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### Calendar

- General Meeting**  
Friday, February 28th; 6:30 pm  
Vets Club - Eugene
- NEXT General Meeting**  
(Friday, March 29th; 6:30 pm)  
Vets Club - Eugene
- Practice/Chilly Chili Nite**  
Thursday, April 3rd,  
Shelter, Richardson Park
- All Fools Regatta**  
Sat., April 5th,  
Richardson Marina, Fern Ridge
- Spring Racing Begins**  
Thurs., April 10th,  
Fern Ridge
- Loyalty Days Regatta**  
Sat.-Sun., April 26-27th,  
New Port Bay, YBYC

### 2008 Board Members

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### Don't Lose Your Way

Our venue has moved to the "Blue Room" upstairs at the Vets Club on the north end.

(bring a compass - dead reckon your course)

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- 6:30 pm - No Host anything social time.
- 7 pm - General meeting to discuss sailing season, water levels, and changes to Women's/Novice race night.
- Highlights from St. Petersburg NOOD/Puget Sound cruising.
- And maybe a "Beat the Board Trivia Contest"

**LAST Newsletter for Non-Members**

Don't be left behind the local sailing curve, show your colors - once more into the breach. Send in your dues and remain an active part of the network. (handy form on the back)



*This is either a communal pee bottle dumping or the annual damn closing celebration to appease the rain God/Goddess – so far we have mixed results.*



## Ahoy Everyone —

Happy Belated Valentine's Day to all you TYC members and WELCOME TO THE WORLD to our newest sailor - Big Poppa Mike Knutson's new grandson Jamison Cole Heatherly. This boy caused enough trouble when he arrived on V-Day to be a clear candidate for Commodore, and I hear he is already being groomed for the foredeck of Big Dog (we have to get a real spinnaker someday, Mike!).

Anyway, friends, come join us at the Vets Club Blue Room for some St. Patrick's Day blarney, a green carnation or two and a few Caribbean rum balls leftover from the Dam opening... oops. I meant Dam Closing Party. Our Beat the Board will have a special St. Paddy's "Green" theme and we'll be talking a bit about a new organization, "Sailors for the Seas"... a sort of Surfrider for Sailors. PLUS, there will be pictures and reports from our intrepid racers who braved the competition at NOODS and our intrepid cruisers who braved the snow off Port Angeles this past month. Even during a winter with lots of snow and reservoir gates that seem to be staying open a bit longer than is reassuring, our members mostly spend their time sailing and telling stories and having a great time.

This is as it should be. This mid-winter season is sometimes hard to get through, but soon we will be on the water again. Be sure to check through your lists from last spring, order those parts and buff up

that hull. Maximum smooth and new sails might be the order of the day. If you are not sailing in one of the Nationals, maybe you can offer to help a fleet with their logistics. If you are not sailing in one of the major regattas, maybe you can help the race chair. Now is a good time to start planning your sailing season and sending love notes to your crew. I also know our intrepid Emerald Cup Chair, Carrie Harrington, can use a few volunteers and she'll give you the lowdown on her plans at our upcoming meeting.

Speaking of volunteers, we had a wonderful turnout of volunteers at the Eugene Boat and Sportsman's Show earlier this month. THANKS to Terry Ward for kicking the event off with a three-hour stint at the sailing booth and for alerting us all to this great opportunity. Organized by S20 Fleet 19, the Eugene sailing community had a nicely placed booth in the main hall at the fairgrounds; it was staffed continuously during the show from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. We had fun checking out the people (and those great big elk) on Friday evening, and I also want to thank all the other TYC members who contributed to our ability to have handouts, photos, and personnel at the booth. In addition to Terri and John Ward, Lyle Mayer, Merry Petitclair, Jeff Longmore, and Ron Fish helped out. For those I don't know to name, MANY THANKS!!!

