



## Commodore's Log

by Dick Barbara

### RYC Board Creates Plan B for Club Fun

For the past 5 months, I, along with many local skiers, snowboarders, fisherman and sailors, have been watching the weather closely in anticipation of any form of precipitation. Back in the winter months of December, January, February and March we were hoping for snow to play on and to store water for the following spring and summer. As we all know, we received record low totals of snow in our mountains and rain in our valleys, which requires us as sailors to rethink our boating plans for the months ahead.

Your RYC Board has been in the "Plan B" mode for about a month now, thinking of ways to adapt our sailing and social calendar to the realities associated with a drought year. Our first adjustment came as we did the math to predict future water levels at Howard Prairie Lake as they pertain to events on particular dates. We first decided to focus on the Santana 20 Nationals (July 28-31). After doing the water level math, we found that we would likely not have enough water to launch the Santana 20 fleet from the public launch ramp at the resort. Our rear commodore, Jay Harland, proposed that we offer an earlier date to the Santana fleet when water levels would be more favorable. They respectfully declined the date change, yet hope for hosting their 2015 Nationals remains alive.

The need for other changes to our calendar became evident in reviewing the water level math results. We next looked at our regatta and the perpetual trophy events, such as the Jensen and the Stamm. To ensure adequate launching water levels for these events, we decided to move these races to earlier in our season. The Jensen and the Stamm perpetual trophy races will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> respectively. We will move up our regatta by 2 weeks to July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, where we will gain about 17 inches more water elevation.

Despite low water levels at the lake, moorage issues and a changing race calendar, I know that we will pull off a successful sailing season, because our club and its members have a long history of doing so. After all, we're sailors. We know how to have a good time when it's cold or warm; windy or calm.

## RYC 2014 Calendar Changes

### APRIL

**2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays—RACE—Spring Series #1-5**  
**TIME: 5:30 p.m. PLACE: Emigrant Lake**

For information about updated event location and time email Jesse Repp at [jessekrepp@gmail.com](mailto:jessekrepp@gmail.com)

**Spring Series dependent on weather and water conditions.**

**15 Tuesday—Howard Prairie Resort opens.**

**17, 24, Thursday & SATURDAY 26**  
**FREE, INTRODUCTION TO SAILING COURSE**

**Thursdays:** Classes Start 6:30 p.m. at Plexis Health Systems, 340 Oak St. Ashland, Oregon

**Saturday:** On-the-Water at Emigrant Lake boat ramp 12 p.m.

**SOCIAL: All RYC Potluck BBQ at Emigrant Lake 3 p.m.**

### MAY

**7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays—RACE—Spring Series #6-9**  
**TIME: 5:30 p.m. PLACE: Emigrant Lake**

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**10-11 Saturday & Sunday RYC Fundraiser Yard Sale**

Randy & Vicki Williams' home, 3960 Hilsinger Rd. Phoenix, OR  
 Club members are encouraged to donate items for sale.  
 For more information call Randy Williams (541)292-1933  
 or email at [whskyrvr@charter.net](mailto:whskyrvr@charter.net) (See Article below)

**17 Saturday—WORK—Set Marks for 2014 racing season.**  
**TIME: 11:00 p.m. PLACE: RYC Shed**

**24-25 Saturday-Sunday - RACE - Whiskeytown Memorial Regatta**  
 Entry Form Link: <http://www.whiskeytownsailing.org/Regatta/regatta2011.html>

**31 Saturday—RACE—Icebreaker Trophy**  
**SKIPPERS' MEET: 12:00 Pp.m. START: 1:00 p.m.**

### JUNE

**14 Saturday—RACE—Jensen Trophy**  
**SKIPPERS' MEET: 12:00 Pp.m. START: 1:00 p.m.**

**14 Saturday—EDUCATION—Youth Sailing Program #1**

**28 Saturday—RACE—Stamm Trophy**  
**SKIPPERS' MEET: 12:00 Pp.m. START: 1:00 p.m.**

**28 Saturday—EDUCATION—Youth Sailing Program #2**

### JULY

**NOTICE: REGATTA DATE CHANGE**

**12 & 13 Saturday & Sunday**  
**RYC Southern Cascade Regatta**

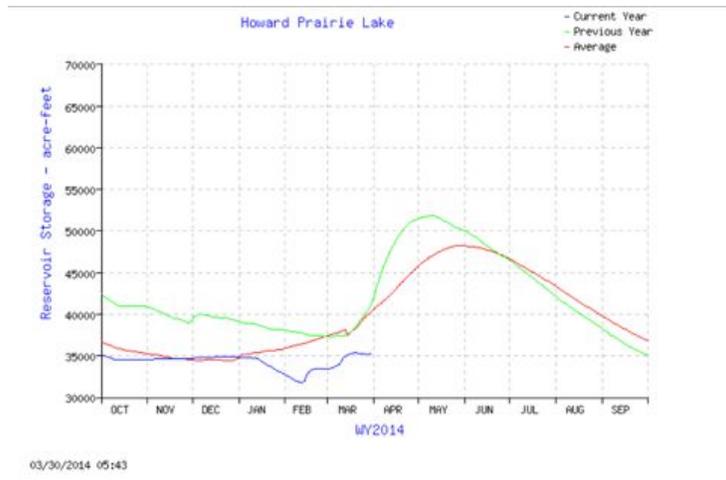
Check [www.rogueyachtclub.org](http://www.rogueyachtclub.org) for registration form.



