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From the Manager

by Brandon Roberts



Summer is almost here!

Every year around this time I am still taken aback at the beauty of the Willamette Valley and how we are treated to such an amazing place; this year is no different. The sun is out, trees are green, flowers are blooming and there is not a better time to get back out onto the water. Spring sailing is underway with great wind and activity for the first sessions.

Now that the weather has turned for the better, we are working through organizing the moorage lot and getting boats off the waitlist for dock moorage. If you plan to bring your boat down to the Club this summer, please give us a heads up in the office.

Thursday Happy Hours have been a great success and it's been great seeing so many Members down at the Club on a regular basis. As we move towards summer, we will begin to add food and bar service following Laser and Fleet nights each week, and even some Sunday brunches!

Learn to Sail, Opti, and High School sailing programs are all off and running and already out performing last year. We're looking forward to having a really successful summer season in all areas.

Cheers!





Commodore's Corner

by Jim Harper

It is nice to swing into the full racing season. Arriving at the club and seeing the classes on the water and getting my boat ready to race always makes me forget about work and other chores. It is a nice feeling. My article this month is not about all the joys of sailing or the upcoming events, but of our responsibilities as sailors, club members, and racers. I'm the first to admit that when out having fun I sometimes need to be reminded of the little things I should be doing. So let me dive right in. These items are not directed at anyone or meant to start debates, only to remind everyone to be mindful of our activities.

Fishing boats. My rule is to stay clear of these boats when their lines are in the water. We understand the rules of racing and those rules leave no room for debate about who has rights. The rules between different types of boats are even less clear and, to me, they always boils down to who has maneuverability. We stay way clear of big boats coming down the river because they are commercial and because they have very limited maneuverability. Motor boats should give rights to sailboats. Sailboats should stay wide of fishing boats to avoid lines. Although debatable, this includes fishing boats that are moving slowly. As with racing, things happen and debates occur. When they do, let's try and keep the upper hand and stay friendly and courteous.

Clubhouse use. Everyone is happy the clubhouse is here and being used to the extent possible. There are a lot of scheduled events and some not scheduled, which to me is not a problem. I however must remind everyone we are not staffed to clean up after members. If you have an event or just a few people enjoying a beer on the deck, please clean up after yourself. This means putting items in the dishwasher and cleaning them; this means picking up and sweeping up; this also means if the garbage is over three-quarters full, take it up the hill to the dumpster. The Board is still trying to find where this clubhouse and staffing fit with our existing membership fees. For now we must ask everyone to pitch in and keep it enjoyable for everyone.

Race Committee is a responsibility for all racers. We need 4-5 people out there running races and providing safety. Mike Rees is maintaining a schedule, and it is everyone's responsibility to check that schedule. If you cannot make the night you are scheduled, to find a replacement in advance.

If you are not a racer, I recommend you sign up for race committee. This is an opportunity to meet people, enjoy a night on the water. And if you are interested in racing, it is one of the best ways to learn. There is no experience required and the committee boat and safety boat always have an experienced member on board.

We always need little reminders of our responsibilities when out having fun. So let's keep enjoying ourselves in a responsible way.



Lido Fleet Report

by Geoff Fanning

Oh my gosh. So much going on. Tim Mulvaney's roll tack clinic a month ago was a huge success. Wednesday night sailing has been a mixed bag. A quarter of the fleet turtled in 25 knot winds a few weeks ago; the terms are starting to set in and become more consistent. Speaking of turtling, the Turtle and District 5 championship regatta was on May 4 & 5. 17 boats came out! Look for results on page 9. Final planning for the Class Championship is in full swing. People are already asking about Al Morris details.

Please consider hosting a Class Championship visitor from out of town July 19-21. Contact Bill Conerly (bill@conerlyconsulting.com). See details under "Housing Needed for Visiting Sailors" this issue.

I hope you're having a great sailing summer.

DaySailer Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

Daysailers are appearing more frequently around the club, and the sunny weather and good spring winds are getting them out on the water. The first official races of our spring series got started on a gusty Wednesday night in April, and there were a few surprises!

