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## Commodore's Corner

by Commodore Ron Runyan

I hope most of you were able to attend our annual Awards Banquet at Gray Gables Estate. If not, please try next year; it is our largest social event of the year. Toby Deming, our Fleet Captain, put in a ton of time preparing, so please thank him when you see him. And, of course, next year we expect to hold the banquet in our new clubhouse.

As we learned at the annual meeting in October, the clubhouse construction is well underway. Exact delivery and completion time is difficult to predict, but it seems certain that it will be fully operational in plenty of time for next year's sailing season, and at this point it looks like it will be completed within our budget. We on the Board spend a lot of time each meeting reviewing progress with the construction committee. Right now we are working on details related to electrical, audio visual, computer networks, furnishings, equipment, and security.

Our fall racing and educational activities were curtailed by the algae bloom, but we had a couple of spectacular sailing days before and after. Our last day of series racing, October 19, we had outstanding wind and weather for the fleet racing. Unfortunately, the wind did not cooperate for the Lasers. But we still have some good sailing left this year, including the Wild Turkey Regatta on November 15, open to racers and casual sailors alike. I hope to see you there!



## From the Manager

by David Valentine

I hope everyone had a great time at the Awards banquet this year. Assuming the silent & live auction was a success, we should be in the process of building a regatta trailer which will be capable of transporting Optimists, Lasers, and Flying Juniors to various regattas in the Northwest and beyond. This will make things much easier for our WSC sailors to represent our club at regattas, which gives us more to boast about! If the auction was really successful, you'll notice some new c420 covers coming soon as well. A huge Thank You to everyone who donated their time, money, and services to make the auction possible. Another big Thanks to Toby Deming for coordinating all the awards to our various club champions throughout the year.



Demand for moorage has been at an all-time high this summer & fall, but spots are starting to open up. It's a sad sight to see boats being pulled out and hull covers going on, but don't go into hibernation just yet! There has been a lot of demand at the club for a Frostbite program so our die-hards can continue sailing. The Frostbite program will run for 6 Sundays from November 9 - December 14 and is available to intermediate and advanced sailors (Junior & Adult). The program will run on the Columbia River for a change in venue and conditions. We're excited to see how it works out. Contact the office for program details and availability.

Gear up for the Wild Turkey Regatta on November 1st. I'll be sailing a 420 with my dog Charlie, will anyone sail with Grace?



## Upcoming Events & Activities

November 7 • Happy Hour Friday, 5:30pm  
November 9 • Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
November 14 • Happy Hour Friday, 5:30pm  
November 15 • Wild Turkey Regatta, 12:00pm  
November 16 • Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
November 18 • Board Meeting, 6:45pm  
November 21 • Happy Hour Friday, 5:30pm  
November 23 • Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
November 27-30 • Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
November 30 • Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
December 7 • Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
December 14 Columbia River Frostbite Series, 1:00pm  
December 16 • Board Meeting, 6:45pm  
December 20-January 3 • Office Closed for Holidays  
January 7-11 • Portland Boat Show at Expo Center

## Lido Fleet Report

by Kathy Sandifer

As I write this, Mother Nature has brought sailing to a standstill in the way of a large algae bloom. But we have had a great summer of sailing and fun on the water. We had a good showing of Lido women sailors for the Holley Cup on September



13th. Nicole Runyan, Susan Ellis, Kay Reavis, and I all sailed club 420s in an afternoon of radically-shifty-sometimes-die-to-nothing wind and gave the high school gals (420 experts) a run for their money. At the end of the day, though, we were glad to go back to sailing Lidos.

Interest in Fleet 25 is



growing and we have several new Lidos to add to our fleet. Megan Beaver just got a Lido and we hope to meet her soon. Carlo and Jennifer Tiana co-own a Lido with Steve Sargent. It is a beautiful yellow Classic Lido and both families have already sailed several times at the club with



their kids. Welcome, all, into our Lido family.

This final Sunday of fall racing had to be one of the most beautiful fall days ever. Sailing can be very frustrating when there is no wind or too much wind or algae...but when it is good, it is AWESOME! See you all at the Awards banquet.



