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From the Manager

by Brandon Roberts



Although the sailing season is dormant for the most part here at the club, there has been a whirlwind of other activities happening throughout the winter. We've welcomed Christine Stampfer as our new Board Treasurer, Geoff Fanning as our Vice Commodore, and John Gridley as the 2020 Commodore. I already get a great sense of passion and enthusiasm from them as we drive the club into the new year. A special thank you to Kevin Reynolds and Toby Deming for their 3 years of service on the Board of Directors; quite a lot of great things were accomplished over those three years and their work is to be commended. Also a thank you to Jim Harper as the 2019 Commodore. It was a year of successes and learning experiences and Jim led the Board through them all.

Looking forward to 2020. We will continue to grow into our new clubhouse and the opportunities that it brings to the club. We are pushing for 2020 to be a club record for participation in our Youth and High School programs, Learn to Sail participants, and also a newly infused Community Sailing Program. These programs are the future of WSC and their success is a vital part of the health of our club.

Membership growth was a highlight of 2019, and we look to carry that momentum over into 2020. We added 52 new members in 2019, almost an even split between Youth and Regular Members. Our new clubhouse and also the availability of the 420's played a huge role in these growth numbers.

Happy Hours will be returning in March! This year, Happy Hour will be held from 5pm - 9pm on Wednesday evenings. This will allow for a great opportunity to get down and watch the Wednesday Fleet racing while enjoying a beer and some Happy Hour food. For you racers, we will keep serving following racing as we know you're coming off the water both thirsty and hungry!

Looking forward to sharing a great year with you all!





Commodore's Corner

by John Gridley

Happy New Year! As WSC sets out seeking adventure in this new decade, I have to reflect back a bit on 2019 and thank the 2019 Commodore and Board.

I want to thank Jim Harper, 2019 Commodore, for all of his hard work and for mentoring me in preparation for my term as Commodore in 2020.

I also want to thank Kevin Reynolds for his service as Treasurer the past 3 years. It has been a difficult position, and I appreciate Kevin's respect for always going back to the budget to keep us on a responsible course. Kevin leaves his Board seat this year, and I am pleased to welcome Christine Stamper to fill the Treasurer's seat. Christine jumped right in the last part of 2019 to become familiar with our financial procedures and has been working on updating our policies to safeguard the club finances moving forward in this time of growth with our organization. As Commodore, one of my goals for the Board is to work on planning and implementing our new financial policies.

I'm excited to welcome Geoff Fanning to the Board as our Vice Commodore. Geoff has done a great job as the Lido Fleet Captain, and I'm looking forward to working with him closely as he prepares to lead our club in 2021.

Our returning Board members for 2020 are Arjan Duyvestein, Secretary, along with Mike Rees as our Fleet Captain and Jeffery Sher as our Port Captain. With these three men returning to their familiar positions this makes for a smooth transition for me as Commodore, knowing they are veterans in their Board tasks.

Also continuing to support the Board and serve the WSC membership are our office staff. Brandon Roberts, our Club Manager along with Mitchell Burke, our Program Director and Michael Cornew, our Head Coach. They all continue to be the daily driving force of operations at WSC. I am looking forward to working with each of them as we work toward a common goal of expanding and improving our club and sailing community activities.

It was very satisfying to serve as your Vice Commodore in 2019 and witness the clubhouse being used and enjoyed by so many members. Now that the milestone of having our Sailing Center finished and functioning fully has happened, we now need to fine tune how the membership can enjoy it to the highest potential.

Over the last five years I've really been amazed how the membership of WSC can come together and accomplish so much. We are fortunate to have such a talent pool in our membership who come through as volunteers to take on the latest tasks necessary to keep our club up and running. An incredible amount of volunteer hours has gone into working out all of the details of the dredging permit application, and most recently, arranging the transportation of the WSC Out-Station dock from McCuddy's Marina to replace a portion of the Lido dock here on the Willamette. These were just some of the many tasks all accomplished by volunteers seeking to improve our club. Thank you to everyone who has participated. It's a great way to really get to know fellow club members. Please check in with the office or Board members if you'd like to be more involved. It seems there is always something new to add to our To Do list.

Another one of my goals for the club is to have more events that bring our sailing community together. I really enjoyed sailing the Turkey Regatta with Christine this past November. Seeing the youth, midshipmen and senior members all having so much fun on and off the water is inspiring and fulfilling.

Now it's time to start thinking about all of our sailboat projects in preparation of Opening Day, and the Commodore's BBQ which is going to be April 19th. I look forward to seeing all of you then.

Cheers,
John



Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The 2020 season for Laser racing at WSC waits just over the horizon. A hearty group of sailors have been practicing throughout the winter so expect some sharp competition even as the Winter series starts.

