

August 2009

# TYC Blowing In the Wind

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## Calendar

**General Meeting**  
Friday - Cancelled  
See you at Jungle Cruise

**Jungle Cruise**  
Sat., Aug 29th; 12 pm  
FernRidge

**Last Thursday Night Race**  
Thurs, Sept. 10th  
Fern Ridge

**Harvest Day Regatta**  
Sat.-Sun, Sept. 12-13  
Fern Ridge - EYC

**Steak Bash**  
Thurs, Sept. 17th  
EYC

**General Meeting**  
Friday, Sept. 25; 6:30 pm  
Richardson Marina, Raft-Up

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## - Jungle Cruise -

### Start the Fun at Richardson Marina

### The Full Day of Games, Adventure, Prizes, and Music Begins at

## - NOON -

see complete notice inside or on web site:  
[www.tritonyachtclub.org](http://www.tritonyachtclub.org)

## Jack and Jill 2009 Results:

- First Place: *Giddy Up* (1,1,1)
  - Second Place: *Nauti Nymph* (6,3,3)
  - Third Place: *Guano Happens* (3,2,8)
- (by a tie breaker among four boats)





## Hello Fellow Sailors

Our summer is zipping right along. Evaporation is lowering the lake level daily. Get out there on the water in our best weather of the summer and sail the paint right off the bottom of those boats. But the fun has not yet ended. The Emerald Cup is behind us but our Jungle Cruise and raft up is August 29, and the Women's Cup is August 30th.

Jungle Cruise has been re-engineered to a Poker Run and meeting in the Jungle all afternoon with the Pirate Band. Can't make it until evening? No problem, we have a raft-up scheduled for the evening of the 29th as well with yet another band. This raft up will be just off shore at Richardson Park. See the flyer in this newsletter for specific details. Your donations for the bands will be graciously accepted and appreciated. Don't miss these events as they are our summer bash. Great fun and good times for cruisers, racers and get-wet boat sailors one and all. If you are planning to join in the fun

Saturday evening after 8pm, be SURE you have a proper 'after hours' parking pass to avoid the over \$400 ticket. Contact Craig Latham (Treasurer) if you have questions, per the flyer in this newsletter.

Given that we have double fun scheduled for Saturday the 29th, and Women's Cup on the 30th, we will cancel the monthly meeting if any official nature which would have been scheduled for Friday night the 28th. That is not to say you can't have an unofficial raft up Friday night to practice for Saturday. After all practice makes perfect right?

I will apologize now for not being available to participate in the Jungle Cruise, or the raft up, or the Women's Cup as I have prior commitments to teach others how to sail on those days. If I can, I will swing through these events with my students to share the broader sailing community experience with them.

Be safe out there and let's go sailing!

*Fair winds, –  
Merry Petitclair*

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## Hank and Bernie's Hot San Juan 21 Adventure....

It was hot when we left Oregon, and it only hotter as we traveled northward in an old van without A/C. Destination: Brownsville Marina just north of Bremerton in the waters of Puget Sound for the San Juan 21 Western Nationals. 105 deg. F. is not well suited to old crotchety native Western Oregonians dripping with sweat after a mere workout of just standing around sipping beer.

I love this sailing area, though as we know the winds 'up there' are often fickle. Karen and I had cruised nearby waters in our boat, with Joe and Myra in theirs, years ago and fell in love with the friendly Mom 'n Pop facilities scattered conveniently throughout the waters.

We arrived early to allow time clean up Lunatique and perform neglected minor maintenance. We were greeted by the very friendly and well organized SJ21 Fleet 1 locals that have a very active racing fleet with no home marina. Their race series travels throughout 'The Sound' early Spring through Fall. By Thursday night a dedicated and highly competent group of sailors from as far as: Montana, Fresno, Clarkston (WA), and Coos Bay, were settling in. Twenty-two boats in all with 14 with 'All Sails', and 8 in the 'Working Sail' (No spinnaker) fleets.

