



Commodore's Log

by Dick Barbara

From Boat Prep to Capital Improvements

January One means a lot of things to us all. To me, it usually means that it's time to lay off the sweets and high calorie baked goods and return to a more healthy diet that will make it possible for me to fit through the companion way this spring. It also means more exercise, more time on my skis, more reading and more time devoted to preparing for the upcoming sailing season. This last item seems to never completely get done on-time. When the day arrives to put the boat in the water, I always feel like the boat is not quite ready. There are various maintenance items that I tell myself that, "I'll just do those chores throughout the summer, while the boat is on the water. It'll be a prettier place to clean out the lazarettes at the lake than in my driveway." You can probably see the flaw in my logic. When I'm at the lake I want to sail or maybe just hang-out on my boat. I don't want to rub out the scuffs in the gel coat and wax the hull. So, here I am with some time between now and launch day with that never ending list of things to do to fully prepare the boat for a rock 'em sock 'em summer of maintenance-free fun on the boat. Check with me when you see me on the boat ramp this spring to see how well I did.

While we were all preparing for the holidays, club business pressed forward. Work is on-going to develop a calendar of events and a budget for November 2013 through October 2014. The calendar and budget should be completed by our January 14th board meeting. Progress was made on two important projects that will benefit all club members. One long-term project, that is particularly dear to those who keep their boats in slips or to those who use the public dock in the marina, is the complete replacement of the current dilapidated docks. Jay Harland and Peter Cipes have been leading the charge on this topic by working with Jackson County Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation to help make this enormous improvement a reality. Jay's and Peter's work has thus far secured agreement from Jackson County Parks that the job is necessary and worthy of grant writing to fund the project. Also, The Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to design and draw the plans for the new docks, which is no small contribution. The other project, led by Peter, Jay and Jesse Repp is the purchase of a club-owned sailboat that will assist our ASA instructors as they teach new members how to sail. This boat will also bring funds to our club in that it will be available to charter. Thanks to Jay, Jesse and Peter for using their skills at planning and forethought for the benefit of us all.

It was good seeing many of you at our rescheduled holiday party. If you missed that get-together, you'll have another chance to eat a meal and chat with your fellow sailor friends at our annual Salmon Bake on February 22.

RYC 2013 Calendar

JANUARY

14 Tuesday: BUSINESS—Board Meeting TIME: 6:00 p.m.
Order your RYC Club Burgee on line by 1/26/14.

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.

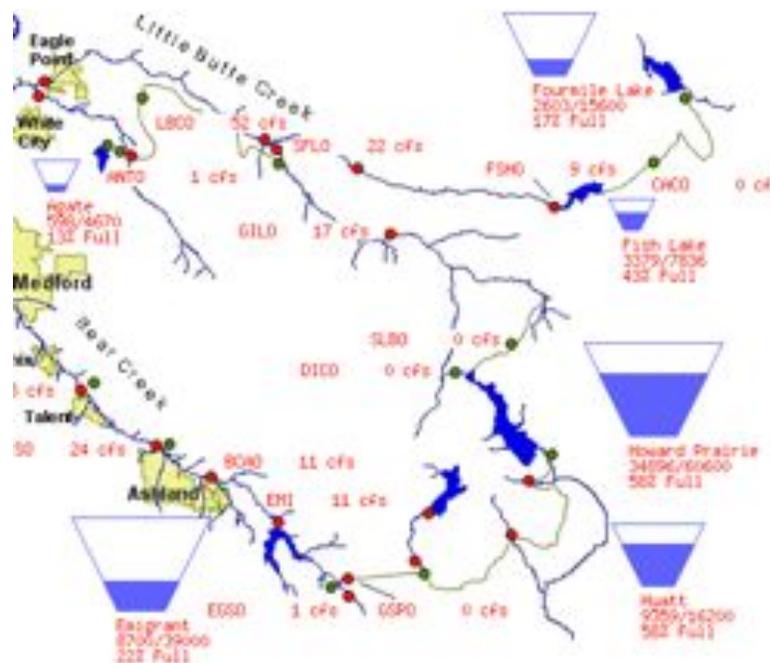
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Last chance to pay for discounted membership of \$75

