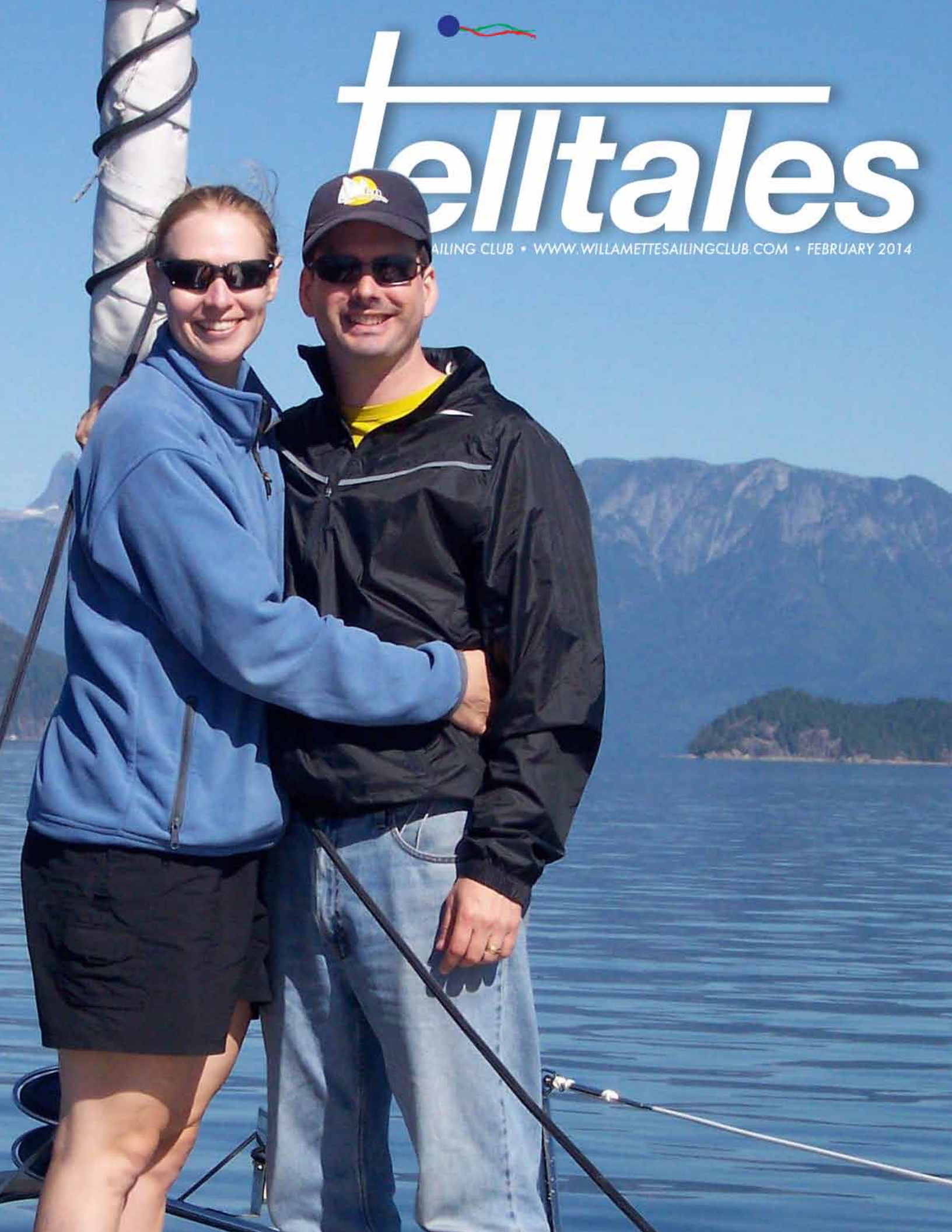




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Commodore's Corner

by Ron Runyan

As I begin my brief tenure as Commodore, I see an ambitious agenda ahead of us in 2014. Building the new sailing facility will keep us occupied. The challenge for us this year is to accomplish that feat while not losing focus on the ongoing activities and needs of the club, and continuing to plan for the future.

