



# Telltales

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## From the Manager

by Brandon Roberts



Learn to Sail camps have concluded, Fall High School Sailing has begun and the warm summer season is coming to a close. We had a very successful Summer season, full of racing, learning, happy hours, social events and after racing BBQ's. Community Sailing and Learn to Sail programs finished the year very strong as we

incorporated our Catalina 22 into the mix allowing for us to continue to grow our community sailing programs. Both High School, and Optimist programs are full as we move into the Fall and prepare for a competitive youth racing season.

We were back in the Club 420's this season for the Club Championship. Well done to all of the sailors who represented their fleets, and Congratulations to our 2019 Club Champions Kerry Poe and crew Amy Poe.

This issue of TellTales will include information pertaining to the upcoming General Membership meeting. That info includes the proposed 2020 budgetary items that will need to be voted on. Please read through these and bring questions to the meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 6:45pm, light appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Club Use Survey. These results are being used to identify what needs and wants the Membership has and how we can try to accommodate and welcome everyone.

We are looking forward to hosting a busy season of Member events in the Clubhouse during the Holiday season. If you would like to have an event in that space, please inquire about dates as the calendar is filling up!

Cheers!





## Commodore's Corner

by Jim Harper

Summer is winding down and I wanted to reflect on what I thought was a successful summer season.

I want to first highlight the racing. I think hosting the Lido Nationals was a huge success and we should thank everyone involved. I am glad to mention WSC member Kerry Poe won this event, along with the Santana 20 Nationals the following week. Great job.

Al Morris was a fun regatta although the Thistle Fleet was missed. Maybe next year. I want to thank Mike Rees for all his hard work pulling this event together. We did have the Geary 18 Nationals at Al Morris this year which was a fun group. The Thistle fleet had a return to good numbers on Wednesday nights, and we also hosted the NW Districts at Yale Lake. This, combined with the strong showing at nationals, in Idaho was one reason the Thistle fleet chose not to compete at Al Morris.

The Lasers have had another full summer, both at the club and in the Gorge. This group continues to grow, compete and win at the international level. WSC member Bill Symes is currently the defending international Great Grand Master and will be defending it again this year.

I know the coaches will discuss the youth sailing program and how well they are doing, but I wanted to highlight how youth and young adults are transitioning into club racing. We had two young Thistle teams at Nationals that did well and competed in the top bracket. Claire Siegel-Wilson who grew up sailing at WSC won the Honey Abramson Award for top female skipper. We also had two young WSC sailors, Conrad Miller and Grant Gridley, who competed in Italy at the 29er Worlds.

One other way we are transitioning youth sailors into club racing is through the club's loaner boat program. This has been an idea floating around for some time but through Toby's hard work, the club currently has at least one loaner boat for each of the racing fleets at the club. These boats are being used on racing nights and regattas. We had two young sailors, Everett McAvoy and Annika Phillips, take the loaner Lido to Al Morris, and they did really well. Great job.

Our mission as a Board this year was to look after finances and try to get members and their guests using and enjoying the club house. There have been a few growing pains around learning how to use the facility and cleaning up after ourselves but for the most part, we have had many events, and I have heard a lot of good feedback. We will try and keep social events going through the winter. If you have ideas for use of the clubhouse, let me or Brandon know.

We received great news on the sediment sampling which indicates we can dispose of the sediment at Ross Island instead of transporting it to the Columbia River. I have written a more thorough dredging update on page 5.

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout at the Wild Turkey Regatta.



# Multi Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

## Summer Racing

The Day Sailer fleet has been growing all summer long, with new boats and racers joining our group. Fleet racing over Summer Series 1 and 2 was won by Toby Deming, with John Gridley, Rich Haslacher, John Olsson, and Rachel Patterson in the mix. In August, the Al Morris Regatta saw a record number of our boats in attendance, with a total of 11 boats making the trip up to Yale Lake. Mitchell Burke and Ashley Lund came out as the winning team, with John Gridley in second and Peter McMinn close at third. Peter borrowed back his old boat to race in our fleet and gave us a run for our money! One last thing of note - the Day Sailer Association has voted to hold the DS national championships on Fern Ridge Reservoir in Eugene, Oregon next summer. Rumor has it there could be "B" fleet (or even "C" fleet) option for newer racers and participants that want to give racing a try.

## Cruising

Many of us were busy over the summer with cruising and charters in Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands. Ben Cornett chartered a 38 foot Hunter with his friends and family and managed to explore over ten islands in the San Juans and Gulf Islands. Rachel Patterson and Oscar Barney chartered with friends out of Bellingham and visited far flung Stuart Island with its school and lighthouse. Norm Eder made a trip to Seattle and sailed Puget Sound for the second year running. John Purdy made his annual Potter flotilla trip up through Puget Sound to Port Townsend.



