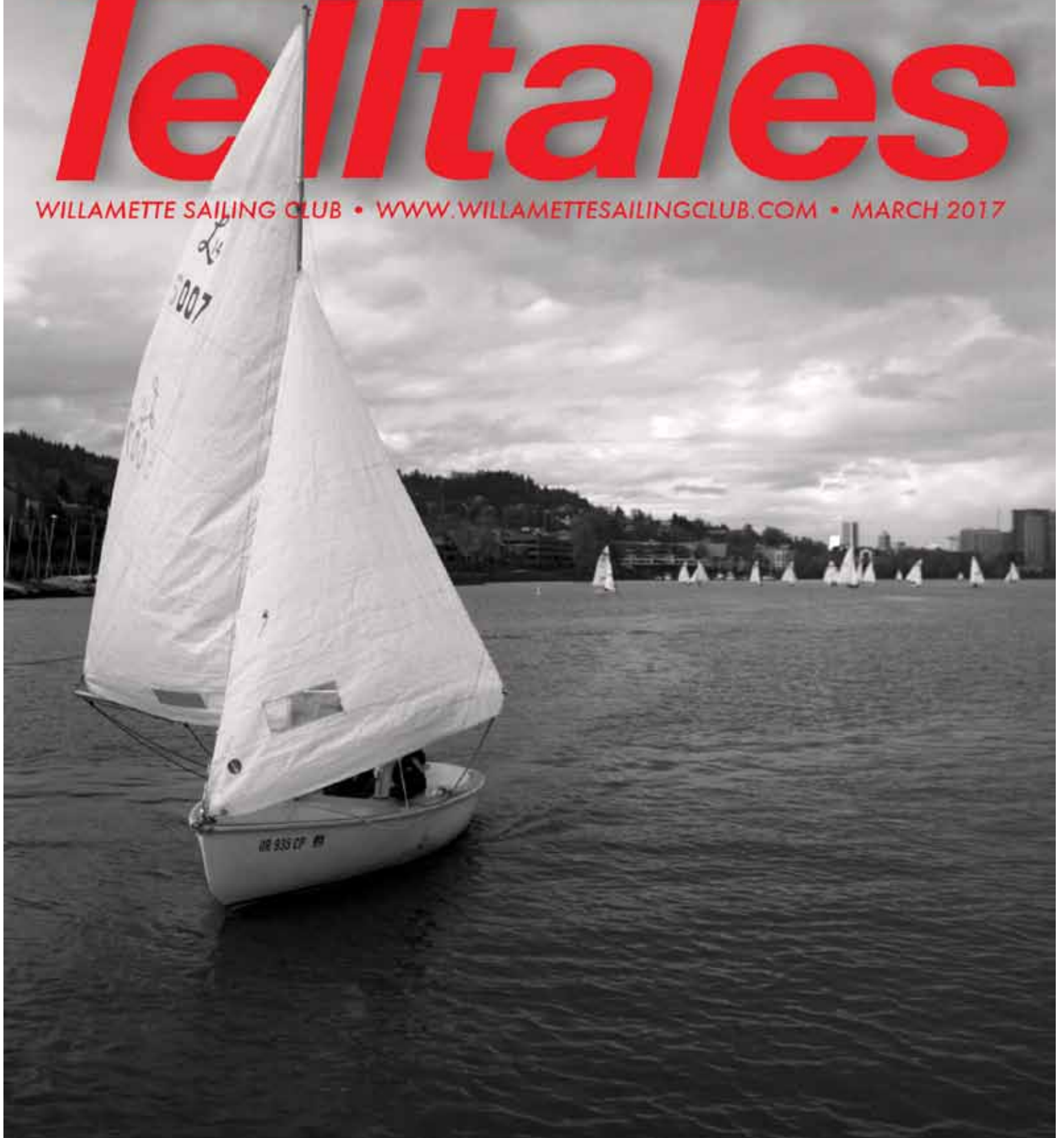




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Commodore's Corners

by Cricket Bittner

Spring is almost here! It's nice to have longer days and warmer temperatures. Adios snow and ice. It means the sailing season is coming (for us fair-weather sailors), and the club calendar is dotted with more sailing and social opportunities. Speaking of which, there will be a new twist on the Commodore's Ball next month so keep your eye on the Willamette Wind for details and sign-up information.

Opening Day is coming up next month, so mark your calendars for April 15th. Opening Day also means there will be new codes for the club gates.

Traditionally, we send out new membership cards with the new code, but we are going to do things a little differently this year. We're getting one step greener and not sending out the cards, thereby saving costs and resources. The gate codes will be posted on Clubster and will only be just a couple clicks away whenever you need them. No more digging through your wallet!

Still keeping a weather eye open for the arrival of the new clubhouse, which is getting closer by the day. In the remaining weeks, we still have to use and take care of our existing one. In particular, please be sure to close and lock the doors if you are the last one down there. We've had a couple reports of the doors left wide open overnight on the weekend and the little heater going full blast (power bill doubled in the last month – ouch!). Did you see the Facebook video of the sea lion on the High School dock? Last thing we need is a family of those guys finding an open doorway and a warm heater one night; we'd have to create a new Membership category for that, ha ha.

See you on the water!



