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Commodore's Corner

by Mark Sandifer

The Awards Banquet is a great party where we socialize, eat good food and recognize all the sailors' hard work and successes on the race course. I sincerely hope to see you there. Also, before the banquet we will have a short general meeting to nominate and vote in next year's board of directors.

We have been predicting for a number of years that moorage was going to become tight. The last few years we have hovered just around full occupancy and have been employing creative solutions to make more room for everyone's boats.

We will continue to try to fit in more boats, but we are now considering how to optimize this important asset to enhance the club growth and fully realize the club's mission. This means we are searching for solutions on how to allow members that are more actively using their sailboats to have access to the more convenient moorage spots. So, we are looking for input on solutions and may be taking limited action on the rearranging of boats to accomplish this.

I believe our members understand the 420 fleet is our workhorse that enables many of our important programs to flourish and we need to keep these boats in good service. I am pleased to report at the general meeting on October 8th we approved money for the upkeep of our 420 fleet. We plan to buy much needed new sails in 2016 and also approved money for repair and maintenance. This is fine for the short term, but the reality is the boats are worn-out and the day is coming when we will need to replace them. This will take some time and significant capital, so we are starting the conversation with the membership. Scott Grealish, chairman of the Junior Sailing Committee, has been working with the JSC and High School Advisory committee on boat selection ideas and the capital campaign strategies. The board will be taking up this issue with involvement of the JSC and other members.

In my October article and at the General Meeting I had to announce the delay of the Clubhouse again and reset the current construction schedule. The general contractor's recent update is a March 2016 occupancy. We continue to meet with him weekly and expedite any portion that is within our ability to influence but the process continues to be slow. Currently he is still completing the HVAC and door submittals to the architect. The electrical submittal is being worked on. The interior committee is staying ahead with the selection of the materials, colors and finishings. There are a lot of details being coordinated and the team is doing a good job of getting them correct.

Series racing is over but there are still plenty of fun activities being planned, such as the Wild Turkey Regatta and the Christmas Ships Party. I want to also encourage all members to join in creating more social events. These can be directly related to sailing or just ways to pull the groups together and build the WSC community. So, if you have a fun idea, let's hear it.





From the Manager by David Valentine

The not so windy Fall season has come to a close. November marks a much slower sailing season from what we've seen throughout the summer and fall. Summer was obviously a huge success with Learn to Sail and Youth Fleet numbers slightly above 2014 enrollment (see the chart in the board minutes).

The fall program seems particularly busy for this time of year as well. If you dropped by the club anytime after 4pm, you would have seen the Opti beginner class, the Opti racing team, the Laser racing team, a P.E. class for Reed College and of course the High School team out practicing. All of these programs make a nice little armada of small boats making the sleepy Willamette come to life. I was particularly happy to see Lewis & Clark and Portland State University actively practicing as well. If you're an alumni of either one of these schools and want to offer some coaching support, I'm sure they would be more than happy to accept your help.

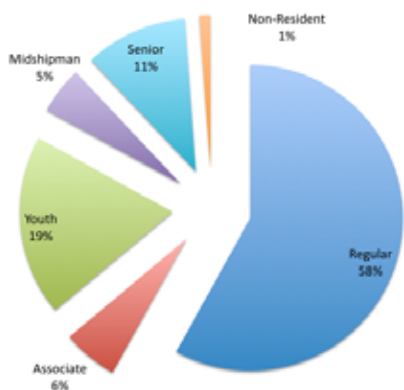
attended last year I expect you'll be back this year. I remember I sailed with my dog Charlie in a club 420. She was of course to blame for my poor performance as she was



more interested in the geese at John's Landing Marina. Allison Blakemore made a delicious turkey dinner which was followed by an even better birthday cake for Michael. Don't miss out on our premier "un-regatta" of the year!

Our Christmas Ships Parade party will be hosted on Saturday, December 19th - Save the date! We will have our celebrity bartenders slinging drinks again, so stay tuned to see the line-up.

2015 YTD Membership Numbers



Regular: 198
Associate: 20
Youth: 65
Midshipman: 17
Senior: 37
Non-Resident: 4

Total: 341

The fall racing series has also ended, but many members are still rigging their boats and getting out there. We've had a number of new members take advantage of checking out the club Lido-14 and the C-420s. Every time a boat is checked out, it means someone is working on their sailing ability, and that is great news for the 2016 sailing season.

I'd also like to highlight that the club has three stand up paddleboards (SUPs) and four kayaks for member use. We purchased four new 13ft Perception Kayaks at the beginning of the summer and they have been wildly popular. If you're interested in taking any of these out, just call or email the office to make a reservation. By popular demand, we have also added a white board in the window of the office to show weekend reservations. For those of you who come down to the club on the weekends and are unable to make a reservation, you can check to see if the SUPs and kayaks are free for use. Please remember to store the kayaks upside-down and be sure to lock everything up afterwards.

