



April 2008

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in the Wind**

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Calendar

General Meeting

Friday, April 25th; 6:30 pm
Vets Club - Eugene

Novice Race Night

Thursday, May 1st, 6:30 pm
Fern Ridge

First Beer Can Race

Tuesday, May 6th, 7 pm
on the water at EYC tower

Seattle NOOD

Fri-Sun, May 16-18th,
Seattle/Corinthian Yacht Clubs

Big Brother/Big Sister

Saturday, May 17th, 12 noon
Richardson Park Shelter

Memorial Day Regatta

Fri-Sat, May 24-25th,
EYC

Multihull Regatta

Fri-Sat, May 31st - June 1st
EYC

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Special Guest Speaker

**Cindy Thieman – Science Director,
Long Tom Watershed Council**

If you've ever wondered about swimming in Fern Ridge, or what happens if you swallow some of the water, this is the talk for you.

*"Fern Ridge and the Long Tom Watershed -
Environmental Quality now and into the future"*

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6:30 pm - No Host anything social time • 7 pm - General meeting

It's Finally Here —

the sailing season. My first sail for the year on the boat with the pink rudder (ed. note: it is "berry pink") ... how great to be on the water again, and such a nice evening we had last Thursday.

Thanks to Chris Thomas for his wonderful handling of the All Fool's regatta and to all who helped out with the Chilly Chile fest. Our Emerald Cup Chair, Carrie Harrington, got everyone on board with a plan for Emerald Cup to be the first officially certified "Clean Regatta" on the west coast. (Way to go, Carrie!). Our Commodore of Vice, Merry Peticlair, is now officially recognized as both a US Sailing small boat instructor and a State of Oregon instructor for the Boaters' Card. I hope to work with Merry, the Lido Fleet and our JRC reps to schedule a Boater's card class for members who still need one in order to do race committee or rescue boat. It's also likely that we can arrange a free scholarship to the boating class for JORDAN MATTHEW HEATHERLY-BARR, another grandson for Mike Knutson.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the April 21 meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers will have occurred. BIG THANKS to Mike Randles for all the work he put into writing good questions for the corps and to those few other folks who send me some ideas to share with Stephanie and the Santana 20 fleet. This is the first of what I hope will be several fact-finding and consensus building meetings of stakeholders concerned with the way our lake is managed and its environmental quality.

Please come to this month's general meeting to hear about the broader ecology and water quality of Fern Ridge Reservoir and its associated watershed. Cindy Thieman, science director for the Long Tom Watershed Council will be our featured speaker. She has recently completed a major report on water quality issues for the lake, and will be able to give us a lot of information on where the water comes from, where it goes, and what issues affect the lake's ability to support wildlife and recreational use.

Keep smiling and, most of all, KEEP SAILING!!

See you on the water, Michelle



All Fools Regatta 2008: A Pirate Battle Not Soon Forgotten

The sky was gray but the mood was anxious. The Sea Scouts came in force to kick some maritime butt. The combatants had arrived to test their sailing skill and chucker canon accuracy. The teams were divided. It was the Clark Fleet (Merry and the Sea Scouts) against the Santana/Trimaran fleet (Chris and friends). The lines were drawn, the canons loaded. The battle began at 2:30pm. ATTACK! Speed and agility might win the day. Headsail flying was better for speed but hindered the agility and wore out the crew. No headsail made for a smaller target, but made the chase difficult at best. This game was dodge-ball meets capture the flag. Protect your flag with your canon fire. Or, if your mate captured the opponent's flag, protect your mate by drawing the fire of the opponent. You win the battle if you can get your flag and their flag together in your goal.

After about an hour of play, and learning the rule as you go, and learning how to bend the rules as you go, we had had a great time, but were ready to return to port for some hot chili and dogs to offset the exhaustion from the conflict. We filled our bellies to the top and won our hearty prizes before we retired to our home fronts. Thank you to Chris for coordinating the event. Thank you to the Sea Scouts who turned out in droves. Thank you to all other who participated because it was a blast.

We all had a great time. We learned a few ways the game might be improved for a warmer/later date. We also learned that since this was the first weekend the park was open this year, that fact hindered the number of participating boats. And given that the parks department has changed the availability park access, maybe it is time to change our event as well. I would like to suggest we tip our hats goodbye to the April All Fools Regatta, and let the Practice race/Chilli Chili Feed assume the role of the simple opening season event. And say hello to something like Mayhem & Madness, say, the weekend before the Memorial Day Regatta. Or anytime in May that would fit

the sailing community calendar. This is a really fun event each year that many folks don't participate because the boats are not in yet, or are just not too enthused about the soggy cool weather we often see this early in the season. As an event coordinator from prior years, I can say it can be disappointing to put your time and energy into an event and be rewarded with limited participation for a variety of reasons.