## Thistle Fleet Report

by Mike Rees

### Club Racing at WSC

As of press time, Thistle club racing in fall series has been nothing but rumors and vapor. We had calm and algae blooming, and we had me out of town during September. We had a good turnout of Thistle racers on October 12, but the night captain called the races about 3:30, just before the wind piped up. Thistlers took a pass on October 4, when I got a chance to sit on the dock with a sandwich and watch two or three scads of Lidos sail around.

### Fleet 125 Championship

The fleet government conferred, the ancient books were consulted, and white smoke arose from the flue announcing that Fleet 125 has a new champion, Kent Sisk! In just a couple of years, he has nailed Thistle racing. The Fleet 125 scoring formula may be opaque, but Kent was clearly deserving of this. He won the Vancouver Lake regatta, took second at Districts, won Summer II, and took second in Summer I. There is no second place, as they say, but Dave Sexton was the runner-up, and Fling was third in line.

The scoresheet is here: <http://tinyurl.com/qha4fhh>.

Because our various and sundry regattas can't seem to agree on a way to publicize their results, I collected the season's Thistle results here: <http://tinyurl.com/n9mo7f6>. The fleet champ formula is here: <http://willamettesailingclub.com/2011/09/thistle-fleet-champs/>.

### Sequim Two

The other 2014 Sequim regatta was August 23-24, this year styled as the Sandy Douglass Memorial and hosted by Sequim Bay Yacht Club. On both days, the weather was mild, and after postponements, the Sequim wind filled in. Sequim Bay is open to the wind from the north that gets sucked in from the Strait of Juan de Fuca, but is protected by a sand spit that completely blocks off any waves or swells. You get flat water and wind ranging from good to great. Patrick Schirmer from Seattle dominated the 8-boat fleet, winning every race except the last one. Fling was the only boat from WSC, and we finished right in the middle. Sequim Bay Yacht Club did a great job of hosting the Saturday dinner and Sunday awards party. They have a space about half the size of the current WSC clubhouse but jammed with tables and chairs that must have been repurposed from a much larger space. There was just enough room to get through the tables to the bar or the buffet, making it cozy yet quite social. Do go to this regatta next year, which will be easier for you, because it will happen just once.

### 2014 Nationals

Paul Nelson carried the WSC burgee at the Sheboygan nationals, cracking the Championship fleet for the first time in his Thistle career. He sailed his restored woodie, Irie, number 1040 with his son, Stephen, and wife, Jeanette. Paul now has half a dozen wood hulls in his shop in Sandy in various states from almost sailable to not quite firewood. Check out his Facebook page, "Wooden Thistles."

### Midwinters West

Stand by for the date of the 2015 Midwinters West regatta at Mission Bay Yacht Club. It is usually in late January. Plan now to go to San Diego, or you will be sitting around in Portland really, really wishing you were down there.

### 2015 Nationals

Fort Walton Beach, Florida put in a bid for 2015 Nationals and got it. Fern Ridge may get in there for 2017, which is a west coast year. Who is up for driving about as far as you possibly can for nationals in 2015?



# WSC Board of Director's Meeting

October 21 2014

by Dave Jursik

Call to order: 7:10 pm.

Attendees: Ron Runyan, Mark Sandifer, Bart Brush, Toby Deming, Joe Corvelli, Dave Jursik, Dave Valentine

Guests: John Purdy, Ian Sparkes, Mike Harvey

Minutes were previously approved and published in the October issue of Telltales.

## Commodore's Report – Ron Runyan

Ron led the discussion of the 2014 candidates for member of the year. For her outstanding service as the board liaison to the club manager hiring committee and full year service as the coordinator for the weekly race committee, Marilyn Hodson was selected as member of the year.

## Vice Commodore's Report – Mark Sandifer

Mark reported that the youth sailing committee was continuing to develop a long term strategy for the different youth groups, an operating policy and a list of required capital expenditures in support of the program's goals.

When he assumes his new responsibilities as Commodore, Mark would like to begin the year by discussing the long term goals for the club and ensuring that the board's focus, and that of the various committees, support these goals as the plans are developed for 2015. This discussion will be held during the annual board retreat in January.

