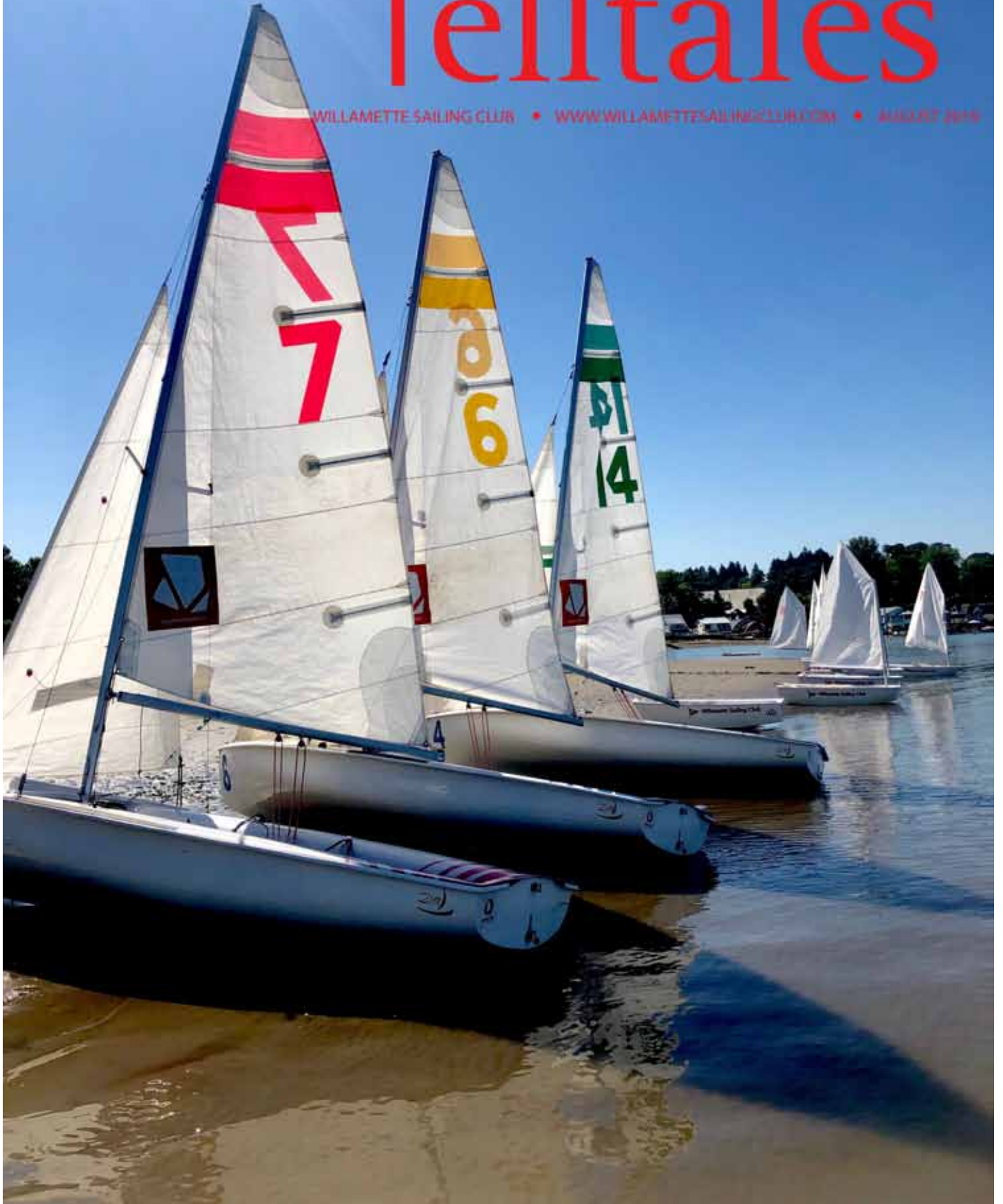




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## From the Manager

by Brandon Roberts

What an exciting summer season this has been at WSC! So many great events happening down at WSC over the past month. Some of those events include the annual Wooden Boat Festival, held here at the end of June. This year we had over 400 guests come through the property to check out our boat build, bbq, and live music!

Following that we put on the annual all womens regatta, the Holley Cup, congratulation to Claire Siegel-Wilson and Anisha Arcot. Following that we hosted the Lido 14 Class Championships which was a fantastic event and showcased the best of WSC. We had 27 boats enter the regatta which was won by local favorite Kerry Poe.

Not to mention we also had the Northwest Thistle District Championships at Yale Lake won by Darrell Peck and Lori Daily, and coming up August 3rd and 4th we will host the annual Al Morris Regatta also at Yale Lake. Lots of great competition happening lately!

In addition to that, we have added numerous weeks of Community Sailing programming this summer which is much more than we have ever done. These programs include SEI programs designed for underserved children and Sail2Change which is a youth driven program with camping, hiking and sailing components all driven to keep youth headed in a positive direction.