It has been many years since I've raced behind the helm on my 21. The practice race that night had a 10 k northerly. We did well, and that may have lead us into a bit of over optimistic exuberance. The days that followed were filled with a bit too much of the 'watching and waiting' that frustrates race committees and rac-



*To add visual appeal to this article we pulled from the archives this photo of Hank and his beloved Lunatique during a past Single Handed Regatta. Just imagine how he looked with the always affable Bernie as his crew.*

ers. Later on Friday, there was enough very light breeze to get off two races which proved as a reality check for our place in the 'pecking order.' Saturday, the last scheduled day of racing, proved to be more of the same weather, and there were some doubts as to if 'so many had traveled so far' for a two race series to decide the championship. Fortunately, a patient and thoughtful race committee managed to pull off three light air races, after the first race was canceled.

Humbling as it was, this skipper and crew had a wonderful time. Fleet 1 was an awesome host in all regard, using only public facilities to provide great food and entertainment. As most racers know, it is not so much the racing, as it is new places, the venue, and that special link we share with sailing comrades, both the new ones, and the ones we see over the years.

More at:  
<http://www.sj21fleet1.org/2009-western-states>

## Single Hand 2009 – PHRF

Owner	Type	Hndcp	T/T2	Race1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Place
Dean Mitchell	Wavelength24	172	.93931	1	2	1	4	1
Brandt Schram	Wavelength24	172	.93931	2	1	2	5	2
Paul Stephens	Santana 20	238	.85752	3	3	3	9	3
Hank Eberle	Santana 20	238	.85752	5	5	4	14	4
Ron Fish	Santana 20	238	.85752	4	4	7	15	5
Wayne Previti	Santana 20	238	.85752	7	6	5	18	6
Kevin Goodrich	Santana 20	238	.85752	6	7	6	19	7

## Cow Bay Regatta *by Phil Collins*

At the end of August my daughter Kristin, Trent Sellens, and Charlie Magee (our webmaster) traveled up to Cowichan Bay British Columbia to sail in the 30th Annual Cow Bay Regatta. What an incredible time! On a Tuesday morning Kristin, Trent and I towed his F-27 up to Port Townsend and launched.

Motoring at first, we crossed over and coasted Northward along Whidbey Island, cutting through numerous current rips along the way. This was the first time Kristin had sailed anywhere but Fern Ridge, so the trip on "big water" would be especially eventful for her. Out in the middle of this broad expanse of water we encountered a youngster in an Optimist, being paced by a Hobie 16! Strange. Since there seemed to be more wind to the east, we sailed up Rosario straight, experimenting with the screecher (code zero type of sail for non-multihullers) and being greeted by seals and porpoises (or are they dolphins?)

We had left ourselves a few extra days to make the trip so we could set a leisurely pace and stop off at a few of the San Juan's favorite anchorages. Sailing in bright sun and tee shirts, after a while we decided that our first night would be spent at James Island. This is a stunning State Park with multiple picturesque coves for anchoring and on shore there are picnic areas, trails to hike and rock cliffs everywhere overlooking the water, one of the prettiest places I've seen anywhere. We were there early so were lucky enough to find a space at the only dock, allowing easy shore access for Rusty the dog.

The next day we sailed under a nice breeze, and flew the spinnaker northward for miles and miles. I learned how exciting it is to have the rudder kick up while cruising under spin at 16 knots! Good times. Eventually rounding the northeast tip of Orcas Island, we lost the southerly breeze and resorted to the motor for a while. Off in the distance ahead we could see a trimaran flying a screecher, and soon we too were sailing again.

