



January 2008

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Calendar

- General Meeting**
 Friday, January 25th; 6:30 pm
 Vets Club - Eugene
- Dam Closing Celebration**
 Sat, Feb. 2nd,
 Richardson Marina, Fern Ridge
- St. Petersburg NOOD**
 Fri-Sun, Feb. 15-17th,
 St. Petersburg, FL
- NEXT General Meeting**
 Leap Year
 (Friday, February 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

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Don't Miss First Meeting of the Year

- 6:30 pm - movie of the last race of Americas Cup.
- General meeting to discuss race schedule and changes to Women's/Novice race night.
- And maybe a "Beat the Board Triva Contest"

A TYC Membership '08

see handy application on the back.

TideBITS



The place - St. Maarten; The date - Jan 2, 2008; The event - another day at 12.5 Meter Regatta - America's Cup Racing; The boat - Canada II.

While on holiday our very own Commodore participated in fun races between three former AC boats. Of course she grabbed the helm for one race and was heard to retort, "This sure ain't no Lido!" My job in the race

was being older than the 20 year old grinders, then trying to be one of the 20 year old grinders. Maybe that is why we were second. ;-)

Commodore's Ball



They may be moving to California, but not without Adam (rt) winning the "Most Improved" award. Of course Brooke wants to grab some of the well deserved glory.

Last month's (December) issue left out the Best Crew Person award which went to John Carter from Verboten (foreground). John has missed one Thursday race in four years with Mike and participated in many regattas.



Bill Schafer taking credit for Ohana's crew





Ahoy Everyone —

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and got a little sailing in somewhere. I had my first experience driving a little catamaran while on vacation in the Caribbean. Did you know you can stop really fast when you try to

tack???... The deceleration was so fast I almost fell out of the boat and got whiplash. More to learn, obviously, but it sure was a blast.

Anyway, your amazing board had their first meeting last week and all were there, including outgoing treasurer, Jamie Davies (she can't stand to leave us). When you, dear member, attend our FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR 2008 at the VETS CLUB on Jan. 25, you will be astonished at all the planning that has gone into the upcoming sailing year. Emerald Cup is moving along under the helm of the irrepressible Carrie Harrington, the racing schedule is finished thanks to intrepid JRC members Ted Walkup, Mike Schwarze, Brian Genovese, and Mark Forest (with input from me and EYC Commodore Rich Aaring), and the Commodore's Ball is scheduled for Nov. 24, thanks to Mademoiselle Merry Petitclair's remarkable efficiency. This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving and a date with no home football games - yeah!!

The Board heard/saw some very interesting data presentations from Mike Schwarze about turnout in different Thursday night series and we want to present some ideas about "Women's/Novice" night. As a competitor in last

year's Women's series in the Santana 20 Fleet, I know that these evenings can be tremendous fun for people who are doing jobs that they don't usually do, but we can also see from the numbers and stories that there are a lot of scheduled starts that have no boats in them... and that overall participation by boats on Women's/Novice night was pretty low, especially at many "Women's" starts. Only the S20 fleet consistently had five or more boats at the women's starts. SO... what to do? We sail and host these special nights to encourage new sailors to try racing, and to get old sailors to learn new tricks. We want to keep doing this while making sure we have as many boats on the water as possible. Your board has several creative recommendations solutions for your consideration.

Remember - first 2008 General Meeting, Jan. 25, come early (6:30 pm) to enjoy our pre-meeting video presentation about the Alinghi's final race in last Year's America's cup, and stay so you can contribute to our planning process. .. also feel free to email me with any ideas or desires (about sailing) that you have.. shall we try for another cruising flotilla this year?

Keep sailing and smiling — Commodore Michelle

PS - My New Year's gift to you is this rather interesting link where you can find the nautical origins of such interesting concepts as "Freezing the balls off a ...", 'posh', and being poised "between the devil and the deep blue sea". Not such a bad place to be - as long as the water is warm! <http://users.aol.com/sailgower/lexicon.html>

Commodore's Ball (continued)



Left and right halves of the Board for 2008



Mike Knudson (rt) takes home the Earl Larson award - again -with plans to melt down the brass plates for cash.



Jody from the Murschel family sailing dynasty accepts the award for something.



Mike Randles (lft) for his help with low water Jungle Cruise, and Ted Walkup (rt) for his work on Big Bro/Big Sis, share the Dick Moody Service Award.



The Commodore gets help from Karen Martin with her obligatory song. Two humiliations for the price of one song.



If it wasn't clearly visible in the photo I would think that past Commodore Denise had just sat on the Women's Cup - and it was very cold.