Needless to say we have had quite a lot going on in our first summer with the new clubhouse and we are getting great use out of it with lots of positive feedback.

We look forward to publishing a survey later this fall to take the pulse of the membership and look for further ways to improve as a club and the services we provide to both our membership and the local youth.

I hope everyone is having as enjoyable and successful summer as we are having down here at WSC!

Cheers.





## Commodore's Corner

by Jim Harper

For those who have been down to the club this summer you might have noticed a lot is happening. Our membership has grown to over 300 now, we have a "Learn to Sail" program of 700 students and our staff is close to 40. We still have club racing on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. The Wednesday night fleet racing has added food and beverages after racing. We are also continuing the Thursday night happy hour over the summer.

Along with this we have an upcoming 3 day Lido Class Championship regatta, two regattas at Yale Lake and a full calendar of individual member events throughout all of 2019 and into 2020. We also have scheduled white fleet racing for members new to racing and the Wooden Boat Festival is coming up but will have happened by the time you read this. Our staff is busy trying to maintain boats, racing gear (flags, horns etc.), and we have added items like beer taps and dish washers.

With all this increase in activity I think we should all show appreciation for the staff. In addition to the items above they have worked with the local business to void the parking contract and the parking lot is for WSC members only now. You should also notice we are starting to dial-in how the clubhouse kitchen is being operated and left at the end of the night.

We are a changing club and we are always looking for ideas to make it better. With all this change some of the historic items have not received all the attention they might deserve (like TellTales which can be attributed to both staff and the volunteers who provide the articles). This has been recognized and please bear with us while everyone is trying to balance the existing duties with all the new duties.

I also wanted to comment that the dredging has been delayed a year. The reasons for this were covered in an email sent out to all members and if you would like further information please read the email or contact me.

Thanks and happy sailing everyone!



# DaySailer Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

On a warm and windy Sunday in June, the Day Sailer fleet set out on a cruising adventure from the club. The goal was to head downtown for ice cream, tie up at the docks, and take our families on a short adventure. It began with just a few boats and built into a fantastic day on the water. Several of our fleet (and a few extras) all joined in the fun for a safe and pleasant cruise for all involved.

Arjan Duvestein and I have often plotted ways to get our families more involved at the club. We want low-stress methods of getting them on the water to experience some of the benefits and the joy we see every week on race nights. The “sail downtown for ice cream” plan has been floated before, but on June 9th, it looked like it was going to work. The winds were good, the weather warm, and if it was a bit overcast, then at least we wouldn’t get sunburns. A text message loosely invited a few more, when it looked like the cruise was shaping up.

Upon arriving at the sailing club, we found several of our compatriots rigging boats and coming along for a bit of Sunday afternoon fun. Arjan and family, the Cornett boat with my wife and daughter, Toby and Janice, Colin and Gwen, John O. and Stacy, and finally we rounded up Dave with the Precision and his son Ben. All of us departed into a building northerly wind, perfect for the trip into downtown. Some of the passengers were less-than-enthusiastic about this perfect sailing wind, but fears were assuaged, and away we went - 6 boats in all.

River traffic was normal for a summer Sunday, but the wind kept us moving right along and the constant wakes and rocking were not an issue. We arrived downtown and began crossing under bridges without incident, but then I remembered the Rose Festival. Half the river was blocked off for dragonboat races, and the police were waving people away. Undaunted, we expertly sailed our dinghies around the hazards, through the open channel, past anchored boats, and elbowed our way into the dock at the old Newport Bay. Toby established a beachhead, and the rest of us followed suit, finding spots to tie up and congratulate ourselves.

We all walked up and had ice cream. Riverplace was crowded with Portlanders, and we sat among them having set out and cruised our way down there with nothing but the wind. It is a good feeling. The run home was all too short, and we left the afternoon refreshed and happy from our day on the river. Future cruises are likely, and I am in favor of a regular Sunday afternoon event.



# **Dredging Update**

*by Jim Harper*

WSC Members,

I wanted to send out a notification to everyone that the WSC Board voted to delay the dredging project until 2020. The decision did not come lightly, however in the end the board vote was unanimous with one abstaining. At the Spring General Membership meeting I laid out how if the permit application was not submitted before June 1 we would review the status. The permit application has not been submitted and is still under review and revisions. The sediment sampling has been conducted but no lab results are available. Therefore we still do not have an estimate of cost and this could vary considerably based on the disposal locations.

There are a lot of volunteers working hard to make this happen this year and we do not want to slow this momentum. If we submit the application and get the permit it will be good for 2 years. Therefore we are progressing on.

By delaying the project a year we will reduce the current uncertainty surrounding the project and allow for more planning for relocation of marine buildings and how to handle fall classes. And by bidding the project in the winter months there is a good chance of better bids and more financial certainty going into the project.