Michael Rees is once again our captain for the Wild Turkey Regatta coming up on November 21st. If you



Saturday, November 21, 2015

Racing at Noon
Food at 2 p.m.
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. Club 420s, Optis, and Lasers will be available to sail on a first come, first served basis.

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

RSVP to your regatta chair, Mike Rees
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(503)701-8821.



General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015

Meeting called to order 6:40 PM.

Acting secretary Ron Runyan (Rear Commodore) certified that a quorum is present

Motion to approve minutes from previous general meeting approved

Fleet captain: No report

Fleet Reports:

Youth Fleet

Peter Rummel reported on youth racing events and WSC's great representation at events. Also reported on the multiple programs and boats available to support youth sailing, including the new donated 29ers on the Columbia River.

High School Report

John Ped and Hanna Brush reported that they attended 13 regattas this spring season with many more this fall. WSC has the largest high school program in the NW with 54 sailors from 19 schools. Made plea for replacement sails for the 420 fleet. Pam Jagla added an endorsement of the high school team's competitive and sportsmanlike participation.

Daysailer Fleet

Toby Deming reported on improvement in the number of participating boats and also others who have joined the Sail and Social Night on Thursdays. 55 people are on the Daysailer emailing list.

Laser Fleet Report

Bill Symes reported 20+ boats are racing regularly. Laser fleet is for racers. Largest laser fleet on the West Coast!

Lido 14 Fleet Report

Kathy Sandifer reported on growth of the Lido fleet from 4-6 to 10-12 boats on the line on race nights. It's the largest increase in a single year in memory. Also, after-racing socializing has increased. Participated in five away regattas with WSC placing first in each regatta. Poker run event was fun and well attended.

Thistle Fleet Report

Dave Sexton reported on several traveling regattas including one this weekend at Newport California. Several new members this year and there has been much development of sailing skills among current members. Nationals next year is in Eugene. WSC is hosting districts in 2016. Xmas party will be happening. Fleet has volunteered to provide bar top for new club house.

Sailing Center Update

Mark Sandifer showed photos of the current state of construction. Mark showed the detail of current budget and expenditures status. Most recent schedule predicts occupancy in March 2016. Project is within budget. Scott Pitek added his comments expanding and echoing Mark's.

Membership

Acting secretary Ron Runyan swore in a huge contingent of new members.

Office Report

Dave Valentine reported on membership drive and count: 341 total members including 198 regular members.

The membership drive has been a success by any measure.

Long Term Financial Outlook Report by Bill Conerly

Bill reported that the 10-year outlook is good. Not expecting any red ink. Membership growth creates an important cushion. Moorage availability could be an issue and could require some creativity because moorage limits could hinder membership growth. Bill also reported that incremental dues increases would be appropriate to keep up with inflation moving forward.

Financial Report/Budget

Financial performance report by Mark Sandifer standing in for absent treasurer (whose wedding anniversary is today)

Net expenses are within budget and we are above budget for net ordinary income. Proposed budget calls for income of \$559,500 and expenses of \$503,010. Excess goes to reserves. Mark presented the proposed reserve allocation plan for 2016. The proposed budget and reserves were published in the October Telltales prior to the general meeting. Motion to approve budget passed without objection. See the October issue of Telltales for the budget.

Good of the Order:

Dave Sexton provided an explanation of WSC traditions and collected funds for the good of the order for capsizes. Unfortunately Dave was "rewarded" for his efforts by being voted to wear the "I Goofed" jacket for leaving his moorage slot full of garbage when he abandoned it for a better spot.

Motion to adjourn approved at 8:30 PM

Recorded by acting Secretary, Rear Commodore Ron Runyan

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

Attendees: Dave Jursik, Mark Sandifer, David Valentine, Ron Runyan, Kent Sisk, Joe Corvelli

Board approved minutes of previous meeting as published in Telltales.

Office Report

Dave Valentine submitted office report. Net ordinary income \$259,677 Year to date. Accounts receivable is comparable to historical average at this time of year due to billing cycle.