Dave Morris took an overnight adventure to the Multnomah Channel and Swan Island in his Wayfarer. And we are overdue to make a visit to Mike and Heather Miller at their marina on Sauvie Island! You might notice I am claiming several of these amazing and salty cruisers as part of our own, all inclusive, sail and social/ Day Sailer fleet. The way I see it, all are welcome. They embody our DS spirit of adventure, camaraderie, and easygoing sailing!



## Trailer Sailors

A few of us in the club would like to organize some bigger adventures. We want to stretch out from our safe spot on the Willamette River and splash some new waters over the bow. We want to take our small boats to new locations, by trailer or water or both. For camping or cruising or sleep aboards. There are plans afoot for an adventure up to Tacoma, Gig Harbor, and Vashon Island in the spring. Some talk has been made of an Astoria flotilla. There are many reciprocal yacht clubs out and around the Pacific Northwest that can give us water access and support. Stay tuned for more information and join us if you like! Contact Norm Eder, the Trailer Sailor fleet captain! [norme@cfmpdx.com](mailto:norme@cfmpdx.com)



## **Dredging Update**

*by Jim Harper*

I wanted to send out a quick note highlighting some good news WSC received in the last month. I also wanted to temper this news a little. The consultant who conducted sampling of the material we plan to dredge has indicated the test results would allow us to dispose the material at Ross Island. The option of disposing at Ross Island instead of hauling the material to the Columbia River for disposal will save the club considerable money in our dredging cost. This is great news, but we need to keep in mind that although everything looks very favorable, we still do not have permits or contractor bids for this work. The next step is to revise the applications and get this information to the permitting agencies. Once permits are obtained, this will be followed by bidding the work to dredging contractors. We hope to have all this completed by the end of the year or early 2020. This will allow the club to select a contractor in the spring of 2020 and do careful planning work with the contractor for dredging in the fall of 2020. I want to thank the dredging committee (John Gordon, Mark Sandifer, Toby Deming, and others) for their continued work on this project.

## **Lido Fleet Report**

*by Geoff Fanning*

Wow. What a summer!

Remember that roll tack clinic back in May with former National Class Champion, Tim Mulvaney, instructing? Sunni Schoepe used his drone to record Tim's technique with crew Danny, and you can view some of it on YouTube, just search "Tim! 0032". Not only does it show some excellent rolls in detail, but I also love the overview shot of our club and then downtown at the end.

We hosted a very successful Class Championship Regatta with 27 boats attending from the west coast all the way from Southern California to Northern Washington. Friday, we sailed round robins with 18 boats on the line to split the fleet into Gold and Silver. Saturday saw five races and determined the winner since Sunday failed to produce enough wind to race. In the end, our own Kerry Poe took the Championship with Amy as his crew. Since we declared the highest Class Championship finisher would also be our WSC Lido 14 Champion that gave Kerry two championships for the season. Then, early in September WSC hosted the club championship regatta between Feet and Holley Cup champions, and what do you know, Kerry now has three! Well, actually it turns out he also won this year's Spring, Summer I and Summer II series as well.

Thanks to Michael Hare, we have been gifted another loaner Lido, sail #4470. This boat came to us in good shape with a nice set of sails and a great trailer too. Thanks to coach Michael Cornew for patching up a ding in the hull and tightening everything on the boat. 4470 went to the Al Morris Regatta with his students Everett and Anika who finished 2nd! If you want to sail this boat, please contact Mark Sandifer or the WSC office to reserve your time. The club has been kind to cover our moorage, but is only granting us two boats until March, so we need to sell one of our loaners before then. Do you know someone who would like to join our fleet and is looking for a good boat? If so, please send them our way. We prefer to keep such a nice boat around the club.

We don't have any more Lido specific events on the calendar for this year, but please come on out for Fall racing Sundays at 2:00. Fall is typically mellower competition with more time to set up, plenty of light after racing, and the wind tends to be mellower too, so it's a great time to come out if you've been looking for an easygoing opportunity to try out our racing scene.



## **Laser Fleet Report**

*by John Sturman*

I begin this month by announcing the Laser fleet champs for 2019: Lauralee Symes and Marilyn Hodson for supporting the Burgers and Beers events after racing this summer. They championed fun and social engagement within our fleet, and I want to recognize their hard work behind the bar. The Summer2 series concluded with Bill Symes, Sebastien Laleau, and John Purdy on the podium, which finalized the top season scorers as Bill, Sebastien, John Sturman, Dave Jursik, and Rob Hodson this year. Several travelling regattas have occurred recently. I can report that this was the season to ease into Gorge racing due to moderate conditions at the CGOD and Masters PCCs. I will start training early for what will surely be a windy Gorge season in 2020. Sebastien created some fun drone videos of the Masters PCCs that capture the beauty of Laser racing at Cascade Locks. Bill Symes and Rob Hodson represented WSC at the Laser Masters Worlds in the Netherlands in early September with Bill taking second and Rob solidly in the middle mob of his 55 boat division. In other Laser Class news the 2024 Olympics will retain the Laser and Radial classes which hints at the feuding parties making nice for many years into the future, not that I understand what all has been happening in the class recently. I look forward to several fun Sundays of racing in the Fall Series before packing up the boat for winter, and Seattle regattas such as the Small Boat Champs and Turkey Bowl should be considered. I'll see you on the water.