I hope everyone understands the decision and if you would like more information please stop me in the clubhouse or send me an email.

Jim Harper  
2019 WSC Commodore

# **Laser Fleet Report**

*by John Sturman*

The Laser fleet at WSC moved into the busy racing season as we entered July. There are Monday night races at WSC with as many as 25 boats on the starting line and 5 races nightly during the long days of Summer 1. There are local travelling races just about every weekend to consider.

The Spring series concluded with consistent breeze and 12 total races after 3 no-wind days. Two evenings had four races run by our skilled and hustling Race Committee teams from the Wednesday fleets. The scoring sheet shows 22 sailors participating with the podium populated by Sebastien Laleau and Bill Symes with John Sturman winning.

The Summer1 series has now concluded with Bill Symes roaring back to overtake Grant Gridley with Dave Jursik third. Picking which night to miss and gather DNC scores was critical to success for Bill despite Grant's average score below 3.

Laser Domination Night is always a highlight for the WSC fleet and July 22 during Summer2#2 was the date this year. Remember the adage, if you only race your Laser once this summer make it during Laser Domination Night.

We still have a few travelling regattas ahead. The CGOD on July 27-28, and the Masters PCCs on August 3-4 in the Gorge competing for attendance with the Al Morris Regatta.

I'll see you on the water.



# Graduating Senior Interviews

by Heather Poehler

Last month high schools across the country bid farewell to seniors as they embarked on the next chapter of their life journey. The WSC high school sailing team said goodbye to four exceptional sailors- Kyra Leon, Justin Zhou, Lauren Wright and Olivia Corvelli. Heather Poehler, WSC member and parent of sophomore sailor, Conrad Miller, spent a few moments with the graduates, to find out what's up next for each of them and garner their thoughts on sailing.

Congratulations on your upcoming high school graduation!

What high school did you attend and what university will you be attending in the Fall?

Kyra Leon: St. Mary's/ University of Hawaii at Manoa

Justin Zhou: Lincoln (freshman year), then OES/ UCLA or Tufts University

Lauren Wright: Riverdale and Central Catholic/ Lake Forest College, North of Chicago

Olivia Corvelli: Riverdale/ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

It's a big decision to choose a school. How was the decision making process for you? Was it challenging? Did you go on a college tour?

Kyra: I flew over and toured the University of Hawaii. I wanted to live in a place with warm water and plan to study marine biology. In the end I had to choose between Eckard in Florida and University of Hawaii- it came down to the environment and cost.

Justin: I toured universities in California and Chicago. I initially thought I wanted to go to the University of Chicago- nope, too much like Hogwarts. I applied early decision to Northwestern- didn't get in. Next on my list were Michigan and USC, however I applied to both UCLA and Tufts on a whim. I got into Tufts and I'm on the waitlist at UCLA- my parents like Los Angeles.

Lauren: The process was definitely challenging as my Mum is from England and didn't have experience with the application process here in the US. My Dad helped with the statistics of places and mom helped with emotional support and helped me figure out the right fit.

I've only been here (in the US) for 5 years and initially wanted to stay local. Half of the schools I applied to were local. My final decision just felt like the right fit and felt safe- Lake Forest checked all the right boxes.

Olivia: It was really challenging. I narrowed my choice down to 4 schools: WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Miami University, University of Vermont and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. All of the schools had similar academics. My final decision came down to where I wanted to live. Miami was too humid, Vermont and Boston too cold, Cal Poly was just right.

How important was having a sailing program part of your decision to attend your school of choice?

Kyra: Last year when all the WSC graduating seniors went off to universities with sailing programs, sailing in college became important to me. I applied to some schools that didn't have a sailing program- when it was time to make a decision, having a sailing program became more of a priority.

Justin: The school had to have one- if it didn't I'd end up wasting my time away in my room (playing video games). I have to have a purpose. I plan to sail and play music- I play the piano, tenor sax and also sing on the acappella choir at OES.

Lauren: It's very important to me to have accessibility to sail nearby- but my schools didn't need to have a program. Not all schools had an official sailing team but all schools were near a body of water. Lake Forest has learn to sail classes and a sailing coach. They're in the process of restarting a college sailing team.

Olivia: Sailing wasn't a deciding factor for me. I'm focusing on my education first and extra curricular activities second. Coincidentally, all schools have active sailing teams and I do plan to sail freshman year.



Are you thinking about an academic interest or major at this time?

Kyra: Yes- Marine Biology.

Justin: If I stay in LA I'm interested in pursuing a degree in the music business.

Lauren: At this time I'm all over the board- thinking about anything but medicine or business! I know what I don't want to study.

Olivia: Yes- Biomechanical engineering.

We've seen you here at WSC for awhile. When did you start sailing?

Kyra: I joined the team my freshman year in high school, however I started in Opti summer camps here at WSC from first through sixth grade.

