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From the Manager

by Brandon Roberts



Exciting times continue to be upon us through the snowy winter season as the social and regatta calendars are being competed, Learn to Sail registration has opened for the summer season, and Spring High School Sailing is just kicking off. Additionally, WSC is now offering Thursday Night Happy Hour every week throughout the year! This is a great opportunity to bring friends and family down to show off the new sailing facility and enjoy some happy hour food and beverage. If you know someone that is interested in sailing and might be a good fit for the club, send them down on Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm to meet other WSC members and talk about what the club has to offer.

Two important events have been put onto the calendar for March. First, the Donor Party scheduled for Saturday, March 16th, is a special thank you from Willamette Sailing Club and Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation for all donations \$1000 or greater. Please keep an eye out for an invitation and RSVP information coming soon. Second being the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Saturday, March 23rd, celebrates the grand opening for the sailing facility. Be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for further information.

If you're looking to book an event at the club, please contact me at Manager@willamettesailingclub.com

Cheers!

Willamette Sailing Club

--- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony ---

You're Invited
Saturday March 23, 2019
5:30pm Cocktails and Appetizers

The time has come for our grand opening, and a special thank you from Willamette Sailing Club

Join us in our new Clubhouse for hosted cocktails and appetizers to celebrate the grand opening





Commodore's Corner

by Jim Harper

I want to start this year by thanking Toby Deming, our Commodore last year, for his hard work and for keeping the Club on track with the new sailing facility and other items he accomplished last year. He did a great job of keeping us all on task.

The following are some of the tasks and challenges the WSC Board of Directors has to work on in 2019.

One mission this year is to figure out more ways to enjoy our new clubhouse and provide ample opportunity for new and different events. We have plans for a regular weekly happy hour, dinner and drinks after Monday and Wednesday sailing and other weekend events. If you have ideas for club events please drop me or Brandon an email.

One challenge coming up later this year is dredging the harbor, scheduled for the fall. Until we go through the permitting for this project, there remain some unknowns including the time it will take and the cost. We will keep the membership posted when we find out more.

We have some exciting sailing coming our way this year. The Lido Nationals will be at WSC July 19, 20, 21. This is a great event for the club, and we look forward to hosting sailors from all over the West Coast. For more information and registration, check out the WSC website.

The Thistle Nationals are coming to Idaho in July, and WSC will be hosting a Thistle regatta in June as a warmup. And of course we have the annual Al Morris Regatta at Yale Lake in August.

I'm happy to be taking on the role of Commodore this year and working with a great team on the Board. I will be out racing my Thistle and Laser, so I hope to see you out there for some warm spring sailing.

Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The 2019 racing season is beginning soon for the WSC Laser fleet. Book your Sunday afternoons for working the rust off your Laser sailing skills. Dress warmly, hope for good breeze, and bring a hot beverage in a thermos for afterward. I enjoy the unique tactics involved in Winter racing in southerlies, strong-current short tacking up Toe Island, and picking the layline to the weather mark. There are also travel regatta opportunities to Seattle, plus Southern California and Florida. An internet review shows some WSC sailors, including Conrad Miller and Bill Symes, may already have raced in 2019 in Seattle. I hope the weather cooperated. I encourage everyone to set a goal for the racing season. Last summer, while sitting on the rail of MissAdventure (named your Laser yet?) instead of hiking, I would have said 2019 was the year to get a hiking bench for the house. However, at this point I think gybing more often onto port downwind will be my goal. That should make the racing exciting and polish my skills. What is your goal? I'll see you on the water!



Thistle Fleet Report

by Matt "Cruiser" Cohen

2019 is going to be an exciting year for WSC Thistles! Nationals is coming to the region this summer. The district championships are back at Yale Lake this year. A great summer of club racing and regattas is coming up. Finally, in the Fall we'll see if the Thistles can keep up their impressive streak of Wild Turkey wins.

Nationals!

