly update the website. Email **Derek** for password in order to edit web site.

Marketing Memberships: **Jim** suggested having sailboats in parade and **Jay** suggested the Pear Blossom parade as it is early (April 12). Hand out pamphlets. **Jim** to look into the entry fee.

Free sailing day: **Jesse** suggested looking into Lost Creek for free sailing day.

Secretary's Report: **Karen** read minutes from last meeting on October 10 and everyone approved.

Social Events: **Derek** and **Kim Budd** offered house for the **Christmas party** which will be December 7. **Salmon Bake** will be on February 22. **Jeanne** will reserve the Girl Scout building.

Vice Commodore's Report: **Jesse** spoke to **John Spillman** and will get together with him in the spring. He needs to show **Jesse** the sailing software.

Old Business

PayPal Account: **Jeanne** to talk with **Gary Spafford** to get settings reset for Paypal. Gizmo (square) at Staples that attaches to phone to swipe credit card. **Jeanne** will look into cost. Get not for profit account.

Burgee: **Jay** to make it work so you can order burgees from website.

Chase Account: **Jeanne** and **Dick** sat down with them and they got everyone cleared off so now it is just **Jeanne** and **Dick**.

New Business

Budget: Everyone is clear on the budget reports for 2013-14

Google groups: Only active board members should be on it with the exception of **Cindy Warwick**. **John Spillman** will remove everyone who is not on the current board. **Dick** will let him know.

Skydrive: **Bill Horton** would like minutes sent to him directly and not Skydrive. Discussions about files getting corrupted so need to save it out as oldest version will let you and then save as newest version.

Calendar: **Jesse** will set up racing draft calendar first for next meeting and **Patrick** will set up social calendar. Look at other club racing events in area.

Catalina 25 Fleet Racing: **Dick** to get a commitment from other Catalina 25 owners. Idea is to pick a day and have 4-5 people on the boats and make it a real race as part of the summer series. Do it early in the season. **Jesse** suggested open enrollment for people outside the club. If other boats of similar design want to join then give them their own start.

Youth program: **Dick** to track down members in club who have kids. Start addressing teaching kids to sail on a boat and get them competing. **Jesse** suggested doing youth program in the mornings when winds are consistent.

Honorary Members: Motion to approve previous members except the LeGrands.

Invite: long-time members who no longer have boats to come out and sail.

Next board meeting: December 10, 2013 at 6:00.

Adjourned: at 8:08



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