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## Commodore's Corner

by *Crickett Bittner*

I was late getting my article in this month...

Do I have an excuse? I could blame it on my work schedule (that's always a good one), or the kids (lame, but works in a pinch), or the darn heat wave (in Portland, this excuse works almost as well as an inch of snow)... but no, my reasons are not that good. Truth is, I've been dragging my feet. Have you ever heard of the expression "There's an elephant in the room?" Well, my elephant right now is the clubhouse. It's not that I don't want to talk about it, or that I have bad news... but I have been waiting for something pivotal to share with you, some big news that I could announce with flourish and gusto that would bounce off these pages and make everyone high-five their family members. As of today, my article can't wait any longer.

Falling a little short of the flourish and gusto, I am happy to report that there has been progress made on the new clubhouse... quite a bit actually... but not at the pace that the Board is hoping for, which echoes the frustrations of some of our members. It's hard to have this gorgeous building in place and not be able to use it, and also see many days where there is no one working on it. The Board and Construction Committee are very aware of this and are working on all of the best-case and worst-case scenarios that may come into play. The clubhouse WILL get done, we will make sure of it.

Other than that, summer is in full swing and participation in racing and our Summer Programs seems to be great. Being on the water is sure a nice way to spend a hot summer day or evening. Our new Head Coach, Michael Cornew, starts working with the kids this month. I am very excited to have him with us! Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see him; he is a delightful fellow who will be a nice addition to our club.

See you all out on the water!

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## From the Manager

by Dave Valentine

Summer is nearly at an end, but things are certainly not getting any less busy at WSC. Our last major event of the summer season is Al Morris, and the turnout hit record numbers. The Thistles and 505's will joined us this year, so it was great to see some new faces at Yale Lake. In next month's edition, we'll be sure to have a full write up, results and plenty of photos to share!

The Community Boat Build was a raging success this year. We had two big changes on our side for this event. The first was the rebranding of the event from 'Festival' to 'Community Boat Build'. We went this direction to highlight the most important aspect of the event, which is the role that RiversWest Small Craft Center plays in building the Salt Bay Skiffs. This year Riverswest prepared 16 boat build kits, which is a record number. These kits are sold to private groups and donated to non-profit organizations, which truly gets our local community involved in boat building. The second major change was bringing in a food cart vendor. This took the responsibility of food prep off our hands, and reports from everyone was that the Mexican food options were a big hit. This event isn't possible without the volunteers at Riverswest and the many WSC volunteers who dedicate their time before, during, and after the event. Thanks for your support this year!

I'm excited to announce that WSC has a new Head Coach in our ranks. Check out page 6 for a brief introduction and say hello if you see Coach Cornew around the club.

We've also been working with Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation this year to start raising funds for fleet replacement. This month, OYSF will be launching a new website and our 'Sailing is Sustainable' fleet replacement campaign will be in full swing. We're excited to launch a fresh, modern site and even more thrilled to see OYSF getting prepared to help youth sailing efforts throughout Oregon. I'll release more information on how members can get involved in next month's Telltales.

I wanted to briefly mention that a group of us Laser sailors went down to Rogue Yacht Club for their Southern Cascade Regatta over the last weekend of July. We met Pat and Dana Collins, who are founding members of RYC. Pat also just so happens to be the first female Commodore in Oregon. I found this to be special as Hanna Brush and Anisha Arcot just represented WSC at the Ida Lewis Women's Championship and Claire Siegel-Wilson at the Leiter Cup. Check out page 7 for a report from Anisha Arcot on their experience at this major US Sailing Championship. It's great to see so many young women represented within the youth programs at WSC. I learned to sail from all women when I was first learning in High School and College, and always joked that they were the only ones patient enough to teach me. Be sure to congratulate these young women on their efforts at these Championships.



Pictured to the right are Christine Barbour, Pat Collins, and Ashley Lund.

## Thistle Fleet Report

by Jim Harper

Darrel Peck with crew Lori Daily are shown holding the Novice traveling trophy won at the Northwest Thistle Districts in Sequim Washington. Darrell finished third at the regatta that occurred on July 8 and 9. Two other WSC boats were at the regatta, driven by Dave Sexton and John Gordon.

