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## Calendar

**General Meeting**  
Friday, February 27; 6:30 pm  
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette

**Oregon Boater Education**  
Friday, February 27; 6:30 pm  
contact Merry Petitclair

**General Meeting**  
Friday, March 27; 6:30 pm  
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette

**Practice Race**  
Thursday, April 2; 6:30 pm  
FernRidge

**Boat Launch/Pot Luck**  
Sat., April 4th; 12pm - ??  
Richardson Marina

**Thursday Racing Begins**  
Thurs., April 9th; 6:30  
FernRidge

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## Second Meeting of '09 February 27th - 6:30pm

### Still much to do & discuss

- Review changes to the upcoming racing schedule.
- Reconnect with old friends.
- Presentation:
  - Review of Boating Safety
  - Winter sailing in the Southern Caribbean  
*(see teaser photos inside)*

## /// Re-Mark Your Calendar ///

The Race/Event calendar is up and running at: [tritonyachtclub.org](http://tritonyachtclub.org)

April 1st – Richardson Marina opens.

By popular demand, The annual TYC Practice/Chilly(Chili) night (April 2nd) and "All Fools" have been rethought this year and replaced with a "Chili Feed/Pot luck and launch your boat day" (April 4th) and "Poor Fools" on April 18th (after tax day) – more info coming soon. Eugene Yacht Club still plans on running a "Practice Night" race on April 2nd if you have your boat in the water.

Mark your calendar for a rules clinic by Andrew Kerr on March 28th, 1-4pm. It will be at EYC and cost \$10 per person for *non-members* of S20 Fleet 19. Andrew will spend about an hour and a half on the latest race rule changes and another hour and a half on tactics.

Regards,  
Ted Walkup, TYC Race Chair

**Last Chance  
to Renew Your TYC Membership  
at pre-season rate (ends March 1st)!**  
Work your way to the back page and fill-out  
the application.



## Ahoy My Fellow Sailors

Oh boy!, Everybody do your rain dance and in a short 5 weeks or so, it will be time to put the boats in. It looks like the storm tracks are lining up for a soggy spring just the way we like it. Holy cow! 5 weeks? Dang, I

better get busy says I and probably many of you too. Lets see... current license tags? Check. Battery on the charger? Check. Fixed the stuff that broke or sank last year? (Battens, tools, windex, etc) Hmm...not yet. Motor ready for action? Errr... maybe. Got that new gizmo installed that you got for Christmas? Nope. Varnish work done? Nope. Sounds like we have work to do.

Got your dues Paid for 2009? Nope. Don't be late! You have until the end of the February meeting to get your dues in without additional penalty for 2009. Renewal is \$40, racing fee is \$20. After the meeting the both go up \$10 each. See the membership application near the end of the newsletter. Save yourself \$20 and renew on time. This is the best yacht club deal to be found in all of North America. Just ask Mike Knutson and he'll explain it to you.

Bring that \$20 you would have spent on late dues and donate it to the fund for the helm controller for Kevin Hansen. As many of you know Kevin has not been out sailing as much as he would like. His quadriplegia has created additional challenges of late. And we want to help him to conquer those challenges. Contact Ron & Leanne Fish for details on how to help with this project. (541) 607-3588 or tunasail@comcast.net.

Join us for the February General Meeting, at the Vet's Club (the Veteran Memorial Hall) in Eugene on Willamette between 16th & 17th on Friday night Feb 27. Dinner at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7pm. For entertainment value, this month we have the ever safety conscious Merry Petitclair (oh, that's me.) giving a review on boating safety. And the world famous Lyle Mayer just back from the Volvo Ocean Race (not really) and the seven seas to share his sailing experiences. Search this newsletter for more details from Lyle. If we have the time, we will also get into a rule quiz or two. Look for a rules quiz in this newsletter as well. See you Friday night at the meeting.

*Merry Petitclair – TYC Commodore 2009*



### Uncle Triton Wants You...

to volunteer for committee /chase boat race duty. The February TYC general meeting will be

your last chance to volunteer for race duty. After the February meeting Uncle Triton (with the help of the TYC Race Chair) starts the draft and he is not talking about draft beer.