## Rear Commodore's Report – Bart Brush

Bart reported that the float construction for the sailing center is continuing on schedule. As shown on the cover of the October Telltales, the slab (bottom) has been poured and the walls forms, for the cement walls which will surround the foam floats, are currently being fabricated.

The concrete pad, located by the existing WSC office, that supports the utility gangway for the new sailing center, is ready to be poured.

## Treasurer's Report – David Valentine for Joe Corvelli

Financials:

Term: January 1, 2014 – October 20, 2014

2014 (September / October) 2013

Total Checking / Savings

\$475,715.72 / \$429,370.18    \$685,723.28

Net Income

\$207,526.58 / \$194,914.32    \$345,143.61

The primary difference in the YTY comparison is the significant one time income from the capital campaign for the new sailing center.

## Fleet Captain's Report – Toby Deming

Toby reported that while the Fall Sailing season was abbreviated by the toxic algae bloom and light winds, it successfully concluded Sunday October 19 with a good day of racing in the Fleets.

A systemic problem, that compromises the quality and safety of the weekly racing, is the commitment of the club members to participate on the race committee on their designated dates. There have been instances where trained night captains were not available and did not find substitutes and more often, when the safety boat was short staffed. This is a discussion that should be a concern to the entire racing community at WSC. Any member suggestions on how to improve this process are welcomed.

## Port Captain – Jim Harper

None.

## Secretary's Report – Dave Jursik

There were several changes to the membership in October.

### New Members:

1. Anisha Arcot (Youth)
2. William Francis (Youth)
3. Frederic Sigfrids (Youth)
4. Monika Kovacs (Youth)
5. Makenna McMillen (Youth)

### Membership Resignations:

1. Chris Gedrose (Regular)
2. Ted Drayton (Associate)
3. Verson Pandian (Regular)
4. Nowa Yamamoto (Youth)
5. Matt & Day Piwonka (Regular)

### Membership Change Requests:

1. Marske McEntyre (Regular to Associate)

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept these changes.

### Office Report – David Valentine

#### Operations:

Two weeks left of the Fall sailing season. Ends on Halloween with a Trick or Treat trip to Oregon Yacht Club for the Opti sailors.

Affects of Harmful Algae Bloom on sailing program:

- Postponed 2 adult sailing classes. Some refunds issued due to scheduling conflicts
- Canceled 1 week of Opti LTS with makeup-ups on upcoming Saturdays
- Opti Race team relocated to the Columbia River
- HS sailing did not cancel, ran on-shore PFT
- Club Championship rescheduled
- Fall Youth Regatta rescheduled

### Octoberfest – Sail Sand Point, September 27-28

- 17 WSC sailors competed
- Drew Bennett 1st Place in Laser Standard
- Grant Gridley 3rd Place in Laser Radial

### Singlehand High School Districts – Bellingham, October 4-5

- 9 WSC sailors competed
- Grant Gridley 2nd Place in Laser Radial

### Cascadia Cup – Sail Sand Point, October 11-12

- Lincoln High School 2nd Place Overall
- 25 WSC High School sailors competed
- Total of 33 boats competing (Flying Juniors)

### Club Championship – October 11

- John Sturman & Mike Sturman 1st Place

### 2014 USODA Northwest Championship – October 18-19

- 21 Opti sailors from LA, SF, Seattle & Portland
- 8 WSC sailors competed
- Casey Picket 3rd Place in Blue Fleet & Overall
- Alex Berg 1st Place in Green Fleet

### Fall Season Numbers:

- Fall High School - 54
- Opti Race Team - 8
- Optimist Learn to Sail - 14
- Community Sailing - 32

### Hospitality:

- Sunday Bar & Grill services have ended along with the Fall Racing Series
- Happy Hour Fridays will continue until November 21

### Upcoming Events:

- Wild Turkey Regatta, WSC – November 15th

### Discussion:

Willamette Sailing Club Training Outpost on the Columbia River, McCuddy's Marina - The board will consider the opportunity to establish an outpost on the Columbia River, at McCuddy's Marina on Marine Drive, in



support of enhanced training opportunities for the club's youth sailing programs. David V. will build a proposal that assumes a break even cost structure and will present it at the November Board meeting.

