



### Commodore's Log by Dick Barbara

#### Where's the Snow?

It was great seeing you all last Saturday night at the Salmon Bake! Our rear-commadore, Jay Harland, mentioned last week as we were preparing for this event, how important it is to pull-off a successful Salmon Bake, because this event sets the stage for the rest of the season. Judging from the high attendance and the friendly, productive spirit, I would say we're off to a fine start to our sailing season. All we need now is WATER!

Speaking of water, as I write, the clouds are building for more precipitation. The temperature is in the mid 60's, which means snow will only fall at the higher elevations. Even though this system will add little to our snowpack, I am grateful for any rain.

As the calendar moves closer to the warmer months with no real change in our weather pattern, the odds increase that we will have a water-limited summer at the lake. With continuing drought conditions likely, it is necessary that we plan accordingly. We began the discussion at the Salmon Bake with a presentation by Steve Lambert from Jackson County Parks informing us about past low-water years and current lake levels. In studying the line graph that he distributed, I noticed that the highest water levels usually come in mid May. This makes sense in that the snows that have accumulated at the higher elevations during the winter and spring months melt during that warm period, thus, filling our lakes. What I find conspicuous in reading this graph is the current absence of our snowpack. The lake level was not extremely low as of this past January, yet with an historically low snowpack to fill the lake this coming spring, we will probably see a substantially smaller lake. If the snows don't come in these next 2 months, our lake will most likely be very low. Being an avid skier, I usually spend at least one weekend day in the local mountains enjoying the snow under my skis. This year my skis have been "out of the barn" only twice due to the almost non-existent snow.

Since climatic conditions seem to be pointing toward low water levels at our lake, I think that we need to make the most of this situation by coming up with ideas that adjust to the water realities. Your RYC board will be open to your ideas on how we can creatively adjust to these challenging conditions. In approaching this sailing season's hurdles, let's keep a positive outlook and think of a lake half full rather than half empty.

Finally, please make sure that you update your directory information on our club's website. Oh, and Think Snow!

## RYC 2014 Calendar

### March

18 Tuesday—**Board Meeting** 6:00 p.m.

### APRIL

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays—**RACE**—Spring Series #1-5  
TIME: 5:00 p.m. PLACE: Emigrant Lake  
**Spring Series dependent on weather and water conditions.**

15 Tuesday—**Howard Prairie Resort opens**  
**FREE Sailing Class Thursday, April 17, 24, & Saturday 26.**

### MAY

7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays—**RACE**—Spring Series #6-9  
TIME: 5:00 p.m. PLACE: Emigrant Lake  
**Spring Series dependent on weather and water conditions.**

17 Saturday—**WORK**—Set Marks for 2014 racing season.  
TIME: TBA

24-25 Saturday-Sunday—**RACE**—Whiskeytown Memorial Day Regatta.

