

# Triton Yacht Club

February 2005  
Newsletter



## EMERALD CUP NEWS

The Emerald Cup planning meeting will hold its first meeting on Sunday, February 27 from 5:00-7:00 at Terri Heath's house, 2227 W. 29th Ave. Call Terri if you'd like to join the planning committee: 484-7574 or send email to: [dtheath@uoregon.edu](mailto:dtheath@uoregon.edu)

Emerald Cup Regatta will be held June 25-26 in Newport. We have exciting things planned for this new venue. Mark your calendars. See you in Newport in June.

## Rules Clinic

Join TYC book club and Bill Schaffer for a Racing Rules Clinic, Wednesday, March 2 at Joe & Myra Downing's in Eugene. Contact Joe or Myra for directions - ([myrawdowning@aol.com](mailto:myrawdowning@aol.com) [joedowning@aol.com](mailto:joedowning@aol.com)). We will meet for food and fellowship at 6:30 and get going with information that we all wish "the other guy knew". This is a basic clinic that will help the new skipper, but those of us who ARE new hope the seasoned people will come along for fellowship and share their grizzled wisdom. We will be focusing on

aspects of the new rules that can be downloaded easily from: <http://www.sailing.org/RRS2005/Intro1-7.pdf>

## TYC GETS DISCOUNT ON NORTH U CRUISING COURSE IN PORTLAND March 6.

TYC members have been offered a 25% discount on any North U. course they attend this year. Upcoming "local" events are:

Cruising and Seamanship, Portland, OR,	March 6.
Trim, Seattle, WA,	April 2-3
Weather for Sailors, Seattle, WA	April 23
Trim, Long Beach, CA	May 21

For the Portland course, the Guest Speaker will be John Rousmaniere, Author of the Annapolis Book of Seamanship, Fastnet, Force 10, After the Storm: True Stores of Disaster and Recovery at Sea just to name a few.

People who want to get the discount, just need to call North U. (1-800-347-2457) and when registering identify themselves as TYC members. Details available at the Feb. 28 General Meeting. Course descriptions are also available at [www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com). Contact Michelle Wood ([m.michellewood@gmail.com](mailto:m.michellewood@gmail.com)).

## Big Brother/ Big Sister

Plans are still being made, but it appears that TYC will have our special day even without our home waters. Tentative plan is for Dexter Lake and the date is likely to be May 14. Volunteers to take their boats to Dexter that day are being sought. Contact Jeff Longmore or any Board member to volunteer.

## We Have Friends Out There

Scott Wiers informs us that CYC Portland has extended a discounted membership for Fern Ridge people who want to race in Portland in 2005. They are also looking to see if they can get us a discounted moorage at a local dock. CYC Portland website is [www.cycportland.com](http://www.cycportland.com)

## Calendar at a Glance:

**Next General Meeting February 25**

At the Veteran's Club on Willamette in Eugene

**Book Club Meetings—See Rules Clinic story**

(normally 2nd Thurs each month)

Michelle Wood 345-3448

**Dues are Past Due—Please Renew Now**



## Commodore's Corner

I want to thank everyone who showed up for our first general meeting of 2005. In addition to the great show from Carl Hosticka, we had some lively conversation about different sailing venues and plans for the year. Carl's presentation really helped transport us away from our worries for a few minutes, and also gave us some great examples of "out of the box" thinking. Sailboats that turn the rig around to tack! The Polynesians figured a few things out before carbon fiber and "load-path" sails came along, and they were no strangers to performance sailing. The problem is that now I have to add another place to my list to eventually visit!

The survey that Myra put together has really helped to formulate some of our plans for this year. If you'll hang in there, I'll try to summarize the results without too many tedious numbers. First, most of you are interested in trying to accomplish as many of our traditional events as possible, such as series racing, Big Brother/Sister, All Fools, and rafting-up. You are split between plans to go to Siltcoos and Yaquina Bay. And many of you are interested in alternative activities such as movie nights, social nights out, and camping. One of my personal favorites and one that apparently resonated with many of you was a cruise this year. A total of 23 of 30 respondents indicated they would participate, and many with families or spouses. This is certainly going to get more attention in the weeks to come. Finally, it's clear that club members plan to travel to regional and nearby events, and intend to support Loyalty Days, Emerald Cup, and Columbus Day, as well as SOCKS, and Firecracker, etc.

