



**ON THE CALENDAR**

**Next General Meeting  
April 29**

At the Veteran's Club  
on Willamette St. in Eugene

**Big Brother/ Big Sister  
May 21 @ Dexter Lake**

**Emerald Cup Regatta  
June 25-26 in Newport**

**Racing @ Siltcoos Lake  
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**Dues are Past Due—Please  
Renew Now**  
2005 is a terrible thing to waste!

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**Big Brother/Big Sister**

Is SATURDAY MAY 21st on Dexter Lake. If you are an EYC or a TYC member, or a sailor that has any type of boat you believe would be able to get into Dexter Lake on May 21st and take a few underprivileged kids and their mentors out sailing, please contact me or Jeff Longmore or just show up and be ready to go by noonish. I thank you with all my heart, and I hope to see you all out soon on the water.

-Denise Murschel, *Pizzazz*

**All Fools Regatta 2005**

This years' All Fools Regatta can only be described as a raucous success. Captain Merry once again orchestrated an All Fools day with wind, water and skill challenges. In spite of the threat of ugly weather, six boats sailed, most with a load of guests on board. TYC, EYC, and YBYC were (mis)represented. Nearly everyone wore costumes (I hope those were costumes...) and there was no shortage of on-the-water entertainment either. Yaquina Bay as always provided it's unique blend of hazards—an (over)abundance of wind, current, and crab pot floats. But it did not rain!



For skill challenges, each boat had to navigate to various buoys and marks and take latitude and longitude coordinates, and at some marks take bearings. All the while everyone had to keep a lookout for signs, boat names, and the like to gather letters of the Alphabet. This all proved a little challenging as the wind was brisk and everyone except the lone dinghy sailor was under reduced sail. Since we had commandeered someone's boat in his absence, we reefed the main and used a wee jib and kept the slightly nervous passengers happy, and that turned out be just

right - Jeff's boat remains intact.

Afterward, awards were presented based on the skill challenges, the costumery, and of course, mishaps. One boat picked up crap float that would not let go. Another boat (who shall remain anonymous, but there were no less than three skippers on board!) ran aground. Twice! Maybe they took turns driving... Appropriate prizes from Merry's ample chest of treasures were awarded. Everyone got a prize. Costumes, to the theme of Famous Captains, ran the spectrum from known pirates, unknown pirates, the infamous Captain Hazelwood, Captain Cook (see pictures) to Captain and Tenille. If you missed it, you missed a good day on the Bay. Thanks to Yaquina Bay Yacht Club for their hospitality, it was great to have them join us (or us join them) for All Fools 2005!

**Club News**

A BIG THANKS to Bill Schaffer for the excellent rules clinic that he ran for the book club and a few other people last month. He gave a great presentation, complete with handouts and illustrations. Bill, Doug, and I also went to the Dave Perry rules clinic last week, and found that you can never run out of interesting scenarios. Anyway, everyone who attended Bill's clinic thought it was great, and we hope that we can make an annual event out of it. The rules clinic was also the last scheduled meeting of the book club until

next fall, but people should still send suggestions for good books to me at m.michellewood@gmail.com

-Michelle Wood

**Fall Cruise**

I have set up a 'flotilla' (the 'Triton Flotilla') with San Juan Sailing for our September cruise, which will be 9/17/05 thru 9/23/05 (this is the first week of the 'off' season). Charterers taking part in this flotilla will receive a 5% discount on their charter rate. This only applies for this one week. I have already chartered a boat for my party, a 36' Beneteau.

My boat runs \$1445 for the week (we're talking off-season here). All charters include a



## Commodore's Corner

Your Commodore neglected the family and Imzadi for the weekend, and once again trekked to Oakland for the Strictly Sail Pacific show this month. I came away with a semi-connected collection of tidbits, wisdom, and observations that maybe aren't all worthy of prime time, but are going to get shared anyway.