## A r o u n d   t h e   D o c k s

### Lake Level a Concern for Keel Boats

Hiking up at Howard Prairie Lake on March 16 I (Bill Horton) found the resort was still in “mothballs” plywood over windows, rental boats out of sight, however, I was mostly intrigued by the state of the marina. In past low water years I have



seen water levels lower than what I saw that day, but always at the end of season never at this time of year. On the 16<sup>th</sup> the Bureau of Reclamation website <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/roguetea.html> showed lake volume at 56%. During the follow-



ing two weeks we received some rain bringing the lake’s volume to 58% (about 35,000 acre feet). What that translates to, accord-

ing to Steve Lambert director of Parks and Recreation for Jackson County, is a lake surface currently at about 4,511.5 feet above sea level. To put that into perspective the lake surface, when full, is at 4,527 feet above sea level (60,600 acre feet), the foot of the launch ramp is 4,501 feet above sea level. According to Lambert’s sources at the BOR the lake level could rise an additional 2.5 - 5.0 feet to 4,514 with a best case scenario of 4,517. Since my trip up to the lake our commodore, Dick Barbara, made a visit on March 29<sup>th</sup> and took photos, including the bottom one on page 2. Comparing with the 1<sup>st</sup> one can see, the water has come up a small amount since the 16<sup>th</sup>. Dick also took soundings around the end of the docks and found a water depth



of about 32 inches out at the very end. Once the summer draw-down begins (to run the Ashland hydro-electric plant and irrigate farmland) the lake loses about nine inches per week with an expected lake level, by August 1<sup>st</sup> at an altitude of 4,505 or about four feet deep above the foot of the launch ramp.

## **RYC Fundraiser Yard Sale**

**To be held on May 10 & 11 at the home of  
Randy and Vicki Williams  
3960 Hilsinger Road, Phoenix, Oregon.**

As announced at the January Salmon Bake, Randy is proposing to have a club fundraiser yard sale at his home. The event will be advertised as a RYC event with the intention of raising money for the general fund to be used by the Board to help purchase a club teaching vessel, refrigerator for our club house, new BBQ or ? This is a venue for you to donate to a good cause, in support of your club, duplicate or extra nautical items or other treasures that are in need of a new home.

You can choose to donate the proceeds of your donated item (s) to the club or give a designated percentage. Our



property is flat and large and would allow for the display of bigger items such as the 23 foot sail boat that a member discussed bringing to the sale at the salmon bake.

My personal list includes an almost new 18 foot fiberglass sea kayak, 4 old school white water kayaks, a new 4 season tent from The North Face, full size pickup utility box, new in box utility sink and more. This promises to be a good event.

1) Randy will be advertising this sale on Craig's list and in the Mail Tribune, so please if you have a special item email me a description of that item so I can place it in the add.

2) If your item requires a title transfer (boat, trailer, car etc.) please be sure to have it available on sale day.

3) I have a 5x8 ft. utility trailer which I will happily to use to transport donated items to the sale, advance notification required for scheduling pick ups.

And finally, I am not a yard sale expert (yet), so your advice and/or assistance in this project especially on sale day would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, advice or lists of intended donations. More information to come in the May newsletter. Save the Date and, Thanks in Advance! Randy Williams 541-292-1933 or email [whskyrvr@charter.net](mailto:whskyrvr@charter.net)

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

### Spring Dinghy Series a Good Warm-up for Lasers

The spring dinghy series, consisting of nine races prosecuted on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. over the next two months, at Emigrant Lake, will be a go again this year. This is the perfect opportunity/incentive for our open centerboard sailors to get out on the water to enjoy an evening of fellowship on the water with some purposeful sailing. Last year's group consisted of the "Frigid Five:" (Even though evenings were pleasant—ed.) Jay Harland, Derek Budd, Jesse Repp, Mark Warwick and John Spillman. Those RYC members who are interested in getting out on the water before the rest of us should contact Vice Commodore Jesse Repp by email [jessekrepp@gmail.com](mailto:jessekrepp@gmail.com).

### Taking a New Tack in Singlehanded Sailing

*An article provided by US Sailing*

US Sailing is taking a new tack to some of its championships. For the first time, a US Sailing National Championship will be integrated as part of a larger class event. The 2014 Laser North Americans will be the host of the U.S. Singlehanded Championship, and the top eligible male Laser and female Radial sailor will be named United States Singlehanded Champion. The regatta will be hosted by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club on June 12-15 in Long Beach, Calif.

