



Commodore's Log
by Dick Barbara

From Planning to Doing

During the past cold, dark months of winter, your RYC board has been busy planning the many racing and social events that will make our upcoming summer a memorable and fun one. Hours of meetings, collaborating and planning have taken place to insure that every event happens without a hitch, allowing participants to focus on just having fun. With the warmer weather of spring comes a shift from the **planning** phase to the on the water **doing** portion of our sailing season. A handful of hardy sailors have already been sailing on Wednesdays for the past month at Emigrant Lake, catching the evening breeze. This Saturday, May 3rd, we'll be at Emigrant giving those attending the *Free Sail Classes* rides on member's boats from 1:00 to 3:00. Other club activities such as preparing and launching the chase boat (Thanks Mark!) and the barge and setting the racing marks at Howard Prairie will take place in the first weeks of May. And then come the annual trophy races, such as the Ice Breaker, Jensen, Stamm and our "Big Show" *The Southern Cascade Regatta* (Note the earlier date of July 12 and 13). All the previously mentioned sailing events, plus our summer series races, youth sailing and all of our social gatherings will be under way shortly.

Speaking of gatherings... this Saturday, May 3rd, we're having a club potluck near the Emigrant Lake boat ramp from 3:30 to 6:00, right after the Free Sail Class. Let's show these possible new members what a welcoming, happy bunch of sailors we are. Make sure that you RSVP to Patrick, our board member in charge of social events, so he knows how much tri tip to buy. Another chance to talk "sailboats" and socialize with some great folks will be a week later, May 10th and 11th, at the Rogue Yacht Club Yard Sale. There, you'll have a chance to sell and/or buy sailing gear and other items, while financially supporting our club. So empty out your cabinets, lazarettes and cubby holes of all that sailing gear that has been taking up space and put it to good use in someone else's house or boat. There will be a BBQ after Saturday's yard sale. Read-on in the *Tell Tales* for more details.

I am looking forward to seeing you all out there on the water or around a BBQ over the spring and summer months!

RYC 2014 Calendar Changes

MAY

- 01 Thursday—EDUCATION—Free Intro. to Sailing Class**
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Plexis Health Systems
340 Oak St., Ashland, OR
REGISTER: Call Dick Barbara (541) 324-4895
- 03 Saturday—EDUCATION—Sailing Class On-the-Water**
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Emigrant Lake Launch Ramp
- 03 Saturday—SOCIAL—All Member Potluck**
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Emigrant Lake picnic area next to launch ramp
BRING: Side-dish to share and own drinks.
RSVP: [Patrick McLain \(541\) 941-9007](mailto:Patrick McLain)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays—RACE—Spring Series #6-9**
TIME: 5:30 p.m. PLACE: Emigrant Lake
For information about updated event location and time email Jesse Repp at jessekrepp@gmail.com
Spring Series dependent on weather and water conditions.
- 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 (See Article p. 2)
- 17 Saturday—WORK—Set Marks for 2014 racing season.**
TIME: 11:00 p.m. PLACE: RYC Shed
- 31 Saturday—RACE—Icebreaker Trophy**
SKIPPER MEET: 12 p.m. START: 1 p.m. **CHAIR needed**

JUNE

- 14 Saturday—RACE—Jensen Trophy**
SKIPPER MEET: 12 p.m. START: 1 p.m. **CHAIR needed**
- 14 Saturday—EDUCATION—Youth Sailing Program #1**
TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: RYC Shed
- 28 Saturday—RACE—Stamm Trophy**
SKIPPER MEET: 12 p.m. START: 1 p.m. **CHAIR needed**
- 28 Saturday—EDUCATION—Youth Sailing Program #2**
TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: RYC Shed

JULY

NOTICE: REGATTA DATE CHANGE

12 & 13 Saturday & Sunday
RYC Southern Cascade Regatta
Check www.rogueyachtclub.org for registration form.



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

RYC Fundraiser Yard Sale

May 10 - 11

3960 Hilsinger Road Phoenix, Oregon

8 - 5 Saturday / 8 - 2 Sunday

Our yard sale is rapidly approaching; please look back to the April Tell Tales for a refresher on the details of the event. We will be advertising on Craig's List and in the Mail Tribune as well as posting signs to guide folks to the sale.

I will be attending our May 3rd learn to sail day and picnic so will be available to answer questions and make arrangements for pickups. My plan is to have donors price their own items and give a low price range for "offers". For percentage sales as: 80/20 owner / club split for example, there will be an envelope, for the proceeds of that sale to go into, to keep monies straight. Also, I ask that your contact information be on the envelope so that a potential buyer could reach you for questions or to make an offer.

Please remember to have title transfer documents available where required. This is a fund raiser event for our club and I am looking forward to having fun with it.

Please contact me, Randy Williams, at whskyrvr@charter.net or **541-292-1933** with questions, suggestions, clarifications or donations.