Thistle Nationals are coming to Sandpoint, Idaho July 21-26. Mark your calendars and get ready for some great racing. It's always exciting to have Nationals close to home. Sandpoint is busy in the summer so please start planning accommodations early if you intend to go. You can find more information about the event on their website: thistlenationals2019.com

District Championship

The district championship is going to be held at Yale Lake hosted by WSC this year. There will be great racing all weekend, and we have the camp reserved starting July 4th if you want to come early and enjoy some extra camping. Sailing in the district championship is a required qualifying event for Nationals (with some exceptions), so expect a great turnout, excellent racing, and good times all weekend.

Midwinters West

Midwinters West was held a couple weeks ago in sunny San Diego at Mission Bay Yacht Club. John Gordon represented WSC along with his crew Mike Reese and Kyle Smith, they came in 6th in the President's Division. Mike and Kyle also sailed in the Larry Klein Memorial Match Race that weekend.

Regatta Schedule

January 24-27 - Midwinters West/Larry Klein Match Race - Mission Bay Yacht Club

May 25-26 - Memorial Day Regatta - Eugene Yacht Club

June 1-2 - Annual Regatta - Vancouver Lake Sailing Club

July 6-7 - Thistle PNW District Championship - Yale Lake

July 21-26 - Thistle Nationals - Sandpoint, Idaho

August 17-18 - Sequim Bay Regatta - Sequim Bay, Washington

People

This year, I'm the WSC Thistle fleet captain, Oscar Barney is the District Governor, and Mike Rees is the Treasurer.

Look for a fleet meeting to be scheduled soon. We'll send out a notice when we have a date and location.



Where Will Reciprocals Take You?

by Norm Eder

When you join WSC you may not know that our club is part of a network of clubs around the country and beyond offering reciprocity to visiting sailors.

I have used my WSC reciprocity benefit twice – both with excellent results.

Last summer, I hauled my boat to Seattle for a few days of day-sailing in Puget Sound. I started my planning by identifying clubs in the Seattle area listed on the WSC website. The staff of the Corinthian Yacht Club, located in Ballard at Shilshole, responded immediately to help me figure out the essentials: securing temporary moorage, stashing my trailer, and participating in Corinthian events while in town. The club's Vice Commodore sent me a very useful and extensive description of his favorite day trips from Shilshole.

Once in Seattle, we had the courtesy of the club, which like WSC, has a heavy schedule of summer evening sailing events. We spent our days happily sailing in to Elliot Bay, across open water toward Bainbridge Island and north to Edmonds. We used a windless day to motor into Lake Union via the Ballard Locks, where we lunched in south Lake Union and toured the Center for Wooden Boats. In the evenings, we sailed surrounded by Corinthian fleets.

It was so much fun that I've locked down July dates for my second annual Sail Seattle adventure.

I used our reciprocity benefit in Honolulu at the Waikiki Yacht Club (WYC) in early January. I contacted WYC before my departure and asked WSC staff to let them know I am a member in good standing.

My wife and I were greeted with open arms and given a WYC entrance pass for our entire stay.

WYC is on a different planet from WSC. It has a full time bar, restaurant, and a swimming pool. The classes of boats are bigger than ours too – all with a tropical vibe and the most reasonably priced food in Honolulu.

WYC holds Friday night beer can races. The bartender helped me find a captain willing to take us on board. My wife and I soon found ourselves crewing a 50 foot boat from the harbor to Diamond Head and back. We did not win, but the evening was magical.

Reciprocity is just another word for making your traveling with or without your boat, more fun.