## **Club Championship Report and Results**

*by Tony Norris*

The WSC Club Championships were held on Saturday September 14th with the Holley Cup Championship team and teams representing the Lido, Laser, Thistle, Daysailer and Thistle classes. Racing began on schedule at noon with a generally sunny day and light south winds that varied from 1-5 knots. Courses throughout the regatta were fairly short two-lap, windward-modified that took approximately 30 minutes to complete. The short two lap courses produced several place changes in many of the races and a relatively strong outgoing tide made rounding the weather mark a challenge.

The 2019 Lido Class Championship team of Kerry and Amy Poe took the first two races on a course set just north of the club where the south wind was most consistent. After two races, the Poe team was solidly in first place. The following three places were separated by just a point in each place. The 2nd through 4th teams were the Laser Class team of Sebastien Laleau and John Sturman in second with finishes of 3rd and 2nd, the Holley Cup Championship team of Sally Goldman and Kelly Kracke with a 2nd and a 4th followed by the Thistle Class team of Michael Rees and Lachland Anders-Macleod with finishes of 4 and 3. The Day Sailer team of Ben Cornett and his 11 year old son Jude Cornett finished in 5th place in each of the first two races in shifty conditions that varied throughout each race from light to very very light. The very light finish of race two prompted a quick lunch break to enjoy a most excellent salmon buffet in the clubhouse.

Racing resumed with a better breeze that filled in sufficiently to move the course south far enough for the few spectators at the clubhouse to have a good view of the start/finish line and weather leg. In the 3rd race, Sally and Kendall showed the fleet how it was done, finishing 1st followed by Kerry and Amy and then by Sebastien and John. In race 4, Sally and Kendall put an exclamation point on the idea that they were in it to win it with a 1st place winning the race by a significant margin. Sebastien and John followed with regatta leaders Kerry and Amy finishing in third. Sally and Kendall's consecutive first place finishes put them within 1 point of first place. After four races, the regatta was on line for the top two teams. Sally and Kendall had to finish at least in second place with Kerry and Amy behind them by at least one place. Kerry and Amy had to just finish 4th or better and/or ahead of Sally and Kendall.



In race 5, Kerry and Amy rounded the first weather mark in first, followed closely by Sally and Kendall and Simon and John. Downwind with some separation Kerry and Amy made easy work of staying ahead of the fleet. The approach to the leeward mark had the fleet collapsing on Kerry and Amy with a puff from behind. The push from behind was not quite enough for the fleet to catch the leaders but did produce several place changes. Kerry and Amy remained in first place at the next weather mark with following teams making up significant ground on a west shift. During the last downwind leg, the wind got lighter toward the leeward mark, allowing the boats from behind to close the distance. Michael and Lachland were separated to the east from Kerry and Amy and managed to pass them by the mark rounding. Michael and Lachland stayed on port tack after the leeward mark with Kerry and Amy tacking away. At the next cross toward the finish, Michael and Lachland remained ahead, which held through to the finish. The second place finish from Kerry and Amy finishing just ahead of Sally and Kendall put the final stamp on the regatta with a margin of just two points over the Holley Cup Championship team.



Sailing Team	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	Place
Kerry and Amy Poe	1	1	2	3	2	9	1
Sally Goldman and Kendall Kracke	2	4	1	1	3	11	2
Sebastien Laleau and John Sturman	3	2	3	2	4	14	3
Michael Reese and Lachland Anders-Macleod	4	3	4	4	1	16	4
Ben Cornett and Jude Cornett	5	5	5	5	5	25	5



# Al Morris Report

by Christine Stamper



Photo by Norm Eder

Another fun and fabulous Al Morris Regatta at Yale Lake is in the books. The weather was hot, the wind was light to medium, the boats were fast (occasionally), the fun was big and the food was excellent. We had four fleets racing: Daysailers, Lidos, A Cats and a rarely-seen fleet (for us WSC-ers), the Geary 18's, many of whom hail from the Coos Bay Yacht club.

The Geary 18 fleet brought 11 boats from the US and Canada and used Al Morris as their Nationals Regatta. They started their racing on Friday with three good races to start the weekend. The Geary 18's like big wind and, well, they did their best with the less-than-gale-force winds that Yale provided us. They managed to get enough wind in a few races to get out on their trapezes. Micheal Rodde of Canada took the trophy sailing his Whippet III, with WSC's Oscar Barney taking second and Thad Vincent of Coos Bay Yacht Club in third.



Photo by Christine Stamper



Photos to the by Norm Eder





The Daysailer fleet brought 11 of their boats to the line for a competitive weekend of long races in light winds. Mitchell Burke took home the first place hardware for the fleet, with John Gridley taking second and the Brothers McMinn in third. There are three McMinn boys who took turns sailing in pairs and helping with race committee. Their mom would be proud.