Around the Docks

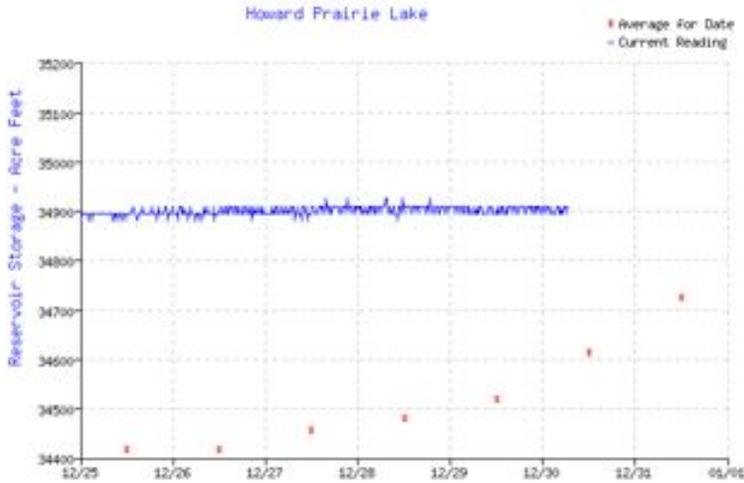
Howard Prairie Lake Filling, Slowly

At the end of 2013 the lake level data, provided by the USBOR shows that lake levels are seemingly very low at this time. One promising note is that Howard Prairie is currently at 58%, up 2% since mid-December, (illustration page 1). This is, however, a greater volume of water than almost any other lake in this area.

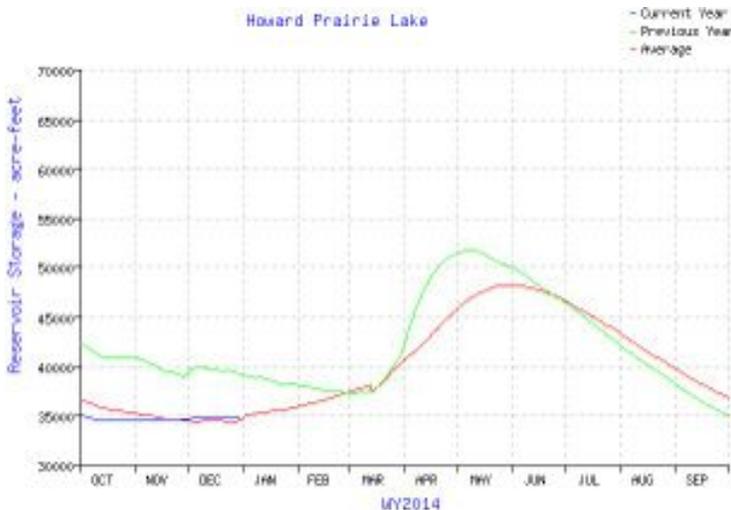




The illustration below shows the lake level steady, around 34,900 acer feet (AF), at the end of December; it is above the December average for these dates by about 300 AF for this date.



The final graph (below) illustrates progress for filling the lake in comparison to the historical average (red) and last year (green). As you can see, this year's fill rate (blue), measured in acre feet, is slightly above the historical average for this month but is about 4000 acre feet below the lake volume at this time last year. In spite of the recent winter storm, fill rate is nearly non-existent, partly because very low temperatures were preventing snow melt and partly because the last storm brought snow with very low water content. As the winter progresses we can only hope that the weather brings a lot of wet snow above 4,000 feet. Last year water levels peaked at about 85% by mid-May, causing low enough water levels for some sailboats to pull out long before the end of October. [Data from <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/roguetea.html> on 12/30/13.]



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

H o l i d a y P a r t y P o s t p o n e d

This year's Holiday party, hosted again by Derek and Kim Budd, was originally scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, but because of a sneak attack perpetrated by Mother Nature, making the roads dangerously slippery, the party was rescheduled on the winter solstice, December 21st. Attendance was a bit lower than usual this year, probably caused by the date change and continuing cold and snow, but the hardy group that did show had a wonderful time. As usual the club provided the main course of turkey and ham and those attending brought tasty side dishes to share. Yummmmm!



Top: Jay Harland, Derek Budd, Mark Warwick, and Cindy Warwick. **Left:** Jay and Ehsia Harland. **Above:** Patrick McLain, Dick Barbara, and Monty Zukowski.



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

N e w Y e a r , N e w B o a t

by Peter Cipes

Last month I met with Commodore Dick, Vice Commodore Jesse and Rear Commodore Jay to discuss the recently approved RYC purchase of a dedicated teaching and charter boat. The membership approved the concept and a budget expenditure of \$4,000 at the September General Membership Meeting. I have been a vocal advocate of this for a long time, and see it as one of the most important elements in the continued success of the ASA Teaching Program. So I am very pleased that we are moving forward.

We are on the lookout for a boat that meets the following criteria: The boat should be a shallow draft keelboat of 18-23 feet in length with a large cockpit. Four adults and an instructor need to fit comfortably. It must have lifelines and side decks. It needs to be fully equipped with all the normal sailboat rigging and gear, including an anchor. Of course it must have a serviceable trailer and small outboard motor (although the motor could be an electric trolling motor, perhaps). It needs to be a fairly turnkey vessel. We are not looking for a project boat.