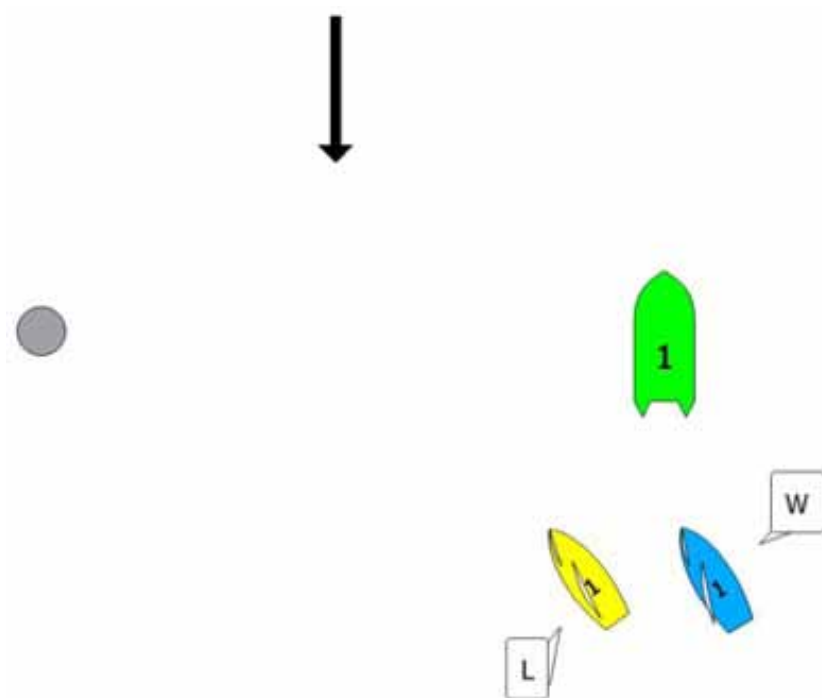
Rules of the Road

by Craig Daniels

Room at the Committee Boat?

When starting, there is never room at the committee boat. But there is a situation where, if a leeward boat sticks their bow in, they can't be held out.

Consider the following in which the windward boat cannot sail between leeward and the committee boat.



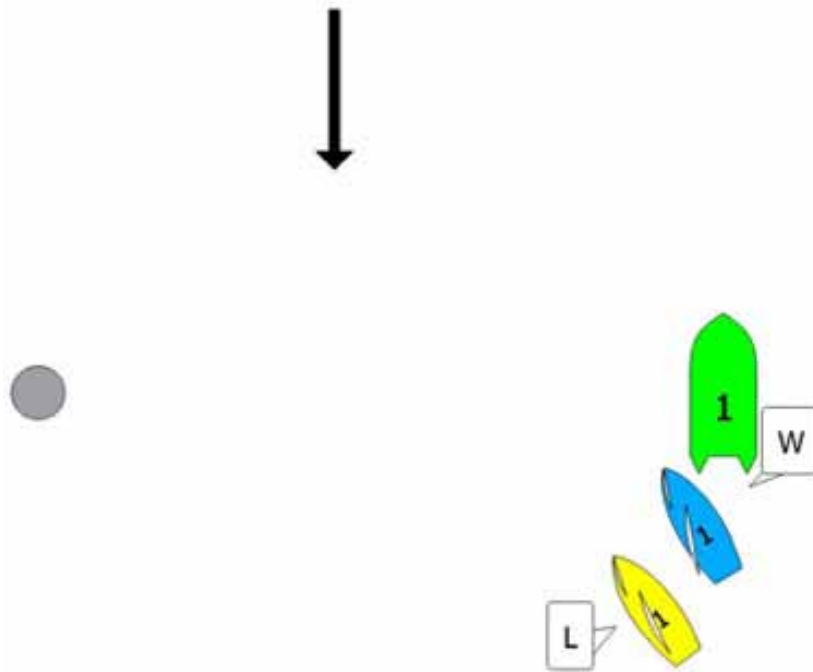
Section C of the Racing Rules of Sailing covers Rule 18, which is the rule concerning mark room. The preamble to section C reads:

“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.”

The committee boat is a starting mark; therefore, the boat in the above situation does not have mark-room. The leeward boat is free to luff up to keep Windward from getting to the starting line.



But, consider the next situation:



Leeward did not luff while the the weather boat could keep clear of the committee boat, and now the windward boat is overlapped with the committee boat.

The windward boat has an obligation to keep clear of leeward boat, but Leeward cannot change course and head the weather boat into the mark (boat). Why? See Rule 16.1: “When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear.”

There is no room for Windward to keep clear so the leeward boat cannot change course and head up and cause windward to make contact with the committee boat.

If you want to keep a boat from sticking their bow between you and the committee boat, you have to do it while they can still get safely above the committee boat.

There is another possibility. Can anyone figure out what it is?