From the Manager

by Dave Valentine

Its springtime and the boats are coming out of hibernation. I'm referring to our fair weather sailors, as many of you winter sailing diehards never stopped. As I type this article, I see Laser sail numbers 185557 and 206063 on the river sailing up and down. I might mention it's raining, windy, and 49°F. High School sailing has 38 kids on the roster with practices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We purchased new 420 sails last year, so you'll see the bright WSC burgee representing our club on the River. Speaking of equipment upgrades, our club Lasers and Optimists also have brand new

sails ready to go for the spring season. Spring Optimist sailing will start on March 13, and I'm very excited to announce that 15 kids are signed up for this program.

We've got some enthusiastic volunteers committed to working with us on our fundraising campaign for fleet replacement this year. As mentioned in my February article, fleet replacement is expected to cost us about \$120,000 to replace our twelve C-420s and four Flying Juniors. We are putting up \$55,000 out of reserves to get the ball rolling, and an additional \$5,000 has already been raised. This leaves \$60,000 to go before the end of the year to ensure we have a fresh fleet for the 2018 sailing season. The majority of our fundraising efforts will launch in May of this year, so stay tuned for more details. Our campaign is titled "Sailing is Sustainable" and we'll be working with a number of sailing related organizations in Portland to accomplish our fundraising goals. I'm excited to work with Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation (OYSF) once again as anything is possible when our two organizations work together.

On a less exciting note, it is with regret that I announce that WSC Head Coach Peter Rummel will not be continuing the rest of the spring season with our program. Coach Peter is moving on to due to personal reasons. With respect to his privacy, the details of his departure are confidential, but we wish him the best. Coach Peter has been a major contributor to the success of our programs



over the past three years. I would like to assure everyone that although this is a major development for our program, we are prepared to continue the season as planned. Practices and regattas will not be majorly affected. Coach Haines Whitacre will be moving into the Lead Coach role for the High School team for the remainder of the spring season. The Board of Directors has launched a nationwide search to fill the vacancy of Head Coach at our club. We are confident that an enthusiastic and experienced candidate will be found.

I will follow that disappointing news with a bit of good news. You'll see on Pg. 4 that Christine Barbour will be joining our seasonal coaching staff for the spring and summer. Christine will be arriving in Portland from Austin, Texas on Tuesday, March 7. Christine will be assisting Lead Coach Haines with High School practices and regattas, and taking a lead role in developing our Optimist programs. Be sure to say hi (or HOWDY) to Christine when you see her around the club!

Learn to Sail (LTS) registration officially went live on March 1. Registrations for both youth and adult camps are flowing in at a steady pace, which means the summer season will be here before we know it. The office has a very ambitious registration target this year, and we've made some changes to remove and expand camps based on previous years performance. This summer you'll see more options for the "Minnows" camp for age five to seven. Can you believe we get kids sailing at five years old? Find registration information for camps and classes on our website under the "Learn to Sail" tab.

Our social and racing calendar really gets going in the month of April. Check your weekly E-newsletter Willamette Wind for weekly updates, and get familiar with the Clubster app. We'll be using Clubster more and more as the season gets going, and as soon as that new sailing facility hits our docks we'll be launching the Bar & Grill with over the top enthusiasm!

Some upcoming events not to miss:

Meet the Fleets & The Commodore's Cookout: Saturday, April 8

As a bit of a pre-season opener, we'll be inviting all new members and past adult participants of our Learn to Sail program to come down to the club to meet the fleets. This is our way of exposing some of our new and prospective members to the club, and to show them what Lido, Laser, Thistle, and Daysailer sailing is all about. Make sure your fleet is well represented at this event!

Commodore's Cookout: Saturday, April 8

Meet the fleets will be immediately followed by the Commodore's Cookout. We're rebranding the Commodore's Ball this year because that's what the Commodore wants to do! Expect delicious BBQ catered by Big Kahuna and even better company. Log on to the website to RSVP. This year it's only \$20 per adult and \$10 per youth, so we expect a great turnout!

Opening Day: Saturday, April 15

Opening day is the official launch of WSC's spring racing season. Sunday just so happens to be Easter Sunday, so we opted for a Saturday celebration instead of the traditional Sunday. Another change this year is that both Lasers and Fleets will be racing at 2:00pm. This will prevent some of you from sailing both of your boats on opening day, but we're excited to see everyone on the water at the same time. The following spring racing schedule will continue as usual with Lasers racing on Monday's at 6:30pm and Fleets racing on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Sailing instructions and race committee sign-ups can be found on Clubster and on the website.



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Youth Racing Update

by Peter Rummel

The high school sailing season just kicked off, and we are pleased to announce that there are 37 returning sailors! New this season, we have been working hard on providing more opportunities for sailors to participate. Through working with the Newport and Hood River high school programs we have been able to come up with an Oregon Local Series that runs along the standard travel schedule. WSC will be hosting four of these events this spring season, so be prepared to see lots of high school sailors around the docks on the weekend. Please email the office and let us know if you would be interested in being race committee for one of these regattas as we will be relying heavily on volunteers to make these events possible.

While we were at the US Sailing National Sailing Program Symposium last week it was surprising to hear that nationally, in competitive sailing, boys outnumber girls by a ratio of 7:1. This certainly isn't the case here at WSC, where on the high school and summer race teams the ratio is 1:1, so good on WSC for leading the nation in gender equality in competitive sailing! Due to this, we have started a junior women's mentorship program for the high school team where midshipman members Ashley Lund and Brooke Murphy will be coming to practices once a week to help round out the coaching staff and make it more reflective of the makeup of the team.