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

Spring Dinghy Series Continues

The second annual Spring Dinghy series held on Wednesday evenings beginning about 5:30 p.m. at Emigrant



Lake will continue through May. The racing is open to all comers who would like to get an early start on the racing season. This year's contingent consists of four Laser Class and one Coronado 15 all sailing in hot contention for the RYC Spring Trophy. Derek Budd is leading in points, with Jay Harland running a close second John Spillman third, and Michael Gutman bring up the rear in the Lasers with Vice Commodore Jessie Repp and crew, Commodore Dick Barbara, coming in somewhere in the mix adjusted for his C-15's handicap.

Historic Championship Revitalized

An article provided by US Sailing

US Sailing's championship series had its start back in the 1920s when the focus of the competition was between yacht clubs and not necessarily between individual sailors. East Coast Yacht Clubs fielded teams that competed against each other locally through a series of knock-out regattas. The best teams progressed to the national finals, originally for the Adams Cup and later on for the Mallory Trophy as well.

A similar program was also created for juniors. Hundreds of young sailors still compete for the right to represent their home yacht club or sailing center at the Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships for the Sears, Bemis and Smythe trophies.

With the increased number of one-design classes, adult interest in a small regatta, in which only 11 teams had advanced through to the finals, waned over the years. Bigger events attracted the best sailors and the focus was more on the individual rather than a club's performance. However, over the past five years competition between clubs has experienced a resurgence. The New York Yacht Club and others now host invitational regattas between representing yacht clubs.

US Sailing has looked to its history as it considered the future of adult sailing championships for men and women. In 2013, a new championship was launched. The U.S. Adult Championship honors the traditional "yacht club" vs. "yacht club" competition by mixing the best elements of the former Mallory Trophy and Adams Cup, while at the same time recognizing that sailors may belong to a community sailing organization. With the full support of the Clifford D. Mallory family, the U.S. Adult Championship now provides more opportunities for sailing clubs to participate in head-to-head competition. There are more events to qualify through and more room on the starting line at all levels. Any type of sailing community can field a team to compete at the regional and national levels.

Beginning this summer, all American sailing organizations are invited to field teams to attend regional qualifiers with the goal of being one of the 20 teams who will sail for



Photo: E. F. Walker/US Sailing

the right to have their organization's name engraved to the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy.
Are you interested in fielding a team? Here is a list of considerations:

- Teams must be 18 or older.
- Women can helm and men can crew for them.
- Teams can be all men, all women or mixed.
- Crew weight limit must meet class rules.
- Current membership in US Sailing by all parties including the sailing organization a team represents.

The finals will be raced the last weekend of September at Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas on J/22s. The Royal Victoria Trophy will be awarded for excellence in Seamanship by a team and the Staton J. Peele, Jr. Trophy will be awarded for Sportsmanship by an individual.

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

Early Cruisers Brave the Shallows

By launching in April early sailors like Peter and Karen Cipes, on their Precision 28 *Joy Ride*² (left) and Mark and Cindy Warwick on their Hunter 265 *Cool Change* (right), risk cold rainy and sometimes snowy weather.



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

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

Present: Dick and Jeanne Barbara, Patrick and Karen McLain and Jesse Repp. **Not attending:** Jim Botsford and Jay Harland.

Treasurer's Report:

- Did not bring in any \$\$ for this month.
- Currently have 36 Memberships
- Dick is going to send out an events calendar and a renewal membership application for those whose membership has lapsed.

Vice Commodore's Report

- Tentative reservation for the camping spot for free sail. If reserved it is \$175 and we did not budget. Board voted to take our chances and go early the morning of May 3.
- Spring sailing got under way last week. We will do it again tomorrow.
- Charging the battery for chase boat is complete. The rechargeable batteries for the hand held VHF radios are holding a charge, but for back up, the club should purchase pack of 12 AA batteries.
- Calendar - Regatta will be July 12 and 13. The Santanas backed out due to water level. May want to go to Fern Ridge for their Nationals which is on July 28-31. Keep our relationship with them and hopefully they will come back to sail our Regatta when the water levels come up in future years.
- Jesse will contact Cindy to reach out to the Snipes.
- Dick, Derek and Jesse had a meeting on the free sailing class - will be one night of class on May and on the water will be May 3. Change in curriculum to keep it broader to sailing in Southern Oregon, types of boats, RYC. If they want to learn more they can take ASA classes. We will go to a reservation only with a limit of 20 people.

Social Report:

- Potluck for free sail class on May 3 from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.. This year we will provide the meat and ask everyone to bring a side dish to share and their own drink. Jesse will inform the new sailors on May 1.

Old Business:

- Boat search continues. No decisions yet so may have to put it off until next year.



- Garage sale May 9-10 with a possible barbecue afterwards. Add to email about free sail class as an upcoming event.
- Dick to ask Derek to up date on-line registration for Regatta. Email club members.
- Jim Botsford is doing the trophies, t-shirts, and dinner for Regatta. t-shirts will not have a year on it.
- Jesse to get volunteers for Regatta.

New Business:

- Board members to review Regatta manual by next meeting.
- Each board member to contact 5-8 members each to let them know the regatta dates have changed. Jesse will put the list together from last year's registration.
- Dick will contact Randy Williams for boats to use at Emigrant Lake, and Jesse will contact Walker Kermode.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Next Board Meeting May 6, 2014.



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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
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Submitted by Bernie Binder (541) 482-5450



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