USODA Regatta, held October 12-13, was a huge success for both competitors and their families, as well as for Willamette Sailing Club. The event generated a net income of \$1439.

The board approved the addition of San Diego Yacht Club to WSC's Reciprocal Yacht Club list.

### Information Technology Committee – John Purdy and Ian Sparkes

John and Ian provided an update on the project to enable the new sailing center with the appropriate computing, training and audio visual infrastructure to support its planned usage. They have inventoried existing assets including the office computer systems, current club house weather and member computers and video surveillance in the upland areas and on the water. In addition, they have identified requirements for computer and internet access to support training in the 3 new classrooms, video (TV and Internet) in the bar and audio for the second floor bar and meeting areas.

Two aspects of the project will require outside expertise: installation of the audio systems and either migration or replacement of the current surveillance systems. John and Ian will identify the appropriate contractors to advise them on alternatives and eventually provide bids for this work.

### Member of the Month

John Purdy and Ian Sparkes are being recognized for their success in restoring online access to the weather station and enabling the large screen access to the club computer used for instruction in the sailing programs.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

## Fleet Captain's Report

by Fleet Captain Toby Deming

By the time you read this, the awards for our sailing season have been presented and everyone is hunkering down for the winter. During the winter, those who help keep the club moving forward gather and come up with plans and ideas to improve our experience at WSC. The Fleet Captain gets to try to figure out how to get the race committee trained and schedule for series racing, as well as organize regattas, series racing, and other fun events for the club. Every year dedicated volunteers help in this process. If you are one of those who has ideas and wants to help out on the 2015 racing season at WSC, please get ahold of the Fleet Captain and let's make next year even better than this year! [Fleetcaptain@willamettesailingclub.com](mailto:Fleetcaptain@willamettesailingclub.com)

Our last official sailing event for the year is the Turkey Regatta on Saturday, November 15th. Contact Mike Rees at [michael.a.rees@gmail.com](mailto:michael.a.rees@gmail.com) if you can help out. This is a fun sailing event with a potluck turkey dinner afterward. Mike will have a turkey for us and club boats we can use. Come join the fun!

For many of us, winter provides some beautiful days on the river. If you have not experienced a winter sail under beautiful blue skies, steady winds, and no one on the river, don't be shy; just wear warm clothes and come out and play! For the rest of you, have a warm and safe winter, ski hard, and we will see you in the spring.

## Daysailer Fleet Report

by Dick Stokes

Hey Daysailers, Armchair Sailors, and Thursday Sail and Socializers! Welcome to a brief history of times that Janice and Terry Gould have been sailing. Janice was first bitten by the sailing bug in college. She was deemed perfect for crew and knew right away this would be a lifelong adventure.

Later on, in the late '80s, she and Terry were in Eugene and decided to get started together.

They paid Jim Skeen \$50 for three lessons in the summer of 1988, and the rest is history. Jim didn't let them off the hook at just three lessons; he made them sail much more than that and helped them become familiar with Lasers, Daysailers, and keelboats through the Eugene Yacht Club on Fern Ridge Reservoir.

The first boat they bought was a 21' Clipper Marine. Then they moved on to a 25' Catalina swing keel that they owned for more than ten years. The best part of owning that boat was the yearly trips with other trailer sailors up to Puget Sound and beyond. Terry offers two key points at this juncture:

1. They took a one-week sailing course and "copious notes" before that first trip north.
2. They were pulled over by the State Police in Washington while hauling to the put-in. After a long while of the trooper being very curious and inspecting the whole boat but ignoring them, Terry got up the courage to ask why they had been pulled over. The trooper simply stated that he was "mad that [he was] not going up to the San Juans to cruise" and let them go!

For ten years they enjoyed that boat, cruising up to Desolation Sound, the San Juans, Canadian Gulf Islands, and beyond. Since then they have chartered larger boats three times in Greece and made the move to trimarans! First it was a Corsair up in Seattle, and for 12 years now they have owned a 31-foot trimaran that has been continually upgraded for cruising.

It was their son who "nudged" them toward this purchase, as he'd planned to race the boat up in Seattle, but those plans fell through, so they had it down on Fern Ridge for several years and now keep it in Olympia, where it stays on the hard at water's edge, ready for a quick one-hour prep and launch into the South Sound.