We are also finishing up our last week of 29er practice out on the Columbia. It has been quite a up and down season with the brutal winter we have had this year, but the sailors have progressed a lot in the amount of time they have had on the water and last practice marked the first time we had two 29ers out on the water with the crews fully trapping and getting the spin up. They have all come a long way from nervously hanging onto the trap with both hands on a 420, to now stretching out in the harness and putting some power into the boat when the puff hits. We are in a great spot to pick up for the summer race circuit and we're proud of the sailors for braving the cold water and challenging conditions that we have up on the Columbia.

That's all for now, stay tuned to the youth blog for practice and regatta updates and to check in on what we are practicing.

Daysailer Fleet Report

by Dick Stokes

Spring has sprung more snow according to Himes up in the hills! Peter is recommending everyone who isn't snowed-in get down to the club and start the prep of your boats for the upcoming events kicking off the new 2017 season.

There is LOTS going on with Fleet #23 right now besides our buying 10 sets of Intensity sails to ensure fun and fair racing this year. Rich is fully engaged with updating several boats for WSC's spring events and the Memorial Day weekend regatta in Eugene!

Huntington Lake in California is now finally full for the July Nationals, so WSC may not hoast as a back up on the Columbia River. Even so, Toby Deming is now Vice Commodore at WSC, and current reigning "Rebel VP" of the National Daysailer Organization. Whats not to admire and love about that!

Terry and Janice have sold their boat to new members John and Maureen Cole, welcome to WSC! The Yorke Yacht will return to racing this year crewed by Kim, Kate, and Rachel. There are several new members waiting in the wings if they can find a good Daysailer. Please keep me posted if you hear of one! And the search continues for a Daysailer Fleet loaner to be easily accessed on the 420 dock.

By the time you read this, we'll have "sprung forward" with our clocks, and I hope the longer days find you taking advantage of late afternoons and evenings on our beloved river!

Lewis & Clark Collegete Update

by Torin Lee

By the time you read this, our spring season will be well underway. We're involved in the regular NWICSA regattas (Team Racing on Lopez Island March 4-5 is a team favorite. A big thanks to host WWU for putting that on), and a few special ones not usually in our lineup. We qualified for the St. Francis intersectional in San Francisco (April 8-9) with credit to our former co-captain and current WSC coach Haines Whitacre for posting solid A fleet scores during the qualifier. We're also headed to SYSCO's Daylight Savings Dash and RCYC's Frostbite Regatta mid-march to get some keelboat racing in our repertoire.

Together with Oregon State University, we will be hosting the Team Race Championships on April 22-23. We need volunteers for race committee. If you have experience as a team race umpire, and would like to help that weekend, let us know.

We also want to reach out to our alumni community. If you are a Lewis & Clark alum, please drop us a line at sailing@lclark.edu. If you know someone who is, send them this article! Current team leaders (Torin Lee and Sky Jones) are working on establishing an alumni network that future generations of the team can draw upon for support. We also want to keep you in the loop about what's happening with the team, and provide a way for alumni from a wide range of years to connect with each other.

See you on the water!



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Coach Introduction

by Christine Barbour



Hello WSC members! I'm so excited to be working with the Optimist crowd this Spring and Summer. I visited Portland for the first time back in January and had a blast. Other than having an average low of 40° this past winter, Austin and Portland seem to have a lot in common. The hipsters, microbreweries, and “keep _____ weird” slogan all sound like home.

Some sailing related words about me:

Sailing has been a big part of my life since my “tweenage” years. Like most, I started out in Optis, then graduated to literally anything else. Unlike most, I absolutely loved racing Optis. The many, many sail ties were a big factor. My home club is Houston Yacht Club, but I also trained at Corpus Christi YC. After high school, I continued racing at Texas A&M University at Galveston; where I met and raced with everyone's favorite club manager. While in college, we

represented the South Coast at ICSA Champs for four years straight, and spent the majority of weekends traveling for regattas. Most favorably remembered are the Halloween, New Year, and Mardi Gras regattas in New Orleans each year. I've coached for Houston YC, Corpus Christi YC, Galveston Boat Club, spent some time coaching in Panama City, FL, then made my way to Grand Bahama. After spending this summer in Portland, I plan on heading back to Austin to start nursing school.

Also about me: my name is Christine Barbour (pronounced like “barber” shop). I can't wait to get out on the water with everyone!

Lido Fleet Report

by Kathy Sandifer

The Lidos will be having their Winter Social and Planning Party on Sunday April 2 at 6:30 pm at the Sandifer's house. Bring a side dish to share and something to drink. We will be planning for the Turtle Regatta and electing new officers and mostly just socializing.

Rules of the Road With Craig Daniels

by Craig Daniels

Here is the first in a series of articles about the rules for our SYSCO newsletter. This is an updated version of an article I wrote for the Cal 20 newsletter a couple of years ago. In general, this series will focus mostly on the rules, but in this first article I also want to talk about the reasons for differing stories among the protestor and protestee, risk management on the race course, and how protest hearings are structured.

Making good decisions on the race course means risk analysis, so if you see a rule situation arising, it is useful to ask yourself whether the risks of getting involved in the situation are worth the potential reward.

In November 2015, I was a judge at an event sailed in Lasers. The protest I will share from that regatta highlights several rules and the interaction of the rules and risk management while sailing a race, and includes a bit about human behavior.

