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Commodore's Corner

by Crickett Bittner

It's Sunday morning and I am sitting here with my cup of coffee reflecting on the Awards Banquet last night. Portland Yacht Club looked so pretty last night with the Christmas tree up and the decorated sailboats twinkling away in the harbor. We had a great turnout—about 130 people – and I couldn't imagine a better place to celebrate the great year we've had. We owe great gratitude to PYC's staff for making it a special night for us. It was a fun evening but also very bittersweet for me. The year is winding down and so is my tenure as Commodore. I gave my final farewell to all of you and officially passed the Commodore's flag over to Toby

Deming last night. Sigh...the year went so fast! Even though I won't be the one behind the podium or writing these articles anymore, I'll still be around. After all, we still have the clubhouse to finish.

There was another reason why the night was special for us as well. Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation hosted a Silent and Oral auction for us to help fund our fleet replacement plan. If you were not able to make it last night, you truly missed out. There were some FANTASTIC items to bid on: Yeti gear, vacation homes, Columbia Sportswear gear, airplane rides, a kayak, etc etc. The loot was impressive! Then we ended the evening with a paddle bid to see if we could get some last-minute donations towards the cause. I'm happy to report that we blew our \$15,000 goal out of the park and raised over \$20,000! The generosity of our membership never ceases to impress me. Thanks to all of you who donated toward this worthwhile cause!

Speaking of causes, finishing the clubhouse is the Board's biggest crusade as we move into 2018. At the General Meeting in October, you approved the additional funding needed to finish the clubhouse (thank you!) and we have been diligently working toward that goal. The pace is not as fast as we had hoped due to some unforeseen complications we are working through...but the point is that we are working through them. Everyone on the Construction Committee has tasks they are working on and we continue to meet every week to update each other on the progress.

This is my last article to you as Commodore (ah, here are those bittersweet feelings again) so I want to wrap up this article by saying THANK YOU to everyone for your support this year. As I mentioned in my speech at the banquet, you have proved over and over again this year that it's not a shiny new clubhouse that makes Willamette Sailing Club special...it's YOU! It's your love of sailing and having fun together that makes our tiny piece of Portland the best place to hang out. Pretty soon we'll have a shiny clubhouse too. See you out on the water!

Awards Banquet Business Meeting

By Susan Ellis

The business meeting was called to order by Crickett Bittner, Commodore, at 7:00 pm.

There were enough members present to represent a quorum.

After discussing the year in review and thanking those who served on the WSC Board in 2017, she introduced the 2018 WSC Board nominees. They included: Toby Deming (Commodore), Jim Harper (Vice-Commodore), Kevin Reynolds (Treasurer), Rich Haslacher (Fleet Captain), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain) and Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary). Crickett agreed to remain on the board as Rear Commodore.

No nominees were suggested from the floor so these officers were approved by the membership.





From the Manager

by Dave Valentine

I have to start with a huge thank you to our membership and staff for such a fun event on December 2. Every year we've seen the attendance at this event hit record numbers, and this year was no different with a total of 130 members gathering at Portland Yacht Club. It is very rewarding to work for a Club which is made up of such a caring and passionate membership. The event was an incredible success with over \$20,000 raised by the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. We still have a bit of fundraising to go to hit our \$120,000 goal, but we're hovering around the \$80-90k mark as I write this article. This is enough to replace the current 420 fleet, and we'll continue working towards replacing the Flying Juniors. We have some pending funds rolling in, which includes the November round of Columbia Employee Store passes and a funding application to Nike through their Community Impact Fund. We'll know just how much we actually have by the end of December, but I'm confident to say we will have new boats to match our new sailing facility in 2018.

If you were not able to make it to the Annual Awards Banquet but would like to make an end of year contribution towards fleet replacement, please visit OYSF's new website at www.OregonYouthSailing.org. Any donations are tax deductible and will go directly towards replacing our twelve 420s and four FJs. If you have any questions, please email me at Manager@WillametteSailingClub.com.