The team of John Gridley and Oscar Barney grabbed an early bullet in a close race that had four boats finishing within a minute of each other. Gridley and Oscar have made their move over from the Thistle fleet, and have settled right in to the DS fleet. Cecily Gourley and Tom Block took a swim during that race, and Keiran Banyard saved the day by righting the boat and getting her seaworthy again.

During the second race, the Rear Commodore Toby Deming and his wife Janice decided to dunk the new club-owned boat and clean her off for good measure. Something about the main sheet cleating up rather than down. But our fearless leader holds his head high. All told, we dumped two DaySailers and three Lidos that night. Might be the reason why we rounded the last mark for the second race and found the finish line had disappeared! We just sailed close to the yellow mark and called it good.

May 1st brought a second night of good Spring racing, with a record EIGHT daysailers pushing to the line. Steady winds and a crack race committee got in three races, and zero boats went over. Big smiles were had by all attending. During the first start, Gridley pushed John O. into the committee boat, and then went over the line early! If Gridley keeps up these fantastic maneuvers, the fleet may have to take serious action and install some cupholders in his boat.

Daysailer Fleet 23 is planning to make another showing at the Memorial Day Regatta at Fern Ridge Reservoir. Several boats went down last year and enjoyed the excellent camping, the provided meals, and the G&T bar in our favorite DaySailer trailer. Marshmallows around the fire, and beautiful sailing conditions made for an amazing weekend. We are calling it the Daysailer World Championships so get yourself registered!

Spring season will doubtless have more racing excitement, more pleasant cruising, and more time spent polishing the new bar with our elbows. Keep an eye out for invitations for some Trailer Sailor activities on upcoming Sundays in June. Looking to have some adventures down the Willamette and in the Gorge! At least one member would like to plan a trip sailing in and around Astoria!



Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

It has been a trying Spring for the Laser fleet at WSC. After we abandoned racing for Spring Series #3, Walt pointed out that “we have missed the past seven days of Laser racing due to lack of wind”. At press time we have three weeks left in the Spring series, and everyone is still tied for first place. Meanwhile the Laser Class Association and European manufacturer parted ways, so next month this column may be titled “ILCA Dinghy Fleet Update”. Forgive me for not explaining the entire situation here. Google it for details. Whatever happens, I can assure you that Starboard will still have right of way, and “Ease, Hike, Trim” will still be the best way to react to gusts on the fun boats we are racing together. The Winter series concluded as the last article mentioned, with Ollie Kunz victorious over Sebastian Laleau and Bill Symes. The Race Committee calendar for Spring Series on Wednesdays has many open spots, so please sign up to help out. Even if you are not confident about doing race committee, join us and lend a hand. You may see many pleas for last minute assistance in May from me and other Night Captains in order to provide the same good race management to the Fleets that they provide for us on Mondays. The annual Laser Clinic will be Saturday May 25 at noon. You can suggest what topics you want covered during both the land lecture and on-the-water practice session to help me adjust the curriculum compared to past years. I remind sailors that the Laser Fleet zone of the WSC website has the clinic outline for reference. Webmaster John Purdy also aims to fill out the Laser calendar on that page with all the regional regattas that we know of. As the racing season accelerates, we have the Steve Williams Memorial Regatta on May 18, 50th (!) Vancouver Lake Regatta on June 1-2 and 10th Bloomin’ Algae regatta at VLSC on July 13, followed by the Wind Regatta for Youths on July 20-21 during Lido Nationals, CGOD on July 27-28, and the Masters PCCs on August 3-4 in the Gorge competing for attendance with the Al Morris Regatta. For sailors looking to expand into Gorge racing there are three weeks of Youth and Open Clinics this summer to provide a helpful entry to the high wind fun. I’ll see you on the water!

Housing Needed for Visiting Sailors

by Bill Conerly

The Lido 14 Class Championships are coming to WSC, and we would like to offer housing for visiting sailors. And you don’t have to be a Lido sailor to participate. Races will be July 19-21.

Here’s the deal: No money changes hands. Hosts have no obligations other than to provide a place to sleep for three or four nights. Racers will be served meals at the club.