Daysailer fleet. Photo Norm Eder



Photo by Norm Eder



The Brothers McMinn. Photo by Christine Stamper

The Lidos fleet brought four boats for racing. Jeff Fanning took first. Middle schooler and WSC sailing student Everett McAvoy took home second in his first Al Morris regatta. Rachel Johnson took third in the points but first place for best action picture.



Rachel and Malcom. Photo by Norm Eder



Everett and Annika. Photo by Norm Eder

The A Cat fleet brought two boats to the line and, since they are so fast, they got their own starts. Stan Breed and



Randell Nikolai traded first and second place in each race and, by a hair, Stan took first overall. Sorry, we didn't get any A Cat pictures, they are too fast to photograph.

PRO, Mike Rees, ran a great regatta with a long course and, despite lackluster wind, three to four races a day. Each day, the wind straggled in by early afternoon, giving racers the opportunity to test their light wind skills and committee the opportunity to test their sunburn skills.



Of course, the most important part of any regatta is the food. Club Chef Roberto catered a delicious dinner for us on Saturday and then spoiled us on Sunday by coming back with breakfast burritos. Hat tip to Allison Blake-more for previous year's catering and for all of your help this year as camping and parking czar. I got comments from several returning sailors about how great last year's food was.

And lastly, I can't conclude without mentioning the camping and the friends. I've been attending the Al Morris Regatta for about ten years and love it for the beautiful

venue and especially for time with sailing friends. The apres-sailing at the campground is one of the best times in the year to hang around with old friends, get to know new ones and benefit from the wonderful community that sailing creates. I encourage everybody to put next year's Al Morris on your calendars, first weekend of August every summer. Come sail long tacks, get to know your fellow sailors better, make new friends and WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET.





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# Seattle Sailing Trip

by Norm Eder

My wife and I and two other couples drove our boat, Ma Cherie, north for our second Sail Seattle adventure. Like last year, we reserved a moorage at Shilshole and found a very comfortable B&B in Ballard. We stashed our trailer in a yard to avoid violating a Seattle ordinance banning the parking of trailers on city streets.

This year the marina put us at the far south end of the complex, so we did not take advantage of WSC's reciprocal relationship with the Corinthian Sailing Club.

We were on the water within a few hours of arrival and enjoying 8-10 mile hour winds and clear skies. The next day was a wholly different matter.

The marine forecast was for showers and 15mph southerly winds. Grey skies greeted us in the morning and three of us took off on a northwest course at around 10AM with full ballast tanks and rain gear at the ready. Once in open water we found a rolling swell that sometimes towered over our 16-foot boat and winds that were – well north of the advertised 15 mph.

We nearly flew north to Kingston with the wind and swell at our backs. We eventually made a turn across the Sound to Edmonds where we pounded the swell back to Seattle with long tacks that took us across the shipping lane several times.

It was a thrilling ride testing boat and crew. It did not rain, but the swell consistently sent water over our bow, keeping the forward crew on their toes. We never once came close to dipping a rail and although we thought about it, the steady winds saved us from having to deploy our reef lines. Once back at the dock, we learned we had won the day against a steady 25.3 mph wind.



The weather improved dramatically after that first bracing day – and with it came lighter winds. We spent our second day on the water sailing north again, this time beyond Kingston in the direction of Port Townsend with a return that found us hugging Bainbridge Island.

Day three was sunnier yet and almost dead calm. Given the conditions, all six of us boarded the boat and motored through the Ballard locks and into Lake Union. We tied up and had lunch at the Salmon House and then visited the Center for Wooden Boats on south Lake Union. Then we headed back through the locks for a short evening sail as the wind came up.

Our last day was spectacular. Sunny and breezy. We set sail west again and had lunch tied up at Port Madison. Then we sailed southeast across the Sound into Elliot Bay for a spectacular view of Seattle and Mt. Rainier. Finally, it was back to Shilshole and dinner after more than eight hours on the water.



For 2020, we will trade our Sail Seattle adventure for participation in the Salish 100 – a 100-mile week-long small boat regatta from Olympia to Port Townsend. We won't have a comfortable B&B to sleep in but seven days of sailing and camping sounds as if it will be every bit as fun.



## **May 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)

### **Kitchen and Trophy Case**

Kathy Sandifer brought several issues / ideas in regards to kitchen cleanup, pantry usage, and the status of the trophy case. The kitchen needs to be cleaned by anyone who used it and Kathy will help label items in the kitchen and hang up some signs. At a min members should:

Wash and put away all dishes used

Empty and clean sinks

Wipe down counters

Sweep and mop floors

Empty any full garbage / recycling cans.

(If a member event ran late, these activities could be done the morning after.)

Pantry space is currently being taken up largely by beverages served at the bar, and needs to be reorganized to make better use of space. Kathy will also forward designs for the trophy case to the board for approval.