Dave Sexton is competing in the 2017 Thistle National Championships in Mayville, New York as this article is being written. He was doing well in the first two days as we all wish him the best of success.

We have had 14 different boats out his summer and getting 8 or 9 boats to the start line each week. The Thistle fleet is looking forward to joining the other WSC fleets this year at the Al Morris regatta on August 4 and 5.



## Daysailer Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

The July months have been busy ones in the Daysailer fleet. Thursday Sail and Socials have continued, despite the wrinkles of the new clubhouse. Members have brought down paper plates and utensils to the docks to enjoy our evening sailing. The July racing field was a bit smaller with several members travelling -- John off to France and Ben to Wally World. Toby, John, and Rich traded spots on the podium this month, with a surprise appearance by Peter Himes!

A few Daysailers have been changing hands, but one new couple has made a splash with their Toby-refurbished craft. Deena and Lowell found the club in late May, and have been working to get their boat cleaned up and seaworthy. One night after the races, they made a visit to the rocks near the Sellwood bridge and popped up their centerboard. Amazing how difficult it is to sail up wind without a little help from Toby in a safety boat! There was also a communal bailing and water baptism at the dock with all daysailers lending a hand. Despite these difficulties, Deena and Lowell have kept smiles on their faces. We all learned the hard way, and the club is happy to have them on board!

Members have been readying themselves for the August Al Morris regatta. Spinnakers have been flying on race nights, and several of the "serious" racers we met in Eugene last month are reportedly attending our home regatta. Rich H. and his work on Woody has been suspended - word has it that he will be racing the Peterson boat. How will the "new" Daysailer (built by Cape Cod Shipbuilding) hold up to our regular old race boats? Only time will tell. Rachel and Ben are back in the mix for Al Morris, and several Daysailers are heading up on Thursday to get in some practice before the main event this weekend.

## Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The WSC Fleet wraps up the heart of the racing season this month. WSC has been ably represented at Youth and Masters regattas recently. The Juniors have been racing well. Grant Gridley and Conrad Miller both earned top-half placings at the North Americans in Vancouver BC and won their divisions at the aptly named Wind Regatta in the Gorge. Claire Siegel-Wilson took top-half in the Gorge as preparation for the Leiter Cup US Junior Women's Champs in Houston, Texas, where she improved scores each race, culminating in a win in the final race for an overall finish of 7th out of 30. Congratulate our Juniors when you see them on the water. The Masters Nationals in the Gorge had ten windy races with Andrew Haliburton 4th in Standard Rigs and Bill Symes 5th and top Great Grand Master in Radials among many exhausted WSC sailors. The Columbia River has a marvelous green color when viewed from underneath a Laser hull during a San Francisco roll in the afternoon, but enough about my performance. The Mid-Summer Saturday Evening regatta at Vancouver Lake was a warm 8-15 knot event for the 15 participants. It was great to see more WSC racers getting out of the local pond to compete, with Bill Symes taking the tie over Andrew Haliburton and Doug Seeman taking the tie over John Purdy. Six races of 25-minute duration left us all hungry for the nice BBQ afterward as the sun set. Back at WSC, the Summer 1 series concluded with Bill Symes just two points ahead of John Purdy who was just two points ahead of Dave Jursik after 18 races. As many as 30 Lasers filled the starting line during this series so we'll see about participation in Summer 2 including Laser Domination Night. Next month, I will report on the District 22 race in the Gorge and the Al Morris Regatta. I'll see you on the water.

## Lido Fleet Report

by Ron Runyan

July was a great month for Lido Sailors. Tim Mulvaney came out on top in the Summer 1 series as he and crew prepare to represent Fleet 25 at the 60th Class Championship in Newport CA in August. He will also represent our 18 fleet members at the Annual meeting of the Class Association. In the meantime, many of us sailed at Yale Lake in the WSC Al Morris Memorial Regatta.

Also this month was the 5th Annual Lido 14 Poker Run, organized by John McCoy. Weather was perfect for this event. Four boats participated as well as several volunteers. Susan Ellis took the top prize with a full house, as well as winning for best decorated boat (in a close call with the Runyan's who flew a kite). To top it off, Susan and crew won for best costume. The Runyan's didn't walk away empty handed though. They won for most number of people by bringing sister (and former WSC member) Marcia.