Here is a drawing of the beginning of the situation:

Blue is clear astern and Yellow has mark-room rights, but there looks like there might be room for Blue to slip inside. If you were Blue, would you try to get inside or not? Why? Think about the risk-return ratio. If you make it, you gain a little. If you don't, you will have to do a 360 or 720, depending on the rules.

I want to highlight something else, too. Being a judge, I notice that people on different boats have differing perspectives. They may actually see different things, and memory can be faulty. Sometimes competitors believe that the other skipper is lying when he or she isn't. This protest is a lovely example of how the two fairly different stories can both be true.

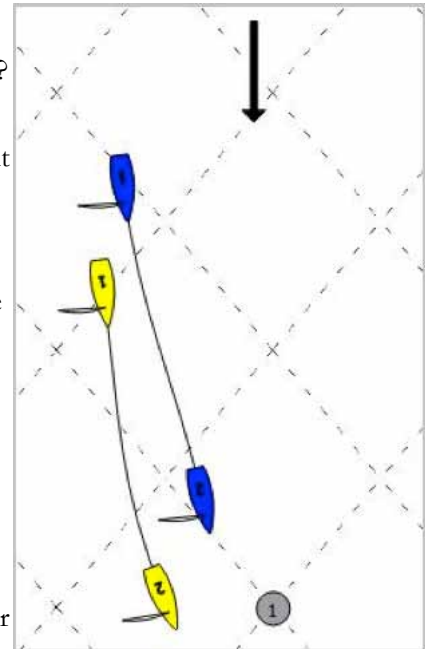
The judges on the protest committee need to decide the most likely scenario from the testimonies heard, called “Facts Found,” and then decide who broke which rules, if any. We heard testimonies from three people: Yellow--the protestor; Blue--the protestee; and a witness for Blue.

Since Yellow was the protestor, he went first: “At the zone (three boat-length circle), I was clear ahead of Blue. I had a little trouble making a good rounding. After I passed the mark by about half a boat-length, while pulling in my main, I felt a bump on my back and looked to windward and saw Blue. I headed above close-hauled but not above head-to-wind. I yelled, ‘Protest.’”

Blue's testimony: “I agree that Yellow was clear ahead at the zone. I saw space next to the mark and decided to head inside of Yellow. As I rounded the mark I started pulling in my mainsheet, which fully occupied my attention. The next thing I noticed was the skipper of Yellow leaning over. He tapped my boat with his hand and said, ‘Protest.’ Yellow was not in his normal sailing position, and Yellow had headed up above close-hauled.”

Blue also came very close to saying that Yellow had exhibited unsportsmanlike conduct and pretty much felt that Yellow was lying in his testimony. At this point the head judge talked to both parties a little bit about respecting each other's viewpoint.

The witness was called by Blue. The witness said that he was behind and to leeward of both Yellow and Blue when he was rounding. He was so busy that he actually didn't see anything, but he did hear a bump. I asked the witness if he could describe the sound of the bump. I was curious if it sounded like a hull hitting a life jacket or a hull hitting a hull. He said he was too



busy to be able to tell.

After questions, the parties left so that the judges could decide what most likely happened and declare the Facts Found. On the surface, it appeared as though we had two very different stories disagreeing completely with each other. But, after some discussion, we decided they were both correct. Here is how:

Wind and sea conditions: 15 knots of wind and 2 - 3 foot wind waves. This is important as it meant that both parties were very busy when rounding and the water and wind were creating noise. Yellow was clear ahead at the zone and at the mark. Yellow swung wide of the mark and left one boat length of room inside. Both Blue and Yellow were very busy with their roundings. Blue came through inside of Yellow. Yellow headed up to close hauled. Blue was moving faster than Yellow. Blue bumped into the port side of Yellow near Yellow's stern. Blue was too busy to notice so the bump must have been slight. That is probably what the witness heard (it was too windy for the witness to have heard a bump into a life jacket). Then Blue's boat slid up and bumped Yellow's lifejacket. Blue was busy and the bumps were light so Blue didn't realize he had hit Yellow.

Yellow was so busy that he didn't feel the boat-on-boat bump but did feel a bump on his lifejacket, and turned in surprise to say "Protest." He reached out as he turned and touched Blue since Blue was so close.

We will never know exactly what happened, but the above scenario fit the testimony, so the judges decided we would base our Facts Found on it.

Let's pause a second and notice that neither skipper lied; they both just noticed only part of the incident. I encourage all of you to be aware of that the next time you discuss a rule violation with another boat, whether you are in the protest room or not. Remember, too, that our memories are faulty.

From the above, we came up with our Facts Found. They should only contain information relative to the decision.

Facts Found: 15 knots of wind and 2 - 3 foot wind waves. Yellow and Blue were sailing downwind on port tack. At the three boat-length circle, Yellow was clear ahead of Blue by half a boat length. Both boats rounded the mark with Blue astern of Yellow. Yellow was on a close hauled course, Blue was slightly below close hauled. At half a boat-length past the mark, Blue became overlapped to windward of Yellow. There was contact between Blue's bow and Yellow's life jacket. There was no damage, and neither boat did a 720 degree turn to exonerate herself.

Here is a drawing to go with the Facts Found:

Given those Facts Found, here is the process we used to arrive at a conclusion:

First, was rule 18 in effect? If you have a US Sailing rule book, it would be good to find these rules for yourself as we go through this.

It was in effect before the rounding, and here is why: SECTION C, AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS "Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them." So, rule 18, which is part of Section C could apply.

