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Commodore's Corner

by Dave Jursik



I was standing on the bluff Monday before the racing. What a beautiful sight! Clear blue skies with a pleasant northerly breeze building in the late afternoon, a pair of bald eagles fishing for dinner and the river unmolested by traffic other than the moored fleet close to Ross Island. Another Laser sailor walked up and asked what I was doing. I simply said "trying to remember this view". Which of course included the "temporary" home of our club with the tower from which all races were started. The surrounding docks that previously held Snipes, C-Larks and Toppers and now are the home to a nicely growing fleet of Lidos (back to the future!), plus a few Daysailers and Lasers. Things change, but it's fun to remember what used to be, what traditions were built on this old foundation and the labor of love that nurtured this club over the past 55 years.

This summer, we'll have a chance to celebrate the departure of our old clubhouse. Cricket Bittner is organizing its going away party which will feature food and drink, an auction of clubhouse memorabilia to benefit youth sailing,



photos from our past and most importantly, to steal a good idea from my father in law's wake, tales of old. WSC is blessed with members going back to the 60's and I know that there are a lot of stories. I'd like to hear about the club's move from its original location downstream, how the bluff was built and an explanation of the office photo of the

'96 flood. For those who have photos, memorabilia, and especially stories, please start collecting and get ready to share your treasure. This should be a great time to reminisce and pass on the club history to the rest of the members. Watch willamettesailingclub.com for the date, but it is tentatively planned for Saturday August 20.

The summer sailing season is in full swing. There are national or continental championships being hosted in Oregon for Thistles, Lidos, Lasers and RS Aeros. Many of our club members will be representing WSC in these events and testing their skills against the best in their respective classes.

For those of us looking for a more relaxed experience, the Al Morris Regatta is right around the corner. Yale Lake is a gorgeous venue, August weather is always perfect, and it's a fantastic time to share with families and friends from our own and the other fleets in the club. To date, the Lidos and Daysailers are leading the way in registrations. Clear your calendars and sign up today and let's make this WSC's biggest event of the year.

Enough said. I want to go sailing. My friend Doug Seeman told me that he averages three to four days each week of sailing. Year around. I can't match that but still, every day on the water is a good day. See you out there!





From the Manager

by David Valentine

The River was alive with energy last weekend during Sail a Small Boat Day. Now in its second year, the event was once again very popular with an estimated one hundred fifty people joining us for a chance to sail. The WSC membership went above and beyond taking

members and non members out on their boats to promote small boat sailing. If you attended, you had the opportunity to try your hand at a Thistle, Laser, RS Aero, RS Quest, Hobie Adventure, Sail Cube, Optimist, 420, Columbia 21, Capri 14, Catalina 25, and even an Ebihen 16. West Coast Sailing and Portland Kayak helped out with the event, demoing some of their newest boats and kayaks which were all a big hit. The event is great exposure for the club and a rare opportunity to try out such a selection of boats. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible.



As I write this article we are preparing for our annual youth event, the Steve Williams Memorial Regatta. Formally named the Willamette River Youth Regatta, this is our largest regatta of the year with sailors traveling from all over the PNW to descend on WSC. Thirty-seven boats are currently registered with more on the way. This is exciting news as the youth programs at WSC continue to thrive. Our youth fleet racing program for the summer has 35 accepted applications, which is all encouraging news.

The Portland Wooden Boat Festival is our next big community event. Now in its 7th year this initiative has created over sixty-four Salt Bay Skiffs. This family friendly Festival celebrates small-wooden watercraft and attracts hundreds of novices and aficionados from around the PNW. Join us on Sunday, July 10 for wooden boat building, live bluegrass music by Whislin' Rufus, an Uinta beer garden,



educational STEM booths, model boat building, and of course plenty of sailing. Burgers, dogs, and refreshments will be on sail. If you want to complete work hours by volunteering for this event, shoot an email to Caitie at office@willamettesailingclub.com

Each one of my articles has been promoting early registration for the upcoming Al Morris Regatta. Registrations are coming in with the Lido 14s charging the pack. Be sure to register by mid-July in order to get a regatta shirt. Registration can be found on the website along with the current registrant list. This is a fun event and you don't want to miss out.

Be sure to check out the online bill pay link on the website. Over 20 members have since signed up for the program which helps members monitor their accounts and manage payments. Please remember it is the member's responsibility to monitor monthly statements, update contact information and mailing addresses. You can check the club roster to make sure your listed information is correct. If any changes need to be made, please let us know.