Athletes competing at the 2014 U.S. Singlehanded Championships will get a golden opportunity to race against a talented collection of the top Laser sailors in the world.

With the growth of one-design sailing here in the U.S. and with ever more events in the sailing calendar, it became clear to US Sailing that the traditional qualifying series was limiting the number of sailors who could compete for the O'Day and Hanley Trophies. Our goal is to allow more people to have a chance to compete for these historic championships. As the Laser class is one of the largest singlehanded classes in the world, identifying the top U.S. Singlehanded sailor through the North Americans is a natural fit.

Who is eligible to be named U.S. Singlehanded Champion? Sailors must be at least 17 years of age in the calendar year and current members of US Sailing and the Laser class. All the sailors will be scored as one fleet with the highest eligible male Laser sailor winning the O'Day Trophy and the highest female Radial sailor winning the Hanley Trophy.

To learn more or to register, visit the website at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm>



Photo: Liz Walker/US Sailing

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

### Despite Low Water Club Social Events Still a Go

According to Social Trustee Patrick McLain many summer events are tied to the races so if not many people are racing this year, due to low water concerns, it is even more important to have our social events. There is the possibility that RYC could do them at various places as well as at Howard Prairie Lake says McLain. The RYC board agreed that social events can keep the membership connected for what appears to be a very dry year for many of the cruisers.



## C l u b   B u s i n e s s

### **RYC Board Meeting: March 18, 2014**

#### M i n u t e s

**Present:** Jay Harlan, Dick Barbara, Jeanne Barbara, Jesse Repp, Patrick McLain, and Karen McLain. Also attending Bill Horton, and Steve Lambert. Jim Botsford not in attendance.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Income from the Salmon Bake available upon request
- Sold two in advertisements for the *Tell Tales*
- New memberships - 24
- Active memberships: Jeanne will update numbers.

#### **New Business**

##### **Steve Lambert regarding Howard Prairie**

- Hydrologist said that most likely 4514 elevation for this summer which puts us just about where we ended Labor Day. The potential best case scenario would be 4517 but Steve said we are planning on the 4514.
- Once they start letting out the draw down it goes down 9 inches a week.
- We had 60 buoys last year so we have conservatively 40. We will leave a few open for weekly rentals and races.
- We will get the ramp done at Willow Point and should be as deep as Plum Land - 4505, Resort 4501 end of ramp, taking it to August 1 - need 5 foot of water to launch, should be 4 feet above toe of the ramp (low end).
- Import LIDAR data to make contour.

##### **Jay Harland**

- Jay got reservations for camping for Santanas.
- County will resume slips after drought. They will send out numbers of water level needed to resume slips and it will be recorded.
- Steve to bring Dick the gift certificate for 1/2 of the mooring from raffle. He said it could be used for future for 1/2 slip cost.
- Steve okayed buoy for barge.
- Continue monitoring water level.
- By end of summer they will have conceptual design for new docks.

##### **Vice Commodore's Report**

- Jesse is not wanting to put together race calendar participants yet; until we have a better idea - could go with very minimal race committee or automated

- Bill posted a calendar in the *Tell Tales* but may be best to state that it is subject to water level.
- Might be best to go to a one month calendar in *Tell Tales*.
- Jesse to contact Derek regarding Free Sail class at Plexus regarding time, place, etc. Need to get information to Bill this week so advertising can get going. We don't have a budget for it so we won't be renting space.

##### **Social Trustee's Report**

- People did not RSVP for Salmon Bake. Dick said this happens over and over. May need to change procedure by stating that if you RSVP, it will be \$5 and \$10 at door. This is just an idea.
- Summer events are tied to the races so if not many people are racing, we still need to do social events but could do them at various places (Jesse volunteered his house).

##### **Club Boat Purchase**

- Hunter 23, rough shape but Dick thinks it will be serviceable. Could offer \$2000 if it is structurally sound and sails good for 3-4 seasons. There is no motor so it will cost an additional \$1000. Jim has a boat that he has \$7000 into and willing to sell for \$5000 and it comes with a motor.

##### **Santana 20 Nationals**

- Need to give them fair warning about whether or not they will have any problems getting on and off the water. Rather than change the venue, move the time. Maybe 2 -3 weeks earlier.
- Maybe use the Firecracker at Klamath Lake as the warm up to the nationals.
- Another idea is move our regatta up 2-3 weeks to make sure there is enough water. June 21 and 22 and Santanas 23-26.

##### **RYC Yard Sale**

- May 9 and 10th. Randy is planning and will do the advertising.

##### **Next Board Meeting**

- May 14 at 6:00 p.m.



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## RYC NEEDS A NEW/USED PRINTER

If any club member has a working printer they are planning to replace this year RYC needs a printer to print daily regatta outcomes and final results. If you have a printer that you can donate to the cause please don't hesitate to call Commodore Dick Barbara at (541)324-4895 or email him at [wingwing@charter.net](mailto:wingwing@charter.net).

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