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April 2010

Upcoming Events

Fri, Apr 30	Triton Yacht Club General Meeting Veterans' Club 7 p.m. 1626 Willamette Street
Tue, May 4	Beer Can Racing Starts
Wed, May 5	Dinghy Racing Starts
Sat, May 15	Youth Sailing Day Noon at Richardson
May 22-23	EYC Multi-Hull Regatta
May 29-30	EYC Memorial Day Regatta
June 20-25	EYC Sail School
June 26-27	Triton Yacht Club Emerald Cup Regatta

You can find all this and more at:
<http://triton yachtclub.org>
on the Calendar page.

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Youth Sailing Day • May 15, 2010

Come join in the fun and put a smile on the faces of young would-be sailors in a day of sailing with the children and their mentors. Triton Yacht Club proudly sponsors this worthy annual event, in conjunction with Committed Partners for Youth, which provides a unique opportunity for young people to enjoy something they would likely not experience without the generosity and goodwill of the Fern Ridge sailing community and the generous donations provided by the sponsors listed below.



The event will be held at Richardson Park & Marina, at the main shelter, commencing at Noon. Generous donations benefitting all participants are provided as follows: Lunch (grilled burgers, fixings, chips, etc) is provided by Legacy Health Systems; Drinks are provided by DocuTRAK Imaging; the shelter is provided by Weathergage Software; two J24 sailboats and extra PFDs are provided by City of Eugene Recreation Services.

If you have any questions, please email (tunasail@comcast.net) or call (541-607-3588) Leanne Bale-Fish



Skippers, in exchange for your time and your boat for the day, you get to see a smile on the youngsters' faces, create a positive, lifelong memory for them, and you even get lunch provided for you! Please, come out for the day and help make this most worthy event a success for the children in our community.



Commodore's Comments: Ahoy Triton Sailors!

The sailing season gets into full swing in May, come help us start it on the right (correct?) foot on April 30th at the Vet's Club.

Aside from a visit from the Lane County Parks Department we have several sailing events planned for May, including the Committed Partners for Youth Big Brother/Big Sister sailing day on the 15th.

We also have some new event ideas that we'd like to discuss and get your feedback. These include a boat show, opportunities to introduce kids and families to sailing and a possible 'endurance' event for charity.

The plan for the April 30th meeting is to hold the regular TYC meet-

ing starting at 7 p.m. move through our business in an orderly manner and then turn the floor over to Phil Guyette and Todd Winter from the Lane County Parks Department. The main topics for the Parks Department will be the parking solution followed by a discussion of the dock project. Please keep in mind the dock project is still in the very early stages and we shouldn't expect all of the details. This is a good opportunity to communicate our desires and concerns.

We have invited the general sailing community to attend this meeting. In order to keep things moving I'm going to ask that each person wait to be called upon then stand, intro-

duce themselves and ask their question. The ulterior motive here is we get to meet folks we might only see on the water and they get to see who and what TYC is about.

I've also been asked to remind those that keep their boat at Richardson Park that if they haven't done so please drop off a copy of your boat's registration at the Gooch's, they need that information as part of the slip rental documentation.

Enough writing time to sail!
-Brandt



Buoys Are In, Let The Racing Begin

Let's give a big thanks to Alan Hall (Buoy tender 2010) and his crew of Merry women and men who volunteered to spend a cold and wet spring morning in March to set the Olympic circle race course.

-Ted Walkup, Triton Yacht Club Race Chair



Merry, Jeff, Ted, Boomer (neighbor) aboard "Little Spanky" our power boat. We set buoys 1-7, Dave B. on the EYC boat with Dean M., Lynn B, Mike T., Mike K. and Buoy Master Alan set the center pin, 8, East and Dash marks. We were done fairly quickly. Decent weather and back onto our trailer before the next set of showers. - Merry Pettitclair

OSMB Boater Education Class

May 1, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Fire & EMS Training building at the NW corner of Second & Chambers in Eugene. A simple fare lunch will be provided and is included in your class fee. The fee for the class is \$10 per person.

Pre-registration for this class is required.

Please send a check payable to Merry Pettitclair
1755 Brentwood Ave., Eugene OR 97404
Questions?
call Merry Pettitclair at 541-913-4322

What is the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program?