I’m coordinating housing and will offer space to visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. Before assigning anyone, I’ll run the information I have about the visitors past the host.

If you are willing to participate, please send an email to Bill@ConerlyConsulting.com. (Just one “n” in Conerly.) Give me your name and contact information and the sort of space you can offer. Please note the number of beds and whether twin or double mattress, floor space, how many people (adults and children) you can accommodate, etc. Also give me an address, so I can figure out distance from WSC.

Lido sailors are nice people, especially when they are far away from rounding marks. I bet you’ll enjoy helping out.



Thistle Fleet Report

by Matt Cohen

It's a fantastic time of year, the days are getting longer, the sailing breeze is starting to kick in, the sun is out most days. Getting the boat unwrapped and geared up for the summer is exciting, as are the first races of the season. Sailing is back and I'm ready for summer!

Spring Racing

Spring racing series is here. After a couple of zero-wind days, we're back on track with some great wind and great sailing the past couple weeks. It's fun seeing folks out there after the winter break, and I'm excited for more great racing all summer.

Be careful out there! The water is still much colder than the air and can be dangerous. Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.

Crew

There are some interested crew excited to race in Thistles. If you are looking for crew, contact Oscar or me and we'll help connect you, or hop on the pdxthistles yahoo group.

Yale Lake District Championships

We're hosting the District Championships at our Yale Lake Regatta this year, July 6-7.

Come camp early. We have the site starting July 4. It should be great sailing with Nationals in our District this year.

Look for a Notice of Race soon with more details.

We're still looking for some Race Committee help; volunteers can contact me.

Nationals

As you know nationals is coming to our district this summer in Sandpoint, Idaho. It should be a great regatta with over 50 boats registered already!

We're in charge of measurement and Mike Rees is looking for volunteers to go early and help measure boats. Contact him if you're available.

Regatta Schedule

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 | thistlenationals2019.com

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

Thanks!

Matt

cruiser@cruiser.org



A Note From Your Vice Commodore

by Toby Deming

Dredging the WSC Marina. All of the celebrations are over and the clubhouse is ours! Now it's time to prepare for dredging the WSC marina. Thank you to the dozen or so members who have volunteered to help out. The dredging window is the month of October (that's after the racing season and before winter rains start). There is a lot of testing, a lot of permits, and a lot of agencies involved before dredging can begin, and the process has been quite an experience. We're hopeful that all of the agencies involved will sign off on our project in a timely manner but, if not, dredging may get pushed off to October, 2020. We should know in June if dredging will happen this year. Assuming everything goes according to plan, all of the boats on the dock and floating in the harbor, will need to be moved by September 7th so we can accommodate the dredging equipment. This date is subject to change but please make a note of it if you are going to be unavailable during the month of September.

Club-owned loaner boats. Beginning April 14th, the club will have a club-owned Day Sailer and a club-owned Lido (in addition to club-owned Lasers) for members to borrow for races, day sailing, or nearby regattas. Anyone wishing to borrow a club-owned boat will need to be cleared first by a member of the relevant fleet. The purpose of these club-owned boats is to give families, youth sailors, adult sailing school graduates, and members an opportunity to sail some of the fleet boats before deciding which boat is best for their needs. This program was made possible by the WSC board and a generous grant from the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. Thank you OYSF!! If you want to borrow the club Day Sailer, Lido, or Laser, contact the office for details.

Happy sailing to all!

Thank You to the Youth

by David Roth

Just wanted to share with the other members my pleasure working with John Feliciano during the May 11 Work Party. John is a junior member of the Club, a sophomore at Jesuit, and a sailor with a competition off the Jersey Shore already under his belt.

We worked together on a new plank bridge between the north and the main docks. He showed the patience, the carpentry skills and the sense of humor that you would hope everyone had.

John wasn't the only young person at the Work Party. I also encountered two young women who'd put time in that morning as well. I didn't get their names because the work was over, and people were heading off, but it was obvious that they were glad to have done their share.