We've had some success working with our colleagues in the other clubs, to put together some plans for the year. I'm pleased to report that the Emerald Cup will go on in Newport, and I hope you'll work to support this major event for our club. We've also been working with Yaquina Bay Yacht Club and EYC on some collaborative series racing options. If we can enlist enough racers, we can put together some fun mini-regattas or weekend series racing a few times during the summer months to help fill the gaps. The YBYC folks were enthusiastically supportive, as they've been all along, and with their new clubhouse, they have a great venue to host visitors and guests. They have also been successful getting the support of the Port of Newport, which means we can expect hoisting capability virtually on-demand for \$20 round trip. There is also the likelihood of boat and trailer storage, and perhaps trailer camping nearby the clubhouse.

Please come out for the general meeting, and we'll keep the information and the ideas flowing. See you there!

-Doug

## Weekend Racing @ Newport

Your race chairs have tentatively picked 2 weekends this year for beer can racing on Yaquina Bay. They were selected to fall in perceived gaps in the event schedules around the state, in the hopes that people would be looking for something to do.

We haven't settled on a format or a time frame, meaning we need some input from potential participants. We can most likely have available at least one of EYC's rescue boats and possibly YBYC's committee boat.

Mooring info:

\*Embarcadero Marina

LOA <20': E Dock \$12/day, \$75/week, \$190/month, \$755/6 m

LOA <25': West side of D Dock \$13/day, \$85/week, \$210/month, \$885/6m

LOA <30': A and C Docks \$17/Day, \$90/week, \$235/month, \$1020/6m

Larger boats can also be accommodated, but I didn't get rates for over 30'. There is also an annual rate available.

\*South Beach Marina

LOA <24' \$12.46/day, \$74.76/week, \$215/month

LOA 25-26 \$13.60/day, \$81.60/week, \$215/month

LOA 27-30 \$14.73/day, \$88.38/week, \$226.50/month

Larger boats can be accommodated, but I didn't get rates past 30' and there is also an annual rate available.

Ramp use is \$6.00 per round trip. Annual passes are available.

\*Hoist: The Port charges \$20 per round trip for the hoist. They require that a Port employee operate the hoist. It's rated at 9900#.

**Racing Format:**

Two possible formats were discussed weekend racing. One is that as many races as is reasonable are squeezed in on Saturday, say from noon until 5 pm. The other is to have races Saturday evening and then additional Sunday morning. The second requires staying the night while the first arrangement is thought to be insufficient reason to go the trouble to launch and retrieve all in one day.

For people keeping their boats in a marina, the Saturday only option is pretty favorable. For people bringing their boats to Newport, the second option might be better. One of the things mentioned but not really ever answered by the Port folks is dry storage of rigged boats near the yacht club. It is doable in that they haven't said no. We might be able to get an answer if a number of people indicate they would want to store boats there.

The other issue is that of Race Committee for these Minigattas. We all have to plan on helping with race duties. A lot will depend on the number of boats participating so we need to get some serious commitments very soon. A 3 person Committee Boat team would be the minimum, with a rescue boat if we had more participants. It would mean however that a boat would have to give up a day of racing to do committee. It might be possible for a boat to do only one race on committee and then they head for the dock and swap with the next team. That will leave a fair chunk of time between races while crews switched but the course area is really close to the dock.