Three years ago when they moved a stone's throw from WSC, Janice and Terry shopped around for a decent Daysailer. And where do you think they found one? You got it: Eugene Yacht Club! They remain regulars at WSC's Thursday Sail and Social scene, make it up at least once a month to sail the South Sound on their trimaran, and either charter in some exotic waters or cruise up north once a year.

It's likely that they will get their grandson Neil started in Optis this next summer, which will initiate them as members into the very exclusive 3-Generation Fleet at WSC!



# WSC General Membership Meeting

October 9, 2014

by Dave Jursik

Call to order : 7:15 p.m.

Board: Bart Brush, Joe Corvelli, Toby Deming, Dave Jursik, Ron Runyan

WSC Staff: Caitie Bryson, Anna Campagna, David Valentine, Steve Williams

Members: 37 regular and senior members were in attendance.

A quorum was declared (10% of regular and senior club members = 21 members) and the minutes from the previous general membership meeting (November 2, 2013 as published in the November 2013 Telltales) were approved.

## Youth Sailing Update – Hanna Brush, Steve Williams

Hanna provided a review of the 2014 youth sailing program, which saw a significant expansion of the program over prior years. The Spring program supported 43 sailors, saw the addition of 4 FJs to the fleet with a compliment of new racing sails which saw immediate use in 11 regattas. The Fall team is now at 55 members representing 21 metro area schools. They sent a record 9 competitors to the Singlehanded District Championship this fall in Bellingham with Grant Gridley finishing second in the Radial fleet.

Steve recapped the overall Youth Sailing Program, which was detailed in the October issue of Telltales.

## Fleet Reports

**Thistle** – the fleet has had an active year up and down the Pacific Coast, participating in regattas and well as an active core group for the Sunday/Monday WSC racing series. Dave Sexton offered to adopt and train and any interested new crew members as the fleet continues to build interest.

**Daysailer** – the fleet reported that they were having great success with the Thursday evening sail and social events. The turnout has been consistently good and compliments those actively racing during the scheduled series.

**Laser** – the racing participation hit an all time high this summer with 35 boats on the line for Monday racing. Several new members and guests have continued to increase the competition within the fleet with members competing in several major regattas in 2014: PCC Masters Championship, US Championships (Open), NA Championships (Open and Masters), and most recently, the World Masters Championship in Hyeres, France.

**Lido** – WSC hosted the annual Turtle Regatta on the Willamette and the District Championships at Yale Lake. The fleet continues to add new members and has a loaner boat for general use to encourage more members and guests to try the boat in hopes that they will buy one of their own. Lastly, there is a chance that the Nationals may be hosted in Eugene in 2016, which will be a great opportunity for the local sailors to strut their stuff.

## Fleet Captain – Toby Deming

Toby reminded everyone that the Turkey Regatta is coming soon and needs help with the race committee. Interested parties should see Dave or Caitie in the office.

## Commodore's Report – Ron Runyan

Ron thanked Anna for her preparation for the meeting and the members for the strong turnout which demonstrated their support and commitment to the success of the club. He also commended Dave Valentine for his great start as the new club manager, which was echoed by the staff in attendance at the meeting. Lastly, he thanked Caitie for her success with the sailing program and Anna for initiating the

new food service programs.

## Rear Commodore's Report – Bart Brush

Bart reviewed the finances for the sailing center, comparing the approved 2014 budget with the recommended budget for 2015. The details are in the table below:

Costs	2014	2015
Base Building		
Permits/Professional services		
Land Use	\$219,000	\$219,000
Building Construction	\$745,000	\$790,394
Subtotal	\$964,000	\$1,009,394
Equipment	\$70,000	\$70,000
Site Improvements		
Pilings and docks	\$45,000	\$54,727
Site improvements	\$130,000	\$145,000
Fire-flow water service	\$80,000	\$54,401
Subtotal	\$255,000	\$255,128
Contingency	\$122,000	\$40,000
Total	\$1,411,000	\$1,374,522

The 2014 budget was based upon reasonable estimates for the costs of the building and site improvements prior to the completion of the final pricing from Steelhead Marine and the inclusion of incremental costs incurred based upon the permitting process by the various city and state agencies. The overall project though, is planned, as demonstrated by the 2015 budget, to be slightly below the estimates made in late 2013 when the 2014 budget was approved. Also, given the progress to date, and the construction committee's confidence in the contractor's ability to complete the project on time and within the current budget, the contingency amount has been reduced to \$40,000.