Approval of April Meeting Notes:

All in favor. Notes approved.



## Officer Reports

Jim (Commodore):

McCuddy's dock - Jim and Toby are looking at a way to have the McCuddy's dock floated to the club and used for B-dock replacement.

John (Vice Commodore):

John suggested that in light of multiple rescue efforts that took place recently, that the race committee boat make it standard practice to take a buoy with them in case they need to abandon the anchorline to help with rescue. This could be tied to the anchor line to leave it in place and retrieved after the rescues.

Toby (Rear Commodore):

Dave Jursik has done some research into replacing our webcam. Cost of the camera is about 2k, would require some specialized hardware. Total approx. \$2500. This camera would be for getting information about conditions only, not for security.

Mike (Fleet Captain):

Race committee members are currently very active. The numbers of members racing has remained about the same. There will be a white fleet clinic on June 8th for members, Mike would like all fleets to please get the word out to anyone that wants to come out and learn how to race.

Al Morris - Mike and Brandon to get together and work on the details. Thistles will not be at Al Morris, but there may be Geary 18's. Mike noted that the built-in radio on WSC 1 does not work. Mike to get with Michael Cornew for a fix or replacement.

Jeffrey (Port Captain):

Had another good work party, about 16 people showed up. Trash was removed from the upper lot. Jeffrey to work with Brandon to determine what needs to go and what needs to stay. Jeffrey donated another lawnmower to the club. Jeffrey asked what typically happens to a derelict boat. Check Policy. Jeffrey to contact owner.

Arjan (Secretary)

HS state championships were held here last weekend and there was nothing for the parents to do. It might be a lost opportunity to be able to serve coffee, tea, drinks, simple food to HS sailing events as the parents are here all day. This could be something for WSC parents of HS sailors to do or get Roberto involved. Brandon suggested we have a staff member handle these sorts of restaurant food/beverage related activities.

## Club Manager Report - Brandon

Brandon is very busy with bartending and cleanup after events which is not the best use of his time. It was suggested that perhaps we need to hire a staff member to bartend and help with serving, to leave Brandon free to talk to members and possible new members. Brandon to research and come back to the Board with a proposal. Brandon reported that Happy Hour is generating a small profit thus far. Club events are not making a profit but current goal is to break even on member events.

## Learn to sail Enrollment

Camp	May 2018	May 2019
Minnows	37	20
½ Optis	76	73
½ Lasers	24	27
½ 420's	20	15



River Adv.	78	72
Teen R.Adv.	25	34
Adult	51	69
Total	315	310

### Membership by Year

	2019	2018	2017
Regular	215	193	202
Midshipman	20	19	20
Youth	62	61	57
Senior	35	35	35
Inactive	26	29	27

### General Business

Brandon to invite adult LTS graduates to happy hour after their last class to see if they are interested in joining WSC. Brandon also created a welcoming package for new members.

Board is interested to see if food/beverage service can occur on Monday and Wednesday nights, perhaps with participation from the fleets.

Brandon proposed the club purchase new paddleboards (all the same) to replace the aging boards we have currently. 6 boards for \$1800 dollars. A motion was made to approve and seconded, and the motion passed.

Visibility of the club from the bike bath could be improved in an effort to make people more aware of the club as they use the bike path. Possibly a box with flyers or another circular sign on the side of the building.

Toby and Brandon will work on a release form that can be signed once a year, instead of each time a boat is taken out.

### Dredging update - Toby

We are supposed to get an update from the sampling contractor tomorrow. Toby to send out a summary to the Board.

### April General Meeting Follow Up

Two people have come forward thus far who are interested in lending money to the club temporarily to bridge our financial gap. Club has not yet determined whether borrowing will be needed this year.

### Parking

Brandon believes we need to take ownership back of the parking lot. Some members have also raised concerns over the amount of parking available. Brandon will talk to our neighbors and discuss abandoning any agreement currently in place.

### Membership Changes

Membership requests:

Alex King - Midshipmen

Michael Magee - Regular

Jeff Staggs - Regular



Sergio Zepeda - Regular  
Kevin Burgess - Regular  
Kent Derbyshire - Midshipmen  
Sarah Mutal - Regular  
Nicole Merriam - Midshipmen  
Timothy Costello - Regular  
John Grant - Regular  
Jeffrey Tufenkian - Regular  
Resignations:  
None  
Changes:  
None

All membership changes were approved.

### **Member of the Month**

Geoff Fanning for organizing the Turtle regatta. 17 boats showed up.

**9:03pm closed**

## **June Board Meeting Minutes** *by Arjan Duyvestein*

### **Call to Order at 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Jim Harper (Commodore), Toby Deming (Rear Commodore), Brandon Roberts (WSC Manager), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), John Gridley (Vice Commodore), Kevin Reynolds (Treasurer), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary)

Approval of May Meeting Notes:  
Not yet available, Arjan to upload and approve via email.