Fourth Annual Lido 14 Poker Run

July 30, 2016

by John McCoy



The Lido fleet will be holding their 4th Annual Poker Run at WSC on July 30, 2016.

What is a Poker Run? A Sailing Poker Run is a fun event (NOT a race) where sailors travel over a prescribed course and stop at designated checkpoints and select a random poker card. One checkpoint will be on Toe Island which requires a short, refreshing dip in the Willamette. The remaining

checkpoints will be between WSC and Oaks Park. At the end of the sail, the boat with the best poker hand wins! There will be additional prizes for multiple categories. Last year we added a prize for the most decorated boat. The poker run will be followed a pot luck dinner. Bring your family, towels, some food or drink to share, and decorations for your boat.

Schedule:

- 3:00 - event rules and kick off meeting
- 3:30 - start of poker run
- 4:30 - pot luck & prizes



Junior Racing Report

by Peter Rummel

As I write this, we are just finishing up our first week of summer sailing camps. Currently we have 35 youth sailors signed up for Team Willamette. We have had our first practices out on the Columbia in the 29ers and we are getting ready for the Sears, Bemis, and Smythe Qualifiers. This regatta is the regional qualifier event for the Chubb Junior Championship being hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club this year. Sailors will represent WSC in Laser Radials, 29ers, and Thistles at CYC in Seattle. Last year we managed to qualify for the double-handed and triple-handed classes and fell just short of qualifying in the single handed class and this year we are looking to qualify in all three. While this is going on we also have several Opti sailors at the Heavy Weather Clinic in San Francisco who are getting to work with some of the top Opti coaches in the country.

Our regatta schedule is quite full this year and we have added a few extra events that I am looking forward to. In early July, we have two Olympic Development Clinics out at CGRA: one for 29ers and another for Lasers. These clinics are part of US Sailing's youth development program and will be a great learning experience for our youth sailors.

All in all I am very excited for this upcoming summer especially since we have had such a large amount of sailors choosing to sail during both the high school season and the summer seasons now, the future looks very bright for youth sailing at the club.



Thistle Fleet Report

by Philip Gordon

The Thistle racing season is well underway with great weather and a few regattas already under the sailor's belts. Wednesday night racing has been in full swing with tight racing as many of the boats have been getting ready for nationals in Eugene, Oregon later in July.

The first regatta of the spring kicked off at the nationals venue over Memorial Day weekend at Fern Ridge with 15 thistles getting on the line for some very close racing. Saturday saw light racing with four races. The first race we won by Phil Gordon who was able to get off the pin and keep the lead around the course by staying in pressure, followed closely by Grant Gridley and Chris Gedrose. The next two races were taken by the very fast and young team of Grant Gridley and crew. The last race of the day was claimed by Chris Gedrose leaving Grant in the lead followed by Phil Gordon and Oscar Barney who had a very consistent day to finish in third. Sunday found the sailors ready to get back out on the water and spend some time at the nationals venue but the cards they wanted were never dealt. No wind came but a shuffling in the standings did. After not completing the required 720 after fouling Dave Sexton, Grant Gridley retired from race four and dropped from the lead. This moved Phil Gordon from second into first after winning a tie breaker with Oscar Barney who took second, with Dave Sexton in third. Grant rounded out the top four with WSC dominating the regatta and promising to be a formidable threat at nationals in July.

Vancouver Lake was the second regatta of the season with low turnout. Only four boats were on the line Saturday, all from WSC. Light and shifty winds were a challenge for the small fleet but Phil Gordon managed to find the groove. After three races each on Saturday and Sunday, Phil Gordon had won every race and was winning the regatta with Mike Rees in second and Kent Sisk in third.

There were a few things that I found very helpful at Vancouver Lake. The first was boat handling and changing gears. I sail the Thistle almost exactly like a Laser. In light and variable wind keeping the power and the boat moving is key. I'm looking up wind constantly and when the puff comes I pull on a little vang, ease the main, and bring the weight up to keep the boat flat. As we accelerate the main comes back in. Adjusting for the lull is just as important, when the power leaves the boat the vang goes off to keep the power in the sails and the weight on the rail.

I also like to play up the middle in a small fleet and with big shifts and velocity changes. Staying with the other boats will keep you from digging yourself into a hole you can't get out of on the wrong side of the course. This is also where boat handling comes in huge. In a flat water venue like Vancouver with light wind you can enter your tack very slow and gain more distance to windward before the jib back winds and you roll hard. I also like to come out a little low in my tacks when it's light, I would rather have the power in the sails to build speed and head up than to have to turn down then build speed again. Good boat handling and staying in the middle allowed us to take advantage of every little shift and come out ahead.

