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Commodore's Corner

by Crickett Bittner

As I am writing this article, there's snow on the ground and the kids are out of school again for the third day in a row. This winter has been a challenge with the snow and ice; I'm looking forward to the warmer weather ahead and the start of the sailing season.

It's going to be an exciting year for our club with the arrival of our new clubhouse. I, for one, am looking forward to the river views from the second floor and the downstairs classrooms teeming with sailors. We are also performing some much-needed repairs to the docks in front of the clubhouse and

along the side of the clubhouse to the ramp. It's going to look fantastic!

We have a fantastic board again this year, and we look forward to following through on the programs that we set into motion last year. We have a couple of new additions to the board. I'd like to personally welcome Toby Deming as our vice commodore and Kevin Reynolds as our treasurer. Mark Sandifer and Joe Corvelli have cycled out of the board this year and I'd like to thank them for their many years of service and contributions to the club. You both helped set some great ideas in motion, and we look forward to continuing in your footsteps.

Stay tuned for updates about the clubhouse and events coming this spring. If you haven't done so already, be sure to sign up on Clubster for newsfeeds for the club and the individual fleets. There are also links to sign up for race committee and submit work hours. It's a great way to keep in touch with the club!

Lastly, I am saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend, Paul Nelson, who has been an active member of our club for over 30 years. He was active in the Thistle fleet and instrumental in the youth programs during the formative years. His family has set up a Go Fund Me account that will be donated to OYFS (Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation) to benefit youth sailors in the Portland area.

"It's remarkable how quickly a good and favorable wind can sweep away the maddening frustrations of shore living." - Ernest K. Gann



From the Manager

by Dave Valentine

2017 is off to a great and exciting start. Spring program registration all ready has a full roster for the High School team and the Opti kiddos are signing up! The WSC Board of Directors hosted their board retreat this past weekend and the ball is in motion for a number of projects which will benefit the membership for many years to come. We've approved funding for some major dock rehabs which will bring the rest of our facilities up to snuff to match our incoming modern sailing facility. Our largest project of the year will be our ambitious goal to raise \$120,000 to replace our sixteen double handed boats. This includes twelve Club 420s and four Flying Juniors. The WSC membership approved putting up \$55,000 out of our reserves to go towards this project at the end of last year; so we only have \$65,000 to go. You'll see a lot of information in the following months on how we plan to accomplish this capital campaign, but I'm confident we'll see a new fleet of boats in place for the start of the 2018 sailing season, if not sooner. The great thing about our campaign is that we're highlighting the sustainable aspect of fleet replacement at WSC. Although we need a large injection of capital to replace so many boats at once, we've proven that we can replace all of the various club owned fleets on a four and six year schedule by dedicating around \$20,000 per year to our sailboat fleet reserves. This replacement plan includes 420s, FJs, Optimists, Sail Cubes, Lasers, and 29ers. The program's at WSC can sustain this \$20,000 / year commitment, which means the equipment at our club will be top quality year after year. If you're interested in supporting this project, you'll be contributing to a sustainable

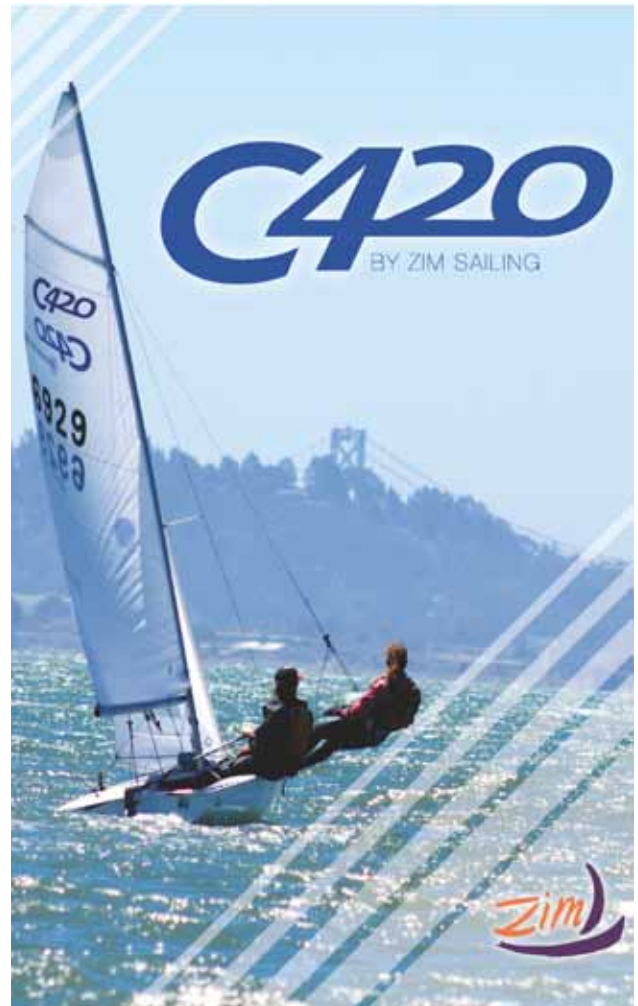


fleet replacement model which will be in place for the foreseeable future. Our double-handed fleet is utilized by a number of different programs at WSC, including the following:

- The largest High School program in the Pacific Northwest. Each year our spring and fall seasons teach 40-50 kids from 7th to 12th grade from 20+ schools in the Portland metro area. Over the past 5 years 450 registrations for the High School Team have been accepted.
- The Adult Learn to Sail program from May – October of each year. Over the past five years 573 adults have completed an adult sailing course at WSC.
- The 420 Half Day summer camp, which teaches novice and intermediate youth sailors the basics of sailing and boat handling. 495 sailors have signed up for this camp over the past five years.
- The “Team Willamette” summer race program that runs each year from June – August has accepted 116 registrations over the past three years.
- The Teen River Adventure summer camp, which is our purpose driven sailing program. Kids learn to sail to a fun destination and go on museum tours, learn about floating home communities, and explore nature trails on Ross Island. 277 sailors have participated in this popular camp over the past five years.
- The Community Sailing Program which offers sailing opportunities to Portland based organizations which work with underserved children. Since 2014 this program has run zero cost programs for The Salvation Army, Friends of the Children, Neighborhood House, and New Avenues for Youth.

We'll keep you updated on our progress and we're always looking for enthusiastic individuals to help us near the finish line. Please shoot me a line if you'd like to be involved in this project! My email is Manager@willamettesailingclub.com

You'll notice that the membership approved 3% membership dues and moorage rate increases have gone into affect on your monthly statements. If you're sending in automatic payments for the old rate, please make sure you make the applicable adjustments.



Paul Nelson Obituary



Paul Nelson passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in early January. He and his wife Jeanette have been active and contributing members of the Willamette Sailing Club in Portland Oregon for well over thirty years and Paul even served as Commodore at one point.

Paul's legacy is that of a teacher and a sailor. Over his lifetime, Paul restored numerous thistle class sailboats, raced in many regattas and even lent his red Tolman skiff to be used by the race committee on several occasions -- He founded the sailing school at WSC. Still, one of his greatest joys was teaching his children how to sail and as a result, both of his children Kelly and Stephen as well as his wife Jeanette also taught sailing at WSC camps for many years.

The Paul Nelson Memorial Fund has been set up through gofundme.com and is currently accepting donations. The goal of this campaign is to endow a scholarship fund for WSC in Paul's name so that more youth might learn how to sail.

Lido Fleet Report

by Kathy Sandifer

I hope everyone has made it through the ice and snow safe and sound. I have not been down to check on our boat, but that is a good idea since the weight of the snow could have torn or dislodged covers. And though winter still has a few more blustery days ahead, I am starting to feel a hint of spring. Therefore, it is time for our Lido Winter Social and Planning Party. Since several people are traveling later this spring, we are going to have the party on Feb 5th, 2017. Anyone interested in sailing or crewing in a Lido, please come. The party will be at the Sandifer's house from 5:30-8:00 pm. Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

We will be electing new officers, scheduling clinics and mostly socializing.

I also wanted to get the summer regattas schedule out as early as possible so people can make plans for their summer.

Turtle Regatta May 6-7 at Willamette Sailing Club

Vancouver Lake Regatta June 10-11 Vancouver Lake Yacht Club, WA

Al Morris Regatta Aug 5-6, Yale Lake, WA

Lido Class Championships Aug11-13 Newport Harbor, CA

See you all soon,
Kathy Sandifer
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Daysailer Fleet Report

by Dick Stokes

Ahoy Daysailer Fleet #23 as we exit the winter darkness and look to a new year of sailing. Since we have a little more time on our couches before real seat time in our boats commences, I invite you to take an armchair adventure with two intrepid Daysailers from their summer of 1994. In Youtube, search "Dinghy Sailing on the north coast of Labrador." Parts 1, 2, 3 total 24 minutes of video of Stephanie White and George Van Sickle's six-week trip from Nain to the Torngat Mountains and back! Highlights are a video in Part 1 of their Daysailer 1 (a Sunfish/Laser like Terry and Janice's) shot from an iceberg 5 mins in; a video in Part 2 of spinnaker running, fjords, ocean swells, caribou; and video in Part 3 of "3rd reef" sailing: "wannanother reef ... yea, another reef would be great!"

