



Tell Tales
Commodore's Log
 by Dick Barbara

Despite Weather, RYC Board Making Plans

I remember one year ago when I wrote about a weather observation that I made regarding snow on Mount Baldy by Thanksgiving. A friend and colleague mentioned in 1990 that as long as he'd lived here (since the early 60s) there had been snow on Mount Baldy by Thanksgiving. Every year since he made that weather remark, I have looked at Baldy daily during these past 25 Novembers to check for snow and I have found it each year with the exception of the past two. I have also noticed by watching the satellite images of Pacific low pressure systems during last winter, spring and especially this fall, that the southern edges of many of these weather systems have been passing over northern Oregon while missing the central and southern parts of our state. Like every other skier and sailor in our region, I, also, truly hope that these observations are not an indication that the winter ahead will be anything like the dry, warm winter and spring we had earlier this year. On a brighter note, our regional rain gauge has recorded better than average rainfall for this water year, which began October 1.

No matter the weather forecast for the upcoming winter, your RYC board will be planning for a full season of races and social events. As the months progress toward spring, we will make adjustments to the calendar of events depending on water levels at Howard Prairie.

Speaking of the RYC board... we have a new member, Cindy Broadwater. She will be taking the place of Michael Gutman as treasurer. Michael has chosen to decline the position. Cindy brings to the job of treasurer much financial and marketing experience having worked for Mount Ashland Ski Area in a similar capacity and owning and managing Lost Creek Lake Resort. I look forward to working with Cindy to adjust our book-keeping system to one that will be efficient, clear and easy for future treasurers to learn. Welcome Aboard, Cindy!

And finally, our usual Before-Christmas Party, has been changed to an *After the Holidays, Polar Bear Party* to bring in the New Year! Due to low attendance in recent to past years, we are trying a new approach by having our get-together after the holiday dust settles on January 3, 2015. Hopefully our rain gauges will be full and the mountains covered in powdery snow by our party on the January 3rd. See the adjacent calendar for details.

RYC 2014 Calendar
DECEMBER

11 Thursday—RYC Board Meeting
JANUARY

Polar Bear Party—SOCIAL
(Replaces Holiday Party in December)

DATE: Saturday, January 3, 2015

PLACE: Jessie & Katy Repp's House
502 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, OR 97520

TIME: 6:00 p.m. for cocktails

Bring a side dish or desert to share—BYOB.

FEBRUARY

Salmon Bake—SOCIAL & BUSINESS
Date, Place and Time to be determined.

Around the Docks

Board Approves new Treasurer

In order to fill a last minute vacancy, Cindy Broadwater is the newly appointed RYC treasurer. A member since 2014, she is owner of Lost Creek Lake Restaurant and Marina. She enjoys sailing, and has sailed for 25 years on: the Columbia River near St. Helens, Pacific Ocean out of Warrenton and Brookings, the Atlantic Ocean in south Florida (Fort Lauderdale and the Keys). She

made her first solo sail in the spring of 2012 on Lost Creek Lake.

Cindy is an accountant with several active clients. She has expressed an interest in sharing her expertise on the finance committee. She is bringing fresh ideas about managing RYC finances to her first board meeting on November 18. Welcome aboard Cindy, you will be an excellent addition to the leadership of Rogue Yacht Club.





Commodore's Dinner 2014 A Most Enjoyable Evening

The 2014 Commodore's dinner and RYC Awards was held at the Bella Union Restaurant in Jacksonville, Oregon on Saturday, November 8th. The dinner was attended by 28 members all of whom seemed to enjoy the social portion of the evening.



After dinner Commodore Dick Barbara presented awards to the winners of the perpetual trophy races, series races, and special awards for the 2014 sailing season.



The *Spring Dinghy Series*, consisting of nine race days, was held on Emigrant Lake, running from April 2 through May 28. The competitors were several hotly contested Lasers and one Coronado 15. It was won by a Laser captained by Derek Budd.

The next award was for the annual *Ice-breaker Trophy*. This first race of the year on Howard Prairie Lake was held on May 31 and was won by John Spillman. On June 28 the *Walter Stamm Memorial Trophy*, a Portsmouth Handicap race, was also won by Spillman.

On June 14th, the club ran



the *Jensen Trophy*, our annual around the islands race. The Jensen, which was severely modified. Due to very low water this year sailing around the islands was impossible. This year's trophy went to Jay Harland. Jay was also awarded the Sportsman of the Year Trophy and the Golden Mermaid award for the most spectacular capsized of the racing season.

The *Smith Trophy*, awarded annually to the most improved racer, was awarded to Dale Yellin who competed on his O'Day 222 "Parrot Head II."

Finally, the *Cruiser of the Year Trophy* went to long time RYC member and past commodore Michael Gus. This year he found a place at Lost Creek Lake and kept the cruiser's tradition going. Congratulations to all of the trophy winners of 2014.