Craig Daniels
US Sailing National Judge

Do you have rules questions? Please email Craig Daniels at craig@craigdaniels.com.



A Word from Your Fleet Captain

by Mike Rees

2019 Club Racing Begins Sunday, February 17

Winter series begins February 17. All fleets start at 1 p.m. Lasers usually dominate this series, but anyone is invited. Winter series will be scored.

To help plan for scoring and organization, we request that racers register at [URL of Google form]. Failure to register will not disqualify you from racing, but will cause minor consternation when you show up and we don't know who you are.

White Fleet Racing in 2019

WSC club racing will include a White Fleet start in all series. Any time there are boats not racing in the established fleets who want to race in a mixed fleet, we will offer a White Fleet start and score the racing according to the Portsmouth Yardstick. Having an oddball boat is no longer an excuse for not joining the club races.

Laser B Fleet in 2019

Responding to the growing clamor, WSC is offering a B fleet start in Laser racing. We are not imposing any rule for qualifying for A or B fleet, but allowing racers to select for themselves either the A fleet (competitive) or B fleet (relaxed learning environment).

Sign up for Race Committee

We need race committee volunteers right now. Rather than conscript people, we are asking you to sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/WSCRC2019> Racing begins February 17, so please consider volunteering for those swiftly approaching Winter series dates. Anyone racing, including crew members, is expected to do race committee duty. A good rule is to sign up for one day of duty per series raced. Another good rule is to take up race committee work as full time hobby. Non-racing club members participate and enjoy race committee. Night captains need to be trained and approved. Safety captains need an Oregon boater education card. Other RC crew members can learn on the job. Everyone is welcome at the Race Committee Brunch.

Race Committee Brunch, 11 a.m., Sunday, March 17, WSC Clubhouse

Everyone volunteering for race committee or interested in volunteering for race committee is invited to Race Committee Brunch. Coffee and light comestibles will be served. The agenda will include refresher training for night captains, safety captains, and RC crew members. Breakout sessions will be available for different needs and interests, such as starting procedures, water rescue, and motorboat operation. The program is being developed. Fleet racing will start at 1 p.m. that day, and may be an opportunity for on-the-job training for Brunch attendees.

Basic Dinghy Racing Clinics, March 30 and June 8

Come race with us! Are you new to dinghy racing? Unsure of the rules? Concerned about collisions on the race course? Want to learn how to be a crew member? Come to our WSC Basic Dinghy Racing Clinics. Meet our rules guru. Learn basic racing procedures and tactics. Rig and tune up your boat with expert advice. Practice racing in a low pressure environment with on-the-water coaching. All boat classes are invited, including Laser,



Thistle, Daysailer, Lido, and White Fleet boats (for mixed fleet racing). Don't own a boat yet? Come anyway. We can find you a boat to sail on. RSVP to fleetcaptain@willamettesailingclub.com

The Preliminary Agenda for Clinics

Saturday, March 30, "Chalk talk and rigging"

10 a.m., coffee and donuts, chalk talk on basic racing rules and procedures with Craig Daniels.

11:15 short presentation on race committee and why it is so much fun

11:30 a.m. dock walking and rigging consultation. Bring your boat or talk to experienced racers on how to commission and rig your boat for the racing season.

12:30 go get lunch (Subway is nearby)

1 p.m. Go sailing, but only if the weather is nice.

Saturday, June 8, "Crew development and practice racing"

10 a.m., coffee and donuts, chalk talk on racing strategy, starting, and how not to collide.

11:30 a.m. boat rigging, new crew orientation.

12:30 go get lunch

1 p.m. Practice starts and short racing. The weather will be nice.





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for Happy Hour food and drinks**

Willamette Sailing Club invites you to bring your friends and family down to the new Sailing Facility for our new weekly happy hour and socializing.

Grab a spot at the new handmade bar, a seat next to the warm fireplace, or at a table with one of the best waterfront views of Southwest Portland.

Hours

Every Thursday - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Beverages

Domestic beers - \$3

Local craft beer on tap - \$4

Glass of Wine - \$5

Food

Happy Hour Food Buffet - \$7



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