



Meeting Date Change

Triton members, because of Spring Break, the Dave Perry seminar in Portland, and a few other conflicts, we've decided to move the Triton General Meeting to April 1 (yes, April Fool's Day). The location is the same, the Veteran's Club; 7 pm. The agenda will include the beginning of our multi-month Cruising Seminar, the preparation for some Fall cruising in the Northwest. All members should plan on attending, and prospective members are welcome to join in. The food's good, the fellowship is even better. See you there!
-Doug Ullmer, Triton Commodore

reading the flyer. Ted, please post it on the TYC Web Site. Join us, no matter what yacht club you belong to, or don't belong to. If you love to sail and want to be goofy all day and probably win a silly prize for it, this is the event for you! This is generally a rain or shine event. So unless the weather is dangerous, we will carry on, one way or another. (If its really nasty, we will find other means to be goofy, indoors. But plan on being outside all day. See you there!
-Merry Petitclair and other foolish nut-case members of Triton Yacht Club

ON THE CALENDAR

Next General Meeting April 1

At the Veteran's Club
on Willamette St in Eugene

Book Club Meetings

2nd Thurs of each month
Michelle Wood 345-3448

Dues are Past Due

Please Renew Now

2005 is a terrible thing to waste!
*If you didn't get your newsletter
you aren't reading this now.*

YBYC Loyalty Days Regatta

April 23-24 in Newport

Emerald Cup Regatta

June 25-26 in Newport

An Invitation

Oregons Women's Sailing

Association has invited the women sailors from Fern Ridge to come up and participate in their new Womens Evening Series. I believe you are welcome to bring your boats, but there are spaces available to join crews there. They need crew as well as experienced skippers. Share your experience and help launch their program. There will be a seminar about fundamentals the Wednesday evening immediately prior to the start of the series. Monday Nights in June (6,13,20,27) www.sailpdx.com, click on OWSA or Contact Edie Felix 503-639-4343 efelix@edenterprises.com
"We can arrange crew spaces. We also would like a few more mentors."

Season Opener!

Loyalty Days Regatta will be held April 23 and 24 at Yaquina Bay, Newport. Entry is open to PHRF, Portsmouth, and One-Design fleets which establish a class with at least 5 entries.

Even better news...the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club website is up and functioning and current! You can now download your entry information in PDF format. Go to www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org and click into the Files section.

The weather has been great in Newport, with conditions normally found during June; just yesterday we had a sunny nnw 15 knot afternoon. Crabbing is good, too.

If you have any questions you can email me or call 541-265-4575 home, 541-961-1823. See you on the water!

-Stephanie aka Cheap Sunglasses

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TYC 2005 All Fools Regatta.

This event will be held on Saturday April 2nd, on Yaquina Bay in Newport OR. Join us at the skippers meeting at noon, on the boardwalk at the Embarcadero. This year's theme is "Captains by the Sea". Thus you are encouraged to show up in costume as any captain, current or historical, real or fictitious. Get to work on your costumes as this is only a month away.

As always, shoot me an email (m.petitclair@att.net) if you have any questions, or have difficulties

Courses Being Offered

One at Lane Community College, the other at Willamalane Parks & Rec in Springfield.

The first is the Coastal Navigation class at LCC. This is a 10 week class on navigation, reading a compass, currents, dead reckoning, and piloting. I took this class last year, and found it very useful. It is taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The price is free, and the textbook (very readable) is 45. See your LCC bulletin or go to LCC website for more



Commodore's Corner

As you receive this month's newsletter, spring will be officially off and running. I'm just back from a monthly business trip to San Diego, and I'd have to say it's fairly rare when Corvallis weather tops southern Cal's in spring, but it does this year. Maybe global warming has a few local benefits. Most of the Midwest and Northeast are still buried in snow, and can't think about their boats yet. Sucks for them!

Imzadi seems more than ready to break out of its winter cocoon. My list of chores is growing, but it's therapeutic to reassemble, clean, tune, and tinker. I always pick out one or two tasks to make her better than before, or even better than when she was new. Some new "go-fast" gadget is often what it takes, but this year, sailing out of Newport, safety should take priority.



I know that a few of you are thinking of mothballing your bigger boats this year, to cope with the disruption of the Fern Ridge repair, and to keep costs under control. The advantage of our club means sailing with friends and crewing for others is easy and fun. Don't let those sailing gloves sit there unused! That unspent moorage cost will probably go a long way to cover your participation in a fall cruise with your Triton friends or family!

Finally, I'll put in a reminder for the Strictly Sail Pacific show next month in Oakland. Many of you have read my recaps the last two years, and this might be a good year to join in. The event is April 13-17 at Jack London Square. Tickets on Southwest are running about \$150 roundtrip. Let me know if you'll be checking it out. I'll buy you a beer at the pub Jack London hung out in.

-Doug Ullmer, *Imzadi*

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information. Classes are on Tuesdays, starting March 29th. In my view, the information offered here is a must for people interested in cruising. It would add a new dimension of knowledge and safety to even a weeklong jaunt in the San Juan islands.

The second is the "Boat Oregon" course, on three Wednesdays starting April 6th. You will get your boating certificate upon successful completion of this class. Contact Willamalane for more information.