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

Randy & Vicky Williams' Sail to Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

Article & Photos provided by Randy Williams

There be Pirate vessels, tall ships, schooners, sloops, bath tubs with sails and ferries all about us in the bay and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This was Vicky's an my first ever trip away with our boat, and we were in Port Townsend, Washington. In this moment we found ourselves in the parade of vessels that concludes their Wooden Boat Festival.



What a delight! The official Washington State Vessel "Lady Washington" was firing her canons with return blasts being fired from shore. The "Adventurous" and the "Halcy-



on” were setting sails and sailing nearby. It was just such a beautiful sunny day with mild breezes and a cacophony of color, motion, and activity. We counted 110+ sails in the fleet around us and all were doing their best to honor the rules of the road.



We had been planning this venture for the better part of a year and arrived on Thursday afternoon. We secured a slip at the "first come first served" (till gone) *Boat Haven* and went about our business rigging "Just Go" to ply the briny. Slip out, sail, slip in, Perfect for 4 days of sailing.



The festival was a huge amount of fun. We purchased a 3 day wrist band and gained access to the hundreds of vessels docked at Port Hudson,



where we were welcomed aboard any vessel we wished to visit by their captain. There were presentations by Lynn and Larry Pardey and Steve Callahan (Adrift), boat building demon-

strations and much much more. We observed pirates in full dress doing what pirates do, were regaled by wandering groups of minstrels singing sea shanties and we drank pints at the "Bitter End" while watching the frolic in the bay. Did I mention that we had a lot of fun?



As many festival goers book next year's accommodations prior to leaving town, rooms fill up and if you plan to attend this great event, now would not be a bad time to reserve your spot. It is my plan to travel earlier, sail some in the San Juan' and return to enjoy this enthusiastic sailing community again next year, maybe we'll see you there.

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

Vice Commodore Repp Proposes Racing Rules Series of Articles

What happens when one sailor sees another sailor on the water? A race!

Everyone has a personal reasons for being a member of the Rogue Yacht Club. At the core, we all love to sail and be on the water. Some enjoy camping on the weekends; some enjoy cruising and visiting new places; while others enjoy to go head to head with a fleet of one design boats. I believe that to truly enjoy sailing requires experience. No place provides more sailing experience than racing.

How can racing make me a better sailor you ask? Besides allowing me to sail some very cool boats alongside some incredible sailors. Racing teaches Right-of-Way rules



and the boat's limits. Racing has refined my boat handling, sail trim and my understanding of boat feedback. Racing allows you to learn from others. Racing teaches how to think and act quickly. Racing teaches you how to read the wind and make the most of the conditions. Racing provides a healthy respect of water and weather. These are all traits that will make you a better sailor.

I have decided to start a racing corner series of articles in the *telltales*, as a place to share articles and information, directed towards racing skills, tactics, rules and theory to help us all to become more informed and confident sailors. And I hope to see you all out on the race course practicing what we learn in these articles. Look for the Racers Corner in next month's *Tell Tales* for the first article. If you have suggestions for topics, send them in.

Your Vice Commodore,
Jesse Repp

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

RYC Board Meeting: November 18, 2014 **M i n u t e s**

Present:

Dick Barbara, Commodore; Jesse Repp, Vice Commodore; Jeanne Barbara, Trustee 1 (race); Patrick McLain, Trustee 2 (social); Cindy Broadwater, Treasurer; and Karen McLain, Secretary.

Absent: Jay Harlan, Rear Commodore

Secretary's Report

- Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$155 for new members for October
- **Purchased** postage for Commodore's dinner and shed keys.
- **Motion to approve** treasurer's report and it was seconded and passed.
- Cindy would like to increase membership and feels that we need to get a current list of all members and leads for new members. She would like to combine membership with Lost Creek residents to increase revenue.
- Cindy suggested a change of structure in how to collect dues (different pay structure for new

members, renewals, etc). Willing to offer her facility for events.

- Put on agenda for December to develop a plan for membership (i.e constitution amended, levels of membership) that could be rolled out at Salmon Bake. Bring ideas to next meeting. Look at registered sail boat owner through Marine Board.

Old Business

- **Commodore's dinner:** only 28 attended, half the number from last year. Dick suggested that we have a kid's menu with a lower price and maybe less formal.
- **Financial Records:** Jesse, Cindy Warwick, Laura R., and Cindy Broadwater to develop consistency with treasurer's report, regatta manual, etc. Cindy B. to advise and give committee ideas on simplifying the system. Jeanne to send email once Cindy has time to review.

New Business

- **Small Boat Search:** \$300 for sunfish, Jesse to email owner (Jesse and Dick to continue searching). Get in touch with West Coast sailing. Bring what they find to next meeting.
- **Calendar:** Plan out a full season: Jesse will do race calendar first then send to Patrick to add social events. Bring to next meeting.
- **Budget:** Cindy suggested that the budget next year should be developed earlier so it can be finalized by October 31.
- **Polar Bear Party:** January 3, 2015 – Save the Date for the Potluck– Location TBD
- **Other:** Put out t-shirts at all the events.
- **Next meeting:** December 11, 2014



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