Justin: I started sailing last year. Ronan recruited me onto the OES team. I swam for years but hated it. I wanted to stay close to the water and thought about rowing but didn't want to get up at 4:30 AM for practice. Sailing is more chill.

Lauren: I started sailing the summer between eighth and ninth grade - Olivia brought me to WSC then I joined the HS sailing team in ninth grade.

Olivia: I started sailing Optis at the age of 9 in New Jersey at summer camp. The following year I sailed with the race team. I was 12 when we moved to Portland and joined the WSC race team sailing Optis. I sailed on the WSC high school team for 4 years.

What are some of your stand-out sailing memories and achievements?

Kyra: Last summer, (former WSC HS sailor) Pierre and I sailed at the Bellingham Youth regatta in C420 and won the regatta! I enjoyed sailing with Anisha and we won a lot of races and got along well.

Justin: My first regatta was in Hood River. I was sailing with Ronan and it was really windy. I didn't realize then we were out of control most of the time. I don't remember doing very much other than hiking the whole regatta and Ronan screaming. At one point the main sheet popped out of the cleat when we were rounding a mark- we caught it just in time. We ended up winning the regatta with all bullets.

Lauren: One stand out memory is from a high school regatta at Sail Sandpoint in Seattle- Crazy wind- every one was capsizing rounding the marks. Grant's mast snapped and another girl dislocated her shoulder. It was rough! My favorite memories- Every time on the trap- "love that feeling"! Or planing in a Laser.

Olivia: I liked learning how to sail 29ers. Sailing 29ers on the Columbia in winter was a big achievement for me. Another highlight was racing 29ers at Mid-Winters West on Coronado Island in San Diego. I enjoyed traveling to regattas on weekends with the team. Being together with the team at regattas was bonding and therapeutic, and helped teammates work better together in the boat.

Looking back, how has sailing influenced your life? Do you have any special goals or aspirations in regard to sailing? Do you think sailing will be part of your life over the long haul?

Kyra: My friend group has changed a lot and I have stronger friendships from being on the sailing team. Overall I'm more confident in myself due to sailing. Sailing in college- hope to go to a regatta. I plan to keep sailing a part of my life.

Justin: Sailing in high school was something to look forward to and kept me going. When I was swimming I cried on the way to practice. Sailing was something I wanted to do and I made my own decision to join the team. The people are chill and happy. I put a lot of effort into learning how to sail as I hate not knowing something. I enjoyed hiking- if the boat is flat I'll be beating people!

Lauren: I don't know where sailing will take me however I plan to continue sailing for leisure. Would love to sail in oceans around the world. Sailing brought me to marine biology. I will be spending my second summer in the San Juans studying orca whales. What I love about sailing is it can be done anywhere around the world. You can still communicate with others when sailing. Sailing helped me learn to keep calm and cool- "keep my head out



of the boat". I'm more calm about things and stay cool and keep it together in stressful situations.

Olivia: Sailing will definitely be a part of my life. Sailing is a lifelong sport. I have made many connections though the sailing club. I reached out to club members to find shadow opportunities in the professional fields I was interested in. My goal is to keep sailing for the rest of my life.

Now that you're heading off to college, what advice do you have for the younger and upcoming high school sailors at WSC?

Kyra: Keep your friends close to you, even though you will be going off to college. They will still be there for you. Stay positive and in the moment instead of wishing high school would end sooner.

Justin: Don't worry about it, (everything) will play out. Fate will take you where it needs (you) to go. Go into the college process without any regrets. Give it your all. Grades are important. Stay positive. And "clear your e-tank off the water!"

Lauren: To the girls- take a chance and believe in what you want to do or try- don't listen to someone telling you not to do something because you're a girl.

To the boys- Support the girls!

Have confidence in yourself!

Olivia: Always try your hardest, stay competitive. Remember you started sailing for the fun and enjoyment of it- don't lose sight of that. Enjoy the time while you have it as it goes fast!

We are so proud of you all and wish you well in your future. Keep in touch! Sail fast and fair winds!



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# March Board Meeting Minutes

by Brandon Roberts

Call to Order at 6:45 pm

Attendees: Jim Harper (Commodore), Toby Deming (Rear Commodore), Brandon Roberts (WSC Manager), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain), John Gridley (Vice Commodore), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain)

Meeting Minute Approval

Board approved meeting minutes from February 19th

Officer Reports

Rear Commodore - Toby - None

Fleet Captain - Mike

Race Committee Brunch was a success with 20 Members in attendance

Fleet Captain is beginning to assign Race Committee duties to Members as signups are coming in slower than needed.

Mike has volunteered to PRO for Al Morris and will be reaching out to a few Members to act as an Assistant PRO.

Mike Rees has committed to making new Race Committee books

Port Captain - Jeffrey

First work party is approaching on Saturday, a good list of tasks has been created with Brandon and Jeffrey to be accomplished.