Lastly, the combination of the funds raised in the capital campaign plus the bank loan, total \$1,377,532. This is sufficient to cover the anticipated project costs as outlined in the amended 2015 sailing center budget. This budget was approved by members at this meeting with no dissenting votes.

## Treasurer's Report – Joe Corvelli

YTD financials were reported in the September issue of Telltales.

## 2015 Budget Summary

Expected 2015 income is \$528,000 compared to \$472,000 in 2014. The primary contributors to this YTY increase are the youth sailing program and hospitality income.

Expected 2015 expense is \$470,000 compared to \$382,000 in 2014. The most significant change is the addition of the mortgage expense associated with the new sailing center.

The reserves will be consistent YTY (year to year), with the largest being \$50,000 for future dredging.

It is exceptional for the club to be able to maintain the current fees (dues and moorage) without increase given the expense associated with the new sailing center. It is hoped that the new facility will generate incremental net income above that planned in the budget. This will be assessed midyear 2015 with a recommendation to the board as input to the 2016 budgeting process.

A motion to approve the 2015 budget was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

## 2015 Budget Detail

Income	2015 Proposed	2014 Budget
4100 · Dues and Initiation Fees	\$161,100	\$160,100
4200 · Program Membership	\$198,500	\$171,300
4300 · Moorage	\$104,800	\$101,800
4400 · Work Hours	\$26,000	\$24,000
4600 · Membership Development	\$6,750	\$6,750
4700 · Racing Fees	\$3,850	\$3,800



4800 · Hospitality Income	\$25,000	\$2,600
4900 · Ships Store	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Income	\$527,800	\$472,150
Gross Profit	\$527,800	\$472,150
Expense	2015 Proposed	2014 Budget
5200 · Maintenance	\$20,500	\$23,500
5300 · Racing Expense	\$2,950	\$2,750
5400 · Membership Development	\$8,000	\$8,500
5700 · Learn To Sail Program	\$62,500	\$79,400
5750 · Youth Program	\$40,150	\$10,550
5770 · High School Program	\$18,100	\$18,100
5800 · Hospitality Expenses	\$20,500	\$3,000
5900 · Safety Boats	\$6,000	\$5,500
5950 · Sailboat fleet	\$7,000	\$5,500
6100 · Advertising/Promotion	\$1,750	\$2,000
6200 · Membership Expenses	\$7,450	\$6,200
6300 · Occupancy	\$110,250	\$70,750
6500 · Administration	\$16,200	\$17,800
6600 · Salary Club Manager	\$73,250	\$69,700
6650 · Salaries Admin. Staff	\$39,500	\$27,600
6700 · Insurance	\$32,000	\$28,000
5100 · Ship Store Expenses	\$2,600	\$2,600
5223-00 · Bad Debts	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Expense	\$469,700	\$382,450
Net Ordinary Income	\$58,100	\$89,700

#### Secretary's Report – Dave Jursik

Several new members were sworn in:

- Michael Harvey
- Eric Moon
- Steve Sargent
- Darla & Torden Wall
- Carlo Tiana
- Donald Skei
- Andrew Haliburton

The previously distributed Bylaw change, proposed to increase the youth membership from 50 to 100 to accommodate the growth of the youth sailing program, was unanimously approved by the membership.

The new Bylaw states: Article VI – Membership

Section A: The membership shall consist of a maximum of 300 Regular Members, 50 Midshipman members and 100 Youth Members. Membership in special categories shall be determined and revised by the Board of Directors as it sees fit.

#### Office Report – David Valentine

YTD membership stands at 306. This is a net increase of 27 members compared to this time in 2013. Of those net new members, 21 are youth sailors, reflecting the growth in popularity of those programs. There was an increase of 10 regular members and a decrease of two members in each of the Midshipmen and Associate membership classes.