### **Officer Reports**

John (Vice):

Race Committee - In light of a recent incident where the committee boat had to help with rescues, John proposes that the race committee boat make it standard practice to take a buoy with them in case they need to abandon the anchorline to help with a rescue.

McCuddy's dock - The board will look into a way to have the McCuddies dock floated to the club and used for B-dock replacement.

Kevin (Treasurer):

Brandon has created a 10 year forecast, which Kevin will review.

Mike (Fleet Captain):

The last White fleet clinic turned into a chalk-talk due to lack of wind. About a dozen people turned up. Mike





will review whether another clinic could be scheduled, possibly on a Monday evening.  
Al Morris - The NOR (Notice of Race) will go out this week.

### **Dredging**

Soil sampling took place but the committee is waiting on the results. Depending on the results, the dredging application may be amended to show that spoils will only go to one spot, instead of two possible spots. Columbia vs. Ross Island will make a large cost difference.

We are two and a half months away from needing to move all the facilities, and the permit situation is still uncertain; postponing would allow more time to vet contractors and plan the move of the facilities. Toby believes the option to dredge this year is still viable; postponing is another option. The biggest unknown currently is the timing of the permit approval. Two dredging contractors have been contacted and are available and ready to act once the permit is received. Not dredging this year could mean that the clubhouse bottoms out. A dredging permit is good for two years. Permit process should move forward even if dredging happens next year.

Jim motioned that we delay the dredging until 2020, but let the permit process continue without delay. Arjan 2nd. All attendees in favor with Toby abstaining; motion passed. Dredging will be postponed till October 2020. The committee will continue to pursue permit and line up relocation and contractor.

### **Club Manager Report - Brandon**

Parking update - Brandon spoke with our neighbors to terminate our parking agreement. As of June 17th, the parking lot will no longer be used by neighbor's employees during the day.

10 Year Financial Forecast - Brandon put together an analysis of the next 10 years of expenses, reserves, etc. Board to review and discuss at the next meeting.

### **Membership Changes**

Membership Requests:

Edwin Rourke - Regular member

Resignations:

Jack Pedersen - Youth member

Jusin Zhou - Youth member

Deana Vogt - Regular member

Changes:

None

All changes were approved.

### **Hospitality update**

Brandon gave a hospitality update of income/expenses for this year. Year to date all activities show a small loss of \$750. This is close to meeting the goal of trying to break even on hospitality for the year. (Happy Hours, Etc.) Happy Hours will continue through the Fall.

### **Sail and Social**

The sail and social members are interested in having food on race nights. However, the Monday and Wednesday racing nights are logistically very difficult to provide food for (not everyone stays for food, sailors leave early when there is no wind, or go home after sailing because they are tired). Instead of having staff provide food service, each fleet will shop, cook and clean up on certain nights per a schedule that has gone out. The Laser fleet is not planning to participate at this time. Staff will make sure that beer will be on hand and the BBQ is working. Members pay for eating and drinks on those nights via a simple sign-up sheet.



## **Motor replacement on WSC #2**

Brandon prepared a proposal for replacement of the outboard on WSC#2. Cost approx \$8300 for new 60 HP motor. Current motor is 22 years old. Powerboat reserve account shows a current balance of \$10,100.

Mike is concerned about a lot of the smaller issues on the motor boats that are not currently addressed. Brandon proposes we put a list together of all the items that need to be addressed and address those in the fall to keep boats from needing to be removed from service. John motioned to replace the motor as suggested at a time of Brandon's choosing. Mike 2nd. All attendees in favor (Jim left meeting prior to vote).

## **Service Staff**

Brandon prepared a proposal to hire a bartender / server position part time. Bartending / Server services would be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, as well as all Club Events. Cost is approx. \$16/hr or about \$1200 per month. Brandon presented several options to pay for these additional costs. Brandon to study further and prepare to present this proposal to the general membership in October.

## **Survey**

Since the club has several different types of members, (racers / social members/ Youth/ etc.) Brandon would like to survey the membership on several different topics in order to compile a good overview of what all members are interested in/concerned about, as it relates to the club. Survey to take place around October (after the season).

Lighting in the trailer yard needs to be reviewed and possibly some need to be replaced.

## **Family Member of the Month**

Terri Gao and family, for beautifying the club with a rampside garden. Twice! Thanks Terri!

## **8:58 Meeting adjourned**

# **WSC Annual Budget for October GM Meeting** *by The Board*

WSC Members,

Included in this edition of Telltales is the board's proposed 2020 budget and related bylaw revisions. This was a difficult budget to present as we have several items converging that need to be addressed. In the past, we have established reserve funds to allow us to improve or maintain the WSC facilities. These include a sailboat, a motor boat, a dock replacement, and a dredging fund. We commit \$112,500 annually to our reserve accounts, each have varied levels of funding. In 2017, it was decided to borrow \$226,000 from these funds to complete the clubhouse instead of taking out another loan. In addition, we have not fully funded our reserve accounts from our annual budget since 2016.