We decided to have lunch at Sucia Island, and chose Fossil Bay, one of at least 9 possible anchorages on Sucia. A quick lunch and photo tour and we headed out again, deciding to get closer to Canada before nightfall. We headed west, enjoying another glorious sunny day with gentle breezes, how could we be so lucky. As the sun dropped lower, the wind built and soon we were flying toward the east end of Stuart Island. This is a rocky entrance, and we nearly made a mistake of cutting a corner which at the last second we could see it clearly was a bad idea, so had to tack out and come in from a better angle. Through the channel and inside we sailed into Reid Harbor. Our luck holds, the only spot we could find short of one of the "rope floats" was a space on a dock! Reid is yet another stunning anchorage, and again we explored and took photos, and had a wonderful dinner at a picnic table on the dock.

Up early again, the next morning with strong breeze we crossed Haro Strait toward Sydney. As the wind built, so did the waves, and after a while were romping through whitecaps on top of rolling swells and just flying along! This was the moment I'd been waiting for - big water, big swells, big breeze - and as I watched to see how Kristin was taking it, she was grinning from ear to ear. She said the lake is never going to be the same after that! Customs at Sydney in the cleanest most beautiful marina I've ever seen, a beau-

## What is Women's Cup Regatta All About, You Ask?

Jeff Longmore (jlongmore@hotmail.com) is our esteemed chair of this event.

**Requirement:** You need a woman at the helm of the boat. Your crew can be made of he's or she's. Given that there is no pre-registration for this event Jeff will determine how to conduct the races on the day of the event based on participation. The skippers meeting will be at noon on Sunday, August 30 in the shade closest to A-dock at Richardson Park. If you would like to help Jeff with this event, please email him or call 541.225.7533.



tiful passage through picturesque narrows to the entrance to Cow Bay, and a long downwind sail into our destination, small words, big day. It was all just too perfect and too much fun!

*Continued next month with a report about the actual regatta.*

To see wonderful photos from Emerald Cup go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ohana25/collections/72157621766437858/>

*Saturday, August 29th*

*Sponsored by Triton Yacht Club  
Everyone is Welcome!*

# *Jungle Cruise*

## *Noon -- Poker Run and Music*

*Skippers: take 1 bag (2 cards) at each of 4 stops (for 5 card draw) on the way to the party spot on Coyote Creek: Leakin' Leena, Mark #4, entrance to Coyote at Hwy 126, halfway up Coyote.*

*Man Overboard (a Pirate Band!) Dress accordingly  
Playing sailing songs and ditties for your extreme enjoyment!*

*STUFF the BBQ and bring refreshments for an afternoon of TYC crazy fun.*

*Contributions accepted to help pay for the band. Poker Run Participants: please bring a contribution for the Booty! (Wine, 6-pack, gold doubloons.)*

*Note: you don't have to do the Poker Run to join us at the Coyote Party Spot!*

*...then...*

## *Raft-Up*

*Richardson  
Marina*

## *5:30pm -- Music, Dancing, Boat walking*

*Last year we had 23 boats rafted up. People stroll from boat to boat, sharing food and telling tall tales. Let's go for 30+ this year! (Don't forget your fenders and lines.)*

*Skippers: Arrange non-moorage holder parking with the Gooches.*

*Questions? Call Craig at 579-9111.*

*Jake Payne Band (Great Americana Music!)*

*Donations accepted to pay for the band!*

*Anyone attending either event gets 50% off a TYC New Membership!*

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Address Correction Requested

**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 29th**  
**Jungle Cruise**  
**Richardson Marina**

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

I don't want to save the club postage by receiving a full color digital version of the newsletter. **Send black & white version in the costly U.S. Mail.**

### Membership Fees:

- New Members (includes \$20 initiation fee) ..... \$60.00
- Family or Individual 1 year renewal ..... \$40.00
- Paid after March 1st ..... \$50.00
- Racing Fee\* ..... \$20.00
- Paid after March 1st ..... \$30.00

**Total Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Skippers Pay Race fee if you race, and **do not** belong to Eugene YC

Make checks payable to: Triton 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 at the Veteran 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](http://www.tritonyachtclub.org)