Keep in mind that sometimes the best sailing is in the fall, so plan to come out Sundays starting in September. Here's looking forward to seeing you there.

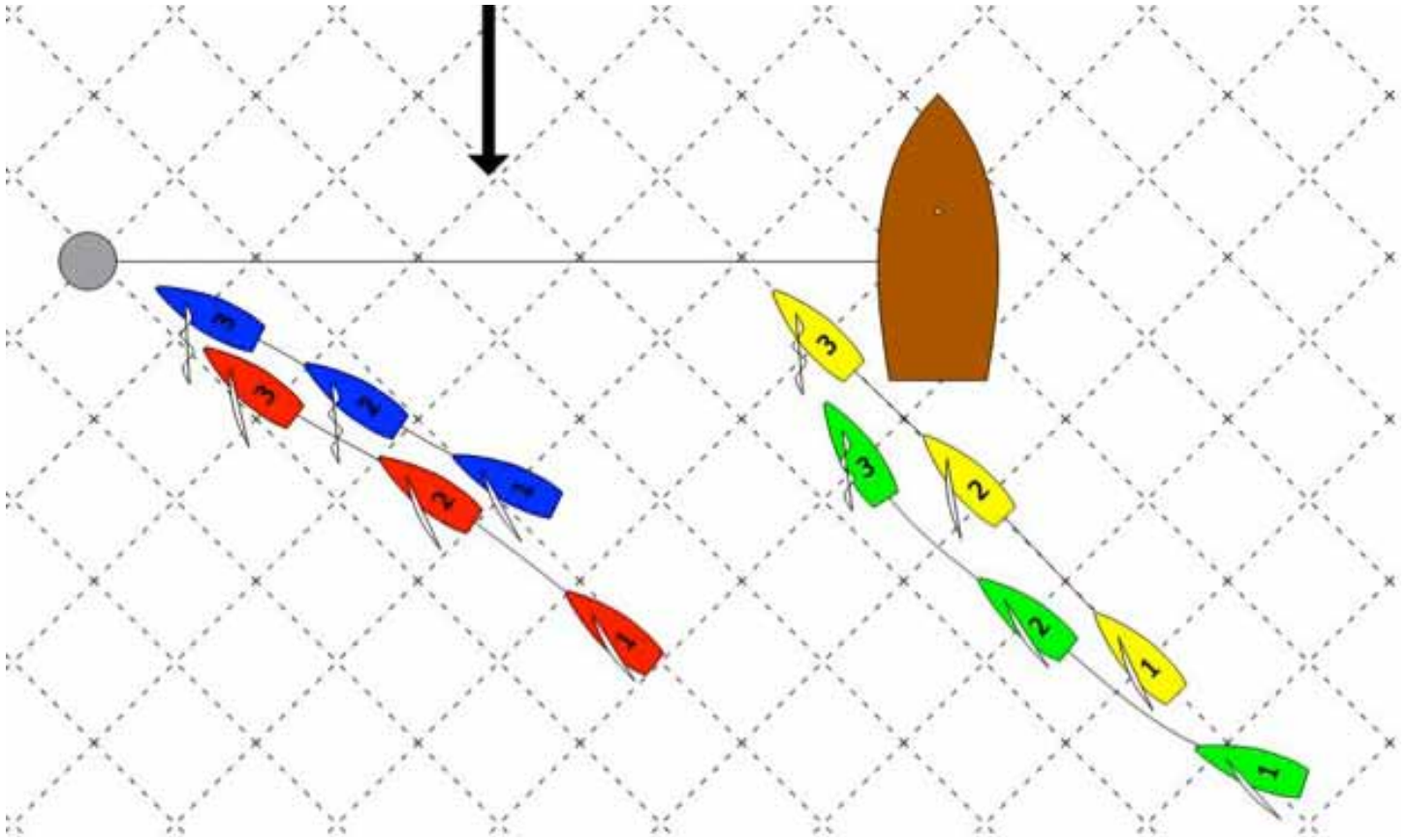




# Rules of the Road with Craig Daniels

by Craig Daniels

Here is the discussion of last month's scenarios. The two boats near the committee boat are one scenario and the two near the pin are another. Ignore the committee boat and pin. I do not intend them to be part of the scenarios. If it helps, pretend the boats are in the middle of the line. In both scenarios, the start has not yet occurred.



