



March 2007

**TYC**

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in the Wind**

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## Calendar

### General Meeting

Friday, March 30th; 6:30 pm  
Vets Club, Eugene

### Practice Race/Chilli Feed

Thursday, April 5th, 6 pm  
Richardson Park

### All Fools Regatta

Saturday, April 7, 11 am  
Richardson Park

### Spring Racing Begins

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 pm  
Fern Ridge

### Loyalty Days Regatta

Sat-Sun., April 21-22nd,  
Newport, OR - YBYC

### General Meeting

Friday, April 27, 6:30 pm  
Vets Club, Eugene

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## *Yarrrrrrr All Fools* If You Miss This Years All Fools Regatta! **It's a Pirate Battle!**



You may be hot stuff around the buoys but have you the belly to trade broadsides with a well armed McGregor 26? That's right, 2 squadrons of scurvy seadogs with battle flags aloft charging at each other from opposite tacks with one thing on their minds... gain the weather gage, and barrage their opponents' sails with lime green cannon balls from Penn, Wilson or Spaulding. Defeated opponents must strike their colors, surrender their booty and skulk back to their starting areas where they can reenter the fray. To the victors go the spoils no quarter to the vanquished.

### **Saturday, April 7th – Richardson Park**

**10:00-1100 Check-In & Late Registration:** The penalty for registering late is you will have to perform either a Shanty, Limerick or Hornpipe at the post battle debauch.

#### **12:00 Squadrons are Posted**

**12:05 Captains Meeting,** Battle flags issued

**12:15 Squadron Meetings:** Each Squadron shall choose a Squadron Leader either by election or one-on-one combat Formulate a strategy and decide on an FRS channel. Following the Meeting the Squadron Leader should identify himself to the committee and their squadron FRS channel.

**13:30 The Battle's on!** Combatants enter the gauntlet

**15:00 The Battles are over.** Plunder the Gauntlet, gather up the Prizes (unclaimed floating numbered tennis balls)

**16:00 Issue Grog, Light the Debauchery-be-que.** Record your ships victories and defeats to the committee.

**16:45 Penalties and Awards:** Late Registrants must perform Shanty, Hornpipe or Limerick. The losing squadron for the first engagement must regale the winners with a lusty rendition of a pirate song. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories, Best male Pirate, Best Female Pirate Best Other Pirate, Most successful Ship (Victories times 2 minus defeats)

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**A** hoy Mates! It's an exciting time of year for sailors. Uncovering boats, finishing up the last minute work, ordering the final parts, and getting the boats into the water...Yes, Spring has finally arrived!! The long, cold winter

months have been used by our board to plan a sailing year the likes of what we have never seen. More members, more boats, great competitive sailing and numerous social events await our enjoyment in the next 7 months. And we even get extra Daylight Savings Time Hours...who could have guessed?

Now is the time to check your race/ event calendars and be sure you get your boat in the lake in time to participate in our first practice race Thursday April 5th. This also happens to be TYC's Chilly Chilli night. For a couple dollars after the race, you can enjoy a bowl or two of hot, steaming chilli with fixings like shredded cheese, tortilla chips, onions & sour cream while you toss back a few beers, laugh with friends, and discuss the nights sailing exploits and foibles. How can life get any better, you ask?

On Saturday April 7th bring your family, friends, and acquaintances and join us for our Annual All Fools Regatta. Planned this year by one of our newest members, Chris Thomas, this day promises to be a fabulously good

time. Dress like a pirate and prepare to do battle on the high seas. The gauntlet will be thrown (and some tennis balls too, I believe) while our boats battle in fun maneuvers. Don't miss this, or you'll be sorry as it will be the talk of the lake for months to come.

Thursday night races start officially with Spring Series I on Thurs. April 12th. Many of us will be racing for the first time, or coming out with brand new crew. Don't let that stop you from having fun sailing. Reduce sail if you need to, but come on out. You'll get better & better with each try. Remember, even the great racers had to start somewhere. If it's too windy for you because of your circumstances, hop on a bigger, or more experienced boat as crew. You will learn a lot & have fun, too.

Spring weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared for anything. Most importantly, stay safe. Wear life jackets. The water can be pretty cold this time of year, and hypothermia can set in fast. Be sensible. Remember to err on the side of caution if you see inclement weather. We all want you to be around to sail with another day! Check our website [tritonyachtclub.org](http://tritonyachtclub.org) for Race Rescue training & re-fresher dates. We should all know how to use a committee/ chase boat, and basic rescue training.

I know I'm excited about the boating year ahead, and I hope you are too. After a long cold winter we can finally say, "let's go sailing!" See you on the water!

Your Commodore, *Denise L Murschel*

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**Raffle the remaining booty**, numbers will be drawn corresponding to those on the tennis balls and prizes issued to the ball holders.

### **Object of the Pirate Battle:**

To be the first Squadron to successfully traverse unscathed from your squadrons down wind staging area through a common battle area (The Gauntlet) to the windward finish area (Victory Harbor) with all team colors flying.

### **What you will need:**

Recommended Weapon: At least 1 tennis ball chucker (plastic thing for throwing balls for a retriever dog) with which to attack. Optional: Tennis Racket, Funnelator, Lacrosse Stick, any thing that will send a tennis ball distance.

### **Retrieval gear:**

Long handled fishing net, butterfly net or anything you could use to grab a tennis ball from the water. Labrador retrievers are ok provided they wear dogie PDFs.