I was awestruck by the beauty of these videos and the incredible journey their Daysailer 1 took them through so competently! It's great inspiration for renewing our love of these boats in the coming season. And it's even more reason to join John Olsson's Intensity sail order so we continue to grow as a fleet in skill, safety, and enjoyment! Various pictures from our recent past to bring it a bit closer to home :)



Youth Racing Update

by Peter Rummel

Hi All! I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and is enjoying the new year. The unusual Portland winter has caused a bit of a delay for the winter program with boats becoming full of ice and temperatures in the low 20s. Luckily we have been able to add in some Sunday practices to make up for lost time.

Practice has been going quite well! Most days we have been able to get out on the water having wind in the low teens, meaning we are able to practice trapezing and using the spinnaker. The sailors have become confident getting in and out of the boat and the spinnaker work is getting better each day. We are only a few practices away from being able to have the kite up and set within seven seconds. Our next event on the schedule is the second annual Portlandia Cup Regatta held out on the Columbia River. If you want to follow the program more closely I have been writing a blog that is published on the club's website that follows the practices and am hoping to continue it on through the spring and summer seasons.

Outside of practice, we have the opportunity to do a lot of professional development in the next month. Mitchell and I are heading up to Seattle for the annual Northwest Coaches' Clinic put on by The Sailing Foundation. This is a two day event featuring John Pearce, US Sailing's Youth Director and Helana Scutt, a 2016 49er Olympian, as guest speakers. There will be many local panels discussing the state of youth sailing in the Northwest and workshops ranging from sailing drills to fundraising strategies. After that, we are headed to Austin, Texas for the US Sailing's National Sailing Programs Symposium for three days of workshops focusing on continuing to improve our program. Last year's leadership conference was a great experience, and we were able to implement some improvements learned from last year's conference into our programs.

We are only a few weeks away from wrapping up the winter season and starting high school sailing in mid February, I am looking forward to seeing all high schoolers again and continuing to help them grow as sailors, this upcoming spring season is looking to be one of the best as we have so many returning sailors. One of the biggest changes is that it looks like we will be able to field two team race teams this year, one from Lincoln, and one from St. Marys. Good job on recruiting from your schools! I hope everyone enjoys the rest of winter, as in a few weeks we will be ramping everything back up.

Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

After luffing motionless during the holidays, it is time for the WSC Laser fleet to sheet in and start the 2017 season. For the warmly dressed, we have Laser racing opportunities every weekend in February. The Portlandia Cup starts things off on the Columbia, then the Frigid Digit occurs in Seattle, then the WSC Winter series begins on Sunday Feb. 19. The seminar series during January got becalmed and snowed out, so we will have to reinvigorate that program in coming months. Many thanks to Bill Symes and Phil Gordon for presenting excellent lectures in December. If you have a particular seminar topic that could improve your game then let us know! The new 2017 Rules book has arrived with the subtle improvements mentioned in Sailing World articles over recent months. I plan to buy the latest edition of Dave Perry's Rules Book as I do every four years to stay current in understanding how I can and cannot use the rules to my advantage on the race course. It was announced in Laser Class news that the composite Top Section has been legalized as a replacement for the aluminum version that sailors often see me straightening after windy days on the water. Contact West Coast Sailing for availability and price for this durable new option as the spar is introduced. I'll see you on the water!

Judges Seminar

by Craig Daniels

On Saturday Jan. 21, WSC hosted US Sailing's Club Judge seminar, and on Sunday Jan. 22 a US Sailing's Club Race Officer seminar. Twelve sailors went through the Judge seminar and fourteen went through the Race Officer seminar. Participants were mostly from the Portland metro area, but we did have folks from Eugene, Olympia, and Seattle.

The Judge seminar explained the process of running a protest meeting, and there were a couple of mock protests. It also focused on the parts of the rules concerning "when boats meet," and the rules about protest and protest committee requirements. The Race Officer seminar presented the US Sailing philosophy about running races, which essentially is that the Race Officers are here to serve the customers, who are the racers. Customer satisfaction is the goal. The seminar then outlined how to run a race and the rules that concern running races.

These seminars are the first step in the process to be certified as a club judge or club race officer. The steps don't have to be done in any particular order but the likely next step for most is taking a test on what was learned. I have offered to lead study sessions for those interested.



Christmas Ships Photos



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2017			1	2	3	4 Portlandia Cup
5 Portlandia Cup	6	7	8	9	10	11 Winter Program
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Fall Lasers - Laser Racing Series | HSP - High School Race Program
 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 | JC - Junior Committee
 Winter Program - Winter Youth Racing Team





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