Vice Commodore - John Gridley

John wants to increase engagement with Midshipman Members through various activities and communications here at WSC. There was discussion about a college regatta (team race) and a social event focused on getting Midshipman Members down to the Club.

John will be maintaining a list of projects and expenses that will need to be written into the 2020 budget.

Parking lot and boat ramp repair

Trailer storage racks

Treasurer - Kevin Reynolds

Waiting for complete update of accounting in preparation for presenting at April General Membership meeting

Club Manager's Report - Brandon

Limited time - Nothing to discuss

Loaner Boat Policy

Toby presented a proposal for the club to strive to own one sample loaner boat for each boat in each of the four fleets. These loaner boats could be used by new members who want to try several boat types. Purpose is to help generate membership. Expected costs would run about \$2000 per boat. The club currently owns one Lido and several Lasers. The club Lido needs new sails and some maintenance. Toby made a motion for the club to purchase a DaySailer for approx \$2000 to \$2500. Club would own the boat and pay maintenance costs, but fleet would help maintain it. After much discussion Kevin pointed out that the club needs to first adopt a policy about the loaner boats prior to approving any such request. The Board is essentially in favor of such a policy to help



generate membership and help members step into a different type of boat, but the policy needs to be rewritten and clarified. It also needs to be reviewed after a predetermined amount of time to review whether it is working. Motion was withdrawn, and Toby will work with Kevin to rewrite the policy.

#### Member of the Month

Matt "Cruiser" Cohen nominated for Member of the Month for hard work during past work party

#### Membership Changes

Proposal for Grant Noel to Honorary Membership

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm

## **April Board Meeting Minutes**

*by Arjan Duyvestein*

Call to Order at 6:45 pm

Attendees: Jim Harper (Commodore), Toby Deming (Rear Commodore), Brandon Roberts (WSC Manager), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary)

#### Dredging Update:

A dredging meeting will be held on 4/18/19 in the downstairs classroom at 5:30pm.

Toby believes the possibility of getting our permits in time are 50/50.

#### Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes

Brandon wrote them by hand. Notes to be entered into Google Docs.

#### Officer Reports

Toby (Rear Commodore):

Toby plans to get a bid to transport the dock from McCuddy's to the sailing club. Brandon suggests keeping the dock on the Columbia, to not lose the HS Sailing program if/when we dredge. Brandon and Toby will look into options.

Kevin (Treasurer):

Kevin received updated financials for March to April. Learn to sail programs are looking good for the year so far. As of April 12, 2019 : Net income for the year to date is 53,636.

Adjusted reserves as of January 1 is 440,000.

On track to add 112,500 Net ordinary income this year and be able to add this to the reserves.

Mike (Fleet Captain):

The March 30th "Newbie Chalk Talk" by Craig Daniels was a great success. The talk went over simple rules, such as Rule 10 and 11, and there were many people interested in the talk. Next event is June 8th which will include on-the-water coaching.

Mike is concerned about some of the equipment on the boats. Boat #1 may have had a burnt fuse, or may have some radio issues. Any issues found with boats/equipment should be sent to Mike Rees or Michael Cornew.

Mike Rees will do a review of the boats with Michael.

Jeffrey (Port Captain):

Had great turn out (26 people) for the last work party. Weather was great. Upper lot was cleaned, clubhouse was



thoroughly cleaned. Work parties are held every 2nd Saturday of each month. Next work party scheduled for May 11th.

Jeffrey intends to do a review of the clubhouse facilities after he gets back from vacation.

#### Club Manager Report - Brandon:

The roster has been updated. Member and spouse information will be published together. The digital version of the roster is in progress and is to be issued in the Spring. This version will include a search capability.

We had a lot of well attended events recently. The donor party went very well and had about 45 people attend. The ribbon cutting ceremony had about 100 attendees. Opening Day Commodore's Ball had about 75 people. We did not make money on the Commodore's Ball, but the food was well received. Roberto Conde was the chef, providing in-house catering for club events and in-house events. Brandon may look at shifting the happy hour time by an hour (5:30pm to 7:30pm) because most of the time nobody is here at 4:30pm and it typically runs long.

Board reviewed the donor recognition plaque for spelling.

Brandon proposes the club purchase five new paddleboards because the current boards are in very poor condition. Proposed is 2 for adult use and 3 indestructible types for youth. Cost would be approx \$2,000 to \$2,500. Board requested Brandon get some actual numbers for review.

Learn-To-Sail popularity is up this year, 227 vs 219 last year, even though we have less classes planned now due to assumed dredging activities.

Brandon is working on a new member packet for prospective new members.

#### Membership Changes

New regular members.

1. Richard Ismach (Regular)
2. Reed College (Regular)
3. Liz Paulus (Regular)
4. Bryan Wolf (Regular)
5. Tom Box (Regular)

1 collegiate application:

1 resignation:

Eli Rosenblat

Board voted to approve all members new members.