Usually this time of year is pretty quiet around the Club, but there is an incredible amount of activity and energy around the new sailing facility. Contractors have been here Monday through Friday getting major projects completed, and the Board and Construction Committee continue to work through various issues and are getting it done. I won't comment on a completion date, but the level of activity is a welcome sign.

I'd like to thank the 2017 Board of Directors for their time and energy throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with Crickett Bittner as our Commodore and I'm excited to see what Toby Deming has in store for us all. 2018 is shaping up to be an exciting year for our Club. Thank you all for a fantastic year and enjoy the upcoming Holidays!



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Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The WSC Laser fleet has completed the 2017 season and begun thinking about 2018. While the Un-Regatta occurred at WSC, the Turkey Regatta occurred in Seattle. Doug Seeman won the tie for first place with Dave Jursik taking 5th among nine Standard rigs. The results show nine races, the Radial fleet had thirteen racers, and the RS Aero and 505 fleets have more interesting boat names than the Laser fleet. Perhaps WSC can be on the leading edge returning this nautical tradition as sailors exercise their creativity. Autumn is the time when I renew my memberships to US Sailing and ILCA-NA. Additionally, a CGRA membership is another great opportunity to support our sailing venues and organizations. I see Clubster traffic some weekends about intrepid Laser sailors getting out on the chilly water when the weather permits. I expect there will be some sharp sailors at the start of Winter series in late February thanks to continued practice.

I'll see you on the water, dressed for the weather.

Rules of the Road

by Craig Daniels

This month's article is a quiz. I would love to focus this column on rule topics that I know pertain to WSC sailors, of any level. Please send me thoughts or questions about rule topics that you would like explained. Please send your ideas to Mitchell Burke at director@willamettesailingclub.com.

Thanks - Craig

Q: Suppose you are on port approaching a weather mark that is to be left to port. There is a starboard tack boat on layline. Both of you are in the zone but you entered first. If you don't tack or duck, you will hit the starboard boat amidships.

What should you do?

Possible Answers:

- A. Tack, since you will be inside boat and can make it around the mark by luffing just a little.
- B. Call for mark room since you were in the zone first.
- C. Duck, since you will be less likely to hit the other boat.
- D. Duck, since you will be less likely to be in a position to violate a rule.

For the correct answers, please turn to page 9.

Lido Fleet Report

by Ron Runyan

It was a good year to be a Lido 14 sailor at Willamette Sailing Club, whether for socializing, cruising or racing. On the racing side, we had at least 14 boats participate in each of the Spring, Summer 1, and Summer 2 series, and 10 boats for Fall. That is a healthy number of participants, and at all skill levels. That makes us currently the largest multi-handed fleet at WSC as far as Wednesday night racing goes.

18 Skippers joined or renewed their membership in our Portland Lido 14 Fleet 25 making us one of the larger fleets in the Class. For those of you who may not know, Portland Lido 14 Fleet 25 is independent of WSC and part of the Lido 14 Class Association (www.lido14.com) which is the governing body for our One Design Class. Among other things, they maintain the rules by which we operate our boats, from everything to sail dimensions to approving modifications. This important function maintains the standards that assure that we all race on (theoretically) equal competitive footing and stay reasonably up-to-date with upgrades; hence the term, One Design.

Your registration dollars help our local fleet activities, and also support the Association. I encourage any of you who have not joined the Fleet or have allowed your membership to lapse to contact our fleet treasurer, Steve Gilliland, at gillilandsteve@hotmail.com to join for 2018. Tim Mulvaney represented our fleet at the annual meeting of the Association, which took place in Newport Beach, California this year. He gave us a voice in bylaw changes and the Board elections. We are represented on the Association Governing Board by our very own Kathy Sandifer, who serves as Treasurer, and by Director Kerry Poe. Our fleet has put in a bid to host the Class Championship Regatta in 2019.

