



T e l l T a l e s
Commodore's Log
 by Dick Barbara

Howard Prairie Still a Great Place to Spend the Day

Despite the lower than usual water levels at the lake this season, it remains to be one of my favorite places to spend a day on the water. The past 3 club races and social events (The Ice Breaker, Jensen, and Stamm, along with their after-race get togethers) have provided beautiful weather, terrific winds, great sailing competition, friendship and camaraderie. The two things that are conspicuously missing to make this a perfect sailing season are, of course more water and larger club member participation. I have to admit that my attitude prior to our first race, The Ice Breaker on May 31, was lacking energy due to the dry winter. Now, after getting out on the lake, my attitude about this summer of sailing has changed 180 degrees. Once leaving the dock, the wind, water, trees, mountains and sky made the low water level seem like an inconvenience. If you haven't been up to the lake yet, come on up and see what I'm talking about.

Even though the on-the-water part of the summer for our keel boats has been cut short, the lake still offers outstanding sailing for smaller boats that require less depth at the ramp for launching. As of press time, for this month's *Tell Tales*, there is a depth of 6 feet, 2 inches from the toe of the ramp. This is ample water for easy launches and take-outs for most boats under 20 feet. Also, Jackson County Parks, lead by Steve Lambert, have extended the dock length at the ramps. This not only physically lengthens the docks, it also lengthens the time that the ramps will be of use.

Strangely, I have found the low water levels as an opportunity to view the usually hidden underwater hazards, such as shoals, rock outcroppings, tree stumps and phantom islands. This summer gives access to the lake bottom that has entombed our whisker poles, fishing rods, sun glasses, hats and the many other boat parts that have met a watery demise. I like to think that our lake is at low-tide, exposing those hidden treasures for us to find while beach-combing.

In two weeks, July 12 and 13, we will be hosting *The Southern Cascade Regatta*. This event, as you know, is our largest event of the year, where sailors from throughout the region come to share our beautiful sailing venue at Howard Prairie Lake. Over the years, we have consistently provided well-run, challenging races, great food and drink, comfortable camping and shiny trophies. Our goal this year is the same, to provide all of the above regardless of our water woes. On the weekend of the regatta, the ramp will have about 4 feet 6 inches of water for launching. This depth should make for easy boat launching and loading during the regatta for most boats. The regatta is a fine opportunity for RYC members to contribute to the club's well being by simply participating. If you would like to help out during the regatta, give me a call. If you would like to sail in the regatta, there's room for you. If you would like to have a glass of John Wigen's homemade beer and a good hearty, Italian meal, come have dinner with us. Or, if you would just like to buy a cool regatta "T" shirt, we have them.

RYC 2014 Calendar

JULY

RYC Southern Cascade Regatta
12 & 13 Saturday & Sunday

All boats are required to be registered in Oregon or obtain an invasive species permit from the Oregon Marine Board

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive-species/quagga_zebra_mussel.asp

Competitors wishing to register in advance should use the online form
www.rogueyachtclub.org

RYC members wanting a Southern Cascade Regatta T-Shirt and/or wanting to attend the post race dinner on Saturday MUST register in advance on line or by mail by July 3rd. All RYC members are encouraged to attend this opportunity to meet sailors from all over our region.
 On line registration form . http://www.rogueyachtclub.org/regatta_reg2014.htm

or

Fill out and mail form on page 6 of this issue.

or

Send an email to Jeanne Barbara stating number of meals (meat or vegetarian) and/or number of T-shirts and sizes.

12—Saturday—REGATTA, Day 1 Schedule

Registration: begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Skipper's meeting Saturday will be at 12:00 p.m. in order to accommodate those arriving to the lake that morning as well as ensuring the winds are optimal for racing.

First Start Saturday: begins about 1:00 p.m. depending on wind conditions. Target of 4 races.

Meat or Vegetarian Spaghetti Dinner: \$10 Adult, \$6 Child

Happy Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

13—Sunday—REGATTA, Day 2 Schedule

Skipper's meeting Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

First Start: Based upon wind speed and direction, with an "on-call" system to wait for the winds to stabilize. Target of two races.

Awards: 1 hour after the end of final race.