The new facility brightens that future, and this year we will be asking ourselves how we want the "new" WSC to look, feel and operate, and how we can put this new center to work to further our mission, increase our enjoyment, and get more value from our membership. We will be organizing events for us to gather and discuss and to review possibilities for what kind of club we want to be now that we will have a much more functional facility. We will have a lot of people to thank when this project is over. One of those individuals is LauraLee Symes.

When we set out to professionalize the management of the club, we were very fortunate that LauraLee Symes was willing to fill that role. A lot of us were nervous about the idea of hiring a club manager, and it was a challenging transition. But she blazed the trail for those who will follow as I believe no one else could. In the years that I have been a member both before and after LauraLee came on board, I have seen tremendous improvement in how the club operates. My membership is more fun. There are more events, the billing is correct, the books are balanced, the staff is trained and well supervised and the junior programs are thriving like never before. LauraLee has played a role in more positive developments at WSC than I could mention.

She is stepping aside this year, and one of our most important tasks this spring is to find a replacement. By the time you read this, the hiring committee will be working diligently to find that person. I am confident that LauraLee has laid a firm enough foundation that her successor will have a much easier time finding his or her footing. It will be up to all of us to thank LauraLee for her years of service and to welcome and assist her replacement.



From the Manager

by LauraLee Symes

Five signs of progress on getting a new sailing center for WSC:

1. As required by our lender, we have completed the task of renewing the submerged land lease for another 15 years with an automatic additional 15-year extension. Thanks to Steve Mader for helping us through the process.
2. The environmental phases I and II were completed and came back without any contaminants of concern.
3. Bank of the Cascades has just about completed their analysis of the club and its assets. We expect funding to be available in the next ten days.
4. Building permits are getting very close to being issued. We're just waiting for the details to come in regarding the new water main under the RR tracks. We expect BDS to issue the permits by the end of this month.
5. Our contractor is setting up to begin construction sometime in March and if we can stay on schedule, we will have our new sailing center this summer as promised.

This is a very exciting year for WSC and for me! If you read the Commodore's Corner then you have already learned that I will retire on May 1st. It has been an enormous pleasure and honor to have served the club since 2008. I look forward to working closely with the hiring committee and the Board to get us a new club manager who is both capable of and enthusiastic about taking WSC to a successful future.

P.S. I don't plan to vanish completely. Look for me out in my Laser this summer!



Now Hiring: Club Manager

Willamette Sailing Club is seeking a highly motivated Club Manager with an eagle eye for detail in the management and oversight of all facets of a successful sailing club. The ideal candidate will have experience with moorage management, point of sale systems, food & beverage sales and service, junior and adult sailing programs, member recognition, motivating and leading volunteers, marketing, and management of the club's administrative and coaching staff. The Club Manager must be visible at the appropriate times and ensure a management/supervisory presence to insure member and guest satisfaction. The Club Manager will report to the Commodore and Board of Directors. The Club has strong Committee and volunteer support and they are an integral part of the Club's success. The Club is seeking an individual with the correct mix of entrepreneurial energy and the proven ability to lead an effective organization. The Club Manager is expected to have a firm grasp of financials with the ability to develop and achieve revenue goals. The Club Manager is also expected to be pro-active in the area of expense containment, without diminishing levels of member service or product quality. Business management or hospitality degree preferred. Previous Club Manager experience in the sailing industry is a plus. Sailing and One-Design racing experience is essential. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Submit resume and cover letter to: Attn: Commodore of Willamette Sailing Club. P.O. Box 69385, Portland, OR 97239.

Welcome, New Members!



Lucia Mills (left)
Born November 2, 2013 to
Tim & Ilana Mills
(with big sister Alice)

Ellie Louise Cone (right)
Born January 3, 2014 to
Paul & Christina Cone



Sunday Laser Practice starts March 2

by Bill Symes

Starting March 2, the WSC Laser fleet will host weekly practice sessions open to all Laser sailors interested in building their racing skills. Practice sessions will be 10 am to noon, giving everybody a chance to catch their breath before racing starts at 1 pm. Bill Symes and guest experts will lead the practice sessions, focusing on boat handling, starting techniques, racing tactics, and local knowledge using on-the-water drills, short races, chalk talks, and video. The practice sessions are scheduled to run through the end of winter series racing, April 6th. For more information, contact Bill at wjsymes@gmail.com.

