



T e l l T a l e s Commodore's Log

by Dick Barbara

Tradition & Volunteers Equal RYC Health

By the time you get this edition of the *Telltale*s we will have conducted our first race of the season at Howard Prairie, *The Ice Breaker*. I remember, in the not too distant past, when this title of *The Ice Breaker* was an almost apt description of the lake conditions on race day. About 10 years ago, when the Johnstons owned the resort, I remember a picture of one of their employees in a Prairie Bell motor boat forging a path through the ice so that fisherman on opening day could make their way to their favorite fishing holes. Barely a month after that photo of an ice covered lake, we sailors were out there sailing on 40 degree water wearing layers of wool and foul weather gear. My memories of this first race of the season are ones of cold, punchy winds that challenged every sailor on the water. At this early season event, race committee members would regularly be plucking cold, wet sailors out of the lake after capsizes. I always felt like I achieved something big after making it back to the dock having sailed in cold, windy conditions like these. Usually at the *Ice Breaker* the water level would also be high enough to be lapping at the bases of the trees that border the lake. This year will definitely be different in terms of what's under our boats, i.e. water level and temperature. What the winds will be like is yet to be determined. Even though the water level is low I still plan on being there to experience another *Ice Breaker*.

Volunteers are what keep this club alive and right now we need more of them. Specifically, we need members to volunteer for race committee to run the *Jensen* on June 14th and the *Stamm* on June 28th. Ideally, 4 to 5 people are needed to run a well organized, safe set of races. Don't worry if you have never been on race committee before, we will train you. In staffing race committees, we do our best to have at least one person that knows how to conduct races, so they can teach the other race committee members "The Ropes." Know that your participation will be appreciated. Please call me if you can help out.

Speaking of volunteers...A huge thanks needs to go out to Randy Williams for organizing and conducting the first *Rogue Yacht Club Yard Sale* at his home in Phoenix. This

event raised \$122.00 for the club and opened a lot of room in Randy's garage. Thanks, Randy!

On a sad note, one of our long-time members, John Austbo, recently pass away. He had been a member since 1961. He was a vigorous sailor and skier and one nice person. I vividly remember him capsizing his Lido 14 at the Ice Breaker some 15 years ago. I was on race committee that day and watched him get pulled out of the freezing water. I hope that he has a warm, breeze at his back and sailing downwind.

(A memorial for Austbo will be held will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 607 West Main Street, Medford, Oregon on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.—ed.)

Another long-time RYC member, past commodore and great sailor, John Walsh, passed away recently. John was known for his top level sailing skills, dry sense of humor and a "Cut to the Chase" personality. He may have passed, yet the sailing tactics and boat tuning knowledge that he taught me will live on.

RYC 2014 Calendar

JUNE

14 Saturday—RACE—Jensen Trophy
Skippers Meet: 12 p.m. START: 1 p.m.

14 Saturday—EDUCATION
Youth Sailing Program Day #1
Pre-Register with Dick Barbara (541)324-4895
TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: RYC Shed

21 Saturday—SOCIAL—Summer Sailstice Celebration
TIME: 3:00 p.m. PLACE: RYC Shed
BRING: your own entrée, a plentiful side dish or dessert to share, and your own drinks

28 Saturday—RACE—Stamm Trophy
SKIPPER MEET: 12 p.m. START: 1 p.m.

28 Saturday—EDUCATION
Youth Sailing Program Day #2
Pre-Register with Dick Barbara (541)324-4895
TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: RYC Shed

JULY

RYC Southern Cascade Regatta
12 & 13 Saturday & Sunday
Register on line, TODAY!
registration form. www.rogueyachtclub.org (article p. 2)



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

RYC Changes Regatta Date

The Southern Cascade Regatta will be held July 12 & 13, 2014.

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.

After many years under concessionaire management, the marina and campground are now in their second year being operated directly by Jackson County. RYC has reserved a block of tent camp sites on the waters edge south of the Jetty. If you are interested in one of these sites please reserve them over the phone with Jill Hammond at (541) 774-8183. All other campsites can be reserved online at <http://jacksoncounty.org/parks/Camping/HowardPrairieResort/Reservations.aspx>. 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!

Regatta Highlights:

* **Registration:** begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Skipper's meeting 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.

* **Saturday's racing schedule:** Target of 4 races on Saturday

* **Dinner** on Saturday night will run from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM. This flexible timeframe allows racers time to tuck boats away without being rushed. Happy Hour will commence at 6:00 PM. Dinner is Italian themed this year.

* **Sunday's racing schedule:** based upon wind speed and direction, with an "on-call" system to wait for the winds to stabilize. Target of two races on Sunday.