On the social side, we had a great party this last winter at the Sandifer's, and a terrific time at various non-racing events. Events including the Poker Run, and by the time you read this, the Wild Turkey Un-Regatta, to be followed by the Christmas Ships.

The resurgence of our fleet in recent years has been a welcome development, and all signs indicate it will continue in 2018, thanks to some key individuals who have talked up the fleet. We can continue to grow by encouraging, welcoming and helping new Lido 14 owners. Also, now that it looks like we will have a new clubhouse to use next season, there should be more opportunities for non-sailors to watch the races in comfort, and for us all to socialize more. Additionally, the new facility will provide increased capacity for the sailing school, which means more potential Lido 14 sailors learning to sail at WSC.

All the Best,

Ron Runyan



Wild Turkey UnRegatta Photos

by Seth Bloombaum, Dave Valentine, and Norm Eder







Awards Banquet Photos

by Mitchell Burke



November Board Minutes

by *Crickett Bittner*

Call to order at 6:45pm

Attendees: Crickett Bittner (Commodore), Dave Jursik (Rear Commodore), Toby Deming (Vice Commodore), Kevin Reynolds (Treasurer), Rich Haslacher (Fleet Captain), Dave Valentine (WSC Manager) and Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary Nominee)

Clubhouse Update: Crickett Bittner and Dave Jursik

Construction progress continues. Chris Bittner and John Gridley have met with HVAC contractor and plumber this week. Waiting for natural gas line to be installed. Sewer pumps need extra bracket that is being made by plumber. Toby coordinating with engineer and architect on utility truss repair. Access ramps, new plumbing and HVAC permits issued by city. Main building and upland permits extended.

Financial Update: Kevin Reynolds

Current numbers look good and on track. Dave Valentine reported that he has been receiving funds from delinquent AR accounts. Letters will go out in December to members who have a significant outstanding balance.

Dredging Report: Toby Deming

Team studying maps and depth-reading reports to estimate what it would cost to sample the soil on the park bar. Once they compile all the data, they will start getting bids for the soil sampling.

Fleet Report – Rich Haslacher

Rich is excited to report that he has reserved the space we need at Yale Lake for the Al Morris Regatta. Next year we will have the group space as well as tent sites to be used for RVs. Will have the spaces Thursday through Sunday next year for people who want to arrive a day early. Anticipate a large turnout again, so looking at catering or food truck options to feed everyone. Rich also had a conversation with Woody Blackford about designing a one-of-a-kind Columbia Sportswear coat or hat for series winners and youth champions. Woody is very open to the idea and wants to talk further. Club is also happy to report that the annual Steve Williams Regatta will be a club regatta next year instead of just a youth event. Date to be announced.

Office Report: Dave Valentine

Award Banquet scheduled for December 2, 2017 at Portland Yacht Club

Office anticipates 130 people attending this year – a record! Board talked about the event schedule and responsibilities.

Membership Changes: Dave Valentine

Board voted and approved membership changes



Rules of the Road Answers

- A. Wrong, the other boat is on a close hauled course. When you luff, the other boat will have to luff. 18.3(a) says: "The boat that changed tack shall not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact or ..."
- B. Wrong, 18.1(a) says that rule 18 does not apply on boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward.
- C. Wrong, this is the right action but not the best reason.
- D. Correct. Ducking instead of tacking means that you won't violate 18.3(a).



General Member Meeting Minutes

by Susan Ellis

Meeting commenced at 6:45 pm.

Introduction & Welcome (Crickett Bittner, Commodore)

Crickett greeted the membership and offered up the first order of business to approve the April 2017 General Meeting Minutes as published in the May 2017 Telltales. Membership voted to approve this.

Membership Report (Dave Valentine, Manager)

Dave reported the numbers which include 201 Regular, 29 Associate, 61 Youth, 17 Midshipman, 35 Senior and 3 Non-Resident members for a total of 346. Membership continues to be strong but could possibly be stronger with a focus on targeting the Midshipman level. Dave will be seeking advice from members on how to do this. Most of the resignations in the past year were due to people selling their boats or moving away.