Winter Racing Reminder

by Toby Deming

Winter Series starts Sunday, February 23rd. Remember, all fleets are welcome to get out there and race. Registration is on the WSC website on the Racing page. Please make sure you take the time to register early. We will be closing the registration two weeks after the start of racing.

The Winter Series Race Committee Schedule will also be posted on the website. If you have a scheduling conflict, please go to the Racing page on the WSC website. Under "Race Committee Assignments" you will find instructions on how to get your replacement.

Race Committee Winter Series 2014

February 23

Night Captain- Oscar Barney
Safety Captain- Tomas Amodio
Race Committee- Chris Brown
Race Committee- Rich Haslachner

March 2

Night Captain- Tony Norris
Safety Captain- Glenn Houtary
Race Committee- Scott Grealish
Race Committee- Chuck Carlson

March 9

Night Captain- Mark Sandifer
Safety Captain- John McCoy
Race Committee- Shannon Clune
Race Committee- Susan Ellis

March 16

Night Captain- Chris Gedrose
Safety Captain- Toby Deming
Race Committee- Dana Collins
Race Committee- Tom Rannells

March 23

Night Captain- Michael Rees
Safety Captain- Paul Cone
Race Committee- John Gordon
Race Committee- Amanda Cantel

March 30

Night Captain- Ron Runyan
Safety Captain- Everett Hobson
Race Committee- Bill Conerly
Race Committee- James Lampros

April 6

Night Captain- Dave Sexton
Safety Captain- Jay Shoemaker
Race Committee- John Gridley
Race Committee- Carl Heisel

C Lark For Sale

Former member of WSC used this boat in the late 70's through the early 90's in weekly races in the C-Lark division. It is in very good condition; always stored indoors. Comes with the trailer plus main, jib, spinnaker and 2 rudders. \$1,800. Cindy Sturm, 503-356-0637.



2013 Laser Master Worlds, Oman

by Rob & Marilyn Hodson



If you ever have the chance to fly on Emirates Air, take it. A 14½ hour direct flight from Seattle to Dubai is the most efficient way to get there. We flew over the North Pole and Finland, then on to parts of the world that made us wonder if we were violating airspace laws (Moscow and Tehran).

Sail Oman at the Al-Mussanah Sports Center, a one hour drive from Muscat, hosted 3 Laser Worlds regattas in November and December. This is an ideal sailing venue with a large hotel/apartment complex and great amenities that include 2 gyms, 4 pools, a mini-golf

course and convenience store. The new marina has excellent launching facilities for 100+ Lasers. The water of the Gulf of Oman is clean and warm, with a 6-8 foot tide.

The Masters regatta was the middle event, and as with the others, all competitors were housed onsite, making for a great collegial atmosphere. Breakfast and dinner buffets were included every day, with a wide variety of cuisines (Asian, Italian, Mexican, Vegetarian). As we were there over the Thanksgiving weekend, the chef (who had worked in the States) “knew” about our tradition and put together a turkey, stuffing and cranberry dinner for the US team that was a special treat. The locals were wonderfully hospitable and we never felt uncomfortable or unsafe, even when walking the beaches or in town. The organizers hosted an excellent opening ceremony outdoors including Arabian cushions and mats, camel rides, special head scarves and turban tying lessons, and henna tattoos.

Sailing was good, but winds were light. On the practice days there was moderate breeze but as the week of racing went on the wind lightened. There were moments of solid



breeze with moderate hiking, but 95% of the racing was underpowered. Committee work was excellent, start lines were square, courses were appropriate length, recalls and black flags were managed efficiently and the number of protests were limited. The organizers and volunteer support crew were great – mark boat, committee boat and dolly boys, who enjoyed playing foosball when the postpone flag was up. There were two courses (radial and standard rig) set up just

outside the marina entrance allowing for shore observation. The infinity pool was a good place to wait for the wind to come up and the postpone flag to come down.