2008 Racing / Event Schedule

February

2/2/2008 Dam Closing

April

4/3/2008 Practice/Chilly Chili Nite
 4/5/2008 All Fools
 4/10/2008 Spring 1
 4/17/2008 Spring 2
 4/24/2008 Spring 3
 4/26-27/2008 Loyalty Days

May

5/1/2008 Novice 1
 5/6/2008 Beer Can 1
 5/7/2008 Lidos
 5/8/2008 Spring 4
 5/13/2008 Beer Can 2
 5/14/2008 Lidos
 5/15/2008 Spring 5
 5/16-18/2008 Seattle NOOD
 5/17/2008 Big Bro/Big Sis//Big Moon
 5/20/2008 Beer Can 3
 5/21/2008 Lidos
 5/22/2008 Spring 6
 5/24-25/2008 Memorial Regatta
 5/27/2008 Beer Can 4
 5/28/2008 Lidos
 5/29/2008 Summer 1
 5/31-6/1 Multihull Regatta

June

6/3/2008 Beer Can 3
 6/4/2008 Lidos
 6/5/2008 Novice 2
 6/10/2008 Beer Can 6
 6/11/2008 Lidos
 6/12/2008 Summer 2
 6/14/2008 Big Moon
 6/17/2008 Beer Can 7
 6/18/2008 Lidos
 6/19/2008 Summer 3
 6/23-27/2008 EYC sail school
 6/24/2008 Beer Can 8
 6/25/2008 Lidos
 6/26/2008 Summer 4/Burgers @ Richardson
 6/27/2008 Em Cup pre-registration & TYC dinner
 6/28-29/2008 Em Cup

July

7/1/2008 Beer Can 9
 7/2/2008 Lidos
 7/3/2008 Novice 3/Burgers @ EYC
 7/8/2008 Beer Can 10

7/9/2008 Lidos
 7/10/2008 Summer 5
 7/12/2008 Women's Cup
 7/13/2008 Single Hand Regatta
 7/15/2008 Beer Can 11
 7/16/2008 Lidos
 7/17/2008 Summer 6
 7/19/2008 Big Moon
 7/20-25/2008 Whidbey Island Race Week
 7/22/2008 Beer Can 12
 7/23/2008 Lidos
 7/24/2008 Fall 1
 7/28-8/1/2008 S20 Nationals
 7/29/2008 Beer Can 13
 7/30/2008 Lidos
 7/31/2008 Novice 4/Burgers @ Richardson

August

8/2/2008 Jungle Cruise/Star Districts
 8/3/2008 Star Districts
 8/5/2008 Beer Can 14
 8/6/2008 Lidos
 8/6-10/2008 Daysailer Nationals
 8/7/2008 Fall 2
 8/12/2008 Beer Can 15
 8/13/2008 Lidos
 8/14/2008 Fall 3
 8/16/2008 Full Moon/Circumfern
 EYC Wooden Boat Show
 8/17-19/2008 Lido Nationals
 8/19/2008 Beer Can 16
 8/20/2008 Lidos
 8/21/2008 Fall 4
 8/23/2008 EYC Women's & Jr's Cups
 8/24/2008 Jack & Jill Regatta
 8/26/2008 Beer Can 17
 8/27/2008 Lidos
 8/28/2008 Fall 5
 8/30-31/2008 Labor Day Regatta-Coos Bay

September

9/2/2008 Beer Can 17
 9/3/2008 Lidos
 9/4/2008 Novice 5
 9/6-7/2008 Harvest Regatta
 9/9/2008 Beer Can 18
 9/10/2008 Lidos
 9/11/2008 Fall 6
 9/13/2008 Big Moon/EYC Commodore's Cup
 9/16/2008 Beer Can Finale
 9/17/2008 Lidos
 9/18/2008 Steak Bash

Racing season is rapidly approaching (OK, I'm a dreamer). I will have the Race Committee sign up sheet at the January and February meetings. After the February meeting I will assign available dates to those who haven't signed up. As an incentive, only those people who have renewed membership can sign up at these meetings. As last year, we will have the sign up sheet posted on the TYC website courtesy of Google Docs. We had some missed assignments last year because I wasn't in town to babysit so keep in mind that you have to remember these things (the list is published so that you can).

Mike Schwarze, JRC Despot



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Next Meeting
Friday, January 25th
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette
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Renew Your Membership Today!

Renew Now, it is almost as satisfying as actually sailing!
Give a gift membership – only \$50 for new member gift memberships, includes dicounted initiation fee. \$40 for renewing members.

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

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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