This new program focuses on protecting Oregon's waterways from invasive species. The Marine Board and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will implement the program. Funds generated from this program will fund five regional inspection teams, pay for education/outreach materials, voluntary boat inspections and decontamination of infested boats. The fees will also pay for training, decontamination equipment and the infrastructure needed to produce the permits.

Follow this link to find out if it applies to your boat: <http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/programs/09LawsFAQs.shtml>

TYC Meeting With County Officials Open To All Sailors

The April 30 general meeting of TYC will feature Lane County Parks Director Todd Winter and Parks Superintendent Phil Guyette as special guests. They'll be on deck to discuss the pending million-dollar replacement of the Richardson Marina docks and the recent changes to evening parking regulations for sailors.

Because of the broad interest in those topics, the entire meeting at the Veterans Club, 1626 Willamette Street, is being opened to all members of the Fern Ridge sailing community. TYC members are being encouraged to turn out and to bring sailing friends.

For first-time visitors: Members usually start trickling in around 6:30 to order burgers and beer. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m. And Commodore Brandt Schram expects to have the agenda cleared for Winter and Guyette to speak about 7:45.

Their presentation will include time for questions and answers.

The visit of the parks officials comes as a result of a continuing discussion that began several months ago between TYC and the parks department. It began with Guyette asking TYC's suggestions for specifications to be included in the dock project.

From there the discussion segued to the perennially thorny issue of late-night parking for guests and crew members of Richardson moorage holders. Within a few weeks, in a plan that TYC officers see as a positive solution, Guyette created a new system of 11 p.m. parking permits for those who sail aboard the boats of moorage holders.

Subsequently, John Kohnen, representing trailer sailors, secured similar accommodations for that wing of the Fern Ridge

boating community.

"This is a hopeful time for all of us who sail out of Richardson," Schram said. "There's a feeling that we've turned the corner on some bothersome issues, and we have a dialogue going. Todd and Phil are coming as our guests. We hope they'll find a welcoming audience, that they'll get lots of questions and not too much commentary.

"This is a time for looking forward, not for picking over the bones of something that might have happened five or 10 years ago."

In the presentations, Guyette is expected to provide most of the answers about the parking plan, while Winter will address the pending dock replacement. The dock job is very much in the planning stages, but TYC has asked Winter to provide as much timeline information as possible.



Poor Fools Regatta

April 17th

A chance to sail away your sorrows after sending in your 1040 or extension. Small turnout, but big fun as the light wind turned into stronger wind with gusts. Clouds parted and sunshine added to the afternoon's enjoyment.

This was a race based on randomness — sort of like how taxes are computed and government spending is allocated. Each skipper picked one random mark from each of six different cups. Besides the numbered buoys from the circle, there were such marks as "3 boat lengths from the dam buoys," "5 boat lengths from Gibson Island," Signal Island, and "3 boat lengths from the birdhouses in Bangs' Cove."

Nobody had the same course, all started at the same time, the handicap was the length of the course you randomly chose. Keeping with the spirit, in the end — though the finish places were noted — the winner was chosen by random drawing.

Thanks to Jeff Longmore for piloting "Little Spanky" and running the race. Questionable thanks to Lyle Mayer (also the winner) for organizing the randomness. — Lyle Mayer





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Link to all things race-related on Fern Ridge:
<http://sites.google.com/site/jrctyceyc/Home>

Triton Yacht Club Membership Form

Your Name: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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) _____

Membership Fees:

- New Members (includes \$20 initiation fee)\$60.00
- Family or Individual 1 year renewal\$40.00
- Paid after close of Feb. general meeting,\$50.00
- Racing Fee*\$20.00
- Paid after close of Feb. general meeting.....\$30.00
- Printed Newsletter via USPS\$10.00

Total Dues Enclosed \$ _____

*Skippers Pay Race fee if you race, and do not belong to EYC

Make checks payable to:

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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 7 p.m. at the Veterans' Club on Willamette Street in Eugene. Board meetings are held monthly. All members are welcome. Contact a board member for roving location. Be sure and check the newsletter for information about meetings and events at www.tritonyachtclub.org