Oman highlights included a midweek trip to Muscat with our personal guide who explained local customs, politics, government structure, and anything else we could think to ask him. The North American team was small this year so we spent a lot of time together. The Sultan celebrated his birthday by declaring a national holiday, so a good number of local families were at the resort for their long holiday weekend at the beginning of our time there. We could walk the beach both directions from the hotel to fishing villages, always using a mosque as a landmark. The awards ceremony was held in the restricted ladies indoor pool, presided over by the Minister of Sports who was dressed in full traditional attire (turban and ceremonial dagger included).

There were a lot more things to see in Oman but we didn't have the time to explore them. I'd go back anytime except summer. Spring is the windy time of year, and Sail Oman is already planning another Laser event in March.

Masters regattas are always a great experience because of the people you get to meet and the sailing venues that take you off the beaten track.



Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

Greetings Laser sailors!

I personally am getting fired up for the Laser racing season after attending the Boat Show during the strong Southerly breezes in January. Racing opportunities in the near future include the Frigid Digit Regatta in Seattle on Feb 8 and 9, the Masters Midwinters in Mission Bay, CA - including a clinic - Feb 21-23, and of course the beginning of the Winter series at WSC Sundays at 1pm starting Feb 23.

Another event for the WSC Laser fleet this spring includes our Fleet meeting/party where we will collect dues, establish the Fleet Champ regattas, set goals for a Spring Laser Clinic, and hang out together as the season gets going. This year my goals include encouraging more Junior Laser sailors to race with the Fleet and introducing more sailors to racing in the Gorge.

Finally, congratulations to Rob Hodson for his efforts at the Masters Worlds in far-away Oman in November. Rob and Marilyn were among the 9 sailors representing the USA and the results show Rob battling in the crowded middle of the fleet for the impressively long 12-race series. I look forward to hearing stories about the racing, culture and adventures at the regatta during this season.

I'll see you on the water, dressed for the weather.



Daysailer Fleet Report

by Dick Stokes

Thanks to Terry and Janis Gould making their boat #14021 available, WSC's Daysailer Fleet 25 was well represented at the boat show in January. The booth was well attended and kudos to the 8 members of our fleet who volunteered. Now our challenge is to get back out on the Willamette and kick off 2014 to a good start!!! By the end of January 2013 I know many of us had sailed a few times already! I can recall only 3 sails since our year end banquet, and that is WAY too few for 2014.

A book recommendation for you if the armchair calls: Deer Isle's Undeclared America's Cup Crews, Gabrielson. I've just finished it with a renewed appreciation for what crews of old faced in trimming ships 100+ years ago. Here's a picture and a passage that might tempt you to look into this accounting of the 1895 and 1899 Cups. In addition to making poststart in-race repairs to the starboard topmast shroud that had been fouled and broken in a starting duel, these crews were always exposed to multiple challenges and sometimes over 100" off the deck unbelayed!

"Then her balloon jib topsail was sent up in stops. Its halyard jammed in an hank. A hand scrambled to the topmast head and down its stay to release the the fouled line. Two others went aloft, one to the sky at the topmast head, where he lashed the head and tack of the working topsail and prepared to send its halyard to the deck. His partner, hanging onto the wind with his teeth, hauled himself out onto the gaff to help with the topsail and bring its sheet to deck."

See you out on the water.



Lido Fleet Report

by Kathy Sandifer

Fleet 25,

What is there to talk about in the Lido fleet in the middle of January. Well there is the upcoming Lido Winter Social and Planning Party, of course. The party will be at the Sandifers' house on March 1st, so save the date and dust off your party hat. At the Social we will choose new officers, look back over a year of Lido sailing in photos, and make plans for clinics, races and social activities that we want for the 2014 sailing season. (Bring your calendars and schedules.)



Not to mention there will be wonderful food, drink and lots of just plain socializing.