Next: 18 MARK-ROOM, 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies: "Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply ..."

You should read the exceptions and see that they didn't apply. So Rule 18 did apply, but was it still in effect when the incident occurred?

Next, find 18.2 Giving Mark-Room. Read through (a) and see it is not relevant, but (b) is: "(b) If boats are overlapped when the first of them reaches the zone, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat mark-room. If a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the zone, the boat clear astern at that moment shall thereafter give her mark-room." So, Yellow had mark-room because she was clear ahead.

This fits our situation, but we need to go to the definitions and look up mark-room.

"Mark-Room: Room for a boat to leave a mark on the required side. Also, (a) room to sail to the mark when her proper course is to sail close to it, and (b) room to round the mark as necessary to sail the course."

Pay particular attention to (b). Both boats were half a boat-length past the mark, so they had rounded the mark. Then 18.2(d) comes into effect so 18.2(b) and (c) cease to apply. Therefore rule 18 is not in effect and was not relevant at the moment of contact.

Because Rule 18 did not apply at that moment, we turn to another rule that was also in effect. Blue was overlapped to weather of Yellow, so we turn to rule 11: "ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat."

Clearly, Blue did not keep clear, but there rules regarding the right-of-way boat changing course and both boats avoiding contact.

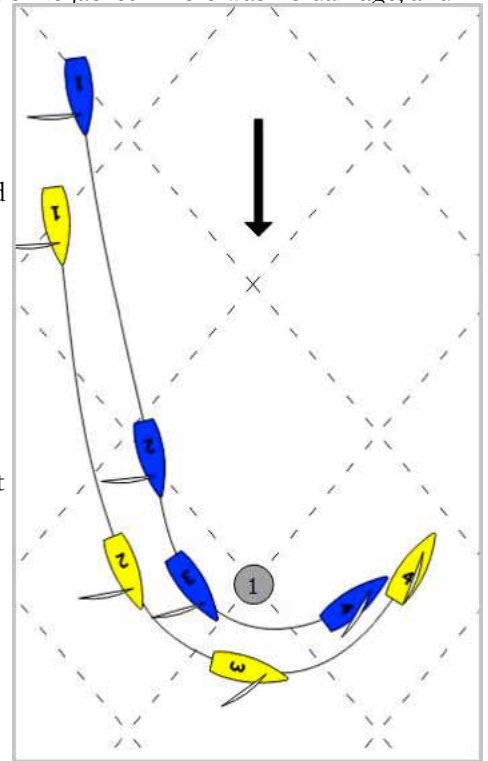
"16 CHANGING COURSE 16.1 When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear." We felt that Yellow had finished coming up to close hauled before Blue had hit her.

"14 AVOIDING CONTACT A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room, and (b) shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury."

There was no damage or injury, so Yellow was exonerated under (b). If there had been damage or injury, it would be possible that Yellow too would be penalized.

Conclusion: Blue, as windward boat, failed to keep clear of Yellow, the right-of-way boat. Blue broke Rule 11 and will be scored DSQ.



Now, what do you think about Blue's decision to go inside? He gambled gaining one spot vs a DSQ. Unless that spot would have meant something such as going to the next level of competition (suppose this was a qualifier for a World championship), I don't think this was worth the risk.

I'd be curious about any comments you have on this article and any scenarios or rules you would like addressed in future articles. Many thanks to my editors: Audrey Daniels, Sarah Daniels, and Cathy McCallum.

Board Minutes - Board Retreat

by Susan Ellis

Willamette Sailing Club Board Meeting Retreat Minutes:
January 28, 2017

by Vice Commodore Toby Deming and Secretary Susan Ellis

Call to Order at 8:15 am

Attendees: Crickett Bittner (Commodore), Dave Jursik (Rear Commodore), Toby Deming (Vice Commodore), Rich Haslacher (Fleet Captain), Susan Ellis (Secretary), Dave Valentine, (WSC Manager).

Last year's Rear Commodore Mark Sandifer is staying involved to help with dredging.

2016 Successes (Dave J)

Budget was projected to make \$50,000 net profit and ended up making \$100,000. Approval for dock replacement (a high priority before spring series begins – Ken Perrine and Jim Van Hook will be seeking qualified labor). Approval for fleet replacement.

2016 Review and Items for Coming Year (Crickett)

Member enhancement, good Intro to racing sessions, new members on race committee, good involvement in Thursday's Sail and Social, upper lot looks much better with the inactive trailers out,

Toby noted that Rose City Awning has graciously allowed us to store trailers at their place of business in the NW industrial area for a nominal fee.

The trolley may start using its tracks again (time TBD). This will affect parking beside the tracks. Board members will do their best to fly their flags when on site. Dave V. will ask Jim Van Hook to build a weatherproof box at the base of the flag pole to house the flags.

Pirates of the Willamette was not well attended this year and has seen a continual drop-off of participants over the past years. Those who came had a blast. It was a good event just not well attended. Board discussed trying another event.

Wooden Boat Festival will be July 12th. It is a huge effort on WSC's part to put this on. We do everything but build the boats and need to find ways to make it work for use too. One idea was to combine Sail a Small Boat day with the second day of the festival.

Club House update (Dave J)

Progress has continued to be slow, but steady. Unfinished work includes the following as well as other smaller projects: Paint the exterior, install the upper deck, railings, kitchen exhaust fan, interior and exterior doors/

hardware, electrical and plumbing finishes, and bar top. Dave J., Bart and Mark S. have agreed to stay on until the project is finished. Bart continues to be the WSC contact with the builder.