Currently we have about 1/2 our committee / chase boat slots filled (EYC already has 100% filled). Remember, if you are going to race you need to agree to help the race committee. You can check for available dates by going to the following links [tritonyachtclub.org](http://tritonyachtclub.org) - race info - race duty, then contact the Race Chair with your preferences. You can reach the Race Chair (that would be me, Ted Walkup) at [ted-walkup@hotmail.com](mailto:ted-walkup@hotmail.com).

### Harmless Visual Stimuli

## Presentation of Sailing in the Windward Islands



*The entire picture will be revealed at the Friday meeting. Find out what it is like to sail in the trade winds at 16 degrees of latitude.*

## WE NEED YOU! YOU CAN BE THE HERO!

You and your best friend could be the next Burgermeisters for Triton Yacht Club. Your yacht club needs someone to step up and volunteer to be in charge of the burger feed. The burger dates have been changed to allow for use of the longer days. TYC is responsible for providing burgers for all, at Richardson Park for all Thursdays in June plus the first Thursday in July - five consecutive weeks. Equipment is provided for cooking. Tired of burgers? Fine, do subs or pizza or ????. Your reward for all of this hard work is the appreciation of the entire sailing community. Contact Merry Petitclair if you are willing to serve in this vital capacity. Email: m.petitclair@gmail.com or phone: 541.689.9209

### tideBITS

**NEW!! TYC Burger Nights** are scheduled for all Thursdays in June and the first Thursday in July. This will allow us to do our part to feed the sailing community and to be out of the park by dark, per the park rules. It amounts to 5 consecutive Thursdays. This is the same number of nights we had in previous years.

### tideBITS

**NEW!! Novice Nights** will show a Pirate flag on the committed boat to help remind you something different is going on. Watch for the pirate flag on the first Thursday in each month (beginning in May). It denotes that it is "Novice Night." "Arrgh me hearties, have a bit of fun tonight, and please play by the rules laid down by the JRC and/or your fleet."

### tideBITS

**REMINDER:** The Oregon State Marine Board/Oregon Law requires that all boaters operating a motor of 10hp. or more must have a boater education card. And that card must be on board the vessel during operation. The fine for violation is \$97. Probably all of us have motors less than 10 hp. But when we operate the committee or rescue boats, we have more than 10 hp. Even if you don't run motors of 10 hp it is still a good practice to have the training and the card. It can earn you a discount on your boat insurance too. Contact Merry Petitclair if you want to take the OSMB Boater Education class. Email: m.petitclair@gmail.com or phone: 541.689.9209.

### tideBITS

**PREPARE TO LAUNCH! & CHILI FEED: APRIL 4.** The gate to the Richardson and Orchard Point Marinas will open Wednesday, April 1st. We have moved the Chili Feed scheduled for Thursday, April 2 to Saturday, April 4 and have a launch party. Lets all work together and get the boats in, eat some chili and potluck. Work is always made easier with many hands and a hot lunch. A buck a bowl worked well last time. Jeff and Merry will provide the generator and big roaster to keep the chili hot. Contact Merry if you can be in charge of bringing the Chili and fixings for all. Email: m.petitclair@gmail.com or phone: 541.689.9209.

## If They Found the Time to Renew Their Membership, What's Your Excuse?

Renewing members Kyla and Brett are going cruising on their 37' sloop Benevolence that they found as a dilapidated hull in Texas in November of 2006. After a lot of work they now leaving Louisiana and headed out to the Gulf where they plan to take a right and head through the Panama Canal into the Pacific. I got to talk with Kyla before they left this area for Louisiana where Benevolence awaited them and I could hear the excitement in her voice that a person has after they have sold everything "here" and are getting ready to go "out there." One of the details that they took care of before leaving was to renew their TYC membership and I for one feel fortunate that TYC is their home yacht club (I think Big Dog had something to do with this). You can follow their trip in great detail on their web site [www.benevolentwanderings.com](http://www.benevolentwanderings.com) and interact with them on their blog.



Follow their example. Turn the page, fill out the application, and do what you have been planning to do . . . . NOW!





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**Next Meeting**  
**Friday, February 27th**  
**Winter Sailing Presentation**  
 Windward Islands, Caribbean  
**Vets Club - Eugene**

## 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 \$20 initiation fee) ..... \$60.00
- Family or Individual 1 year renewal ..... \$40.00
- Paid after March 1st ..... \$50.00
- Racing Fee\* ..... \$20.00
- Paid after March 1st ..... \$30.00

**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](http://www.tritonyachtclub.org)