Moorage is nearing capacity in the lot (96%) and on the docks (99%). While the dock Laser racks are currently at 76%, the wooden racks are being converted to metal racks, which will increase capacity by 6 slips by adding a 4th level (existing wooden racks are 3 levels). The wet moorage is 83% with 2 additional slips added on the new boat house. Lastly, 4 additional spots will be gained with the removal of the temporary office, when the staff relocates to the new sailing center in 2015.

In 2014, the Learn To Sail program attracted 612 participants which was a 20% increase over 2013. In 2015, the plan is to increase participation in the Minnow (which saw a decline in participation compared to 2012 and 2013) and Laser program to continue to drive the growth which makes a significant contribution to the club's finances and

its new member potential. When Youth Racing is added, the total participation was 677 individuals. Of those, 20% were members taking advantage of the classes to develop or improve their skills and 80% were non members with the largest number in the 3 week Adult Learn to Sail Program.

Net income from the Learn to Sail Program increased from \$68,918 in 2013 to \$96,520 in 2014.

A significant new Community Sailing Program was launched this summer which provides after school programs for youths associated with The Salvation Army, Friends of the Children and New Avenues for Youth. These partnerships provide a unique opportunity for those participants that have an interest and have been performing well in the core offerings of those respective organizations. This program has been funded through private donations, specifically the Bill and Nancy Young Foundation. To continue to support this innovative collaboration, more donations would be appreciated. Interested members should speak with David Valentine about sponsorships for 2015.

#### Good of the Order

Following an animated discussion of several compelling cases for the award of the "I goofed" jacket, it was awarded, in absentia, to Mike Stephenson, who on his way to the US Laser Championships in San Francisco, decided while in the middle of I-5 and traveling at a high rate of speed, to see if his boat could fly. It did, but not for very long and sadly for Mike and his boat, it ended up on the roadside with the defective roof rack that had served as the launch vehicle. Luckily for Mike and his Laser, both are back in one piece, safely at home at WSC, for the completion of the Fall Series.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

#### Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The conclusion of Laser fleet racing for 2014 brings several events that remind us of the past season. At press time the Fall series has one day remaining for the 29 registered sailors, with Mike Sturman leading and John Sturman, Mark McCuddy, and John Purdy battling for podium spots. Most weeks, about 20 boats competed and the season of sailing shows with smooth boathandling across the fleet.

The WSC Laser fleet was ably represented at the Masters Worlds in Hyères, France by Rob Hodson and Bill Symes. This may have been the largest Laser regatta ever with over 500 boats! Rob finished 28th in a tidy fleet of 70 Grandmaster Radials, once finishing in the top 10 after a slow (jet lagged?) start. Bill emerged on top of a 3-way tie for 5th to claim another one of the coveted Masters Trophies, including a mid-regatta hot streak of 1-2-5-1 in the 77-boat Great Grand Masters Radial class. Nicely sailed, gentlemen!

I remind sailors to renew their Laser class memberships that expire soon. The fall edition of the quarterly Laser Sailor magazine that members receive had a great article on the Masters North Americans in Cascade Locks, including the scandalous no-wind Sunday, plus quotes from Bill Symes about the Gorge Downwinder breeze and a photo of Kent Sisk's old #188111 sailed by me.

Finally, I can report with pride that the WSC Club Championship was well represented by the Laser fleet. By my count only one competitor, skipper or crew, was not a Laser fleet participant, which shows the depth of talent in the Laser fleet and gives me another recruiting opportunity for next year. I'll see you on the water when the weather is nice and the WSC Laser Yahoo group buzzes with interest to hold an off-season practice session.





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**Rain or Shine • Wind or No Wind**

Find your woolies and rubber boots; it is once again time for the wildest turkey of a regatta. There will be a turkey. You bring the potluck sides and salads. And of course, the bar will be open. Racing will not be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. Scoring will be no point scoring because there will be no point in scoring these races. Two or more boats that more or less float on the water will constitute a fleet. There may be rubber ducks. Kinetics will be judged for style. Marks of the course may include Toe Island.

If there is no wind, we will still be eating.

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