Sailing in Paradise

by Kira Allen

Imagine sailing in a large bay surrounded by green-peaked mountains, immersed in the warm, salty spray of a turquoise ocean. During Thanksgiving break, Lincoln High School sailors Drew Ehlers, Drew Bennett, Michael Pauleen and I were lucky to have such an experience when we traveled to Oahu for the 2013 Hawaii High School IMU Invitational Regatta. The four of us, along with Coach Kyle Eaton, arrived on the island late Thanksgiving night. With Friday morning free, we had the privilege of being given a Captain's tour of the Matson container ship MV Mokihana. In the afternoon we went to the Kaneohe Yacht Club, the site of the regatta, for a practice sail. Sailing in the warm and beautiful Kaneohe Bay was a drastic change from the cold waters of the Willamette. After our practice sail, we journeyed to a sandbar at the edge of the bay and enjoyed a sunset swim, putting a perfect end to our first day in paradise.

Saturday was the first day of the regatta. The races started off well with a decent amount of wind and some strong gusts rolling in from the ocean. In a fleet of 11 boats, Lincoln consistently finished in the middle to upper half of the fleet. There were a wide range of competitors, with teams from the Hawaiian Islands, California, Bellingham, and even as far as Gulfport, Mississippi. After a total of 12 races were sailed, all the sailors enjoyed a delicious Luau hosted by the yacht club. Sunday started off with the races



postponed due to thunderstorms and a lack of wind. The weather remained the same for most of the day, but the A fleet was eventually able to get two races off. However, once the A fleet finished their two races, there was not enough time for the B fleet to race, so the results from the previous A fleet races that day would not be added to each team's overall score. This meant that the final results would only be based off of Saturday's races. After the boats were de-rigged and put away, the awards were given out. Out of 11 teams, Lincoln placed 6th overall with a total of 63 points.

On Monday we had the entire day to ourselves since our flight did not leave until 10:00 that night. We met up with our friends from the Bellingham team and decided to go on a hike. We found a hidden trail that led us deep into jungle-like terrain. After a long, hot, and muddy hike, we emerged upon a waterfall and a series of small pools. We swam, swung off ropes, and jumped off tall rocks into the water. After a few hours, we left to go get some delicious shave ice. We finished off our trip at a beautiful sandy beach, body surfing in the waves as the sun set. When we reached the airport, we were all reluctant to leave. Back in Portland, I couldn't help but think about all the great experiences we had in Hawaii. I am so happy and lucky to have been able to sail in a place I can only describe as paradise.



Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2014

by Dave Jursik

Call to order : 2:10 pm

Attendees: Ron Runyan, Bart Brush, Toby Demming, Jim Harper, Mark Sandifer, Sarah Gordon, Tanya Haddad, Joe Corvelli, Dave Jursik, Lauralee Symes

Minutes were previously approved and published in December/January issue of Telltales.

Commodore's Report

After six exceptional years managing WSC, Lauralee Symes will be retiring May 1, 2014. Ron Runyan will chair a committee to begin the search process for Lauralee's replacement. The committee will be limited to 4 members, recommended by the board and confirmed by Ron. \$3000 was approved to cover expenses associated with the nationwide search. The objective is to have the new manager hired and in place April 1 to ensure an orderly transition of club business operations.

A Facilities Operations Committee will be formed to define an operational plan for the new sailing center. Lauralee, Mark Sandifer and Jim Harper will complete a draft charter for this committee by February 1. Once approved, the preliminary plans formulated by this group will be discussed with members during the April 10 general membership meeting.

Vice Commodore's Report

The Junior Sailing Program Committee meets Thursday January 23 to finish a charter that addresses all of the youth sailing programs. Mark Sandifer reported that good progress is being made with the fundraising efforts to buy new FJ sails prior to the March start of the spring sailing program.