New Member Induction (Susan Ellis, Secretary)

Susan asked new members to introduce themselves and then take the WSC membership oath.

WSC Head Coach Q&A (Michael Cornew)

Michael was introduced to the membership, gave a little background on himself and his sailing experience and then opened the floor for questions. Among other things, members learned that Michael was born in Mexico City, began sailing at 13, attended and coached sailing at Northwestern University and loves the Columbia Gorge.

OYSF Introduction (Woody Blackford)

As the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation (OYSF) President and WSC Club member Woody spoke a little about OYSF, which was set up about 10 years ago as a way for people to donate to Youth Sailing (and receive a tax donation). They are currently working on getting youth sailing programs going throughout Oregon. They believe that hooking kids on sailing early on is a good thing and were vital in helping to fund the new WSC clubhouse. Since Woody is also VP of Innovation and Design at Columbia Sportswear, he provided members with sale passes to the Columbia Employee store (look for them in the December Telltales!). They are also seeking auction items for the Awards Banquet so please let Woody or Dave Valentine know if you have any services, certificates or other items to donate.

Racing Update (Rich Haslacher, Fleet Captain)

Rich provided some statistics on the numbers of boating races this year and reminded members to check race results postings on the web since this info is used to tally winners for the upcoming Awards Banquet at the Portland Yacht Club. The Al Morris Regatta had a huge turnout and they are looking to secure the campground for next year. He congratulated some of the top racers this year for their successes including Grant Gridley, Bill Symes and Kerry Poe. He wanted to encourage people to come out and race because even if you don't place well, "racing makes you a better sailor."

Sailing Facility Status & Updates (Dave Jursik, Rear Commodore and Crickett Bittner)

Crickett gave kudos to Dave Jursik, Mark Sandifer, Toby Deming and Bart Brush for all their hard work to ensure completion of this project. With Steelhead Marine's agreement, WSC has assumed primary responsibility for completing the remaining construction tasks which include electrical, HVAC, plumbing and fire suppression. Club members Chris Bittner and John Gridley, who are skilled contractors, will manage the remaining subcontractors for this work while Steelhead has agreed to complete 2 remaining items (completing utility truss and install last piling hoop) by Oct 28. If not completed by then, WSC will assume the work at Steelhead's expense. While the additional time and labor has increased construction costs from the original budget of \$1,411,000 to the current estimate of \$1,513,000 (7%) there is still money, primarily in the construction loan, available to finish the work. The membership voted and approved spending the additional funds to finish the project.

Financial Review (Kevin Reynolds, Treasurer)

Kevin presented financial goals for 2018 including how the club tracks reserve funds and working capital in the operating budget, reflecting the 2018 mortgage payments in the Occupancy line item, showing expenses related to WSC clubhouse completion in the Construction in Progress line item. He also showed the year end bank balances for 2012 to 2016 which while fluctuating somewhat has increased from \$433,870 (2012) to \$561,834 (2016). He presented 2017-18 Income and Expense budget (which was listed in the October 2017 Telltales for review), the 2017-18 Net Ordinary Income and Reserve Spending and Allocation budgets. The membership voted and approved the 2017-18 budget.

Dredging (Toby Deming, Vice Commodore)

John Gordon, Mark Sandifer and Dave Jursik have been helping Toby figure out next steps for agency permitting of this project. The current goal is to try to be able to dredge in 2018, although this could be delayed for a year due to the limited work windows. The budget for this work is still being determined.

Good of the Order (Toby Deming)

Several suggestions were offered up for the opportunity to wear this esteemed "I Goofed" vest (or tonight there were two vests) including: John Olson for sailing half a season with his rudder backwards, Bill Symes, while practicing in the Gorge, sailed onto the Wind Regatta race course and caused Grant Gridley, then in first place, to capsize during a race, and finally Jeff Cavanaugh for dragging the starting marker all the way back to shore where he ran aground. The club voted to present the vest to Jeff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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