Opening Day is SATURDAY April 15. Hope to open club house and race season on the same day.

Discussions Regarding 2017 Board Responsibilities (All)

Board went over Crickett's list. She wants to continue working on some form of a mentoring program and efforts to include all new and existing members in activities. Classes for new sailors are needed and good but, she would also like to see something for the experienced racers. Class ideas included: roll tacking, capsizing drills for sailors and the safety board captains. Work hour tasks to be generated primarily by Dave and Ken. Discussed reaching out to those with special training to help of certain tasks. Discussed fleet replacement and the need to get going on this task ASAP.

Starting the permit process this year for dredging project. Permit will be good for five years. Harbor is getting regular soundings and only notice minimal change in the past few years. Will continue to monitor. There may also come a time where the economical means of disposing of the soil will arise and cause us to dredge earlier than "needed". Mark S. and Dave J. are actively involved. The committee should include Dave Winchester, John Gordon and maybe a wetlands consultant?

Youth Sailing and Draft Budget (Dave J)

Discussed coaching and staffing needs for the youth programs. Also talked about different ways to support the coaches and staff.

Since most of the communications are done directly between the office and the Junior Sailing parents the Youth Sailing Committee is no longer needed. Board voted to dissolve the committee.

In the 2016 budget, the "C" dock deck replacement money never got spent. As a house keeping measure: board voted to move the \$10,000 the club approved for this project from the 2016 budget to the 2017 budget.

Discussed employee health insurance packages and the need for the board to take a little extra time in the future to review them. Lynne Hemmert has been helpful in areas in the past. David V. discussed the potential need for a full-time Opti Coach. Board felt that more analysis needs to be done regarding costs and budget, so will be discussing this more at the next Board Meeting

Fleets (Rich)

Race score keeping is to return to the fleets. Lasers already have Walt and Dave J. on it. Rich will find someone for the Fleet. Registration for racing will be a once a year event for the entire season. The office will generate that list and maintain it. Winter and Fall Racing will be open to all



fleets with each fleet getting a separate start. Races will be from 2:00 to 4:00. Opening Day: All fleets will be racing starting at 2:00..

Port Captain's Report (Crickett for Ken)

Discussed blackberry removal. Work party dates look fine except for October 14th; should be dropped due to work hour billing cycle. Wants to reseal the ramp this year but, it could be put off until next year.

Board agreed to defer idea for a fire pit to a later date. Ken is in full support of getting new FJ and 420s ASAP.

Membership Requests (Susan)

Membership Resignations:

1. Shannon Baird (Regular)
2. Thomas Eubanks (Regular)
3. Doug Turley (Regular)
4. Mark Brown (Senior)
5. Jeffrey Hickman (Midshipman)
6. Ian Stewart (Youth)
7. Tavia Kittredge (Youth)
8. Sasha Dierauf (Youth)
9. Nick Stump (Youth)
10. Andrew "Drew" Bennett (Youth)

Membership Change Requests:

1. Grant Noel (Senior > Associate)
2. Paul & Jeanette Nelson (Regular > Associate)
3. Dan Kocarnik (Regular > Associate)

Susan also noted a goal for the year is timely notice to members of upcoming by-law changes. The 3rd Tuesday will be Board meeting starting at 6:45 pm. The first general meeting is Thursday April 20th

Office Report (Dave V)

Operations

- Winter Program has 7 participants. Practice continues until February 25. Peter has been updating the new blog on the website every week. Sailors have also been keeping up sailing journals to monitor their own progress.

- Wild Turkey Regatta was a huge success and well attended. 20+ boats were on the water. Shannon Clune and Jim Harper organized the event this year and the highlight was the fried turkey. Matt "Cruiser" Cohen won the "Wild Turkey Perpetual" Trophy in his Thistle Colonel Mustard.

- Christmas Ships Party was well attended with over 60 ships in the parade. The membership enjoyed a "sneak attack" by the Fireboat. There were plenty of delicious potluck dishes provided by the members. Celebrity bartenders included former employee Caitie Bryson and Club Manager David Valentine with their hot and cold drink specials. The event was unique this year with space heaters on the patio, laser lights, and even a bubble machine.

- On the weekend of January 21-22 US Sailing hosted a Judge and Race Management seminar at WSC. 12 and 14 registrants attended the seminars, including some WSC members. WSC member Craig Daniels coordinated the events.

- 2017 Key Events at WSC have been scheduled, see attachment.

- Al Morris campground reservations were booked by Rich Haslacher and Toby Deming. We missed the Group Campsite but multiple individual campsites were booked at Beaver Bay. See attachment for reservation visual.

Status of Programs

High School Program

- 39 kids currently signed up. The max registration number is 40 sailors; this is reduced from the 50 sailor cap of last season. We believe this is a more manageable number and will increase the quality of instruction to individual sailors.

- A two-day orientation has been added the week before the first day of practice. Since most of the kids are returning and not new this season, we saw it appropriate to add this orientation so newer kids can meet each other. Also once practice starts Peter and the other coaches can just jump right into practice and they don't have to do an orientation with all 40 students.

- Peter has recruited a couple of female Midshipman members to help out with practices and to act as role models for younger female sailors.

