



January 2009

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## Calendar

### General Meeting

Friday, January 30; 6:30 pm

Vets Club, 16th & Willamette

### Dam Closing Party

Sun., February 1st; noon plus 1 min.

Richardson Marina (courtesy dock)

### General Meeting

Friday, February 27; 6:30 pm

Vets Club, 16th & Willamette

### Practice Race/Chili Feed

Thurs., April 2nd; 6:30

FernRidge

### All Fools Reggata

or pot-luck marathon boat launching

Sat., April 4th; 12pm

FernRidge

### Thursday Racing Begins

Thurs., April 9th; 6:30

FernRidge

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## First Meeting of '09 January 30 - 6:30pm

**Get Those Sailing Juices Flowing!  
Don't Miss the First Meeting  
of the New Year.**

- Preview the upcoming racing schedule.
- Reconnect with old friends.
- Presentation of winter sailing adventures:  
Baha Ha Ha • Round the County (San Juans)  
*(see teaser photos inside)*

## Celebrate Dam Closing

What happened to all the boats on A dock? Why are these people trying to fill the lake up using water bottles?

Bring your favorite beverage along with some bilge water to donate and join your fellow sailors call upon the rain gods(with a little help from the Army Corp of Engineers) to fill the lake for the coming sailing season.

After the ceremony, all are invited to the home of Commodore Merry and Past Commodore Jeff for burgers and general social gathering. Burgers, buns, fixings - standard Thursday night fare - will be provided. Bring something to share if you like. For those interested, Merry's newly acquired Wavo will be open for inspection, in the driveway. For those interested in staying for the Super Bowl, they have two TV's and are on cable. Kickoff is said to be at 3:20pm PST. If you have Super Bowl plans already, no problem. You have plenty of time to get to your OTHER friends house for the game.

**What:** Dam Closing Party

**Where:** Richardson Marina (courtesy dock)

**When:** Sunday, February 1st

**Time:** 12:01 pm

## Time to Renew Your TYC Membership!

Work your way to the back page and fill-out the application. If you need help call the Commodore to help you with the difficult questions.



# Happy New Year To All

**W**elcome to 2009. Thank you Past Commodore Michelle for all of your hard work in 2008. Your success and dedication to the incorporation project is greatly appreciated. With renewed protection and organization for the club I am looking forward to a exciting year in 2009. We have some new policies in place already this year. Be sure to renew your membership before the close of the February meeting to avoid late fees. We need everyone to thoroughly and accurately complete the membership application and submit it with your renewal. This is very important to the club and will assist us greatly in efficient communications with each of you. The form is available here in the newsletter each month.

Did you join us at the Commodore's Ball this past December? If not you missed a wonderful evening. We had a terrific live band 'Super Trout' and a plentiful, delicious buffet of excellent food. Thank you to Mike Knutson and Lyle Mayer for a hilarious banter through the awards. I heard a great deal of positive feedback on the event. The

venue worked well for all. And the net cost was very reasonable, including the live band. Thank you to everyone who attended. I believe a good time was had by all.

Join us for the January General Meeting, at the Vet's Club in Eugene on Willamette between 16th & 17th on Friday night Jan 30. Join us around 6:30 and have dinner. The meeting starts at 7pm. We will cover some general business and then enjoy a program of sailing adventures had by some of our members in latter 2008. And soon after our meeting, on Feb 1 is the Dam Closing Party. Meet at the courtesy dock at Richardson at noon. Bring your ceremonial water or other appropriate beverage for honoring the rain gods. After this ceremony, join us for burgers and such at the home of Commodore Merry and Past Commodore Jeff. Or call 689-9209 for directions. Yes that is also Super Bowls Sunday. We will have the game on as well after 3pm. Watch for details on Fernsail and elsewhere in this newsletter.. ( See [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com), search for fernsail. Join up if not already there) Hope to see you all soon.

-Merry Petitclair  
TYC Commodore, 2009



*Carrie Harrington grins over receiving the Dick Moody Award*

*Best Crew:  
Loose Nuts.  
Chris Murschel accepting for Himself and Rob.*



## Commodore's Ball



*Karen Martin beams after receiving the Earl Larson Award.*



*Past Commodore Michele Wood cradles her farewell gift created by Jeff Longmore.*



*Place setting by Karen Erbele.*



# Baha Ha Ha

David Becker and Bill Howitt of Party Girl joined John and Diane Olson from October 25 through November 9th on their 51' FD12 Daydreamer for the 15th annual Baha Ha Ha sponsored by Latitude 38. The Ha Ha is a cruisers rally from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas with stops along the way at Bahia de las Tortugas and Bahia Santa Maria.



while at sea and it was nice sharing that between 4 people.

John and Diane Olson retired from Alaska in 1996 and have been cruising for 12 years in Mexico, the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand. Their boat Daydreamer has seen a lot of miles and a lot of ocean but is in excellent shape. John and Diane are going to cruise the Sea of Cortez this winter and

About 140 boats participated. Altogether there were 8 days at sea offshore and 5 nights at anchor.

then look for a home in New Mexico or Arizona. The boat is now for sale and can be seen at [www.svdaydreamer.com](http://www.svdaydreamer.com)

We did three hour watches

At the completion of the Ha Ha we spent several days in the Cabo Harbor which is a real experience. Kind of a non-stop party and hustler's extravaganza.



## Round the County Race

The 21st Annual Round the County regatta last November gave TYC members a chance to follow NW racing wonders like "Braveheart", "Icon," and "Makika" around a course that started in Rosario Strait, followed south around Blakely Island, around Lopez Island and up the west side of San Juan Island to finish in Mosquito Bay on November 8.

Saturday night the TYC and Anacortes Yacht Club burgees flew proudly off the shrouds of "Webejammin" - Mel Olsen's beautiful Jenneau 45 as he hosted Mike Schwarze, Michelle Wood, Brandt Schram and John Carter for the event. The "Round the County"



race is famous for foul weather, cold crew, and "breaking things." This year was no exception for the 70+ boat fleet with gusts exceeding 30kts on Day 1.

The next day, with a start off Battle Ship Island, the sun came out and the wind went away; whispers of wind could barely fill the fluttering spinnakers for the downwind run to the lighthouse at Turn Point.

In the end, the lack of wind on Day 2 forced the committee to shorten course, but the promise of breakage still held true because of weather the day before... broken masts, tillers, and faulty electrical systems plagued some of the best contenders... and, on Webejammin, we did run out of Agavero... a wonderful time was had by all.



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# Triton Yacht Club

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**Next Meeting**  
**Friday, January 30th**  
**Winter Sailing Presentations**  
 Learn What's Coming Up in '09  
**Vets Club - Eugene**

## 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 . . . . . \$50.00  
(\$10 discount if paid before March 1st)
- Racing Fee\* . . . . . \$20.00/\$30 if late

**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)