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From the Manager

by Dave Valentine

It's 2018 and we're off to a great start. I always like to look back at articles I have written in years past in order to get a reminder of all we have accomplished throughout the various seasons. In the January / February 2017 Telltales I was writing about the Club's need to replace our double-handed fleets of 420s and Flying Juniors, which are the workhorse of our adult, high-school, and youth sailing programs. We highlighted a plan to partner up with Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation, and we launched our "Sailing is Sustainable" campaign. This project evolved throughout the year and brought numerous organizations and individuals together to help us replace our boats. We are not done with our fundraising efforts yet, but I am happy to announce that in December we placed an order with West Coast Sailing for 12 new Zim 420s, which are being made to order. We had allocated and fundraised \$103,000 by the end of 2017, which covered the \$102,000 purchase price for the twelve 420s. The 420s are scheduled to arrive in late March and will elevate the quality of our sailing programs to a new level.

One of the most important messages we wanted to make clear during our fundraising efforts was that a fleet replacement cycle was going to be put in place for the foreseeable future. In addition, it was important to include that we would not be coming back to the Membership in another 4 or 6 years for boat funding. We believe the WSC sailboat replacement reserve can be fully funded by program revenue, resulting in a sustainable future for fleet replacement. We have about \$20,000 more to raise to also replace our Flying Juniors later in 2018, but this is an excellent start. We will continue to work closely with Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation to make this happen. As they say, "A rising tide lifts all boats". Your generosity, time, and effort will ensure the success of WSC and the future of sailing in our community.

Board of Directors

Commodore: Toby Deming
Vice Commodore: Jim Harper
Rear Commodore: Crickett Bittner
Treasurer: Kevin Reynolds
Secretary: Arjan Duyvestein
Fleet Captain: Rich Haslachner
Port Captain: Jeffrey Sher

Club Manager

David Valentine

Speaking of success, I'm excited to welcome Jim Harper, Jeffrey Sher, and Arjan Duyvestein to the 2018 Board of Directors. We have a great line up of volunteers for 2018 and will be meeting in late January for our annual "retreat" to discuss 2017 and to plan for 2018. I suspect we will all have a bit of fun under the leadership of Commodore Toby Deming and his band of mischievous Daysailers.

2018 Fleet Captains

Daysailer Fleet: John Olson
Ben Cornett
Laser Fleet: John Sturman
Lido Fleet: Ron Runyan
Thistle Fleet: Jim Harper

The winter racing series is scheduled for February 18-April 8, which is mostly for those hardy Laser sailors who want to get out on the water every Sunday afternoon. Opening Day is Sunday, April 15 and is also the first day of the spring racing series, which continues every Monday and Wednesday until May 23. The WSC club calendar for general events and racing has been updated on both the website and Clubster. Check them out to save the dates for your favorite annual events.

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Commodore's Corner

by Toby Deming

To say 2017 was memorable would be an understatement. Of course, I am talking about our Willamette Sailing Club! Having the back seat on this year's board was the perfect place. Unfortunately, the clubhouse and the contractor's inability to finish his work consumed a majority of the time and energy of the board. You would never believe half the stories and excuses we heard from the contractor. You know the old saying, "You can't make this stuff up?" Well, you can't. We are so lucky to have had Crickett leading us through the club house mess with Dave Jursik riding shotgun. I also gained a huge amount of respect for the finances and Kevin's mastery of the subject. We are all grateful for his guidance and reworking the presentation of the financials to make them more understandable. Kevin runs our accounting like you and I run our checkbooks. He made it easy to read and understand. Susan Ellis had the thankless job that nobody else wants: Secretary. She is a miracle worker in my opinion. How she could generate the meeting minutes as quickly as she did, and make them readable and easy to understand, is beyond me! We are all lucky to have Rich Haslacher as our Fleet Captain. This is the most underrated and underappreciated job on the board. Having been there before, I know what it is like. Rich did a heck of a job, and I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do this coming year. His job is the most "volunteer" dependent job on the board.

Speaking of volunteers, we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to John Gridley and Chris Bittner for the sacrifices they have made to take the clubhouse from the state the contractor left it, to almost finished. We are sooooo close! There are many people and contractors we have to thank for bringing us to where we are today.

So, there is the "Volunteer" word again! Get used to it. Our club has so many talented people. If you share your talent with your club, you benefit and your club becomes a better place for all. Please remember this year's motto: "Ask not what your club can do for you, but what can I do for my club"!!!

