



October 2008

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Calendar

General Meeting

Friday, October 24th; 6:30 pm
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette



It's Halloween time, be unique, dress like a pirate or whatever.

Great Pumpkin Regatta

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 25th-26th
Richmond, CA - San Francisco Bay

National Election Day

Tue., Nov. 4th

TYC Commodore's Ball

Sat., Nov. 22nd - 6 pm
Shadow Hill Country Club

Practice Race/Chili Feed

(about) Thurs., April 2nd; 6:30
FernRidge

2008 Board Members

Commodore: Michelle Wood
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Vice-Commodore: Merry Peticlair
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Past-Commodore: Denise Murschel
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Secretary: Karen Martin
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Treasurer: Craig Latham
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Race Chairs: Mike Schwarze
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Emerald Cup Chair: Carrie Harrington
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Newsletter: Lyle Mayer
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Web Master: Ted Walkup
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Meeting One Week Early

*Friday, October 24th -
won't interfere with Halloween*

Election of New Board Members/Officers & Special Volunteers (see enclosed ballot)

Plus

A Special Presentation

George Latham (father of our very own Treasurer, Craig) and Ellen McNeil left Newport, Oregon from the Embarcadero dock Oct. 18th, 1988 on their boat the "Winddancer" to cruise the world. At our meeting they will be celebrating 20 years of cruising – **there will be cake.**



They have been through a hurricane in American Samoa where they worked for a year, built a house in New Zealand, mosquito research in the Solomon Islands, and rode out the tsunami in Phi Phi Don, Thailand. They also visited the Chagos Islands, Malaysia, the Seychelles, the Galapagos, and many points in between.

There will not be time for them to tell their whole story but there will be much information and many slides. come hear their story.



Come One, Come All!! TYC's Annual Meeting

this Friday (Oct. 24th) at the Vet's Club.

It's time to write up those incidents and activities that made the year memorable, and find our best candidates for the Big and Little Screw

Awards, and for those who have served our club with great Corinthian Spirit. This week's program by longtime cruisers George Latham and Ellen Mcneil will be spectacular. We need your ballots, award nominations, and votes, so come on board the clipper ship Triton Yacht Club this Friday and make ready to set sail for a new year.

Since there is little room in our awards structure for honoring other organizations, I want to say a particularly warm THANK YOU to EYC Commodore Rich Aaring and the Eugene Yacht club board who have been very supportive of us this year. As we went through our incorporation process, EYC was ready to help us out if we needed a more established 401(c) organization to be the legal sponsor of our raffle. Rich and the power boat team at EYC also worked with us to make boats available for some of our regattas, and we achieved a very reasonable approach to sharing the costs of maintenance on the boats, gas, and insurance. Even so, the fees we collected from our racing skippers did not cover it all so our new dues proposal will ask for an increase in the racing fee charged to skippers who are not members of EYC. In

an effort to draw more crew into the club, we have also reduced the general membership dues a little bit. Remember to renew your membership EARLY and OFTEN! Gift memberships are also encouraged; they make great Christmas presents.

We have had a spectacular year with lots of water (didn't I promise that sometime last spring??), an outstanding Youth Sailing Day, an over-the-top Emerald Cup, and a Bluegrass Raftup that would have made the Black Pearl proud. We shanghaied great speakers for our general meetings and completed the incorporation process with an attorney we find has lots of sailing blood in his veins (Hooray!!)

Thanks to the volunteers who ran special events and to those who tended the buoys or helped with Emerald Cup. We need you all. I also had a really wonderful board this year, and thank all of them for their hard work. The new folks recruited to the 2009 Board are equally talented. With them, and the rum collection of returning crew, Merry will bring you another fantastic year in 2009. So, please, come along and join us for our election and a great program THIS FRIDAY, OCT. 24, at the Vets Club. You can even use this as an opportunity to renew for 2009!

It has been an honor to be your Commodore.

Thank you, Michelle



**The Triton Yacht Club
Commodore's Ball on
November 22, at Shadow
Hill Country Club just
outside of Junction**

**City. Your
invitations
will be in the
mail very
soon.**

**Contact
Merry
Petitclair if
you have questions
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True False Racing Quiz

1. A spectator boat is not considered an obstruction unless a racing boat has to make a substantial alteration of course to avoid it. **T F**

2. If a boat breaks a right-of-way rule 3 minutes before her start, she may take her Two-Turns Penalty immediately. **T F**

3. If a member of your crew is injured and you temporarily stop racing to help them, you are entitled to redress. **T F**

4. If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an overlap in time, it shall be presumed that she did not. **T F**

5. The race committee may move a starting mark until the preparatory signal. **T F**

6. If a leeward inside boat has "luffing rights," she does not have to jibe at a mark to sail her proper course. **T F**

Answers: 1. F, 2. T, 3. F, 4. T, 5. T, 6. F

NOMINATION FORM – 2009

It's that time of year again!! The annual meeting is fast approaching (October 24th) and we have some business to attend to. We have a few officers returning, and we have nominees for the other positions. We also have a section for volunteers – these are positions that we need to fill every year, but are not necessarily board members. So, sign yourselves up, vote for a nominee and get ready for another fabulous year!! Mail this form back, or better yet – bring it to the meeting!!

TYC Board Members / Officers – Nominees

- Commodore:** Merry Petitchair
- Vice Commodore:** (Gateway to Commodore) Brandt Schram or write-in: _____
- Secretary:** Kim Schuler (2 year position) or write-in: _____
- Treasurer:** Craig Latham (2 year position) or write-in: _____
- Race Chair:** Ted Walkup (2 year positions) or write-in: _____
- Newsletter Editor:** Lyle Mayer – willing to relinquish to write-in _____
- Web Page Editor:** Charlie McGee or write-in _____
- Emerald Cup:** Carrie Harrington or write-in _____
Organize and run the Emerald Cup Regatta – last weekend in June
- Membership Coordinator:** Mike Knutson or write-in _____
Maintain contact with the membership – meeting reminders, notification of get-togethers, etc...

Non-Board Volunteer Positions

Buoy Tender: Dave Siroshton & Aaron Sasmor _____
2 person office, twice-yearly commitment , more the merrier

Burgers / Pizza Night: _____
Coordinate food for Women's Night – once per month, all season, 5 months

There are also numerous awards to be given each year and those, too, are by nomination and vote. Please take the time to nominate a fellow TYC member and then give a brief 'reason' why to help us all decide.

DICK MOODY SERVICE AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year is judged to have done the most to promote the well-being of Triton Yacht Club. _____

EARL LARSEN AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year is judged to have done the most for the Racing Community in general. _____

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year has exhibited the ethics of Good Sportsmanship toward others, not necessarily on the water, but in general. _____

TYC BEST CREW/TEAM: Who do you feel is the best crew/team that works best together and has the most fun doing it? Tell us who and why..... _____

MOST IMPROVED: Who stands out this year as having improved their skills or expanded their comfort zone, who has come the farthest as a sailor? Give us names..... _____

BIG SCREW AWARD: Who is the subject of the biggest, best and hopefully most humorous tale of mis-hap, mis-judgement, and mis-adventure for 2007? Give us all the juicy details.....

LITTLE SCREW AWARD: Same as the Big Screw only this is for second place.....



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Next Meeting
Friday, October 24th
Elections and a Cruising
Presentation
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
- 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