Rear Commodore's Report

Bart Brush reported that there are two outstanding issues remaining before construction contracts can be signed and work started building the new sailing center. The first issue is the final permit from the City of Portland to install a new water line under the railroad tracks west of the parking lot. This water line is required to ensure adequate fire suppression for the new sailing center. While there have been significant variances in the cost estimates to complete this work, Bart believes that once the permit is approved, work can be completed within the current \$80,000 budget. Jim Harper will confirm this with the contractor. The final requirement to finalize the construction documents is the approval of the bank loan. This approval is contingent upon the completion of a business assessment of WSC by a consultant hired by the bank. The report, which was originally scheduled for December completion, was deferred to January 17 and then again to January 20. If it is not completed, Ron Runyan has agreed to meet with the bank to confirm their commitment to approving the loan. If that is not successful, the board believes that other alternatives are available and will be pursued. The planned September installation and occupancy of the new sailing center is dependent upon the contractor's ability to complete the project, which cannot start until these final two issues are resolved. The board is confident that these issues will be resolved and that the project will be complete in 2014.

It was reported that the DSL lease on the submerged lands (river bottom) has been renewed for 15 years, with the option for an additional 15 year extension.

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Gordon reported a year end bank balance of \$607,544.87 with 2013 operating income of \$105,143.85. There are a few miscellaneous accounting adjustments that will be made with a small amount (<\$5000) of incremental accounts payable income to be collected as the books close for the year. This income is very close to the annual budgeted amount and reflects another very positive operational year for WSC.

One unanticipated expense was the need to replace the antiquated computer system used in the WSC office with a

modern Point of Sale system. This will greatly improve the cash management and day to day operations of the club. The total system cost, including installation, was approximately \$4000.

Fleet Captain's Report

Toby Deming reminded the board that the annual night captain and safety boat operators will meet Saturday January 25, from 9:00 am to noon. This meeting is important to ensure that the processes are in place to ensure safe and effective racing for the Lasers and the Fleets in 2014. An additional requirement was identified to increase the number of qualified night captains, by drawing on the pool of experienced safety captains. Toby plans to ask for two safety captains per fleet to step up to be trained for this role.

Race committee sign up information will be available shortly with notification sent in the Willamette Wind e-mail.

A committee will be formed to discuss improvements to the Al Morris Regatta to increase participation. Toby Deming, Dave Sexton, Lauralee, and Ted Drayton will meet to draft a set of recommendations.

Port Captain's Report

Lauralee reported that a new dock master, Jim VanHook, has been hired and will start immediately. Jim is replacing Everett Hobson who recently retired after 10 years of outstanding service to the club. Jim is a lifelong dinghy sailor, has excellent construction and mechanical skills and is a welcome addition to the outstanding WSC staff assembled by Lauralee. Everett has committed to mentoring Jim as he settles into his new role.

Moorage and Dredging Committees will be formed to address those two topics. A decision to proceed with their formation is scheduled for the February board meeting.

One of the City of Portland occupancy requirements for the new sailing center is the eradication of the noxious weeds on the slope below the boat yard. Jim Harper will confer with Jim VanHook on the best strategy and will report back to the board in February.

A larger issue exists with the member enthusiasm and necessary skills to make the occasional work parties effective. It is felt that many members are more comfortable paying the fee, in lieu of participating in the work parties. While this is completely acceptable, a new strategy may be required to ensure that all of the necessary maintenance and improvement projects are completed in 2014.

As mentioned previously, Jim Harper will work with the contractor and the railroad consortium to develop a plan for the railroad track removal/replacement to accommodate the installation of the new water line for fire suppression in the sailing center.

Secretary's Report

There were several changes to the membership in January:

New Members:

Stephanie Pacholke (Midshipman)
Mike Sturman (Regular)
Christian & Margaret Jones (Regular)

Changes:

Barry Baxter (Regular to Senior)
Alan Jones (Senior to Associate)
Ted Drayton (Regular to Associate)
James Lampros (Regular to Non-Resident)
Max Jones (Youth to Regular)

Resignations:

Russell Burke (Midshipman)
Lorin Moentenich (Senior)
Month & Agnes Zach (Associate)
Zack Hegge (Regular)

Members of the Month


Tanya Haddad and Sarah Gordon, each for their 3 years of outstanding and unselfish service on the WSC Board of Directors.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.



February & March 2014

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