-Joe Downing, *ObiJuan*

RC Boats and Stuff

So far this year no one has been sailing RC boats, at least in Eugene, but many have been building RC Landsailers. Sailing "on the hard" On Any Sunday. Why not come try it and maybe even build your own? They are easier to build than a boat, and many times faster under sail—as much as 25 mph! Contact Phil Collins, Gordon Mattatal or Gale Morgan for info. Sundays at the school on Royal Ave across from Gale's house.



MEET THE BOARD

SPOTLIGHT—Jeff Longmore

Rather than let Phil tell lies I decided to do it myself...

Born and raised in Wisconsin. I took to the water from an early age. Swimming and floating on the local ponds was as much experience as I had. While growing up I did enjoy watching Sea Hunt on TV. When I enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse I had the opportunity to take a class in Scuba diving. Enjoying the water and marveling at the adventures of Mike Nelson was all the encouragement I needed. After the class was over and certification in hand I was invited to help teach the classes during my stay at La Crosse. One semester a short brunette took the class. She turned out to be a feisty little wench from the Twin Cities area. When the diving club would wander around the state she would tag along and cause as much trouble as she could.



Graduation occurred and I spent the next 18 years teaching science in a small rural community. I traded my water sports for an activity that was less work. While sitting in a bar having a cool one the local butcher asked me if I was interested in taking skydiving lessons. I also enjoyed watching Superman on TV fly through the air saving the world as a child. Skydiving is

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as close to flying without an airplane as you can get so, as before I needed little encouragement. In hind site I am beginning to see a pattern.

Once again while sitting enjoying a cool one, my life long buddy and traveling companion asked a question. Do you remember that girl that used to go on all the diving trips in college? My answer was yes I remember, but I don't have a clue where she is. Out comes the Alumni directory to see where she was holed up. I found out later that she had refused to put her name in for years, but decided to give in the previous year. So on March 23, 2001 I looked her up on the Internet and gave her a call. She was the National Commodore for the San Juan Class Association and would be going to the Nationals somewhere in South Carolina in June. That is a good month for a bike ride, so I had some work done on the Harley, put on new tires and headed south not knowing what a San Juan 21 was. I picked her up at the airport and headed for Lake Hartwell. This is a San Juan, this is Kenny G and you are crew, let's go. (Guess who said that?) The next day I was racing. That night while heading back to the motel the bike died. Seems the mechanic that worked on the bike was stealing parts from other bikes and I lost a cam. Joe Martin was kind enough to lend us his brand new truck with only 167 miles on it with an old trailer off to the rescue we went. Joe's only reservation was he had to find another truck for the picnic table races, but that is another story. The next day I was replaced on the boat by a local boy of 13 years of age. The boat took first in the next race while I spent the day finding a dealer to fix the bike.

In our conversations I confessed to a desire to relocate. Merry stated that Oregon was a nice place, so I moved here, found a job, bought a Catalina 27 and am still here. One of these days I will decide if I am going to stay.

-Jeff Longmore



They did it!

The giant maxi cat Orange II smashed the Jules Verne Trophy record, and also set the outright around the world speed record - 50 days, 16 hours, 20 minutes. Amazing, incredible and a job well done!

You know those 14 guys really lived a fantastic human adventure aboard an unforgiving but truly fast piece of carbon fiber.



For the technical aspect of things, here's what Gilles Ollier (designer - builder) said after Orange II's victory : "We learnt a lot from the Club Med and Orange I generations and already knew what was required to sail fast. That is what was top of the list in the design brief for the skipper of Orange I. A finer boat which would be more efficient head to wind, a less voluminous stern to be lighter aft, and a sail plan without a masthead genaker for a sail plan which would be easier to handle. Also, this boat has greater sea clearance to avoid impact from waves on the cross beams, an important factor in reducing speed. We quickly agreed on hull forms and the sail plan distribution. Only roof design was a little slower to define. In short, the general conception behind Orange II was to build a boat capable of high average speeds, whilst remaining reliable and safe for those sailing her". Yet the machine proved very demanding, and as her skipper pointed out last summer after the Med record, "helming skills are critical when sailing Orange II, it's even more important than we already knew. First, the boat requires a total concentration at all times. And in terms of speed, on such a beast the difference between a good helmsman and an excellent one can amount to 3 to 5 knots. You can imagine the total of miles after a RTW journey"...

*Multiplast is currently building Franck Cammas's (4 times ORMA champion) Van Peteghem - Lauriot Prévost designed giant trimaran, which is closer to an oversized 60' (with foils, if you please) than to your average ocean going tri... The thing will be 32 metres long, due to be launched next year. First Jules Verne attempt in 2007.

Perspective: The fastest circumnavigation by a powered vessel of any type was the USS TRITON. Around the World in 82 Days. Triton, largest submarine ever built (at that time) completed the circumnavigation of the globe, submerged, following the route of Magellan. She remained undetected for the entire period.

52 days by sailboat looks pretty impressive doesn't it?



Triton Yacht Club Membership Form

Your Name: _____

Additional Family Members _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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)

Membership Fees:

Initiation fee (new Members)..... \$40.00

Family or Individual (1 year)..... \$40.00

Racing Fee * \$15.00

Dual Membership (EYC members).. \$40.00

Late Fee (After January 31st) \$10.00

Total Dues Enclosed _____

*Pay Race fee if you race, and do not belong to Eugene Yacht Club

Make checks payable to: Triton Yacht Club

Mail to: TYC

P.O. Box 366

Eugene, Oregon 97440

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 @ the Veteran's Club on Willamette Street in Eugene.
Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Call a board member for roving meeting locations...



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