In both scenarios, the leeward boat has approached from astern. In the scenario near the pin, the main on the windward boat can not be pulled in else it will hit the leeward boat's mast. (If you sail a boat with a jib, then it is the forestay of the leeward boat rather than the mast that will trap the main.) In the scenario near the committee boat, the windward boat's main can be pulled in. For the scenario on the right, green is clear astern until position 3 so must keep clear (RRS12). At position 3, green establishes an overlap and becomes leeward boat. Then yellow must keep clear. (RRS11). However, RRS 15 says that when green establishes the overlap, she "shall initially give the other boat room to keep clear, unless she acquires right of way because of the other boat's actions." Green acquired right of way through her actions so "because of the other boat's actions" does not apply. Therefore green shall initially give the other boat room to keep clear.

For yellow, this means that while she does not need to anticipate the overlap, she must keep a look out and she must immediately do something to keep clear. If she does something immediately and can not keep clear then green is at fault. For green, for instance, yellow's stern will swing when she turns away and their needs to be room for that. The other rule green needs to pay attention to is that if she is altering course after the overlap is established, RRS 16 applies, and she again needs to give yellow room to keep clear.

It is only when green has initially given yellow room to keep clear and is not altering course that green would be in the right if yellow does not keep clear. I think it is interesting and educational how many rules are used in this simple situation.

The scenario on the left is actually simpler. I wanted to mention it because it has shown up in the Lido 14s. I am not sure how realistic it is for Lasers. All the same rules apply but in this case, if you look at the distances between positions 1, 2, and 3, you will see that red is moving faster than blue. Blue is far enough off the wind that their main is out enough that when red establishes the overlap and RRS 11 "turns on" along with RRS 15, blue is unable to keep clear when acting immediately. She needs to either turn to windward or pull her main in or both. Her main is trapped, so none of those maneuvers will allow her to keep clear. Therefore, red has violated RRS 15.

Let me know if you have questions about this.

Craig Daniels, US Sailing National Judge



# Meet Michael Cornew, WSC Head Coach

interview by David Valentine



## Where are you from and how did you get into sailing?

I was born in Mexico but grew up North of Chicago. I started sailing recreationally when I was 8 but didn't get into racing until my freshmen year of high school. I was lucky enough to attend a high school with a sailing team and that launched my sailing career.

## Why is WSC and Portland the right fit for you?

I've visited Portland a handful of times and have always felt very welcome. The people are the right mix of friendly and honest. WSC specifically is the right fit with my skills and interest being primarily small boat sailing. Every board member, regular member, and staff I met in my interview seemed to really care about sailing as a sport and wanted to share it with people. This inclusive atmosphere is exactly what I think the sport needs and what I strive for.

## What are you most excited to start doing once you start your new job?

Traveling to all the new places that the junior sailors will compete at! I truly enjoy seeing the variety and beauty of different sailing venues. Being on the water at these places is the icing on the cake.

## If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?

Multi-tool for obvious reasons, War and Peace so I can finally stop lying in saying that I read it, and a big bottle of Sriracha.

## What is your favorite boat to sail and why?

I find the boat is less important than the people you sail it with or against. Every boat has the proper technique and tricks to get it around the course as quickly as possible. I thoroughly enjoy this process of boatspeed discovery but find the most enjoyable nuances of sailboat racing to be in tight tactical and strategic decision making. Also, any boat you can team race, for the same reasons above.

## Beyond sailing, what are your other interests?

I love the outdoors in general: rock climbing, windsurfing, camping/hiking, biking, skiing etc. I'm slowly working on building my photography/

videography skills as well, and I'm especially interested in flying my drone as much as possible.