First, the dollar isn't doing too well, which means that your favorite Swan, Jeanneau, or Wauquiez is going to drain your bank account noticeably faster. That Swan 60 may be a steal at \$1.1 Mil, but tragically, fewer of them are appearing on this side of the pond. By the way, that Swan was a used toy, only daysailed in the Bay. The owner did all of his serious sailing on his 116 footer.

Second, Bruce Schwab is a bold and accomplished fellow, but he's no gorilla. He's about 5-8, and slender. Third, it's sure nice of the suppliers and magazines to keep the kegs of free suds flowing. The crowd was even taunted by the Ronstan manager, Alistair that the vodka 'n Red Bull and beer would have gone twice as fast if the party were in Oz. Fourth, if you buy that clever hose clamp wire crimping gizmo at the show, you have a 50% chance of getting through the airport Gestapo with it.

Overall, as in the past couple of years, the show was thoroughly enjoyable. I talked with some true experts, met some new friends, and learned more than I expected. And besides, someone had to suffer the sunburn, risk a hangover, and put up with the parties.

refundable damage deposit, which makes the charter costs look huge, but it is refundable (if you're careful). These deposits represent the deductible on the owners insurance and will vary from boat to boat. If a charterer damages the boat, the deposit covers the owners' loss.

Other costs which should be figured in are provisions (figure \$100 per week per person for a reasonable menu), fuel (if the wind won't blow), and moorage/dockage fees if riding an anchor just won't do. I also like to pre-board on Friday evening, for an additional \$10 per person. The charter doesn't officially start until Saturday but it's nice to have a nice dinner on shore, buy grub, get things stowed away in the evening, and spend a restful night on the boat. It's also cheaper than a motel room. Then the only thing to worry about is getting through the checkout on Saturday morning.

Contact information:

San Juan Sailing 1 800 677-7245

[www.sanjuansailing.com](http://www.sanjuansailing.com) -ask for Danelle

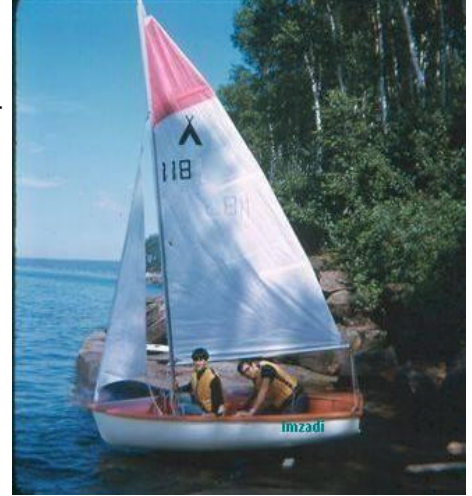
I will have a copy of my charter agreement as well as resume forms and other charter information from previous charters at the upcoming meeting.

-Mike Schwarze, *Verboaten*

### Racing News


Two TYC members took delivery of new Schock boats last month and raced in the Schock Memorial regatta, March 5 & 6; LeeAnne Bale-Fish and I picked up my new Lido-14, Zephyr, and raced it with LeeAnne as skipper. Despite the many moored boats, and big pleasure craft, we negotiated our way to a couple of respectable finishes, including one third (LeeAnne was awesome). Mark Forrest also took delivery of his new Santana 20 and, racing with Ron Fish and Scott Forrest, did VERY well, with a bunch of seconds on Sunday and a fourth-place overall finish.

But now it's back to the real world, and I'm ready for the weather to shift more to our summer pattern here in Oregon. Actually, since my sailing will be out of Newport, I'm guessing my sunscreen supply is safe. For those of you considering keelboat launching in Newport, the Port does a nice job with their hoist. Imzadi was floating a mere 11 minutes after the operator showed up. Through a bit of bad timing or luck, there was a four hour wait for the operator, though, so we got reacquainted and caught up, and even taught some new crew the best 5 ways to tie a bowline. We're launched in time for Loyalty Days, but our rust will be showing in our crew work. We'll be in good shape for Emerald Cup in June, though, so come on down and take us on! And if you're eager to try some RC sailing, look for the Victoria class sailors at Starker Arts Park in Corvallis at 6 pm on Thursdays. We'll hand over controls to let you try it, or just bring a favorite drink and a lawn chair.