If you missed this event, you missed a good time, no matter what the weather did.

Photos and story by
Merry Petitclair



clockwise from top left: The fool behind All Fools, Chris Thomas; Conehead warrior, Ted Walup; Foolish Sea Scouts; the ultimate Fool, unknown to this editor.



Emerald Cup Will be the First on West Coast

Clean Regattas is an effort by Sailors for the Sea in conjunction with yacht clubs and marinas to keep regatta racecourses clear

of debris and to commit to maintaining the health and integrity of our oceans, bays, harbors, estuaries, and lakes. Participants in the program pledge to take nothing but wind and leave nothing but their wake. The impact on our waters is felt no matter the size of the regatta or the number of participants, but by committing to the practices of Clean Regattas, you can be part of the movement to keep the seas shining and healthy for ourselves, and future generations. After all, where would sailors be without the sea or lakes?

Follow these 3 simple steps while you are sailing or caring for your boat and help keep the water clean:

- Carry In, Carry Out – Keep your trash in your boat and dispose of it in proper receptacles. Look for the Clean Regattas burgee to identify the trash-boat and onshore bins. Take a Clean Regattas trash bag with you.
- Pump-Out – Use the pump-out stations available at the docks, or treat sewage before discharging it at a legal distance from shore (obviously not on FernRidge).
- Shiny Boats, Shiny Sea - Keep your boat clean, but not at the water's expense. Use non-toxic cleaning products on your deck and hull, such as Simple Green, baking soda or even vinegar.

<http://www.sailorsforthesea.org>

Super Youth Sailing Day!

Let's take 'em sailing!



at Fern Ridge Lake, Saturday, May 17th 2008

Meet at Richardson Park. Picnic at noon. Sailing at 1:30pm



You and your boat are invited to offer an exciting day of sailing to the wonderful kids and mentors from Committed Partners for Youth and the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs.

Share your love of sailing with the youth in the community. Enrich the lives of others with that same feeling of leaving your troubles behind when sailing across the lake. And we would like you to join us for lunch too! As the skipper of your vessel you are responsible for the safety of all aboard. We will have additional PFD's available, if you need them. Safety first. Let's have a fantastic day on the water.

**Call Merry Petitclair by May 10th to let us know you will be joining us:
(541.689.9209 or email: m.petitclair@gmail.com)**

Our heartfelt thanks go to the following list of super people who have provided their time and resources to make this event possible.

- YOU! and your fellow sailors, without whom we would be sunk.
- Our guests! for providing us an opportunity to give you a day of sailing.
- Triton Yacht Club for energy, event coordination, sailors and their boats.
- Legacy Health Systems for a terrific picnic.
- Lane County Parks for offering the fine facility.
- About Sound for a musically good time.
- Image Sense/Platt Electric for awesome T-Shirts.



Contact Merry Petitclair at 541.689.9209 if you have questions and to RSVP by May 10th so that we know we will have enough boats.



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Next Meeting
Friday, April 25th
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette
 Eugene
Special Guest Speaker

Triton Yacht Club Membership Form

Your Name: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home phone _____

Work/Cell phone _____

Email: _____

Your crew position _____

Renewal New Member

Boat type: _____

Boat name: _____

Sail number: _____

Interests: Racing Cruising Social Other _____

I (we) would prefer volunteer duties as follows:

- Race Committee Race/Rescue "Fun" Races Social Events
- Other (specify particular events or dates) _____

I don't want to save the club postage by receiving a full color digital version of the newsletter. **Send black & white version in the costly U.S. Mail.**

Membership Fees:

- New Members (includes \$40 initiation fee) \$80.00
- Family or Individual 1 year renewal \$50.00
(\$10 discount if paid before March 1st)
- Racing Fee* \$15.00
- Dual Membership (EYC members) \$40.00

Total Dues Enclosed \$ _____

*Skippers Pay Race fee if you race, and **do not** belong to Eugene YC

Make checks payable to: Triton Yacht Club

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The Triton Yacht Club is a Casual Community of Sailors Sharing Friendship, the Corinthian Spirit, and providing Racing and Non-racing Activities. Anyone and Everyone is Welcome! Visit with us and see for yourself. Meetings are held the last Friday of each month, at 7pm at the Veteran Club on Willamette Street in Eugene. Board meetings are held monthly. All members are welcome. Contact a board member for roving location. Be sure and check the newsletter for information about meetings and events at www.tritonyachtclub.org