#### April General Membership Meeting:

Board reviewed the agenda for the April General Meeting.

Board is still interested in members that might be willing to provide a loan to the club, to close the dredging funding gap of \$200k. This item to be discussed in detail at General Meeting.



Loaner Boat policy.

Toby is requesting \$2,202.78 for a loaner Daysailer boat/trailer that would serve as a loaner boat for the club. Rich and Toby have fixed it up to make it sailable. The boat can also be used for racing. It will be stored in the water during the season and will be pulled off the water in the off-season. Responsibility for maintenance will lie with the fleet. Toby modified the agreement slightly for liability issues.

Jim moves that we accept the proposal. Arjan second. Proposal approved unanimously.

New Members

A question was raised how we are linking new members to the fleets (including white fleet) and to racing? What kind of clinics are ongoing to get new members involved? Brandon thinks there is room for improvement to market the club to Learn to Sail graduates. The first summer series will include a radial class start for Lasers.

Arjan motioned to revamp the new member pledge, to make it less awkward for new members when they are sworn in. Proposal is to read the pledge to them and ask them to "Agree" in lieu of raising their right hands and repeating. Kevin seconded. Brief discussion. Approved unanimously.

Member of the Month.

Kathy and Mark Sandifer. Kathy for the interior design and Mark Sandifer for fabricating the logo out on the balcony.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

## **April General Membership Meeting Minutes**

*by Arjan Duyvestein*

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jim Harper (Commodore), Toby Deming (Rear Commodore), Brandon Roberts (WSC Manager), John Gridley (Vice Commodore), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary), and approx. 33 others. A quorum was present.

Honorary Membership Approval

Grant and Linda Noel:

Board wants to nominate Grant and Linda Knoll for honorary membership. They have trained many people on Thistles, been involved in the beginnings of the clubhouse replacement, been very active in the club, but not used the club much in the last year to two. Motion was made to approve the nomination by Mike Rees. 2nded. No discussion. Vote approved.

Q: What is the status of our membership numbers?

A: Club grew last year; we had about 50 new members total. Total now is approx. 220 regular, 50 youth, 20 mid-shipman. The next Telltales issue to include numbers on the club membership.

Commodore

Jim wants to work on expanding the fleets this year and get a clear path for individuals who go through the adult LTS program into the club. This may present itself in different ways, bbq's clinics etc. to help those people take the step to membership.

Lynn Everett shared the story of being on the Safety Boat last night where two Daysailers and three Lidos wound



up overturning in the heavy wind, with each boat taking on a lot of water. One boat was overturned with the centerboard retracted and could not be righted. Appreciation goes out to Drew, Michael and two HS sailers who jumped in their boats to come to the aid of the members to help right some of the boats, including entering the cold water themselves. Many thanks.

Burl Romick (Commodore 1981) was involved in the club when the property was first purchased. He and his wife presented the club with painting by Jon Waddingham, a well known local watercolor artist, originally from England. Jon's artwork is very popular and made this watercolor painting of the clubhouse back in 1980. The picture has hung in Burl's house ever since, they are sorry to see it go, but he and his wife thought it fitting to have it hang in the new clubhouse.

Approval of October General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Motion made. 2nd. Motion passes.

### Officer Reports

#### Rear Commodore - Toby

Toby explained that the club has purchased a loaner Daysailer. The purpose is to give adult sailing students a way to try out different boats at the club. Lasers have been available for a while and the club already owned a Lido. The missing loaner boat is the Thistle, but the logistics of a novice sailor to sail a Thistle are thought to be a bit more difficult. Janis and Toby christened the Daysailer by turtling it last night (see notes above). Each fleet will be responsible to maintain the boat that is part of their fleet, but the title will be in the club's name. Any significant costs/repairs will be covered by the club, as will moorage, and insurance. Members need to be checked out by the front office prior to taking out a loaner boat. Boats can be used to attend travel regattas. The Lido is kept on the dock, however the Daysailer will be kept in the water for the sailing season.

Q. Dave : What was the cost of the boat?

A: Toby: Cost was \$2100 (\$950.00 for the boat and \$1150 for bringing it up here from San Francisco). 1 year moorage is about \$600. Budget for combined boat maintenance is \$500 per year and expenses need to be approved by the Board. OYSF contributed half the cost of Daysailer and paid for half the moorage for the year.

#### Vice Commodore - John Gridley

Nothing.

#### Secretary - Arjan Duyvestein

Nothing.

#### Fleet Captain - Mike

Mike would like to get more people involved in racing and has set up a new URL to help people sign up and get involved. Mike reminded everyone that if you race, you should be doing Race Committee. Race Committee can be a great way to get familiar with racing, learn the rules and without the stress of being on the starting line.