Racing on Sundays will begin later in February starting on the day, and hour, that gets posted on the WSC calendar (I admit I don't know presently). Other racing opportunities during the chilly months include Florida racing in late January, the Masters Worlds in Australia in March, and Southern California racing with both the Masters and Midwinters regattas.

The Winter 2020 edition of the ILCA magazine includes information about the carbon fiber Radial lower section likely becoming available soon. Radial lowers do get broken at the deck by heavier sailors so I expect the carbon version aims to provide more strength (and cost) with comparable performance, similar to the carbon upper section. There is also mention of some nice details about Australia-built Laser hulls.

Are you a member? I will plan the Clinic day for late April trying to work around High School regattas so more Youth sailors can participate.

Looking toward the Summer. The only Gorge regatta for Lasers this year is CGOD, but mid-July in California offers the North Americans in San Francisco and the PCCs in Lake Tahoe on back-to-back weeks.

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

Day Sailer Fleet Report

by Ben Cornett

The Day Sailer fleet has been meeting through the winter in preparation for the national championship coming to Oregon this summer. Now, we know the DS culture at Willamette Sailing Club is friendly and competitive, but at the national level, there are some very good sailors. Recent North American Championship Regattas have been held in Maryland, California, and Texas. Many of these sailors travel across the country for the big event. Fleet 23 from WSC is partnering with Fleet 89 and Eugene Yacht Club to host the regatta at Fern Ridge Reservoir.

Local DS fleet members are also preparing for the competition. Last weekend, Toby and a cast of volunteers managed to use the WSC boat lift to flip his hull and move it into a location for some fiberglass work. We used a similar method to remove John Gridley's centerboard. It was a beautiful January day, and we all promised to make more appearances at the club on weekends for continued work on spinnaker skills. Skippers are securing crew, and there is serious enthusiasm in the air among our fleet toward the summer races.

Day Sailer skippers interested in racing this summer must be members of the National Association. You can find more information at daysailer.org. As an added bonus, there is a movement afoot to give awards for the Day Sailer Triple Crown, the equivalent of a three-race series. Nationals at Fern Ridge, fleet racing at WSC, and the Al Morris Regatta at Yale Lake are all scheduled over the course of two weeks. Expect t-shirts and prizes as only the Day Sailer fleet can make them all.

In the meantime, expect to see us racing all spring and especially at the EYC Memorial Day Regatta at Fern Ridge Reservoir. Happy winter planning! Hope to see you on the water!



Race Officer Seminar

by Craig Daniels

Would you like to learn some of the best practices for running races? Does your club want to provide better quality racing for your members? Would you like to have US Sailing liability insurance coverage when serving on a race committee?

Presented by US Sailing, this one-day workshop is open to all experience levels and is instructed by Eric Rimkus, National Judge and Regional Race Officer, and Craig Daniels, National Judge, Regional Umpire and Club Race Officer.

Race Officers set and adjust the course, call the starting and finishing lines, and are in charge of the racing on the water. Race Officers are responsible for choosing courses to give competitors the best possible races, adjusting the course in response to changing conditions, starting and finishing the fleet, scoring the event, all the while ensuring the safety of competitors and the race committee.

The goals of the Race Officer Certification program are:

- To make racing more enjoyable by improving the quality of race management
- To standardize race management practices for the benefit of competitors
- To identify qualified race officers and make them available to event organizers
- To provide structured training and continuing education for race officers
- To provide insurance coverage to certified race officers under US Sailing's general liability policy

Date: Saturday, March 14

Location: Willamette Sailing Club, 6336 SW Beaver Avenue, Portland, OR

FEE: \$35 seminar fee includes workshop, course materials, & online testing for certification. Lunch will not be provided. You must be a member of US Sailing to take the course.

Questions? Please contact Eric Rimkus at eric@gladiatorsailing.com.

Date or location doesn't work for you or your club? Please let Eric know and he will work with your club to schedule a one-day seminar that does!



Awards Banquet Photos

by Mitchell Burke





Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation Update

by Matt Berger

It's almost the start of another sailing season on the Willamette, and I am pleased to say that I am now entering my sixth year of coaching at WSC. I started as a learn-to-sail instructor and high school coach, added Waterfront Director to my title a couple years after that and am now the Lead Opti Coach who doubles as the Development & Program Director for Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation (OYSF). I grew up on Long Island in a program much like WSC's and am proud to be able to help so many others have the life-changing experiences here that I had on the east coast. Plus, I get to spend lots of time on the river while I do it!



The year started off very nicely for WSC's junior sailing program and OYSF's Sustainable Sailing Campaign for fleet replacement. The silent auction on January 10th at the Annual WSC Winter Awards Banquet at Portland Yacht Club raised \$5,000 towards replacing WSC's six oldest fiberglass Optis with safer and longer-lasting polyethylene SailCube Optis. Sincere thanks to all the generous item donors and enthusiastic bidders for making the auction a success. Fewer fiberglass splinters, breakdowns and patch jobs mean happier young sailors (and happier coaches, too!).