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

2014 RYC Regatta Early

Howard Prairie Lake is suffering from drought this year so RYC has implemented several measures to assure another successful regatta. **THE SOUTHERN CASCADE REGATTA HAS BEEN MOVED UP TWO WEEKS THIS SEASON.** The date change will provide an additional 1.5'-2' of water depth during the regatta. Water levels should not be an issue for smaller boats like Lasers, Snipes and catamarans in the race arena. However, water levels for keelboats will be an issue. If you require more than 4 feet to launch we recommend checking the website the weekend prior to the regatta we will post information on available depth to launch. Water levels will also be an issue for launching from the west shore for catamarans and lasers. We recommend launching from the ramp this year.

For those racing keelboats, there will be limited moorage available in-water and any shallow drafting keelboats should plan to dry moor over Saturday night. Howard Prairie Resort continues to offer family-friendly camping and fishing, as well as amazing spectator views of racing from the jetty. Join us for a great summer weekend of sailing!

Registration can now be completed safely and securely online using your PayPal account or a credit or debit card. Click on the registration form below to register online. <http://www.rogueyachtclub.org/index.php?page=Southern-CascadeRegatta> If you prefer a hardcopy form click the second link. Please send the club an email through the contacts page if you have any questions.

Icebreaker Trophy Close

The 2014 Icebreaker Trophy Race happened on Saturday, May 31. The Race Officer was Derek Budd with a crew consisting of Michael Gutman and Patrick McLain.

This year's hearty competitors were David Franklin sailing his MacGregor 26 (with a Portsmouth handicap of 92.1), Jesse Repp on his Coronado 15 (handicap 91.5), John Spillman sailing his Laser (handicap 91.0), and Dale Yellin racing his Oday 222 (handicap 97.3).



The first of three races had an average wind speed of 11 knots

from the NNW. Spillman finished first with an elapsed time of 36 minutes 3 seconds beating Repp by a difference of 1 minute 33 seconds. Yellin came in third trailing by 8 minutes 39 seconds. Franklin did not start on this race.



Race 2 also had an average wind speed of 11 knots from the NNW. Spillman squeaked in another first in this race but only by a narrow margin of 14 seconds ahead of Repp, Yellin came in 9 minutes 3 seconds off of first and Franklin trailed with 15 minutes 2 seconds off the



Photos of Icebreaker by Derek Budd

mark.

The final race of the day averaged a wind speed of 12 knots also from the NNW. In this race Repp got his groove on with an elapsed time of 29 minutes 45 seconds beating Spillman by 25 seconds. Yellin swept third with 5 minutes 10 seconds off Repp's time and Franklin followed with 6 minutes 16 seconds behind the lead. The final tally for the day gave Spillman a first and the trophy.



2014 Jensen Course Modified

The Jensen Trophy, traditionally the around the island reverse Portsmouth handicap race, on June 14th had Patrick



McLain, Marisa McLain, and Mark Warwick on race committee with four competitors. It had a modified course because this year's low water levels made racing around the islands hazardous if not impossible. John Spillman and Derek Budd went head to

head each on their Laser. Jesse Repp and crew gave it a go with his Coronado 15 and Jay and Elysia Harland were there on *Madison* their Ultimate 20.



Photos of the race provided by Patrick McLain

According to trophy winner Jay Harland, "Derek Budd raced an awesome race. The race was 10.06 nm and Derek held *Madison* off until the final lap in challenging conditions on the Laser. It was a warriors effort." The final result was Harland for

the Trophy, Budd in a close second, Repp followed for third and Spillman DNF due to a technical breakdown on his Laser.

Stamm Trophy Closely Contended by Two

Saturday June 28th was a great day for a sailboat race with winds averaging 11 knots. The Stamm Race committee was Michael Gutman and Jim Botsford John Spillman (Laser) and Jesse Repp with Dick Barbara (C15) went head to head in what turned out to be an incredible day at Howard Prairie. Race one went to Spillman by a few seconds. Race 2 was taken by Jesse Repp. Race 3 was a blowout, John found the pressure on the left side to take the regatta with a total point spread of 4 to 5.

Race Tip of the Day: "If you want to beat *Madison*.... make sure she is stuck in a massive tangle of weeds," Repp quipped. "Jay, sorry your day ended so abruptly, we would have loved to have you out there, even though we usually are staring at your transom." Jay had to get in the water to free *Madison* enough just to get her back to the dock.