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Glass of Wine - \$5

Liquor Cocktail - \$5

Happy Hour Buffet - \$8



Lido 14 Fleet 25 Turtle and District 6 Championship Regatta

Willamette Sailing Club

A Fleet Fleet

Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	SailNo	HelmName	R1 5/4/19	R2 5/4/19	R3 5/4/19	R4 5/4/19	R5 5/4/19	R6 5/5/19	R7 5/5/19	R8 5/5/19	Total	Nett
1st	A Fleet	4156	Kerry Poe	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	(6.0)	3.0	1.0	18.0	12.0
2nd	A Fleet	5100	Tim Mulvaney	3.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	(5.0)	21.0	16.0
3rd	A Fleet	6252	Chris Bittner	2.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	(6.0)	4.0	2.0	4.0	25.0	19.0
4th	A Fleet	5126	Mark Sandifer	4.0	5.0	2.0	(7.0)	2.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	29.0	22.0
5th	A Fleet	6131	Ron Runyan	6.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	(7.0)	36.0	29.0
6th	A Fleet	3978	Murray McLeod	5.0	(6.0)	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	42.0	36.0
7th	A Fleet	4823	Bill Conerly	(7.0)	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	53.0	46.0

B Fleet Fleet

Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 10, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	SailNo	HelmName	R1 5/4/19	R2 5/4/19	R3 5/4/19	R4 5/4/19	R5 5/4/19	R6 5/5/19	R7 5/5/19	R8 5/5/19	Total	Nett
1st	B Fleet	6156	Tom Boyd	4.0	3.0	1.0	(5.0)	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	21.0	16.0
2nd	B Fleet	6129	Geoff Fanning	3.0	4.0	(5.0)	3.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	25.0	20.0
3rd	B Fleet	5007	John McCoy	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	(7.0)	29.0	22.0
4th	B Fleet	4263	Brad Grenham	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	(8.0)	4.0	32.0	24.0
5th	B Fleet	4931	Susan Ellis	7.0	5.0	6.0	1.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	(8.0)	47.0	39.0
6th	B Fleet	4186	Jim Reavis	8.0	(9.0)	4.0	7.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	49.0	40.0
7th	B Fleet	6053	Steve Salas	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	3.0	1.0	3.0	51.0	41.0
8th	B Fleet	5071	Allan Stults	(9.0)	7.0	8.0 DNF	8.0 DNF	8.0 DNS	5.0	3.0	5.0	53.0	44.0
9th	B Fleet	3828	Rachel Johnson	6.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	59.0	50.0
10th	B Fleet	6050	Matt Davis	5.0	6.0	8.0 DNF	8.0 DNS	8.0 DNS	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	62.0	53.0



Lido Turtle Regatta Photos

by Everett Hobson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June & July 2019						Team Willamette - Youth Summer Race Team
						1
2	3 Summer 1 Lasers 6pm	4	5 Summer 1 Fleets 6pm	6 Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	7	8 WSC Work Party 9am
19	10 Summer 1 Lasers 6pm	11	12 Summer 1 Fleets 6pm	13 Team Willamette 5pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	14	15
16	17 Summer 1 Lasers 6pm	18 Team Willamette 5pm Board Meeting 6:45pm	19 Team Willamette 5pm Summer 1 Fleets 6pm	20 Team Willamette 5pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	21	22
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7	8 Summer 1 Lasers 6pm	9 Team Willamette 5pm	10 Team Willamette 5pm Summer 1 Fleets 6pm	11 Team Willamette 5pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	12	13 WSC Work Party 9am
14	15 Summer 2 Lasers 6pm	16 Team Willamette 5pm Board Meeting 6:45pm	17 Team Willamette 5pm Summer 2 Fleets 6pm	18 HS Race Team 4pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	19	20
21	22 Summer 2 Lasers 6pm	23 Team Willamette 5pm	24 Team Willamette 5pm Summer 2 Fleets 6pm	25 Team Willamette 5pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	26	27
28	29 Summer 2 Lasers 6pm	30 Team Willamette 5pm	31 Team Willamette 5pm Summer 2 Fleets 6pm			





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