The Sustainable Sailing Campaign is designed to increase both the quality and financial success of learn-to-sail programs in Oregon. Sticking to a fleet replacement schedule lowers depreciation losses and maintenance fees for clubs while creating better and safer experiences for learn-to-sail students. I also believe that the future of our sport in general relies heavily on its youngest sailors, which means that Optis are one of the most important programs to support. In 2019, WSC expanded the capacity of the Opti team to meet increased demand. I am happy

to know that soon the fleet will match how good enrollment is looking!

On behalf of Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation, I'd also like to thank the entire WSC membership for years of support. The Foundation has now been in existence for over twelve years and continues to expand its positive impact. In 2019, funds we raised enriched the lives of over 1,000 youth and supported more than 2,000 hours of sailing through programs and initiatives like WSC's Sailing Center, the Sustainable Sailing Campaign, Eugene Yacht Club's Youth Dock Project, OYSF's free Community Sailing Program for PDX youth with limited river access, Wind & Oar Boat School, Columbia Gorge Racing Association's Community Sailing Program and RiversWest Small Craft Center's Family Boat Build. Be sure to check out our website, oregonyouthsailing.org.

Also, join our email list to get updates on OYSF activities and to enjoy viewing the winners of our 2019 Sailing Short Film Festival contest. Details on this year's film festival and other fun events and promotions are coming soon!

See you on the river,
Matt Berger



November Board Meeting Minutes

by Arjan Duyvestein

Call to Order at 6:45 pm

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

Fraud Case

A decision needs to be made whether or not the club will prosecute. Without that the official police investigation will stop. Official charge is Aggravated Theft in the 1st degree. The board does not feel the charges should be dropped. Charges started appearing in September 2019. Total is approx. \$20,000. Email will be sent out to the members explaining the situation, mentioning Roberto Condi's name in it, since he's admitted to the theft and we want to be transparent. Insurance claim has been filed and is being processed.

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Approved.

September Board Meeting Notes: Approved

October Board Meeting Notes: Approved

Officer Reports

John: Suggests that the food minimum (\$50/Member) approved at the general meeting should go into the food/beverage service expense. What about the income from outside sources from the club?

Mike: Yale Lake campground for Al Morris and the Thistle regatta are reserved for next year. Al Morris Regatta is planned Thursday through Sunday July 30 - Aug 2nd. Thistle regatta will be Jul 18-19, Mike will consult with Ian Sparkes to do more safety boat training in the spring.

Dredging update

Plans still need to be submitted. There will be an attempt to keep the HS sailing program going during dredging.

Office Manager Report

Lighting around the club:

Lighting of our docks may be a liability if we begin to have events for non-members due to the lack of lighting. Brandon received some quotes to replace and add additional lighting on the docks and in the storage lot for safety. LED's would have a 20-year life span. Some motion detection, some photocells, some on timer. Cost could come out of the maintenance budget for next year. Brandon has a list of priorities.

Motion made to approve \$3000 to spend on lighting from next year's budget. Seconded. Discussion. Motion approved.

How to proceed with Portland Catering company and 2020 hospitality program. Portland Catering will take over events from previous catering company. For 2020 the intent is to hire new staff to cover Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.

Opening day will be April 19th.

Membership Changes

New Members

Mike van Kirk - Regular



Briton Grimm - Youth
Cedar Mora - Midshipman
Sebastien Nicolas - Regular (21 foot boat)
Resignations
Peter Hymes
All approved

Club Credit Cards

Brandon is talking to the bank to review club credit card options with Keybank, for cards in the club's name. Board approved getting this credit card in place, while a sub-committee is established to put better checks and balances in place to help avoid future fraud issues. Motion made to move forward with this proposal, seconded. Approved for \$1000 initial credit limit.

Financial Controls Subcommittee

Christine made a proposal and the commodore agreed to establish a financial subcommittee to review the current fraud incident and write a summary of those events, as well as establish a comprehensive plan to improve financial operations and processes at the club. Committee members would include Jim Harper, John Gridley, Kevin Reynolds, current WSC bookkeeper, and Christine. Christine has also volunteered to be the club's new treasurer for 2020. The committee will report to the Board. Christine's position as Treasurer to be confirmed at Awards Banquet.

McCuddy's Dock/ Dock B Placement

Toby explained a proposal to utilize the McCuddy dock to replace a section of B Dock. Proposal will cost about \$4500. McCuddy's rent is currently \$300/month. Proposal will require significant member involvement for work needing to be done. Work would take place before the end of the year and require boats currently moored on the dock to be relocated. The dock maintenance budget will cover this expense from the 2020 budget. Brandon will check insurance to ensure that the move is covered.

Member of the Month

Shannon Clune for hosting the Wild Turkey Regatta.

9:22 pm Meeting adjourned.



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