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

OSMB Proposes Tiered Boating Fee Hike

Article by Peter Cipes

Ahoy RYC Members! In June I attended two meetings of interest to the club (and to local boaters in general). The first was a public meeting held by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to present and discuss their upcoming proposal to increase boater registration fees in the State. Gary Spafford and I were the only members of the public that took the time to attend, which was surprising. The main focus of the meeting was a power point presentation regarding current OSMB funding sources and proposed fee increases. The OSMB is completely self-funded, meaning they receive no general fund tax dollars, so these fees along with fuel taxes are their main funding source. They are responsible for boating law enforcement, boating safety and education throughout the State. You can find the entire presentation here: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/admin/docs/PublicPresentation15-17BudgetFee.pdf>. Basically, they are proposing a tiered fee pricing structure based on boat length. Smaller boats would see less of an increase. Larger boats, 25 ft and up, would see their fees double. The OSMB really wants and appreciates feedback, so look through the presentation and let them know where you stand!

While there, Gary and I also presented a letter from the club which asked that the proposed fee increases be linked to greater expenditures on facilities (e.g.: new docks). Our point was that new and improved facilities are what is needed to increase the population of boaters, which would in turn increase the revenue for the OSMB. You can read through the letter posted on page 4.



An Open Letter to OSMB From RYC

To: OSMB
From: Rogue Yacht Club
Date: June 16, 2014
To Whom It May Concern,

The Rogue Yacht Club is a local group of sailors and boaters with a total membership representing over 100 people. Our "home port" is Howard Prairie Lake in the Southern Oregon Cascades; where we have been holding events, including our annual regatta, for over 50 years.

It is our opinion that, along with the proposed fee increase, there should be a proportional increase to expenditures for boating facilities. Improved and expanded facilities will make boating more fun, safer and more accessible to all, which will increase the number of boat owners and in turn increase revenue for the OSMB.

For us, and many other boaters, having serviceable docks at the Howard Prairie Resort (now owned and operated by Jackson County) is crucial. The current docks are very old and are now, in our opinion, fully depreciated. Some of the docks no longer have fully functioning floatation and have become dangerous. The day-use dock is no longer large enough to serve our growing population of boaters. There is no marine waste facility and no useable marine fueling station. It is time for the OSMB and other government entities to invest in new docks at Howard Prairie. This project is already listed as a priority in the OSMB six-year facilities plan, and we urge you to provide as much funding as possible so that the project can be completed successfully, and in a timely manner.

Many aspects of the new docks will benefit all the boaters who use this facility, including: new and expanded day-use docks, a pump out/dump out for marine toilets and holding tanks, a proper marine fueling station, handicapped accessible dock areas, and other amenities.

When it was first constructed in the early 1960's, the Resort at Howard Prairie had the largest inland marina in the State, and was (according to various sources) "the gem of the State Marine Board". It was used as an example for many other facilities around the State. Let's work together to design, fund, and build a new marina facility that can once again be seen as the best in the State and can serve the boating public for many years to come.

Thank You!
Dick Barbara, Commodore
Rogue Yacht Club

USBOR, County Studies Dock Proposals

Article by Peter Cipes

The second meeting was in response to an impromptu call from Steve Lambert (Jackson County Parks) who said that some folks from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) were in town to discuss ideas for the design of the new docks at Howard Prairie. They were looking at various schemes for the docks, and the Site Plan that Jay Harland and I prepared some time ago was being discussed, at least in part, as one option. Some of the items being discussed are placing the new docks in deeper water so that they can be more useable in lower water years, a marine fueling station and a pump-out/dump-out station. Currently the plan proposes approximately 150 slips of various sizes in addition to dedicated rental boat slips and an expanded day-use dock area.

The main point I want to make to the club is that planning for the new docks is proceeding, and that both the County and the BOR appear to be fully invested in making this project happen. The next step will be for the BOR and the County to produce a Preliminary Plan which can be approved. They are aiming to have this done by the end of the summer; I have been assured that we will have an opportunity to review and discuss the plan before it becomes carved in stone, so to speak. After that it will be at least a couple years until the actual construction can take place. The wheels of government turn slowly, and engineering and permitting can take quite some time. But the good news is that someday soon the Resort at Howard Prairie will have beautiful new docks with many useful amenities. Stay tuned for future updates!