-Doug Ullmer, *Imzadi*

2005  
Emerald Cup



Not Too Early to Mark Your Calendar

Yaquina Bay, Newport

— June 25-26 —

Great Racing • Door Prizes • Dinner • Trophies

**New!** Hoist now available adjacent to marina

There is a nice article about the Santana Fleet's performance by Andrew Kerr that you can read on the Santana 20 Class website [www.s20.org/](http://www.s20.org/). (You need to go to the archived articles, however, as it has moved off the front page).

While sailing the Schock Regatta with LeAnne, I got an invitation to come back for the Ahmanson Cup and Newport-to-Ensenada race as

crew on *Strategem*, a Schock 35, out of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, and owned by Mark Hinrichs. The boat was under-crewed for the Ahmanson Cup which meant we barely eked out our NDL, but also meant that I got to do a lot of interesting stuff, trimming the main on Saturday and foredeck on Sunday.

After Ahmanson, I did some work connected to my University job with collaborators in California and returned to Newport Beach for the Newport to Ensenada race, one of the oldest and biggest international regattas in the world. What an adventure!

The race start was under grey skies with fairly light (3kts?) wind, but Disney's *Pyewacket* and the other beautiful big boys got off and disappeared over the horizon within half an hour. Our start was fifth or sixth and we got off around 12:50. As we tried to get offshore, it first rained like the blazes (I thought we were going to get some hail) and then the wind died. By sunset, we were hoping and hoping for an evening up-breeze, and got one that gave us nearly 3kts of way for an hour or so, and then things fell off again. However, the moon came up, and by 9:30 or so we were moving,, making 4 or five knots under a full moon. Our helmsman for that shift was an 18-year old from Hawaii and he and his friends were 'taken' with my being a marine biologist... Sleeping as I was under the full moon.. I finally said, "but I am a SLEEPING marine biologist!!". Much laughing. Laughter was part of this race, which Hinrichs, clearly does for fun and loyalty the Shock 35 fleet. He's finished first in class, but not this year. On the other hand, his devotion to women sailors and getting people sailing, put me on the helm numerous times and on the foredeck in the previous week's Ahmanson Cup.

Noteworthy for the Ahmanson Cup, is the fact that Eugene's own Alan Stults has a beautiful trophy for a Division 1 award from the 1968 Ahmanson Cup in his living room. Alan grew up racing in Newport Beach back when the trophies they awarded to single winners look like today's permanent trophies.

So, what was the best about my sailing adventure? THE BEST... in addition to the good people I met, was driving *Strategem* for several hours, with the spinnaker flying, coaxing 7.0+kts (all of) out her, and trying to keep things moving Saturday morning, offshore of Mexico and in blue, blue water with sun glinty waves. The spinnaker has a wide Caribbean blue horizontal stripe that I didn't even notice the previous week when I was working so hard to get it up and down. But driving to it, watching the curl form and fill... managing the barn-door of a rudder on a Schock 35 was so wonderful.. especially when a wave, wind, and helm combined to give a half-knot push... it was perfection. (THANK YOU, Mark,, Kathy, Jeannie and everybody!)

After about 24 hours, we were nearly in view of Ensenada, but only making 4-6 knots in variable winds. We were on a rumblin' to the Ensenada Harbor entrance and decided to stay under spinnaker on that tack because we were making pretty good speed, especially compared to the boats we could see. However, it also meant that we would tack one time, approaching the finish line from the west-southwest, rather than the northwest, as many boats were choosing to do. This worked out pretty well, but our initial instinct (to go offshore of the Coronados) might have gotten us to Ensenada a little sooner, if we could have gotten out there. Regardless, we finished the race and had a great time. This, I gather, is the real point of the Newport to Ensenada race and if you ever have a chance to do it... GO!!!