Sign up for Race Committee either at: [tinyurl.com/WSCRC2019](http://tinyurl.com/WSCRC2019)

Sign up for club racing at: [tinyurl.com/WSCClubRace2019](http://tinyurl.com/WSCClubRace2019)

Q Toby: Do you get work hours for doing Race Committee?

A : Yes you get one work hour.



## Upcoming Events:

Novice / White Fleet Racing Clinic - June 8 at 10am

Start with chalk talk and then go out and have some fun on the water. For people that are hesitant to come to racing, this is a no pressure setting. Mike will be available for any and all questions to get you and your boat ready for racing. Jim mentioned that each of the fleet captains should try to get at least one boat out so people can try it.

Al Morris - August 3-4 at Yale Lake

Expecting a lot of participation this year. Last year was very successful.

Club racing - Laser Racing Mondays at 6:30pm, Fleet Racing Wednesdays at 6:30pm

White fleet welcome on Wednesdays to participate.

Port Captain - Jeffrey

Nothing

## Fleet Reports

Lasers - John Sturman

Lasers have been doing a bit of sailing this Spring but there hasn't been much wind.

Laser fleet clinic planned for Saturday May 25th, for new Laser sailors.

Q: Are there multiple starts for Lasers?

A: No, we are currently just having one start, because there aren't enough Radials out on the starting line to be very competitive.

Lidos - Geoff Fanning

Currently 22 boats in the Lido fleet, about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of those participated in at least one race last year. Turtle regatta is coming up on May 3-4.

Thursday May 2 will be a roll tack clinic with Tim Mulvaney.

Lido Class Championships coming up July 19 - 21: Looking for members who can house some visiting sailors.

Measurement and weighing will be required. Contact Steve Salas.

Space will be needed for boats that are traveling from out of town. Members may find their boat moved slightly as a result.

Poker Run August 16 - 18: This will be a camp-out event. Talk to Susan Ellis about reserving a spot at Timothy Lake. Beautiful setting and family friendly.

Al Morris August 3-4 at Yale Lake: Lido fleet expects to have a strong presence at Al Morris.

Trailer sailing planned for May and June for those interested.

Daysailers - Toby Deming

Eugene Memorial Day Regatta May 25-26: This is a camp-out regatta. We will be hosting Daysailer Worlds at the Eugene Yacht Club. We expect to have 5 or 6 boats from our club.

Ben Cornett is planning on organizing a trailer-sailer event during May or June to take short trip further down river (possibly drop in at Cathedral Park or Sauvie Island).

Thistles - Matt Cohen

Eugene Memorial Day Regatta May 25-26.

Thistle National Championship in Sandpoint, Idaho July 21-26: 50 boats signed up so far. Must be a class member, and boat must be measured. Need volunteers to help with measurements because we have signed up to do that.

Wednesday nights Fleet Racing.

Yale Lake Regatta July 4-7: Portland Thistle fleet.



### High School, Youth and Learn to Sail Programs:

Michael mentioned the HS program currently has about 35 kids and is very actively traveling to regattas almost every week. 24 kids are traveling to a regatta this weekend. Drew has been a great assistant coach this season. This summer will see some great staff assignments to help with the youth programs, and attendance thus far is exceeding last years numbers to date.

Lean-to-Sail is really taking off: we have 11 Opti kids currently. Michael thanked the club for its support.

### Dredging Update:

Toby reported that we want to dredge this year, however, we won't know until approximately June 1st whether we'll be able to dredge this year. There have been changes in sampling that pushed the schedule out and the odds are tight for dredging this year, due to new permitting requirements. If dredging occurs, it will happen in October; if not, it will be pushed out until next year, which would actually be good financially. Assuming all goes well and we can dredge, the docks will need to be relocated between 8/17 and 9/17. The temporary location of the docks is not yet known, but we may work out a deal with our neighbors to the North. All boats on the dock will have to be removed prior to any dock relocation.

Q: Do we have room in the lot for the boats being relocated from the docks?

A: Yes, the lot will be consolidated and you will not be able to get your boat out at that point. If you have plans to go sailing you need to pull your boat out of the lot prior, because you will get landlocked in. It may be best in that case to keep your boat at home. No racing will take place during the fall if dredging occurs, and the clubhouse will be closed. No activities will be planned at the club after Labor Day (Sept 2). Jim is working with Brandon and Mitchell to decide what the office will look like during the down time. HS and adult sailing classes will be maintained as best we can. The window to dredge is October, so by October 1, everything needs to be cleared out. Everything will be moved back when they are done.

Q: Do you need volunteers and what do the volunteers need to do?

A: We have a core 12 group that are working on all phases. We currently don't anticipate needing too many volunteers, but interested parties should send an email to Toby.

Jared will put this into a PM project tool that will help schedule the whole process.

Q: Confusion over the dates?

A: Boats have to be gone by Labor Day weekend (Sept 2).

Q: Will members still be charged for dock fees if the boats are moved?

A: Yes, you will.