Without getting into the weeds, this year we were committed to fully funding the \$112,500 to the reserves. Although we have held a very tight budget, we are not going to make this commitment due to some ramifications of finishing the new clubhouse; our insurance climbed from \$30k to \$70k, and our property taxes jumped from \$12k to \$20k. As it appears now, this \$48k increase, which was not included in our forecast, will not allow us to fully fund the reserve at the end of the calendar year.

WSC has been holding a very tight line on expenditures this year, and we have built our 2020 budget with the same tight forecast. We reviewed all expenses and feel that any more reduction would seriously jeopardize WSC as a club and our ability to maintain a safe operation. We therefore began looking at increasing revenue. This was debated by the Board, looking closely at each source of income with several ideas for generating additional income being discussed.



With all this said, the board is putting the following items up for vote at the October 24 General Membership Meeting:

- A budget that increases revenue through a 10% increase in prices across all major revenue streams (dues, moorage, learn to sail prices, high school and youth program prices)
- An increase of initiation fee for new members by 25%

These items will allow us to fully fund the reserve accounts next year and to begin making up some ground on the missed reserve contributions from previous years. The budget shows an additional \$40k contribution to start addressing that gap.

To add to the mix, a recent survey shows that members are enjoying the clubhouse and that we should continue with activities. The food and beverage was set in 2019 as a break-even budget item. The 2020 budget shows an expansion of the revenue and expenditures in this area but is still set as a break-even budget item. Still in the learning phase of running the clubhouse, we do not want to rely on beer sales to maintain safety boats.

Maintaining a stable hospitality service for a small, members-only club is challenging. It is difficult to understand when more volunteers are required, if paid staff is required, and how to supply the after-sailing food and beverages. After-sailing meals and beverages put a strain on the same volunteers each week (thanks Chris Bittner at the grill and Rachael for the shopping).

To establish a more stable hospitality program at the club, we are putting the following items up for a vote at the October 24 meeting:

- Attach an annual \$50 food and beverage minimum requirement to Regular, Senior and Midshipmen membership categories. This can be applied to food and drinks at the club over the course of a calendar year.
- Allow the Clubhouse to be rented by a Bonded Catering business from November through March with a rental fee of \$1500 per use, and not to exceed 15% of our gross annual income allowed by our 501c7 non-profit status.

Each of the bulleted items above will be voted on as separate items at the general meeting. The wording of the Bylaw revisions is also included.

My personal take:

- As a regular member with a boat in the yard, my dues and moorage are going up about the equivalent of the cost of two beers a month (~\$10).
- The \$50 per year food and beverage minimum won't be a problem because I like hanging out at the clubhouse.
- Although I don't like the idea of non-members using the clubhouse, we will establish a relationship with one or two catering businesses that will use the clubhouse and pay \$1500 per event. We have targeted \$15,000 as a goal for 2020, which will help with the overall WSC budget. Either bonding or a deposit will ensure the safety of the clubhouse.

Jim Harper  
2019 Commodore



# Purposed Bylaw Changes

by The Board

## ARTICLE VII – DUES AND FEES

### Section A: Initiation Fee

1. Except for the conditions stated in Item 4 below, an initiation fee of ~~\$1000~~ \$1,250 is required of all members upon acceptance into Regular Membership. Of that, ~~\$500~~ \$625 shall be paid with the application, and the remaining ~~\$500~~ \$625 may be paid in monthly or quarterly installments over the first 24 months of membership.
2. The initiation fee shall be divided equally into monthly payments over the Midshipman term or the end of the second year of membership, whichever comes later.
  - A. A reserve fund shall be established for each Midshipman upon acceptance into membership for the purpose of making annual payments toward the initiation fee.
  - B. Payments to the reserve fund are non-refundable and shall be used for the purpose of paying the initiation fee.
  - C. The initiation fee for Midshipman shall be 1/2 of the Regular Membership initiation fees.
  - D. A Midshipman membership transitions to Regular membership after the member's 30th birthday without an additional initiation fee.
3. No initiation fee is required for Youth Membership.
4. Any person who has been affiliated with WSC as a part of a Regular Membership may, within 90 days of reaching the age of 21, become a Regular Member by completing an application and paying the initiation fee discounted as follows:
  - if affiliated more than 5 years: pay 0% of initiation fee
  - less than 5 and more than 4 years: pay 20% of initiation fee
  - less than 4 and more than 3 years: pay 40% of initiation fee
  - less than 3 and more than 2 years: pay 60% of initiation fee
  - less than 2 and more than 1 year: pay 80% of initiation fee
  - less than 1 year: pay 100% of initiation fee

### Section B: Dues

1. Annual dues for Regular Members shall be ~~\$618~~ \$700 for the period starting January 1 through December 31, with the option of quarterly or monthly payments.
  - A. Beginning January 1, 2019, dues and moorage rates shall be increased by 3% annually and rounded to the nearest whole dollar. This period of increases will expire after five years on December 31, 2024.
2. Annual dues for Midshipman, Youth, and Senior Members shall be set at one-half of the current dues requirement for Regular Members.
3. Annual dues for Inactive members shall be one-third of Regular Member dues.
4. First year dues shall be prorated on a monthly basis starting with the month of acceptance into the club membership.
5. Member's dues paid prior to January 31st by cash or check receive an 8% discount.
6. Regular, Senior, and Midshipman Memberships will have an annual food minimum requirement of \$50. This minimum will be effective January 1st, 2020 and will continue on a calendar year basis for each subsequent year. All food and beverage related charges will deducted from the annual minimum with any remaining balance being billed on the first invoice of the next calendar year.