- High School Sailing starts on February 21 and ends May 25. Practice will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This new schedule allows sailors to have a break on Mondays if they have traveled to an event over the weekend. This appears to be a popular change.

Opti Program

- 7 kids currently signed up, a great start.
- The Opti Race and Opti Green programs are going to be combined on the same days (Monday and Wednesdays). They will still be split programs, but our hope with making the practice days the same are to build a connection between the Race and Green kids. There has been a lack of connection between Opti Green, Opti Race, and HS sailors. We believe this will increase the quality of the program and encourage kids to look up to their more advanced peers.

- There will be one main coach that oversees both Opti programs, with two assistants to help out. Each assistant will be dedicated to either Green or Race, and then the main coach will go between the two programs as they see fit. This main coach will also travel with the Race kids to away regattas.

- The Optimist program has seen a lot of changeover in coaching since 2014. Our goal for 2017 is to increase the quality of the Optimist program by having one dedicated coach to all Opti sailors.

Learn to Sail Summer Planning

- Many 2016 summer coaches have already submitted applications to return this summer for 2017

- WSC will be hosting a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course over Spring Break, which will certify up and coming coaches.

- Mitchell is in the process of interviewing outside coaches who are interested in spending a summer in Portland.

- Online registration is in the works to be released on March 1, 2017.

- Adult Learn to Sail classes will begin mid-May.

- We have received a number of requests for custom sailing classes and private lesson inquires are starting to roll in. All good signs!

Staff Development



Peter and Mitchell will be attending a coaches' clinic this weekend in Seattle. Andrew Nelson from The Sailing Foundation in Seattle organizes the clinic. This clinic is split into two different categories, programs and coaching. They will be attending the following presentations:

- Programs
 - Boosting attendance in your programs
 - Tricks to hiring, managing, and developing great staff
- Beyond racing - Adding adventure programming
 - Fundraising tips and strategies
- Coaching
 - What we can learn from the Team USA Olympic Coaches
 - Transitioning from FJ sailor to higher performance sailor
 - Drills and practice tips for HS / college teams

The keynote speaker will be Helena Scutt, who was the crew on the USA 49erXX at last summer's Olympic games down in Rio. John Pearce, US Sailing's Youth Director, will also be presenting on Saturday.

In addition, Mitchell and Peter will be attending the 2017 US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium in Austin Texas. We successfully received various grants to support this trip, so the expected out of pocket cost for WSC will be under \$500.

Upcoming Events:

- Portlandia Cup – February 4-5
- February 11 – OCSA Race Management Seminar, 10:00am – Noon.
- February 12 – Night Captain Seminar – Hosted by Bill Symes
- February 16-18 – US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium, Austin TX
- Commodore's Ball - TBD
- April 1 – Author of Saving Sailing to speak at Willamette Sailing Club (Nicholas Hayes)
- April 16 – Opening Day
- April 17 – Spring Laser Series (6:30pm Mondays)
- April 19 – Spring Fleet Series (6:30pm Wednesdays)

Financials:

Term: January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016
Total Checking / Savings	\$505,834	\$603,825
Net Ordinary Income	\$194,523	\$180,825

Discussion:

1. Member of the Month: Craig Daniels for hosting the US Sailing seminars and for his continued effort teaching racers.
2. Select date for Commodore's Ball (March or April) – still TBD
3. Honorary membership status for Mark Brown recommendation. To be approved at April GM
4. "Toby's Bright Idea" – Toby & Everett's trailer storage solution to be reviewed by Ken and returned to board for discussion.
5. Request for work party dates

6. OYSF / WSC Coach Request – coach to be shared by both organizations based on seasons/workload. Board support this concept (on more info is provide on financial impact) and will revisit once Dave V has a three year commitment from OYSF Board.

February Board Minutes

by Susan Ellis

Call to Order at 6:45 am

Attendees: Crickett Bittner (Commodore), Dave Jursik (Rear Commodore), Toby Deming (Vice Commodore), Kevin Reynolds (Treasurer), Rich Haslachner (Fleet Captain), Ken Perine (Port Captain), Susan Ellis (Secretary), Dave Valentine (WSC Manager).

Minutes of January Board Meeting/Retreat approved and will be published in March Telltales

National Sailing Symposium (Dave V for Mitchell Burke and Peter Rummel)

With the help of a grant from the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation, Mitchell and Peter were able to attend this event. It was a great opportunity for both of them as they got to meet other club sailing teachers/leaders and learn a lot of new things that will help benefit WSC. Some highlights included updating and maintaining our emergency action plan (EAP), training in sailing skills and physical health with a focus more on practice than competing, leadership on the water, single gender classes and women's sailing, more frequent and effective meetings. They will start implementing things they've learning in the coming months and suggested a board member attend next year.

Club House update (Dave J)

The contractor's health issues slowed some of the work down in January, but the Foreman and Project Manager are now on board with completing the final tasks like painting doors, installing hardware and the final electric and plumbing elements and finishing flashing on second floor porch roof. Once this is done the new building can be moved to the site for installation work (hooking up utilities) and finish elements (like furnishing etc). An extension of the bank construction loan should be approved within the week.

Facilities Update (Ken)

Ken presented his facilities plan including landscaping (clearing blackberries), dock and asphalt repair/replacement,, work parties, and tree removal. Arborist should determine if the tree in the upper lot by the fence is dead, dying or dangerous before removal. Dave J felt that repairs along Dock 4 (path to club) should occur prior to arrival of the new clubhouse, as these docks will be needed for activities.