Q: What if you take your boat home?

A: If you want to maintain your spot on the dock you'll have to continue paying your fees to the club. If you stop paying your fees, you could lose your spot on the dock.

Q: Are people encouraged to take their boats home as much as possible?

A: Yes, if you want access to your boat during dredging, bringing it home is a good idea.

Jim: There is a 50/50 chance that dredging will happen this year. We will need a permit to pull samples for dredging. We have a consultant who is helping us.

Jim would like to put \$50K per year into the dredging fund. Need to take a vote whether we can spend up to \$550K this year if dredging occurs.

Question is was the expenditure of a dredging account approved by putting it into that reserve account. Most commodores said no.





## Reserve Accounts Overview:

Kevin gave an overview of our construction loan and reserve situation.

Total approved budget for construction was: \$1,513,000

Total construction cost to date is: \$1,500,000

Planned loan amount was \$850,000 (Actual Loan amount is \$644,000 )

Due to the loan amount being lower than planned, the club has spent some of its cash reserves to backfill this gap. Good news is our loan is lower than planned, bad news is our cash reserves are therefore also lower than planned. The plan is to borrow the difference directly from willing members in lieu of the bank. Club is looking for volunteers who are willing to lend \$30,000 min. (to avoid too much administrative costs). Interested members should contact Jim. If the number of interested members is more than necessary, we would put a lottery system in place to select members. Board members are not eligible. Ideally the interest rate would benefit the club and the member. The club may hire an attorney to help draft any agreements and help with legal matters.

Q: Kevin: Is the board asking for approval to borrow enough to be able to spend \$550k (as planned) on dredging?

A: Yes. We do not plan on tapping out other reserves completely. We want to borrow enough to make the other reserve accounts whole and have an operating fund.

Q: Will membership have a vote as to how much we will borrow. It's a liability.

A: Yes.

Q: What is the expected cost of the dredging?

A: We don't know yet and won't know until the dredging proposals are submitted. We'll have an estimate bid prior, but won't have that for a while.

Comment: It is difficult to get a bid, because the placement of the sludge is based on what they find during testing. It could go into Ross Island if it is clean, or it may have to go to the Columbia River if it is not. A large portion of the dredging cost is in transporting the material.

In 2006 we requested 20,000 cubic yards be dredged, and we removed about 35,000 cubic yards.

Q: When will we know what it's going to cost?

A: Likely late May to June. The Board could call for a special meeting at that time, but would still need a quorum for a vote.

Comment: It would be good for the leadership to have some certainty, and not be stuck on the whim of the membership. Membership should have a maximum no to exceed amount.

Kevin presented the status of the reserve accounts: Hand out 2018 Year End Reserve Study

Kevin recommends borrowing approx \$300K so that there would be some operating reserves to run the club.

This would be more or less in line with where we planned to be prior to starting construction.

The lower end of the dredging estimate is approx \$350,000 if the sediment is clean. We could put dredging off for a year and continue with permitting process (permits are good for two years).

Q: Is there some concern that would necessitate dredging this year rather than next year?

A: We have an issue with sedimentation under the clubhouse, but we think the floating foundation of the clubhouse is very robust. The motorboat house is less robust and it has also bottomed out during low water.

Q: Do we have an engineer's judgment on the robustness of the clubhouse's foundation?

A: No, but we estimate it is robust and it has bottomed out before.

Jim would like to get approval from the membership to engage members in a lending scheme to borrow up to the original planned loan amount (borrow \$206,000 from members) and spend up to the originally planned dredging reserve account amount of \$550,000 on dredging.

Bill Connerly moves that the membership approve the borrowing up to \$206k (\$850K - \$644K) from members



and approve spending up to the fully funded dredging amount of \$550K. Seconded. Approved. (All in favor - None opposed.)

Q: Do we know how we finished 2018?

A: Yes, we lost \$80K last year due to unexpected clubhouse costs.

## 2019 Budget Presentation

### Long Term Financial Overview

#### Introduction of New Members:

Tom Box is the only new member present. He lives in Salem, and bought a Lido 3 years ago, but hasn't sailed it yet.

#### Honoring Chris Bittner and John Gridley - Jim

The Board would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts by Chris Bittner and John Gridley for finishing the new clubhouse after construction stalled with our original contractor. These two individuals have gone beyond any and all expectations in their contributions to the club, and the Board would like to recognize their work and the time they sacrificed being away from their families. As a token of appreciation, the Board has elected to: waive Chris and John's work hours for as long as they are members of the club, and waive all membership fees, moorage fees, and their bar-tab for the next two years. This applies to Shelly and Crickett also.

#### Good of the Order

No nominations

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August/ September 2019</b>				<b>1</b> Team Willamette 5pm Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Al Morris
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<b>25</b>	<b>27</b> Summer 2 Lasers 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Summer 2 Fleets 6pm	<b>29</b> Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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