Operations

- One Sunday left for Fall Fleets/Lasers. Last Bar & Grill service for Sunday
- 8 members left to complete 55 for 55!
- Fall sailing programs end on October 31st with the Fall Youth Regatta / Halloween regatta. This regatta will decide 420, Opti, and Laser Youth Club Champions
 - Opti Race Team – 4 sailors
 - Opti Beginner / Intermediate – 9 sailors
 - Laser Race Team – 9 sailors
 - High School – 49 sailors
 - Reed College PE Class – 12 registrants
- Lewis and Clark & PSU Collegiate teams actively practicing on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Autumn Night Out dinner sold out. 21 attendees
- Focus group hosted on October 15th - 10 WSC members attended
- WSC Winter 29er program to begin November 7 on



- Columbia (application only)
- Lewis & Clark rowing team coaches have moved in.
- Collecting moorage income
- New Kayak / SUP Reservation system, white board in office window
- Al Morris Chairman: Allison Blakemore
 - Promote child care to increase participation
 - Invite Fleets – Coordination with CGRA (RS Aeros to participate)
 - Promote social aspect of Saturday night for non racers
 - Volunteers standing by to get campground reservation
 - Registration to be announced and released at Awards banquet

Learn to Sail Data 2014 vs 2015

	2014	2015
Adult Sailing	130	105
Opti	130	139
Laser	15	27
420	113	88
River Adventure	141	144
Teen River Adventure	45	50
Minnows	39	71
Youth Fleet	64	65
Total:	677	689

Other Programs 2015

Custom Sailing Events	89
Private Lessons	84
Total:	173

Financials:

Term: January 1, 2015 – October 12, 2015	
Total Checking / Savings	\$555,598.19
Net Ordinary Income	\$259,677.90

Membership Requests:

New Members:

- Ben Becker (Youth)
- Will & Jan Risser (Regular)
- Arjan Duyvestein (Regular)
- Alexander Shintaro David (Youth)
- Steve Gilliland (Regular)
- Tessa Plumb (Youth)
- Alan Fryer (Regular)
- Kyra Leon (Youth)
- Ronan Waterson (Youth)

Membership Resignations:

- Sue Rimkeit (Senior) *requested inactive status
- Andy & Amy Mendenhall (Regular)
- Adi Solomon (Youth)
- Tyler Sutherland & Breanna Hartliep (Midshipman)
- Thomas Arm (Midshipman)
- Morgan Lloyd (Youth)
- Ravi Cullop (Youth)

Discussion:

- Awards Banquet
 - 39 members currently attending. 103 in 2014
 - 30 items donated for live / silent auction
 - RSVP by November 7th
- Inactive boats on dock – how to approach this?
- Member of the year?

Secretary Report

Nine new members including four regular members, with seven resignations including one regular member. Membership changes approved.

Discussion of moorage utilization: Moorage space is

getting tight and we may have to get creative with boats that are on the lot or dock but are not actively sailed.

Commodore's Report

Mark reported on the progress of the clubhouse. Submittals are still behind schedule, but submittals for electrical, doors and HVAC are in progress. Interior committee is still finalizing bar design. Board discussed creating usage guidelines for the new clubhouse and how and when they would be developed and who would head up that effort.

Youth fleet is working on a plan to create recommendations to the board to upgrade the WSC owned boats and fund raising ideas.

Mark asked the Board to forward ideas to our incoming 2016 commodore for goals for his tenure.

Vice Commodore Report

Dave reported that he expects to complete the Board nominations in time for the awards banquet.

Rear Commodore Report

Ron reported on the membership focus group that happened last week. Plan is to use the feedback from the focus group to create a survey to the full membership to be distributed in December and have the results available for the Board retreat in January.

Good of the Order

Member of the Year:

Board voted on member of the year and month.

Motion to adjourn approved 9:20 PM

Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The Laser racing season at WSC winds down as I write this article, but many items remain to be mentioned. First, a close read of the Fleet Report from August mentions WSC sailor performance half way through the Laser Masters Worlds. I will conclude that story by recognizing Bill Symes finishing 2nd overall of 32 in the Radial Great Grand Masters class. The results show Bill and the Australian winner taking bullets in 9 of the 11 races. Andrew Haliburton rallied for 12th of 50 and Rob Hodson remained near the middle of his 36 boat fleet. This says something about the competitiveness of the WSC Laser fleet. In the local scene the last Fall series day will reveal whether Kerry Poe can maintain or extend his one point lead over Bill Symes for the victory. My copy of The Laser Sailor magazine recently arrived, which I receive as an International Laser Class Association of North America member, and the big news is the approval of the Standard Mark II sail. This is the bi-radial cut design that has been talked about for years. West Coast Sailing will have the sail for purchase so I expect to see many crisp new sails on the water for the winter series next February. I encourage becoming a member of ILCA-NA to support Laser sailing worldwide and receive the high quality quarterly magazine. Any sailor interested in practice sessions during the winter break should monitor or initiate an event - if the weather looks promising - on the WSC Laser group on YahooGroups. A New Years Day sail is becoming popular after John Purdy's many annual solo sails so begin considering that option early, and dress for the weather. I'll see you on the water.



