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Calendar

General Meeting
Friday, August 29th; 7:00 pm
Richardson Marina, Fern-Ridge

Harvest Regatta
Sat. - Sun., Sept. 6th - 7th
EYC

EYC Commodore's Cup
Sat., Sept. 13
Richardson Marina

Big Moon Sail
Sat., Sept. 13; 7:00 pm
Richardson Marina

Beer Can Finale
Tues., Sept. 16; 7 pm
Richardson Marina

Steak Bash - End of Season
Thurs., Sept. 18
EYC

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Blue Grass Band Richardson on the Point Music 6PM-9PM

**Raft-up or hang
out on the grass**

Bring munchies and stories to share

Bluegrass!!

This week's raftup at Richardson will be a Bluegrass Extravaganza arranged by our esteemed and wonderful Treasurer, Craig Latham. Live music and a lot of your friends will be there.. so we also want YOU!! Right now we don't know if the band will be on boats, or land, but come and join us for an early raftup and some great munchies, mooring starting at 5:30, music starting at 6PM, Aug. 29.

What about parking??? Well, I had a very informative conversation with Ranger Keith Grossman last week and he tells me that if your crew want to stay out with you on your boat after dusk (which will be about 8PM on Saturday), all you need to do is go over to Gooch's with the people, and their parking permits (the \$3.00 day-use permits), and ask for a tag for them to hang from their mirror. They need to put the day use permit on their dash, and the tag on their mirror. This will identify them as connected to the moorage holders and allow them to park after dusk at Richardson for that one evening.

Please do this whenever you plan to have guests out on your boat after dusk. It is great for the underfunded parks to get their \$3.00 per parked car, and great for us to have a way to use our boats after dusk. ALSO – remember that you can be ticketed for parking a car in a trailer space... remind everyone to use the car spaces, and not the trailer spaces. I'm very hopeful that if we respectfully use this new process for twilight and evening parking, Lane County Parks will see how important it is to us, and make it even easier.

In close, I want to share with you my personal thanks, and the thanks of my godson Charles Baker-Rozell, his sister Elizabeth, and his father, Watts Rozell for all the Corinthian hospitality they experienced while visiting me this



Lido Nationals by Mike Knutson

Tuesday am at 10 the phone rang and yours truly jumped for it hoping it was a response to my work resume. To my surprise it was my favorite Commodore, Michelle, asking me if I would like to sail a Lido 14 in the National regatta taking place at EYC. I told Michelle the only experience in Lido's I had was once with Ron and Leanne and full case of Black Butte. Michelle then said a girl came all the way from Ohio and was loaned one of Jerald Skeen's boats and her crew bailed on her. She also mentioned I was the 7th person she had called. I asked her if I was too big for a Lido and she said, "not if is windy"....then she said "please," just like when she wants you to do race committee or charge hell with a bucket of water, so I said yes and asked when should be there and she said in about 25 minutes, so off I went.

When I showed up at EYC Michelle introduced me to this real nice Girl from Ohio named Kathy. I then apologized for being too large but I make up for that by being loud and stupid; Kathy laughed so I figured that we will at least have fun. We then looked at the loaned lido I noticed it had a broom stick screwed to the "seats" reinforcing the keel trunk, it also has been liberally "reinforced" with duct tape. Kathy went to the skippers meeting while I put the boat in the water, so far so good.



Hank Erbele hunching down with his crew trying to sneak up on the Lido fleet.

There were around 40 boats at the regatta and these boats sailed in 2 flights....Gold for the faster boats and Silver for the slower boats; we were in the Silver so we had a little time to "practice." The way it worked for us I crouched on all fours over the center board trunk and released and re-sheet the jib and ducked my face way down in the space in front of the center board trunk so that the boom vang wouldn't catch and pull out my hair. If a puff came, I would shift toward the high side and rest about a third of a butt cheek on the seat till the puff deminished.

For the first race I suggested we find clear air and she agreed ...we started in the second row and tacked a couple of times; at the mark there were some boats behind us. We set the boat for downwind with the whisker pole and boy we went pretty good down wind and even passed a couple of boats. We chose the least crowded gate, set out for the finish



line, but about half way to the mark I heard a "CRACK" and looked down an the starboard side of the centerboard trunk to see it had split open. I told Kathy to stay on starboard while I duct taped the trunk together...when we tacked on to port the center board would "thunk" real loud and the boat would head down. The other boats passed us, though we did make the finish...last...and told the RC that we were retiring.

By the time we got the boat back to the dock I had a repair plan and we jumped into my truck and headed to my house. I dug through my wood scraps and found a nice piece of beach plywood, courtesy of Master Woodworker Randy Weersing, cut it to size, grabbed some tools, and back to EYC. I screwed the brace into place with some deck screws, trimmed some of the broom stick brace off, duct taped it all together and still had time for lunch.

The horn was sounded for afternoon racing and now it was time to open up the giant can of whip-ass on the lido fleet. We sailed pretty good; I figured out how to tack with out getting my hair pulled out or smashing my "boys" on the center board trunk. We took a 16th and a 17th out of 22, but the big thing was that my repair held. We made it back to the dock and got in line to pull the boat. While waiting we were treated to our good friend, and past Commodore, Bill Crutchfield, stepping out onto the front deck of his Lido as his tipping boat reminded him that he had pulled up the center board. Bill quickly made the mental adjustments necessary as he realized he was going to fall into the water; a large round of applause greeted him when he surfaced.

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month. We had TYC skippers providing many opportunities for them to participate in my favorite social group and my favorite sport – thanks to all. Also, thanks very much to all the TYC people who showed up and helped with Lido Nationals, especially Mike Knutson for his stalwart participation as emergency crew and Mike Schwarze and Carrie Harrington for burger management on Tuesday. Congrats to Hank Erbele for his third place finish in the Silver Fleet! Thanks also to our Jack and Jill RC – Doug Ullmer, Bob Ullmer, and Bill Schafer – see stoy on next page.

Keep smiling and keep sailing –
Your Commodore, Michelle

No Hills for Jack and Jill

Our annual Jack and Jill Regatta is now in the history books. Much like the Olympics in Beijing, things were tightly run and underage Sailors were strictly Verboten.

Doug and Bob Ullmer, along with yours truly put on three races for the 4 daring duos. The final race began in about 10 kts of wind, and down wind. They finished up at the tower in about 17 kts of wind, also downwind. Look in the files section of FernSail under Result 2008 for the details.

Congrats go to Giddy-Up for their outstanding 1st Place finish and to Zephyr (a Lido 14) for testing their skills against the BIG boats. Also, kudos to Occam and In and Out for their efforts!

Everyone seems to have had a good time, and the committee had fun putting it on!

Sail on sailors!
Bill "Ohana" Schafer



Photos: Doug Ulmer

Santana 20 Class Championship

Don Erickson brought together 39 boats to enter this years event dubbed "SantanaRama 08." He even lent his own boat, the first S20 every built, to a team from Mexico City. Besides the usual participants from Washington and California, our local Fleet 19 was well represented. The top local boat was TYC's favorite son, *Loose Nuts* in 2nd. Other local boats in the top 10 were: Paul Stephens' *Aquila* in 4th, and Gordon Mattatall on *Waterboa* in 6th.

Photos by:
Stephanie Reyes



Evening scenes on the race course. The season is not over, come on out. Lots of beautiful sailing before the plug is pulled.

Photos: Watts Rozell





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Blue Grass Band
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Triton Yacht Club Membership Form

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Additional Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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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.**

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- 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

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