This year we welcome Jim Harper as our Vice Commodore (AKA next year's Commodore), Arjan Duyvestein as our new secretary, and Jeffrey Sher, our new Port Captain to the board. At the end of this month, the old board will join the new board for an all-day retreat where we will talk about what we want to accomplish this coming year. As these tasks get doled out, we will be asking club members to help out. This year's accomplishments will be measured by the participation of our members. Your board is made up of volunteer members like you. They want to make the club the best it can be. Get involved, enhance your club experience, and help everyone continue to make this a place we can be proud of!

Another area I am very excited about is our "office staff". If we can't turn the sailing community on its ear with the people we have in the "office," it can't be done. Michael Cornew, our head coach, will get to start his first full year with us. Michael has already shown his ability to bond with the youth and communicate effectively with the adults. He will soon be knee-deep in the high school sailing programs. I am excited for the kids and parents in his programs. Matt Berger has been with us for years, but this year he will be working as a coach as well as a program director. He will split his time between WSC and the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. Neither of these two gentlemen could do their jobs effectively without Mitchell Burke in the background. This is the guy who gets it done. He does all those little things that no one can put a finger on, but our programs would fail without him. Finally, the guy who has filled LauraLee's shoes, David Valentine, is my god! OK, maybe not, but Dave is the center of our club. We all feed off his energy, his love for life, and his organizational skills around our club. I can't wait to work closely with Dave this coming year.

Writing this little summary has made me feel very lucky to be part of this group. I am overwhelmed by the responsibility, but look forward to working with all of you, our board and the office staff to do the best we can do. It's going to be a good year! That is all for now.

Go forth and be good humans!



Laser Fleet Report

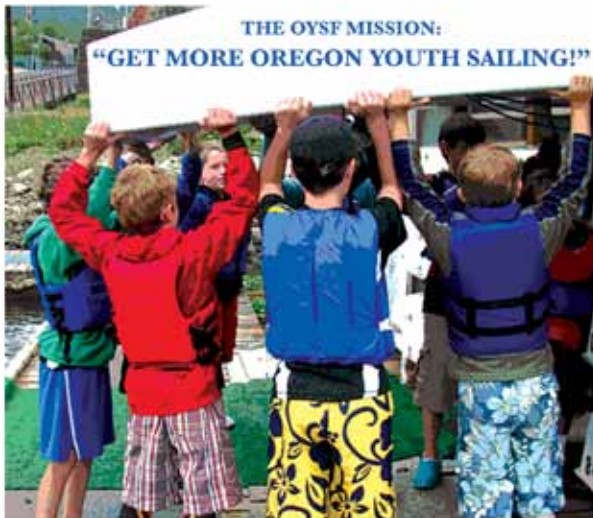
by John Sturman

February has arrived and so has the 2018 racing season for the WSC Laser fleet. Setting goals early in the season can motivate you to improve in a specific area or add structure to your sailing schedule. Sailors could aim to read a book on racing rules, sail shape, or tactics, or aim to practice more often between races.

The big Laser races in the Gorge this year do not occur until August, so this could be the year to practice, prepare, and participate in a Gorge regatta. We will hold a WSC Laser clinic again this year, and a weekend in Mid-May seems to fit into the calendar.

I look forward to Winter Series because Southerlies and strong Spring currents create different tactical challenges than Summer racing while more sailors attend each week as the weather warms up.

I'll see you on the water.



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Daysailer Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

Around noon on January 1, hearty sailors and friends gathered at the docks of WSC. Or were they hardy friends and sailor? One, the other, or both, it can be determined only by those twenty some souls who marked the occasion of the New Year's Day Sail, a tradition of some years. The sun shone bright, the wind picked up, and the beautiful day did not go to waste.

heart•y

adjective: hearty

(of a person or their behavior) loudly vigorous and cheerful.

Toasts were offered, a gooseneck was broken, and the good winds and good vibes continued through the afternoon. Several Lasers were out on the water, and three or four intrepid Daysailers splashed the boats to celebrate the beginning of 2018. Strangely absent were any sign of a Lido or Thistle on this auspicious day.

in•trep•id

adjective: intrepid

fearless; adventurous.

Temperatures dipped into the low forties, and further gusty winds welcomed the dockside celebrations. Several participants followed the sunshine around to the harbor-side of the new clubhouse. Winter weather clothing was a must, and some participants even donned their drysuits and Russian military garb. This did not prevent one sailor from dipping a rail into the chilly Willamette waters and soaking his crew to the waist. Perhaps hardy is the best word for these Scandanavian hijinks!

har•dy

adjective: hardy; comparative adjective: hardier; superlative adjective: hardiest

1. robust; capable of enduring difficult conditions.