Youth Fleet Report

by Peter Rummel

Fall is becoming a busy season for youth sailors with a regatta every weekend. The Octoberfest Regatta served as the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit series finale at Sail Sand Point in Seattle. While most of the events that we have attended this year have been light and shifty, the sailors were greeted with 14-18 knots and relatively flat water which provided for some great sailing. At the end of the event, Willamette had four youth sailors medal in the overall series standings- Casey Pickett 2nd in Optis, Conrad Miller 1st in Laser 4.7s, Grant Gridley 2nd in Laser Radials, and Sean Grealish 2nd in Laser Full Rig.

After Octoberfest, we officially transitioned into the high school sailing season and headed back up to Sail Sand Point for the Cascadia Cup Regatta. This event is held in conjunction with a college sailing event so that high school sailors can see how a college event is run in the Pacific Northwest. Lake Washington provided us with even more wind this time. With gusts up to 27 knots, the conditions

were very challenging for all sailors.

In between races, the college sailing teams hosted a forum where high schoolers were able to ask questions to their college sailing counterparts. Sailors from Portland representing Franklin,

Lincoln, Oregon City, Oregon Episcopal, Caitlin Gabel, and St Mary's finished 3rd, 7th, 9th, 10th, 13th, and 16th respectively.

October travel regattas rounded out with the Trick or Treat Team Race on Orcas Island. This regatta was a much more laid back event than our usual regattas with the purpose of getting new sailors up to speed on team racing. Sailors were encouraged to dress up in costumes while sailing. Forty-seven races were completed over the two days of racing. The sailors from Willamette finished with a record of six wins and three losses.

On Halloween, our youth sailors will compete against each other for the Club Youth Championships in the Opti, Laser Radial, and 420 classes. Not only are the kids competing for the title of Club Youth Champion in their fleet, but they'll also be competing to see who has the best Halloween costume!

In November, Grant Gridley will be traveling to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia to compete in the High School Sailing Single Handed Nationals. Grant qualified to be one of two sailors to represent the North West Interscholastic Sailing Association in the Laser Radial back in September in the Gorge. We will also be starting up a winter 29er program out on the Columbia River with a focus on competing in regattas up and down the west coast from southern California to Canada.



2015 Series Racing Winners

Lasers

Winter

1. Bill Symes
2. Tim Mulvaney
3. John Sturman
4. Dave Jursik

Spring

1. Andrew Haliburton
2. Walt Mintkeski
3. Bill Symes
4. Dave Jursik
5. Tim Mills

Summer 1

1. Bill Symes
2. Andrew Haliburton
3. Dave Sexton
4. Dave Jursik
5. Tim Mulvaney

Summer 2

1. Bill Symes
2. Chris Bittner
3. Andrew Haliburton
4. Dave Jursik
5. Tim Mulvaney

Fall

1. Kerry Poe
2. Bill Symes
3. John Sturman

Daysailers

Spring

1. Rich Haslacher

Summer 1

1. Toby Deming
2. Rich Haslacher

Summer 2

1. Toby Deming

Fall

1. Toby Deming

Lido 14

Spring

1. Kerry Poe
2. Ron Runyan

Summer 1

1. Kerry Poe
2. Mark Sandifer
3. Ron Runyan

Summer 2

1. Tim Mulvaney
2. Kerry Poe
3. Ron Runyan

Fall

1. Kerry Poe
2. Tim Mulvaney

Thistles

Spring

1. Dave Sexton
2. Philip Gordon
3. Barney/Gridley

Summer 1

1. Dave Sexton
2. Kent Sisk
3. Philip Gordon

Summer 2

1. Philip Gordon
2. Michael Rees
3. Bill Conerly

Fall

1. Kevin Reynolds
2. Bill Conerly



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 29er Race 12:00
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 29er Race 12:00 Awards Banquet 5:30pm
15 Telltale Submissions Due	16	17 Board Mtg 6:45	18	19	20	21 Wild Turkey Regatta 12:00
22	23	24	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30	November 2015				

December 2015		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 29er Race 12:00
13	14	15 Board Mtg 6:45 Telltale Submissions Due	16	17	18	19 29er Race 12:00 Christmas Ships Party 4:30
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Lasers - Laser Series Racing | Fleets - Series Racing for all other Fleets
 LTS - Learn to Sail | Sail & Social - Thursday non-racing social potluck
 Adult LTS - Adult Learn to Sail Class | OLTS - Opti Learn to Sail
 ORace - Opti Race Program | LRace - Youth Laser Race Team
 HSP - High School Race Program | CSP - Community Sailing Program





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