I hope everyone is excited for both districts at Yale Lake July 8-9 and also Nationals July 25-29 in Eugene. Fleet 125 will be in charge of measurement. We will also be having a fleet meeting before nationals so check the list serve for dates!

Daysailer Fleet Report

by Dick Stokes

As the summer season arrives and more of us are on the waters enjoying the warmth and breeze of our dear Willamette, it can be inspiring to look back on Daysailer history. Please take this article away from Coach Peter's eyes. The following is NOT an endorsement of, or a "how to" introduce sailing to youth. Just a bit of history on the Daysailer and its designer Uffa Fox. <http://www.uffafox.com/uffabiog.htm>

"We would not like to give the impression that he was a model citizen. As an example he was made a Scout Master by the Sea Scout Committee. On one of his excursions as Scout Master and at a time when he was unemployed he decided that it was time to "blood" the troupe. He took "Valhalla's" whaleboat with his Scouts to France in the summer holidays. There was a total of ten crew ages ranging from 14 to 18. Uffa swore them all to secrecy and told them to tell everyone that they would be camping in the Solent area." They stopped a half day from Paris via the Seine.

Here's a brief clip of a Daysailer in the Texas 200 back in 2011: a 200 mile challenge where one is self contained the entire trip. This year's 200 is going on right now! Notice it "plowing" along with its week of provisions. <http://www.texas200.com/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii49N95XKWY>

Uffa Fox gave us our beloved craft. He developed the planing dingy. The Duke of Edinburgh Award traces its physical and expedition components to post war years where: Although he had been well known in yachting circles for many years it was Uffa's association with royalty which spilled his name over on to the broad mass of the British public. He and the Duke of Edinburgh raced together on the Dragon Bluebottle. The royal helmsman, with Uffa as crew, was also prominent at Cowes Week in the Flying Fifteen, Coweslip.

The summer racing season is in full swing. Coming up we have: ongoing races on Wednesday nights, Thursday Sail and Socials where new members and Adult Learn to Sail graduates experience the fleet, Sail a Small Boat Day June 18th, the Al Morris Regatta - sign up! See you on the water.

Help Needed

by Dave Jursik

Last month, I asked for everyone's help in improving our financial posture and I am happy to note that over 20 members have already signed up for new the online bill pay. Progress! This month, I would like your help in another area. The club has had a few incidents where boat parts have gone missing from both member and club owned boats. This is a frustrating and disappointing experience, as I recently learned when I discovered that my dolly bearings had been removed. Not the end of the world even though they cannot be replaced, but it is a symptom of a problem that I know has affected others. At times this is simply a nuisance, at other times it can be a safety issue if discovered while on the water and at least is unnecessary time and expense to correct. There is no way of knowing what the source of the problem is. I believe that the integrity of our members is outstanding and it's entirely possible that this is an external problem. However, I would ask everyone to keep their eyes open while on site. If someone is in the yard that you don't recognize, introduce yourself and the worst case is that you will meet a new member. Thanks for your attention to this.





Al Morris Regatta

Yale Lake, WA
August 6-7, 2016

Al Morris Regatta

by Allison Blakemore

Our Al Morris Regatta is August 6 and 7, 2016. We are changing the focus a bit and turning this into a destination camping and sailing event. Of course we encourage you to come and race in this fun and challenging sailing venue. We are reaching out to several fleets to increase the number and types of boats that race this year. Even more exciting, we are encouraging WSC members to treat this as a family event and camping trip. We are going to have AL MORRIS KIDS CAMP during the day Saturday and Sunday for all kids ages four and up with games, adventures, and swimming. On Saturday night Allison will prepare a fabulous spread of sides and salads, with a grill available for bring-your-own-meat. We have the group campsite at Beaver Bay, which is one of the nicest campgrounds on Yale Lake. If you and your family are not interested in sailing we have three other options.

- Volunteer to do race committee and get free camping and dinner
- Volunteer to set up and clean up for out dinner and get a free dinner
- Come and camp with the group and pay only for camping and dinner

This is a new option to get non-sailors to join us at Al Morris this coming year. Register now at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12590>. Questions? Call Allison - (503)806-6986.