* **Fleets:** Expect to at least have fleets of laser one-design, multi-hulls (portsmouth), PHRF keelboats, and open centerboards (Portsmouth).

* **Principal Race Officer:** has considerable racing and race committee experience and the racing will be well run.

Registration can now be completed safely and securely on-line using your PayPal account or a credit or debit card. Click on the registration form below to register online.

If you prefer a hardcopy form click the second link. **All boats are required to be registered in Oregon or obtain an invasive species permit from the Oregon Marine Board.** Please send the club an email through the contacts page if you have any questions.

Great Wind Defines Ice Breaker

Article and Photos by Derek Budd

There was perfect conditions for the Ice Breaker, on Saturday, May 31, temperatures in the mid 60s and a good

breeze from the north west set the tone for a good day for racing. Race Committee was made up by Derek Budd, Doug Henry, Frank Hoepfer, and Michael Gutman. Four boats partici-





pated skippered by Dale Yellen, Jesse Repp, David Franklin, and John Spillman. Conditions were challenging with winds consistently over 10 knots with gusts over 20. Racing quickly became two duels between Jesse on the Coronado 15 against John Spillman on the Laser, and the two keelboats David Franklin's McGregor 26 and Dale Yellen's ODay 222. The winner of the 2014 Ice Breaker is yet to be determined at time of publication.

After racing we all met at the RYC shed to share a Micro-Brew and stories. Thanks to Patrick McLain for organizing the after race social hour.

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

Barge & Marks Set in Time for 1st Race

The RYC race committee barge and race marks were launched Saturday, May 31 thanks to the help of Dick Barbara, Derek Budd, Jay Harland, Bill Horton, and Jesse Repp.



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

RYC Board Meeting: May 6, 2014 Minutes

Present: Jim Botsford, Jeanne Barbara, Dick Barbara, Patrick McLain, Karen McLain, Jesse Repp

Secretary's Report: Approved April 15 minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Two new members paid their membership
- Free sail class will be included in next month's report

Vice Commodore's report:

- **Free sail class** - a little disappointed in the turn-out but we had a fun day on the water
- **Message in format** - one classroom day then straight to water was good
- **Chase boat** is up and running, it is going to stay on the trailer this year and cover has been coated, will see how much water it is taking on
- **Barge** still needs to be moved to lake, May 17th to be moved
- **Need** to take a look at lake levels and set GPS for marks, could check depths when we drop them and then plot
- Jesse will do Portsmouth but has been too busy
- No **race committees** are assigned, Dick said we need to get people assigned

Social Report:

- More members showed up this time
- 10-12 in the class, 8 came on the water
- **Next event** is "Ice Breaker" is May 31 so Patrick and Karen will provide snacks and everyone attending will bring their favorite beer to share.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Dick suggested** using smaller boats to teach people to sail. It is easier move, could rent them out and make more money. Suggestion was to put off new boat search to next season.
- **Garage sale** - Dick going Friday to help set up. Dick to call Randy to send out information to members to donate (either % or donate all of it).
- **Regatta Planning** - Jay updated the registration form on our website. Jay does not want to do the jobs on the day of the event. He will do the marketing ahead of time - contact past participants and give them a heads up. Dick spoke to Mark Warwick and thought it might be a good idea to restrict the Regatta to small boats only instead of having keel boats. Dick is going to do the math regarding water levels, what he knows about keel boats, etc. If there is 5-6 feet for launching then keep keel boats in regatta. Other option is to let people make up their own mind.
- **Jay outlined the big jobs** for the Regatta: Dick suggested that we contact other members to help so we are getting them involved. Jay said he would do the marketing, need someone to take on trophies, Jeanne to have packets (meal tickets, t-shirts, swag, etc) and check people in, Jim Botsford and Patrick to do the meal (spaghetti, etc), Jeanne and Jesse to take on the On-line registration - money goes to PayPal, need to look at what we have budgeted and look at projected income and find ways to scale back, Patrick to reserve picnic areas as date has changed, Jay to do camp-site reservations, Jesse is going to get permit for the season from county, Jim to do t-shirt order without the date.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2014 at 6:00



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For Sale

1978 Catalina 22. Good Condition
Sails: Main, Jib, and Storm Jib
7.5 HP Honda Outboard. Make an offer!
Michael Gutman 541-621-0281

Wanted to Buy

Laser in good condition, ready to sail.
Please respond to **Nathan** at
make.fast@yahoo.com or (541) 515-9776.
Submitted by Bernie Binder (541) 482-5450

Main Sail for Free

Jim Botsford wants to give away a main sail. It is Luff taped, in good shape, with a little tic patching to make it excellent. Approximate size is 25' x 24' x 5'. First call gets it. **(541) 601-2125**

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