### Section C: Moorage fees will be paid by members mooring on club-owned property.

1. Fee schedule to be set by the Board of Directors.

### Section D: Work Hours

1. Each member shall contribute their work hour requirements as volunteer labor hours during the Work Hour Year or pay for each un-worked hour. Work hours will be billed one-half on June 30 and one-half



on October 1. The hourly rate will be set by the Board of Directors.

2. The Work Hour Year will begin on October 1 and end on September 30 the following year.

Section E: A member whose account is in arrears more than 60 days and with a past due balance of \$1000 or above, may be declared delinquent and may lose club privileges until such time payment is made.

1. On recommendation of the Board of Directors, a delinquent member may be dropped from the club rolls and their final balance be sent to collections.

2. Any person who has been dropped from the club rolls for non-payment of accounts may qualify for reinstatement by paying either the account due in full or a new initiation fee, whichever is higher.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – MOORAGE AND GROUND PRIVILEGES**

Section A: The privileges of the properties and facilities controlled by the club shall be limited to the use of club members, their guests, and to visiting members of recognized yacht clubs.

Section B: The Board of Directors, however, may in its judgment extend such privileges to others for certain limited periods.

## **2020 Proposed Budget on Page 22**



# 2020 Proposed Budget

	<u>2019 YE Forecast</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4100 · Dues and Initiation Fees	199,500.00	221,281.00
4200 · Program Membership	244,295.00	285,591.00
4300 · Moorage	127,000.00	146,850.00
4400 · Work Hours	50,000.00	50,500.00
4600 · Membership Development	5,500.00	8,000.00
4700 · Racing Fees	7,540.00	5,140.00
4800 · Hospitality Income	45,000.00	71,000.00
4900 · Ships Store	75.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>678,910.00</u>	<u>789,362.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	678,910.00	789,362.00
<b>Expense</b>		
5200 · Maintenance	25,600.00	22,900.00
5300 · Racing Expense	9,340.00	6,500.00
5400 · Membership Development Expenses	19,910.65	16,850.00
5700 · Learn To Sail Program	72,000.00	73,900.00
5750 · Youth Program	48,668.26	45,900.00
5770 · High School Program	56,000.00	62,500.00
5800 · Hospitality Expenses	46,000.00	71,300.00
5900 · Safety Boats	8,500.00	8,500.00
5950 · Sailboat fleet	8,000.00	8,000.00
6100 · Advertising/Promotion	3,000.00	3,000.00
6200 · Membership Expenses	7,000.00	8,200.00
6300 · Occupancy	53,700.00	60,700.00
6500 · Administration	110,275.00	110,275.00
6700 · Insurance	80,000.00	70,000.00
5100 · Ship Store Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00
5223-00 · Bad Debts	6,000.00	4,000.00
5216-00 · Donations	0.00	0.00
5299-00 · Other expenses	0.00	0.00
6650 · Salaries Administrative Staff	39,300.00	39,300.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>595,293.91</u>	<u>613,825.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	83,616.09	175,537.00
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
7000 · Other Income	15,143.79	7,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>15,143.79</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
<b>Other Expense</b>		
7720 · Loan Interest	30,000.00	30,000.00
7710 · Grant Fullfillment	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>-14,856.21</u>	<u>-23,000.00</u>
Annual Reserve Funding	68,759.88	112,500.00
Reserve Catchup Payment	0.00	40,037.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 2019</b>		<b>1</b> HS Race Team	<b>2</b> HS Race Team Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>3</b> HS Race Team Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Fall Race Series 2pm	<b>7</b> Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>8</b> HS Race Team	<b>9</b> HS Race Team Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>10</b> HS Race Team Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Fall Race Series 2pm	<b>14</b> Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>15</b> HS Race Team Board Meeting	<b>16</b> HS Race Team Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>17</b> HS Race Team Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Fall Race Series 2pm	<b>21</b> Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>22</b> HS Race Team	<b>23</b> HS Race Team Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>24</b> HS Race Team General Membership Meeting 5:30pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>29</b> HS Race Team	<b>30</b> HS Race Team Opti Race/ Green Team	<b>31</b> HS Race Team Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm		

<b>November 2019</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Wild Turkey UnRegatta
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Board Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Thursday Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>





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# October General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 24

Doors Open 6pm

Meeting Starts 6:45pm

Complimentary Finger Food