Fleets (Rich)

With approval from the Fleet captains, new racing instructions are on the web. Winter series started on Sunday – racing starts at 2:00 pm for all fleets. Board discussed making this a non-awards level series because it is mostly just lasers and other



fleets may come out to practice if not so competitive. This would also give an opportunity for new sailors to practice racing skills in a more relaxed environment. Rich is planning a Night Captain breakfast to learn more about setting up races. Dave V suggested some youth sailors might be willing to cook for this!

Membership Engagement (Toby)

Part of his new job is to get members more involved with club activities. He is planning a “Meet the Fleet” event for April 8 where members who have joined in the past year and who took adult sailing lessons last year can try the boats and sail with members. He’s looking at options for more of these fun events and will continue to consider loaner boat ideas.

Communications (Susan)

Susan will begin spotlighting new members for the telltales. There were no new regular members in January so could look back to those who joined at the end of last year. Dave V suggested we include two new youth members who just joined and board agreed this was a good idea. He will send contact info and Susan will create a quick questionnaire for them and ask for photo. Board discussed using Clubster and other means to share gate code to avoid time an expense of mass mailing. Dave V is familiar with those members who prefer paper mail so could be sure to get info out to them. Ken will look into other lock options such as push button to make it easier to open gates and more secure in that there would be nothing to reset to zero.

Financial Update (Kevin)

Budget on track. The \$4K shown for maintenance in January is actually a bill that was paid for December dock work (approved under 2016 budget). Moorage fees are up as more boats overwintered at the club. Six weeks of staff time still need to be accounted for in the budget. Our bookkeeper is back and paperwork should be ready soon for tax preparer. A financial statement will be ready for April General Membership Meeting. Kevin and Dave V will discuss options to deal with bad debt (members with past due accounts).

Membership Requests (Susan)

Membership Resignations:

1. Sanne Murphy (Youth)
2. Ben Becker (Youth)
3. Camille Barron (Youth)
4. Ella Crosby (Youth)
5. Gilbert Meigs (Regular)

Membership Change Requests:

1. Andrew Mathe (Midshipman > Associate)

Office Report (Dave V)

Operations

- Portlandia Cup was a success. Youth attendance was low but over 33 adults participated in J105s and Capri 22s. Island Sailing Club enjoyed the joint event. We’re looking to move the regatta later in the year to boost attendance.
- High School New Sailing Orientation was last week. Most sailors are returning this season, but new(ish) sailors showed up to brush up on their skills.

- High School Spring program officially starts today. Practices run for 15 weeks every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. First regatta is at Olympia in 2 weekends.
- 12 kids signed up for the spring Optimist program. 7 kids on the race team, 5 kids on the green team. Optimist program starts on March 13.
- Whaler #1 was taken to Ampro to access lower unit damage. Is not repairable. Lower unit has been replaced and the prop repaired.
- Mitchell and Peter attended two staff development seminars.
 - o The NW Coaches Clinic hosted by The Sailing Foundation in Seattle.
 - o The US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium in Austin, TX.
- Summer Learn to Sail Registration to launch on March 1.
- Nicholas Hayes to speak at WSC on April 1. Registration through the WSC website at \$20 / person. Limited to 80 tickets.

Upcoming Events

- April 1 – Author of Saving Sailing to speak at Willamette Sailing Club (Nicholas Hayes)
- April 15 – Opening Day – Racing at 2:00pm
- April 17 – Spring Laser Series (6:30pm Mondays)
- April 19 – Spring Fleet Series (6:30pm Wednesdays)

Financials:

Term: January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

	January 1, 2017	January 31, 2017
Total Checking / Savings	\$531,401	\$576,719
Net Ordinary Income	\$23,567	\$32,001

Discussion:

1. Telltales articles due on Friday. 2/24/17
2. 2017 roster will be sent to the printers on March 1. Available for pick-up in the office, we will not be mailing them out.
3. Website refresh is a slow process. Reached out to John Purdy (WSC Webmaster) for input.
4. Fleet Replacement Fundraising Update:
 - a. Reached out to various individuals for assistance / advice
 - b. OYSF on board with fundraising. Meeting on March 18th. They want to be involved in the project
 - c. Lewis & Clark Rowing to increase their annual “Youth Contribution” from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in support of the campaign.
 - i. I’d like to allocate 2017 annual “Youth Program Contributions” to the Fleet Replacement Project. (\$5,000 total)
5. OYSF Coach / Director Update
6. Commodore’s Ball – Select date. Opal 28 is available as a venue.
 - a. Friday, March 17th (St. Patrick’s Day)
 - b. Saturday, March 18
 - c. Friday, March 31
 - d. Friday, April 7
 - e. Saturday, April 8
7. Jim Van Hook reporting that clubhouse door has been left open with heat blasting multiple times over the past 2 months.
8. Member of the Month – Elizabeth Quille for donating wine for tonight’s HS Parent Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2017			1	2	3	4
5 Winter Series	6	7	8	9	10	11
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April 2017							1
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9 Winter Series	10 ORace & Green 4:00	11 HSP 4:00	12 HSP 4:00 ORace & Green 4:00	13 HSP 4:00	14	15 <i>Opening Day</i> <i>Lasers & Fleets 2pm</i>	
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30	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						





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Opening Day
April 15th

Fleets and Lasers Start at 2:00pm
Food and Drinks Start at 4:30pm

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