Al Morris Current Registrants

Daysailer

1. Toby Deming, WSC
2. Ben Cornett, WSC
3. Rory Banyard & Jenny Tufenkian, WSC
4. John Olsson, WSC
5. Richard Haslacher, WSC

RS Aero

1. Jordi Kellogg, WSC
2. Tom Reinertson, WSC

Lido 14

1. Chris & Crickett Bittner, WSC
2. Mark & Kathy Sandifer, WSC
3. Jim Reavis & Matt Neary, WSC
4. Ronald & Nicole Runyan, WSC
5. Jared & Desmond Lathrop, WSC
6. Jim Clevenberg & Martha Hyatt, WSC
7. Ken Perine, WSC

Laser

1. David Valentine, WSC
2. Christine Stamper, WSC
3. Dave Jursik, WSC
4. John Purdy, WSC

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Eric & Kim Rimkus, Rose City Yacht Club

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Pirates

On The *Willamette*

August 13th
2016 at WSC

Daytime Events - For Kids and Old Folk!	
10 am - 11:30 am:	Kids' Treasure Hunt - Sail to Pirate Bay on Ross Island Seek a real wooden treasure chest and booty bags - Pirate King Challenge -
High Noon:	Fire Cannon - Start Battle Sails - Kids and Adults
1:00 pm:	Lunch - Dogs - n - Grogs
1:30 pm:	Swords - Fight for the Flag
2:00 pm:	Pistol Duels at 30 paces
2:30 pm:	Walk the Plank
3:00 pm:	Flag Ceremony to name the Pirate Kings!

Winner of the Pirate King Challenge, gets to fly the Pirate Flag on their team boats for the year then defend at the next years challenge!

A MUST DO EVENT

IN THE NEW CLUBHOUSE - Costumes Encouraged!

Nights Events - Adult Scallywags and Swashbucklers!	
6:00 pm:	Social Hour - BAR OPEN - fingers
7:00 pm:	Bell Ring - Dinner served - Plunder Potluck Jokes - Stories - Music - Tattoo Contest
8:00 pm:	CASINO night starts - Music n Grazing
10:00 pm:	Casino night ends - RUM Bottle Auction
11:00 pm:	LAST CALL for grog n all Cannon Blasts Midnight LIGHTS OUT!



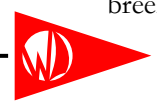
POTLUCK requests.....Each person/couple please bring a main dish that serves about 10 and a side or salad or dessert.

RUM BOTTLE AUCTION...also each person/couple please bring a bottle of RUM of your choice for the auction at the end of the casino night.

Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

First things first for the WSC Laser fleet. The Laser Domination Night for 2016 will be July 25th. If you only race your Laser once this summer, make it on Laser Domination Night. Can we get 35 boats on the line this year? At press time the Summer-1 series is half done with 26 competitors involved. The leader board includes Brian Hickman, John Purdy, and Dave Sexton. Upcoming races on the weekend calendar include the one day Bloomin' Algae regatta on Saturday July 23 which offers a wonderful alternative to the four day North Americans in the Gorge that same weekend. This regatta always delivers warm breeze and many races during one sailing session, plus a great meal afterward. The CGOD regatta on July 30-31 offers a weekend in the Gorge with a comfortable fleet size. Again this month I advertise the Al Morris Regatta on August 6-7 to all WSC Laser sailors. The theme is fun racing this year, and I encourage everyone to pack up the car and attend. The Laser fleet at the Vancouver Lake SC Regatta was small but competitive. We completed six races with Commodore Jursik 4th, Bill Symes 3rd, John Sturman 2nd, and Doug Seeman winning. My latest thoughts on the new MkII Standard sail include the observation that the MkII sail took 1st and 2nd at the VLSC Regatta. The open water and long legs at VLSC showed the MkII sail delivering extra speed upwind in 4-8 kt breezes. I'll see you on the water.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 Wooden Boat Festival	11 Lasers 6:30 Summer Camp Week 5	12 Adult LTS 6:00	13 Fleets 6:30 Telltale Submissions Due	14 Sail & Social 5:30 Adult LTS 6:00	15 Family Friday 5:00	16 Adult LTS 10:00 Women's LTS 10:00
17	18 Lasers 6:30 Summer Camp Week 6	19 Adult LTS 6:00 Board Mtg 6:45	20 Fleets 6:30	21 Sail & Social 5:30 Adult LTS 6:00	22 Family Friday 5:00	23 Adult LTS 10:00 Women's LTS 10:00
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28 Adult LTS 6:00	29 Lasers 6:30	30	<p>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 OGreen - Opti Green Fleet ORace - Opti Race Program LRace - Youth Laser Race Team HSP - High School Race Program CSP - Community Sailing Program</p>			





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Burgers & Dogs - Beer by Uinta Brewing - Live Music by Whistlin' Rufus

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