We're talking PHRF here with maybe some Portsmouth thrown in for speed bumps. (*Editors Note: Send your letters to Mike Schwarze...*) We would have to work out the scoring basis (T-O-T or T-O-

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The TYC Board has already begun planning alternative events, family activities, and cruises for 2005. Please do attend the meetings and provide your input. The lack of our closest water will not prevent all of us from enjoying our sailing pasttime, in fact we may just find out how wonderful the rest of the area can be for sailing. Keep the faith, and join together with your fellow sailors as TYC always has and always will.



D) after we see what we have for participation.

#### Participation:

I would think we would need a committed group of 10 boats to make this work. We're looking at up to a dozen races, which would make a good series on which to base some awards at the end of the season. Then we can argue with the Siltcoos bunch about who had the better venue. We can add more races in September or October if the interest is there. If we're willing to play at Newport we don't have to be limited by the reservoir season.

### Local Dam News

In case you've been living in a cave, or wonder if the rumors are true, YES, it appears they may have the dam repaired in 2005 and we can get back to normal in 2006.

From the Eugene Register Guard February 15, 2005

Excerpted from the article by Matt Cooper

Repairs on the failing Fern Ridge Dam will start by early June and should finish before the next flood-control season in November, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers said Monday. Emptying the reservoir west of Eugene to do the work will mean a painful summer for farmers, boaters and other users, but the corps said this approach is better than spreading the work over a few years.

"Even in a phased approach, you've got the water much lower and you're really not capable of safely protecting during flood events," said Erik Petersen, corps operations manager for Willamette Valley projects. "It's better to bite the bullet, get it done and be functional again as soon as possible."

Stopping the 64-year-old clay dam's internal erosion is now on a fast track. Earlier predictions for a fix were 2006 or 2007 at the earliest - reflecting the fact that Fern Ridge is the corps' top priority nationwide, said Mark Dasso, project manager.

"The corps determined that the risks of flooding downstream or of breaching the dam during a winter storm event were too high," he said. The corps will ask Congress for the necessary \$30 million to \$40 million in the coming months, and will make up the difference by tapping other agency budgets across the country. Plans to retrofit the dam against earthquakes and worst-case flooding - at a cost of up to \$35 million - have been shelved indefinitely, Dasso said.

While the normal high-water level for Fern Ridge Lake is 373.5 feet above sea level, the lake will not exceed the current 353 feet so the repairs can be done, and it may be drained to what Dasso called "totally empty" - 339 feet.

Now let's step into the Wayback Machine... to 1972. There are two board members in this photo. Anyone wanna guess who they are? Extra points for the type of boat. Big extra points for the location. Super Kreskin points for why those guys are "sailing" on the rocks...



### The Sailing News

**Vendee Globe 2004-2005** winner - Vincent Riou and PRB, pictured below rounding Cape Horn, set a new record time of 87 days 10 hrs 48 minutes and betters the record by 5 days, 17 hours, 9 minutes, and 37 seconds. In fact, the first 5 finishers all beat the previous record. The race for the Trophy was a close one too, a 2 boat drag race to the very finish - after 25,000 miles of racing who would be the winner was not certain until the final hundred miles.



Our own American Bruce Schwab will have finished by the time you read this. Raise a glass to an amazing feat and toast an all-around nice guy. To all the Vendee sailors—utter, total, admiration.



**Single Handed nonstop around the world** - Ellen MacArthur in her 75 foot trimaran B&Q (cover photo) set a new record time of 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes, 33 seconds, breaking Francis Joyang record established just last year. An amazing feat from an amazing woman! *"I cannot believe it, I absolutely cannot believe it. . . It's been an absolutely unbelievable journey, both physically and mentally. I'm absolutely overjoyed."*

And a new assault on the **Jules Verne Trophy**, the absolute around the world record, is underway and on track to win. Bruno Peyron and crew of the big cat Orange II is set to steal the record, probably under 50 days. The armchair experts are speculating 45—47 days! Astounding! They sure are flying! 2000 miles in 3 days. Average speed is something like 23kts with max speeds well over 30. 650 miles nearly every day! Screaming!



**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

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 @ the Veteran's Club in Eugene.  
Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Call a board member for roving meeting locations...



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