*Keep Sailing and Keep Smiling*  
*Commodore Michelle*

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## Novice Thursday Evening Series

Five Starts:

- 1 Portsmouth
- 2 Santana-20
- 3 PHRF-B+C
- 4 PHRF-A+WL24
- 5 Catamarans

Women will compete as Novices but will be recognized as a group (with recognition for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes among the women) **if pre-registered**. Novice skippers may be any driver who does not regularly or has not regularly driven on Thursdays or in regattas. Individuals may be excluded by the JRC if they are deemed as unsuitable for consideration as a novice.

**Any questions about this new approach will be answered and/or discussed at Friday's meeting.**

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## True False Racing Quiz

- If you're in the middle of a race and you see a cruising boat in danger, you are required to help them if at all possible. T F
- A boat can be penalized under the Fair Sailing Rule only if no other rule applies. T F
- If you are disqualified from a race under the Fair Sailing Rule, you cannot use that score as your throwout race. T F
- When you break a rule but no other competitor or race official protests you, you are not required to take a penalty. T F
- If you participate in a race conducted under the racing rules, you must agree to be governed by those rules. T F
- Class rules are not permitted to change any of the rules that are in the rulebook. T F



## St. Petersburg, FL

February 15-17th



*Come to Friday's meeting for more pictures and stories about this years sojourn to the southeast for Winter sailing and fun in the sun. Only two of us this year were representing Eugene, but they knew we were there - at least members of the WaveLength fleet did. These are very well run races with national sponsors. Come to the meeting and get a sense of what to expect in Seattle in May.*

### TYC February Board Meeting – February 12, 2008

#### Agenda Items:

**Secretary's report/Membership status** (see Discussions).

**Treasurer's report:** We should keep a separate accounting of the \$15 racing fee to pay debts to EYC.

**Race Committee:** Novice Night being finalized

**Big Brother/Sister:** see Action Items

**Emerald Cup:** All on track so far, but see Discussions

**U.S. Sailing/Insurance** – see Discussions

#### Discussions:

- Should 2008 Membership List be available online to the entire membership? – Make e-copies available in June.
- Board raised concerns about the cost of Emerald Cup crew gifts. Decision was reached not to buy these.
- Merry's flier
- U.S. Sailing/Insurance. We paid PIYA \$75 last year. It costs \$100 to join U.S. Sailing. Doing so would make us eligible for TYC insurance at a lower rate

#### Motions:

Motion to appropriate \$370 for Emerald Cup mailings passed.

#### Action Items:

*Karen:*

- Check with Craig to transfer mail, Mark Katy Patton as paid \$40 for 2008 (joined in September 2007)

*Michelle:*

- Will find out from Mike K. the list of people who are carry-overs from 2007.
- Will put the question of 2008 membership list availability on the agenda for Feb. General Meeting.
- Will put something in the newsletter about 2007 roster being available at Gen Mtg.
- Will Send the rest of the Big Brother/Sister stuff to Merry.
- Will find out about PIYA and U.S. Sailing and Insurance and will e-mail Denise about PIYA letter.

*Jeff:*

- Will print out 2007 roster and make copies available at Feb. General Meeting.

*Denise:*

- Will print out membership cards and deliver in June.

*Mike S.:*

- Will send finalized race rules for the new and improved "novice" Night (see column on page 2)

*Merry:*

- Will check date for Big Brother/Sister Day with the Lane Co. Parks. and groups involved.
- Will bring another version of the flier to the Feb. General Mtg.

*Submitted by Karen Martin, Secretary TYC*



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**Next Meeting**  
**Friday, February 29th**  
**Vets Club, 16th & Willamette**  
 Eugene \_\_\_\_\_  
**Renew Your Membership Today!**

**Renew Now, it is almost as satisfying as actually sailing!**

## 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 \$40 initiation fee) . . . . . \$80.00
- Family or Individual 1 year renewal . . . . . \$50.00  
(\$10 discount if paid before March 1st)
- Racing Fee\* . . . . . \$15.00
- Dual Membership (EYC members) . . . . . \$40.00

**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)