As the sun dropped below the Tualatin Mountains, boats slowly made their way back into the WSC harbor. But what was this? The winter winds and swirling conditions provided by our clubhouse caught a few folks off of their guard! Ripping winds virtually shot boats into the harbor, only to die behind the bulk of our new two story windblocker. Despite a few minor troubles, all the boats made it home safely. It was a fantastic day of sailing, and can only be a sign of things to come.

aus•pi•cious

adjective: auspicious

1. conducive to success; favorable.

2. giving or being a sign of future success.

Happy New Year, Everyone! Here's to a fantastic 2018!



Oregon Youth Sailing Update

by Matt Berger

2018 is already off to a great start for Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. Thank you again to all of the Sailing is Sustainable Fleet Replacement donors! The fundraiser at the Annual Awards Banquet in December was a great success thanks to supporters like you. If you missed the banquet, it is not too late to contribute to fleet replacement at WSC. The banquet absolutely exceeded our expectations, but we're not done yet. WSC was able to place an order for twelve brand new Club 420s arriving the end of March and FJs are next. Visit www.OregonYouthSailing.org to donate. We're all looking forward to sailing fast in the new boats!

I am very happy to be on board as the new Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation development director in these exciting times. My position was created to "Get More Oregon Youth Sailing!" and that is exactly what I plan to do. This year will see lots of growth, outreach, and continued fundraising for OYSF. We will be hosting fun events in the upcoming seasons, so visit our website to stay tuned. Also, don't hesitate to reach out to Contact@OregonYouthSailing.org. See you on the water soon!

Sincerely,

Matthew Berger
OYSF Development Director and WSC Coach



Thank you OYSF and Columbia Sportswear for keeping us extra warm and dry in our stylish new coaching jackets!

First Sail of The Year

Photos by Ben Cornett



General Member Meeting Minutes

by Susan Ellis

Call to Order at: 7:30pm

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

Membership Changes were approved.

Membership Resignations:

1. Meg Doxator (Regular)

Ron Runyan was selected as the December Member of the Month for his role as auctioneer at the Annual Awards Banquet. His hilarious antics and over the top descriptive explanations helped raise funds to replace the double-handed fleet at WSC.

The board approved the purchase of 12 new Zim C420s to replace the current fleet at WSC, not to exceed the purchase price of \$105,000. Funds have been allocated from reserves and various fundraising efforts throughout the year. 4 of the 12 boats will be equipped with spinnaker and trapeze equipment for advanced training. WSC and OYSF will continue to raise funds to also replace the 4 Flying Juniors (FJs) in 2018. The 420's are being purchased now to take advantage of 2017 YE pricing and available discounts. The boats should arrive in the spring season (March or April). The purchase will be made through West Coast Sailing.

Current Inventory of WSC 420 Fleet:

- 420 #1: 2008
- 420 #2: 1998
- 420 #3: 2006. Purchased in 2008
- 420 #4: 2002. Purchased in 2008
- 420 #5: 2007
- 420 #6: 2007
- 420 #7: 2008
- 420 #8: 1998
- 420 #9: 2006
- 420 #10: 2006
- 420 #11: 2006
- 420 #12: 2006. Purchased in 2010

Financials:

Term: January 1, 2017 – December 19, 2017

	December 16, 2016	December 16, 2017
Total Checking / Savings	\$529,540	\$515,767
Net Ordinary Income	\$140,497	\$155,163

Office Report – David Valentine

Operations

- 130 members at Annual Awards Banquet. WSC record.
- \$21,050 raised during OYSF Sailing is Sustainable fundraiser:
 - o Silent Auction: \$5,000

- o Live Auction: \$3,900
- o Raise the Paddle: \$12,150

Funds are being collected. Payment reminders, thank you, and tax receipts are being managed and collected by Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation.

- White Fleet Skippers Clinic on Dec. 16th was well received. Only a few members participated, but the weather and wind were near perfect. Michael and Mitchell (M&M) ran the event.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2018				1 Adult LTS Registration Open	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Telltale Articles Due	16	17 Portlandia Cup
18 Portlandia Cup Winter Series	19	20 HSP 4:00pm Board Meeting 6:45pm	21 HSP 4:00pm	22 HSP 4:00pm	23	24
25 Winter Series	26	27 HSP 4:00pm	28 HSP 4:00pm			

March 2018						
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HSP - High School Race Program | LTS - Learn to Sail
ORace & Green - Opti Race & Green Program





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