31 Saturday—**RACE**—Icebreaker Trophy

31 Saturday—**SOCIAL**—Sharing Micro-brew

### JUNE

7 Saturday—**EDUCATION**—Racing Clinic

14 Saturday—**RACE**—Summer Series #1

14 Saturday—**EDUCATION**—Youth Sailing Day #1

21-22 Saturday-Sunday—**CAMPAIGN**—Klamath YC Half-Klam

21 Saturday—**RACE**—Jensen Trophy Portsmouth Handicap

21 Saturday—**SOCIAL**—Summer Sailstice Celebration

28 Saturday—**RACE**—Klamath YC Trans-Klam

### JULY

5 Saturday—**CAMPAIGN/RACE**—Klamath YC Firecracker Regatta, Day 1 and Laser Class Series #1, Day 1

6 Sunday—**CAMPAIGN/RACE**—Klamath YC Firecracker Regatta, Day 2 and Laser Class Series #1, Day 2

12 Saturday—**RACE**—Summer Series #2

12 Saturday—**EDUCATION**—Youth Sailing Day #2

19 Saturday—**RACE**—Summer Series #3 & Stamm Trophy

19 Saturday—**EDUCATION**—Youth Sailing Day #3

26 Saturday—**RACE**—RYC Regatta Day #1

27 Sunday—**RACE**—RYC Regatta Day #2

28-31 M-Th—**RACE**—Santana 20 Nationals



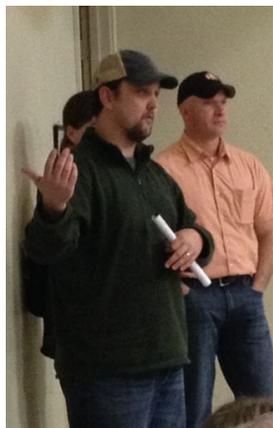
## A r o u n d t h e D o c k s

### 2014 RYC Salmon Bake Well Attended

This year's Salmon Bake and member business meeting was well attended by 62 sailors. The attendees included most of the usual suspects including our oldest member, **John Austbo**, who, by the way, has been a faithful member of Rogue Yacht Club since 1961 and our newest member **Michael and Becky Guttman**. The main course, salmon and steak, was accompanied by a variety of potluck dishes all very tasty salads, sides, and desserts.



After the dinner **Steve Lambert**, Director of Recreation for Jackson County Parks, graciously addressed our club about the current water situation at Howard Prairie Lake. He shared a graph supplied to him by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) showing historical water levels since the beginning on one side and historical low water years on the reverse. He said that at this time it is hard to say what the water levels will be like, but as with all of us, he is hoping for a lot of spring rain. He explained that he has been talking



with other agencies including TID to find ways to manage the out flow. Some of the members with larger boats were concerned about losing the dock space or mooring ball that they have had for a long time if, because of low water, they were unable to launch and sail this year. Mr. Lambert said that in the event that sailors could not launch this year they should not have to worry about losing their slip or mooring ball. Other members expressed concern about the invasive weed problem that has been choking the shore line and marina for the last several years. Mr. Lambert said that he has been in contact with a variety of agencies and that solutions continue to be worked on that will be beneficial for all who use the lake. Finally, Mr. Lambert also commented that the county has been working on a serious solution for the aging docks in the marina. The BOR and the county have been working on design studies and plan to finish new marina docks for the summer of 2016.

After Steve Lambert's presentation, Commodore Dick Barbara and the club officers presented the board's plan for the 2014 sailing season. Most of the season will be similar to the past, but one of the biggest changes for 2014 will be an increased emphasis on youth sailing with four educational sailing days and a fifth day for a youth regatta. The spring series, said Vice Commodore Jesse Repp, will have nine scheduled races but with water conditions the way it is currently the racers may have to get creative about locations.

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

*[This press release forwarded to Tell Tales at the suggestion of the board—ed.]*



### **Dave Ullman Selected as Special Guest Competitor at 2014 Championship of Champions**

Imagine a regatta where every competitor is a current one-design class champion.

US Sailing's Championship of Champions is recognized as one of the more unique adult racing events in the country. All helmsmen have qualified for this event by winning a one-design class National, North American, or World Championship over the past year. These skippers and their teams will race for the Jack Brown Trophy while representing their class. The competition will be challenging with many decorated sailors competing on the same course. The



*2013 winners of the Jack Brown Trophy: Brian Keane, Steve Hunt and Victor Diaz De Leon  
photograph by Joe Reyes.*

2014 edition of this US Sailing classic is hosted by the Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio on October 9-12.

Each year a guest helm is invited. Past guest helms have included Paul Cayard and Betsy Alison, and other sailing luminaries. This year's guest competitor will be three-time 470 World Champion ('77, '78, '80) and 2007 Melges 24 World Champion Dave Ullman. He was also US Sailing's 1996 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year.

Ullman returns to the championship he won in 1980 (sailed in the 470). He also returns to Thistle sailing, which is one of several class national championships he has collected over the years.

"It's a strong event again, and when I got the invite, how could I say no," said Ullman. "This championship has a warm spot in my heart. You get to race against, and meet with, sailors you don't usually sail with. It's just fun to sail against all sorts of one-design champions."

"It's all about coming into this event from another class and sailing your best. It can be really interesting to see how it turns out and who comes out on top."