## What is your favorite beer?

Bell's Oberon for summer, Lagunitas Brown Shugga for winter

## If you had to name one person who most influenced your passion for sailing, who would it be? Why?

I have to go with my freshman year of college coach, Arthur Blodgett. In addition to being the best technical coach I ever worked with, he taught me to be curious about sailing. To really make a boat go fast or to make the right tactical/strategic decision, you have to understand why you're doing it and ask questions. For so much of my sailing career before him, I just listened to what coaches told me to do. I became a much more active participant in the process of improving, which greatly increased my enjoyment of the sport. The love of this process has made coaching and sailing an incredibly enriching experience for me personally.

## What's the best piece of sailing advice you've ever received?

When boat A hails starboard on boat B, boat C gains. Maybe not the best, but certainly very memorable hearing that in high school.

## If you were the CEO of a company, name one thing you would make compulsory in the office and one thing you would ban in the office.

Compulsory, walk outside everyday if the temperature is above 55 degrees. Prohibited, meetings over one hour.

## What will you miss most about Chicago?

I will miss my favorite Korean BBQ wing place called Crisp.

## Green or orange? (This is a loaded question)

Uhhh... green?



# Ida Lewis Women's Championship Regatta Interview

interview by David Valentine

## What is the Ida Lewis, for those of us who are not familiar with these US Sailing Championships?

Ida Lewis is the Junior Women's Double-handed National Championship. It starts off with a two day clinic and culminates with three days of racing.

## When and where was this event hosted?

This year the event was hosted in Annapolis, Maryland, out of the Annapolis Yacht Club. It was from July 13th through the 18th.

## Why did you decide to go to this event? Did you have to qualify?

I first heard about the event through Andrew Nelson when I was doing my level ones. I was intrigued because it was a women's event with spin and trap, both of which I had never done before. I looked it up and saw that it was in Annapolis, which I confused with Anaheim in the moment. So I told Hanna about the event and how close it was (or so I thought). We decided to go, and later that day when she looked it up and realized it was in Maryland, we had already set out minds to it, so Maryland it was. We didn't have to qualify; we just had to fill out an application.

## Tell me a little bit about your preparation for this event. Did you practice specifically for it? Did you do anything out of your normal sailing routine for this event?

As soon as Hanna and I decided to go, we started to practice. We had never sailed at a regatta together before or sailed with spin and trap together. We usually practiced a few times a week. During the high school season, we stayed after some practices and in summer we came down in the evenings.

## What were your expectations for this event? How did you think you would do, and what was your overall goal?

We expected it to be a learning experience. It was our first regatta together and my first spin and trap regatta, so we knew there would be a learning curve. Our primary goal was to improve and have fun, but we also wanted to stay away from last and shoot for mid-fleet.

## Were you nervous on day one? How did you feel in comparison on the final day?

I was excited and nervous on Day One and I was happy, burnt and exhausted on the last day.

## Did you receive coaching during the regatta? What did you take away from the coach(es) if so?

We received tons of coaching! That's part of what made the experience so valuable. The coaches helped us improve boat speed and gave us a lot of insight into sailing at different venues and sailing in chop.

## What was your biggest mistake during the regatta? Did you learn from it?

Our biggest mistake was not asking about how to sail in their current and chop before our first day on the

water, but we learned quickly and made sure to talk to locals.

## If you had to name one person who most influenced your passion for sailing, who would it be? Why?

Coach Steve. Steve was my first coach ever in Opti, and he coached me for about five years. He showed me that sailing is more than about being the fastest boat, it's about improving and having fun. I don't think my passion for sailing would be the same if it weren't for him and his patience and encouragement when I was a tiny Opti sailor.

## Whats the best part about sailing at WSC?

The community! I've been sailing at WSC since I was 8 or 9, and it's shaped the kind of person I am today. I've made some amazing, supportive friends and get to spend time in a fun environment.

## Whats your 5 year plan? (in sailing, life, school, general, etc)

Next year will be my senior year of high school and I am planning on attending college for four years after that. I don't know where I want to go to college yet, but I do hope to continue sailing in college.

## Anything else?

Our experience wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation and Pacific International Yachting Association. The support they show for youth sailors looking to learn and compete on higher levels was integral for us to make it to Annapolis. We can say enough thank yous to both organizations for the critical role they played in us being able to sail at the sailing capital of the world!





# Community Boat Build Photos

by Mitchell Burke













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