Thanks to everyone here who contributed to my adventure, Blake Fish loaned me a good warm, sailing jacket; LeeAnne took me down to Newport in the first place, Ron encouraged me to follow through on the invitation, and Mike Schwartz found alternate crew for Loyalty Days. Muchas gracias, mis amigos.  
-Michelle Wood, -Zephyr

## PHRF Notice

For those of you who will be racing PHRF this year, you can get your PHRF certificate from PHRF-NW. Their web site is [www.PHRF-NW.org](http://www.PHRF-NW.org). The cost is \$35.

## Lido Racing

Rumor has it the Lido fleet will be sailing on Dexter Lake this year. Get in touch and join them! Contact: Davis Ispas or Alan Wells

## Wavelength Fleet News

The Wavelength fleet has invaded Siltcoos Lake and has scheduled a series of races for 2005. Everyone is invited to join in. This is a beautiful lake to sail and there are numerous launch ramps and affordable moorage available at Westlake Resort and Darlings Resort. Bring your boat and join the fun or volunteer to help with Race Committee, it's all good!

## Wavelength 24 Calendar 2005

April 23	Loyalty Days @ Newport
May 7	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
May 21	Big Brother/Big Sister @ Dexter
June 4	<b>Regatta!</b> @ Siltcoos
June 18	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
June 25	Emerald Cup @ Newport
July 2	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
July 16	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
July 30	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
Aug 13	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
Aug 27	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
Sept 10	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
Sept 24	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos
Oct 8	Columbus Day Regatta @ Newport
Oct 22	Saturday Race @ Siltcoos

## Santana 20 Calendar 2005

FEBRUARY 19 - 20 SCYA Midwinters Newport Beach, CA  
 MARCH 4 - 6 Schock Regatta Newport Beach, CA  
 18 - 20 NOOD San Diego, CA  
 APRIL 2 - 3 Camelia Cup Folsom Lake, CA  
 23 - 24 Loyalty Days Newport, OR  
 MAY 14 - 15 S.O.C.K.S. Seattle, WA  
 28 - 29 Whiskeytown Redding, CA  
 JUNE 4 - 5 Cal Race Week Marina Del Rey, CA  
 25 - 26 Emerald Cup Newport, OR  
 JULY 2 - 3 Firecracker Klamath Falls, OR  
 10 - 15 Whidbey Race Week Puget Sound, WA  
 16 - 17 HalfKlam Klamath Falls, OR  
 23 - 24 High Sierra Regatta Huntington Lake, CA  
 30 - 31 Howard Prairie Regatta How. Prairie Lake, OR  
 AUGUST 8 - 12 S20 Class Champs Cascade Locks, OR  
 13 - 14 Al Morris Regatta Yale Lake, WA  
 SEPT. 3 - 4 Labor Day Regatta Coos Bay, OR  
 OCTOBER 8 - 9 Columbus Day Regatta Newport, OR  
 17 - 18 CYC Small Boat Regatta Coronado, CA  
 NOVEMBER 19 - 20 Turkey Day Regatta Alamos Bay, CA



**Triton Yacht Club Membership Form**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work / Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your crew position \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sail number: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests:  
Racing \_\_\_ Cruising \_\_\_ Social \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) would prefer volunteer duties as follows:

\_\_\_ Race Committee \_\_\_ Race/ Rescue

\_\_\_ 'Fun' Races \_\_\_ Social Events

Other (specify particular events or dates)

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**Membership Fees:**

Initiation fee (new Members)..... \$40.00

Family or Individual (1 year)..... \$40.00

Racing Fee \* ..... \$15.00

Dual Membership (EYC members).. \$40.00

Late Fee ( After January 31<sup>st</sup>) ..... \$10.00

Total Dues Enclosed ..... \_\_\_\_\_

\*Pay Race fee if you race, and do not belong to Eugene Yacht Club

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The Triton Yacht Club is a Casual Community of Sailors  
Sharing Friendship, the Corinthian Spirit, and providing Racing and Non-racing Activities.  
Anyone and Everyone is Welcome! Visit with us and see for yourself.

Meetings are held the last Friday of each month, at 7pm @ the Veteran's Club on Willamette Street in Eugene.  
Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Call a board member for roving meeting locations...



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