Inaugurated in 1976, US Sailing selects 19 one-design class champions that have been nominated by their class associations to compete at the Championship of Champions. As one of US Sailing's most popular events, the championship is held in a different class each year, and boats are supplied by the host club. Classes range from conventional to cutting edge and have included the Y-Flyer, Snipe, Hobie Cat, J-24, Sunfish, Etchell, Lightning to name just a few. Helmsmen and their crew will be tested in Thistles to see if they can hold their own.

The event has crowned champions ranging in age from 13 to over 70. Many competitors are amateur sailors and some are professionals. The Championship of Champions features singlehanded sailors and others who sail with up to five or six crew.

What makes this event unique is that all are top competitors and anyone can win.

**Here are additional requirements:**

- The qualifying period is from August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014.
- Champions and their classes must be current members of US Sailing and American citizens or permanent residents.
- Applications are accepted from January through July. Sailors who normally sail in the U.S. and are members of a club, class or association affiliated with US Sailing are eligible.

**Applications are evaluated on three main criteria:**

- 40% Sailor Criteria – how many major events have they done in the past three years; number of races in national championship, number of attendants at national championship.
- 20% Class Criteria – size, diversity, depth and activity of class nationally.
- 40% Other – Sailor Athlete status, class membership in US Sailing, previous experience, demonstrated Corinthian spirit, etc.

The team of selectors researches each applicant's ability and background by examining regatta results, drawing on personal knowledge and researching the relative difficulty of the class championships. The Championship of Champions committee tries to get as many divergent classes as possible. Classes that have never proposed a champion to compete are encouraged to do so. In 2013, over 60% of the competitors had never sailed in the event before.

Invitations will be issued in early August, 2014. Apply now at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/CofC.htm>.

**C l u b   B u s i n e s s**

**RYC Board Meeting: February 12, 2014**

**M i n u t e s**

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

**Minutes:**

- Minutes from January 14 meeting approved.
- Minutes from January 28 approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Expenses so far this year - Christmas dinner and annual bills.
- Paypal receipts added to treasurer's report.
- Financials approved through January 2014.



**Salmon Bake:**

- Dick to call Peter Cipes and Mark Warwick to see if projector is available.
- Reviewed Salmon Bake agenda from last year. Include this year water level contingency plan for lake and upcoming issues regarding slips.
- Continue to talk about outreach to other clubs.
- Fundraising to be covered by Dick.
- Jay to talk about boat for club.
- Thank Cindy for trophy help in past. Show samples of possible trophies for this year.
- Everyone to add their part into the power point on SkyDrive.
- Vice Commodore - Post Portsmouth ratings, talk about increasing outreach and youth program.
- Get everyone to sign up to be chair for race and social events as well as regatta - get an extra into the raffle ticket when you sign up. Experienced skippers to sign up to chair race events and they will get their own volunteers for the race.
- Jesse to bring sign-up sheets.
- Dick to talk about the Catalina 25 race and bring sign up sheet.
- Get dues at the door.
- Dick and Jay to talk about Regatta and Santana 20's.
- Patrick to send email to include: Bring potluck dish to share: alphabetical A- F appetizer, G - M salad, N-Z - dessert, if you have an item that is fun, not expensive such as wine, nautical item, etc, please bring to add to the raffle.
- Update directory.
- Dick to talk about advertising in Telltales.

**O l d B u s i n e s s**

**Santana 20's:**

- Jay to send a letter to Steve Lambert about race details.

**N e w B u s i n e s s**

**Fundraising:**

- Dick shared idea for fundraising - yard sale at Randy's house. 10% of sales goes to club, can accept donations. Possible dates first couple of weekends in May.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 18 @ 6:00.

**RYC 2014 Salmon Bake: Good Food, Good Friends, Great Time**





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## RYC NEEDS A NEW/USED PRINTER

If any club member has a working printer they are planning to replace this year RYC needs a printer to print daily regatta outcomes and final results. If you have a printer that you can donate to the cause please don't hesitate to call Commodore Dick Barbara at (541)324-4895 or email him at [wingwing@charter.net](mailto:wingwing@charter.net).

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