In addition to being used for ASA Classes during the week, we discussed making the boat available (at a cost) to "qualified" club members for weekend use. We feel that this could be a huge benefit to the club and could draw in new members who are not yet boat owners, but still want to get out on the water. We looked at potential pricing models for this, and based on 30 weekend summer days, at approximately \$100 per day (a fairly typical rate for similar boats), we feel that there is a lot of potential there!

Additionally, the current pricing structure for the ASA 101 Class includes \$50 per student that goes directly toward the teaching boat. Therefore, 12 students per season will cover the cost of moorage.

For those of you who are curious, we have done preliminary checks with our insurance carrier and have deter-

mined that the club is covered for these activities. Of course more formal checks and notifications will need to take place before we actually start using the boat, and those will be done in due time.

We are also looking for a club member who has extra room for the boat during the winter months. It would be covered and on a trailer. If you have any ideas please let us know.

In addition, please, do your very best rain and snow dances, as we really need to open the storm door!!

Happy New Year!

P. S. I was planning to write an anchoring how-to article for this month, but felt like this took precedence. I am still working on the anchoring piece and hopefully it will be in an upcoming issue!

RYC Board Meeting: November 12, 2013

M i n u t e s

Members Present: Dick Barbara, Jay Harlan, Jim Botsford, Patrick McLain, Karen McLain, and Jesse Repp.

Call to order: 6:00

Reports

Jim Botsford reported on the following items:

1. **Trophies:** contact Sandy BC Engraving in Phoenix. \$15 small, \$40 large trophies (engraving included)
2. **Insurance:** sent emails
3. **Parade:** sent email
4. **T-shirt:** samples on the way
5. **Band for regatta:** 90% sure. \$300 total. Need cover.

Treasurer's Report: Dick gave treasurer's report as Jeanne is sick. Jeanne has been primarily on the Pay

Pal account: There are 3-4 options that she is looking into. She needs budget #'s. She will talk with bank.

Social report: Nothing has changed Carry over same amount on budget.

Salmon Bake is scheduled with Girl Scouts and a check for \$50 will be sent tomorrow.



Race budget from Jesse Repp, Vice Commodore:

1. **Barge enhancement:** anemometer for average wind speed - \$200.
2. **Purchases:** Couple of batteries and miscellaneous \$200
3. **Boat fuel:** \$300
4. **Maintenance:** costs should be around \$500 for chase boat and barge.
5. **No registration costs** this year.
6. **Moorage fees:** (we pay for one and they give us one for a total of \$600 for the year.
7. **Laser class racing:** \$100.
8. **Replace laptop:** that is no longer working with a tablet for \$400.
9. **Catalina fleet:** \$100

Youth Sailing Education from Dick Barbara:

1. **Snacks** for kids after the race \$50
2. **Trophies:** \$150

ASA Sailing Instruction: We have to get a certificate from our insurance to ASACosts. Peter Cipes said \$100 for membership ASA, \$500 for materials, etc. When he collects from students he reimburses club.

Office supplies: Jeanne will come up with a budget. Club needs a printer as long as ink is still available for it - Bill to add to Tell Tales.

Miscellaneous: \$200 for Burgees

Regatta Expenses:

1. **Meals:** Increase to \$800 for meal budget.
2. **Trophies:** Find something unique for \$450.
3. **T-shirts:** \$70
4. **Postage and printing:** \$200
5. **Other expenses:** \$100
6. **Entry Fee:** Increase charge for regatta entry fee by \$5.

Santana 20's:

1. **Charges:** Flat fee \$800 for on the water activities and \$125 for additional fuel.
2. **Need volunteers:** Sign up at salmon bake for this event.

3. **Food:** They will buy their own food, swag, trophies, t-shirts, etc.
4. **Camping:** Jay will help set them up with campsites, etc.
5. **Fees:** They still need to pay to sign up for regatta.

Old Business

Club boat search: Jesse Repp, Peter Cipes, Dick Barbara, and Jay Harland met and recommended that they get donations to increase the amount from \$4000 for boat to \$7500. Tell Tales to put out blurb to get someone to volunteer storage for boat.

Burgee: ordering is done - \$19.75 each - orders need to be in by January 27

Reschedule holiday party: for December 20 from 6-8 pm at Derek and Kim Budd's house - Dick to send email out to everyone

New Business

Checklists: Operator checklists for chase boat use to be done by Mark and Cindy Warwick.

Google Groups: Include current board members and Bill Horton, *Tell Tales* editor, to the list.

Calendar for Racing: Needs to be approved in January; then it will be given to Patrick for social and then it will be approved by Salmon Bake. Give extra raffle tickets to get people to sign up for events

Updating Directory: Have print-out at Salmon Bake so people can update their information.

Next board meeting: January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p. m.



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