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

RYC Board Meeting: June 11, 2014

M i n u t e s

Present:

Dick Barbara, Jeanne Barbara, Jay Harland, JesseRepp, Patrick McLain, Mark Warwick

Secretary's Report:

Approved May 6, 2014 minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Membership: Dick will type the request and send it to Patrick. Patrick will send out an email to past members requesting that they pay their membership if they have not already.

The Free Sail Class and Garage Sale provided financial donations to the club.

Vice Commodore's Report:

Oregon Marine Board permit approved by the state.



The Ice Breaker Trophy Race included four boats. John Spillman won.

Portsmouth ratings were reviewed and updated for the season.

Race Sail information on the website has been updated through this year's Ice Breaker. Past results were removed, except for last year's.

The Jensen Trophy Race is this coming Saturday, June 14. Jay and Jesse will chair...and sail 'Madison' in the race. Patrick will drive the chase boat.

Youth Sailing: Dick will call members with kids. Class format and curriculum were discussed.

The Stamm: Michael Gutman and Jim Botsford will chair. The race is June 28th.

Social Report:

Regatta Dinner: Patrick McLain and Jim Botsford are handling this. Patrick has already gathered up camp stoves and coolers, etc.

Mark Warwick recommended that we have a lake cleanup in August, with a BBQ afterward. This is tentatively scheduled for the day of the Dog Days Event.

Dick recommended an event at Lost Creek Lake this summer. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Boat search: The price of the Hunter 23 that Dick looked at previously, (the one that needs a lot of work)...is going down. Mark Warwick recommended skipping this one. They don't sail well...needs too much work, etc. **Jay** found a Ranger 23 on CraigsList. The board discussed taking a look at that one.

Yard sale went well. Randy managed it all and everything went very smoothly.

Regatta: Jay sent out the reminder note. He will send out an email reminder right after July 4th. **Jesse** will contact the Snipe fleet to see how many are coming. **Jesse** will monitor online registrations and pass the information on to **Jeanne Barbara**. Jeanne will prepare the packets. These will include sailing instructions, course map, meal tickets, t-shirt and metal water bottles, etc. **Mark Warwick** will do the sailing instructions and give them to Jeanne. Jeanne will call **Jim Botsford** about what we need engraved on the trophies, how many, etc. She will find out what the engraver's timeline is for getting the information that goes on the trophies so that they can be picked up early in the week of the regatta. **Mark Warwick** has the race committee handled. Schwimmflügel have been repaired. We could still use another chase boat if we have enough boats; otherwise, we should be fine with one.

He will prepare the sailing instructions and email them to Jeanne this week.

Next meeting: July 8, 2014



The Rogue Yacht Club (RYC) presents
Southern Cascade Regatta
July 12-13, 2014

PLEASE PRINT

Skipper _____ Yacht Club _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Boat _____ Sail # _____ (Circle) Center Bd. / Off Shore / Multihull Sails: M G J S
 Fixed Keel _____ Swing Keel _____ Modifications _____
 PHRF/Portsmth Rating _____ Comments _____

FEES:

<u>Registration:</u>	Before July 6th	\$45.00*	\$ _____
	After July 6th	\$60.00*	\$ _____

<u>Meals:</u>	<u>Italian Theme - Meat</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
	<u>Italian Theme - Vegetarian</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
	<u>Italian Theme - Child</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
	<u>(includes beverages and dessert)</u>		

T-shirts: White S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____ XXL _____ White @ \$17.00
 (tees are 100% pre-washed cotton) (XXL T's must be pre-ordered)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **Checks payable to:** **Rogue Yacht Club**

****Current US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount on registration. Please mail in a copy of your membership card with this form. If registering on-site, please make sure to bring your card with you.***

Note: T-shirts (M, L, XL) will be on an availability supply only, unless pre-ordered.

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Read, sign and date: I agree to sail according to the rules of the US Sailing Association and the written sailing instructions. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the Rogue Yacht Club, its members or officials involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the host organization from any liability for such injury or damage.

Sign _____ Date _____

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