### **Communication:**

VHF radios, the squadron that communicates well together will probably prevail.

**Battle Flag** and halyard to top of mast. Each squadron will have its own color of battle flag, you should be able to easily raise and lower this flag from the top of your mast Recommend a spare shackle hooked to your main halyard shackle with some parachute cord.



### **Strategy**

If either of your sails are hit you are defeated and you must get rid of all but 3 balls. Throw your balls where they can be retrieved by teammates or will force your opponents to retrieve them in a disadvantageous position. The weather gage or position to windward should be an advantage both in terms of attack, (balls will travel further downwind) and retrieval (it will be easier to head towards a downwind ball). Spread the wealth, if you have more balls than you need throw them to a teammate, if you accidentally hit a teammates sails it does not count as a defeat. When to finish? If you cross the finish line you are no longer part of the battle, your ship is in safe harbor and has scored for your team but you are no longer in a position to help or hinder, hang out near the finish without finishing and you risk defeat and a long trip back to the staging area – a tough decision.

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# Race Committee/Race Rescue

2 People needed for rescue; 3 for Race Committee on Women's Nite

## APRIL

- 4/5, *Practice Races/Chilli Nite* – Walkup, Longmore, Petitclair
- 4/7, *All Fools Regatta* – Thomas
- 4/12, *Spring 1* – **Kenn Meneely, Chris Meneely**
- 4/19, *Spring 2* – Walkup, Longmore, Petitclair
- 4/26, *Spring 3* – Erbele, Emrich

## MAY

- 5/3, *Women's/Novice 1* – Schafer, Nicholson, **D. Mitchell**
- 5/10, *Spring 4* – **C Murschel**, Martinez
- 5/17, *Spring 5* – Schwarze, Carter
- 5/24, *Spring 6* – **Siroshton, Sasmor**
- 5/31, *Summer 1* – **K Martin**, Morse

## JUNE

- 6/7, *Women's/Novice 2* – Schafer, Brooke Hallinan, A. Mazurkiewicz
- 6/14, *Summer 2* – **K Martin, Randles**
- 6/21, *Summer 3* – **Edgecomb, Edgecomb**
- 6/28, *Summer 4* – **K Martin, Erno**

## JULY

- 7/5, *Women's/Novice 3* – **Knutson**, Weersing, **Saylor**, Hruda, **Ward**
- 7/12, *Summer 5* – **K Martin**, Harrington
- 7/19, *Summer 6* – **Schwarze**, Carter
- 7/26, *Fall 1* – **K Martin, A. Clark**

## AUGUST

- 8/2, *Women's/Novice 4* – **Mitchell, Randles, Erno**
- 8/4, *Jungle Cruise* –
- 8/5, *TYC Women's cup* – Chase, Chase, **Lyle Mayer**
- 8/9, *Fall 2* – Harrington, S Davis
- 8/16, *Fall 3* – **K Martin, Atkin**
- 8/18, *Jack & Jill Regatta* – Bob & Doug Ullmer
- 8/19, *Singlehander Regatta* – **Denise**
- 8/23, *Fall 4* – **K Martin**, Leanne
- 8/30, *Fall 5* – **K Martin**, R Fish

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/6, *Women's 5* – **Knutson**, Weersing, **Saylor**, Hruda, **Ward**
- 9/13, *Fall 6* – Davies, **Otte**

**BOLD indicates individuals who are listed as Race Rescue 'trained'**

# Do You Know Your Flags?

Here is a little quiz in preparation for the March meeting where you will be reacquainted with the procedures of running a race.

Try to do this without going to your rule book – you do have the latest rule book, don't you?

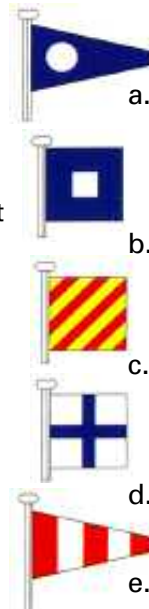
a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_



## They Beat the Board!

Congratulations to January winners Adam & Brooke and February's winner, Randy Weersing.

## Live On The Edge

The Eugene Yacht Club multihull fleet is organizing the "Live on the Edge" Multihull Regatta, June 9 & 10, 2007.

So if you are a catamaran or trimaran sailor add this event to your 07 calendar and plan to attend. Hopefully it will be the beginning of something great!

If you can't race, perhaps you'd like to volunteer to help with RC or rescue boats, or ???

Contact Roland Kapsenberg - thekapsenbergs@comcast.net.



**Dam Closing Celebration**  
February 3rd,  
Richardson  
courtesy docks

March 13th  
**It must have worked!**





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Address Correction Requested

**Friday, March 30th**  
 Vets Club, 15th & Willamette, Eugene  
**Meeting Presentations**  
**Race Committee for Dummies**  
 Jamie Davies and Michelle Wood will lead you  
 through the steps with fun and games.  
**St. Petersburg, FL - NOOD 2007**  
 As seen through the eyes and lenses of Lyle & Mike.

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

Save the postage, I can download the newsletter from the web.

**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 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to: Triton Yacht Club

Mail to: TYC  
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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 the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Call a board member for roving meeting locations. Be sure and check the newsletter for information about meetings and events at [www.tritonyachtclub.org](http://www.tritonyachtclub.org)