



# Triton Yacht Club Sailing News

March 2010

## Upcoming Events

<b>Fri, Mar 26</b>	<b>Triton Yacht Club General Meeting</b> Veterans' Club 7 p.m. 1626 Willamette Street
<b>Sat, Mar 27</b>	<b>Andrew Kerr's Racing Seminar</b> @ EYC 10am-2pm \$10
<b>Thu, April 1</b>	<b>Practice Race No fooling</b>
<b>Sat, April 3</b>	<b>Richardson Marina Opens/Launch Marathon</b>
<b>Thu, April 8</b>	<b>Thursday Night Racing Starts</b>
<b>Sat, April 17</b>	<b>Poor Fools</b> (1st Regatta after tax day)
<b>Fri, April 30</b>	<b>Triton Yacht Club General Meeting</b>
<b>Sat, June 26-27</b>	<b>Emerald Cup Regatta</b>

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## County parks announces parking rule changes

A sailing season without parking tickets, trespass citations and angst? It looks like it's just around the corner.

Lane County Parks Supt. Phil Guyette this month announced the launch of a "one-year pilot project" that establishes a new set of rules for the marina parking lot. The changes address the perennial complaints of Richardson Marina moorage holders, who have been frustrated by enforcement actions and contradictory parking regulations for racing crew members and other guests.

"We think this can work," Guyette said. "It will take some cooperation by the moorage holders and everybody involved. And we'll be open to suggestions for improvement."

The core of the new plan, which is effective April 1, is the creation of after-hours season passes that will allow holders to be at Richardson until 11 p.m. on any night of the boating season. The passes will be issued only to moorage holders but may then be assigned to any crew or guest.

Guyette, the No. 2 official at the parks department, is in his first year as superintendent. His announcement came just three weeks after meeting with a Triton delegation.

Commodore Brandt Schram and Mike Thoele, part of the Richardson Dock Committee formed by Schram in February, met with Guyette to respond to his invitation for recommendations on the pending replacement of the docks (Story Page 3). After discussion of Triton's dock proposals, the conversation turned to parking.

Guyette listened to tales of conflicts created by an ambiguous county code that permits moorage holders to host crew or guests but provides no

apparent legal way for the visitors to park in the evening hours.

After hearing accounts of citations for parking and trespass violations, Guyette made a commitment to find a solution. The parking pilot project is the result. Its main features:

- After-hours season parking passes, at \$30 each, will be issued to registered moorage holders at the Lane County Parks Office (3050 N. Delta Hwy). Gary and Sharon Gooch, the marina caretakers, will not be issuing the passes.

- Moorage holders who live outside the greater Eugene area can use phone or e-mail to acquire their passes.

- The pass will be stamped "Moorage Holder Guest — Not Valid After 11 p.m." Like other season passes it must be displayed on the dashboard.

- The passes will include an identifying code — not a slip number — that will connect each pass to a specific moorage holder.

- Moorage holders and after-hours guests will be expected to abide by the 10 p.m. Campground Quiet Time Rule.

- The after-hours passes will apply only to the docks and parking lot, not to other areas of the park.

- The primary passes, stamped "Moorage Holder" will continue to be valid for overnight stays. As always, all of the season passes are good at all Lane County Parks for the entire year.

Members of the dock committee were pleased with both the content and the swiftness of Guyette's announcement.

"This is great," Schram said. "It's better than what we originally talked about."

The 11 p.m. time limit should easily accommodate racers, who are almost always out of the marina before 10.

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## Commodore's Comments: Always room for volunteers

With the lake nearing the 370 mark, the gate locks greased and ready to open, your sails scrubbed clean, lines neatly flaked and bottoms shiny what's left to do?

Volunteer! There are a ton of opportunities to get involved with other aspects of sailing. Some of you are probably groaning and have stopped reading already... That's okay because some of you already volunteer or participate in nearly every TYC event and don't have room for more. Please keep doing that, for the rest of us there are a hundred reasons NOT to volunteer but please try to find one reason TO volunteer.

Not into racing? That's great; make your preferences known by attending meetings, voicing your opinions and getting involved with non-

racing events. We don't have enough non-racing events? Suggest some!

Just last weekend I was introduced to RC sailboats, to my surprise my wife Sarah and our 10 month old son were fascinated by them! Who knew? A new way to be on/near the water and extend the local sailing season and all we had to do was show up!

Ever thought about actually building a boat? There are a bunch of folks in the club who have or are in the process and few are shy about talking about it!

Do you have kids or grandkids that might be interested in sailing? Your Past Commodore is VERY involved in developing sailing programs for kids, young adults and families. Talk to her about it.

U.S. Sailing numbers indicate

this is a rapidly declining 'hobby' with fewer young people joining and those that do getting burned out and losing interest. I am really new to sailing and hate to think I only got involved as things started to tail off.

On a happier note there is more rain in the forecast and things are happening with the Parks Department. In fact for the April 30th general meeting Phil Guyette, Superintendent of Lane County Parks, will be joining us to talk about recent developments. If you have questions you'd like to ask please attend this Friday's (March 26) meeting so we can gather them. -Brandt



## Parking rules changes cont.

And it's late enough for cruisers to have guests aboard for dinner and an evening sail.

Guyette emphasized that the plan will be viewed as a work in progress, with modifications possible as park officials and boaters see how the system works.

He also solicited the assistance of Triton in making all Richardson moorage holders aware of the cooperation necessary to assure that the new rules work. Excessive noise after 10 p.m., overstaying the 11 p.m. curfew or unauthorized use of such facilities as the picnic pavilions could jeopardize the plan he said.

"Problems like that mean that we have to roll out a ranger on overtime or that we can have a wedding party show up to find out that the picnic facility that we cleaned for them is a mess," he said. "We need everyone pulling together to make this work."

Guyette will be a guest speaker at the April 30 general meeting of Triton. He'll talk about the parking plan and the pending dock project.

## It's a 'Boy!

Jeff and Merry have a new member in their boating family. We bought a power boat so that TYC would have one available for sailing events on Fern Ridge. It is a 1972 Bell-Boy, 21', stern drive, closed bow, 165 hp, GM straight six, full canvas, new upholstery seating for six, AM/FM/Cassette radio, VHF radio. The gold stripe has since been painted green and TYC burgee mounted on the bow.

We are still seeking a name for the boat. Presently in the running is "Little Spanky" or "Little Piggy." We will not be getting a slip for it.



We'll trailer it out as needed.

Some discussion is needed to determine when the boat will be used and by whom. Yes, a Boater Ed. Card is required to be on your person to operate this boat. Don't have your card yet? Merry's next Boater Ed. class is Saturday, May 1. See the announcement below.

Jeff and Merry

## Race News

**Race Committee Training**—There will be Race Committee training on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00am in the EYC clubhouse. The training will cover all the essentials needed to run a race or to help out as crew.

**EYC Boat Training**—Dave Brown will host an EYC boat training day on Saturday, April 24. Please contact Dave Brown @ EYC to sign up for the training.

**FYI** - It is mandatory that all EYC boat operators be certified by Dave Brown for the use of club boats. In addition to the mandatory club specific training for EYC boats, all EYC boat operators are required to have their Oregon Boater Education cards. The Oregon Boater Education requirements will not be covered at this training.

## OSMB Boater Education Class

May 1, Saturday from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Fire & EMS Training building at the NW corner of 2nd & Chambers in Eugene. A simple fare lunch will be provided and is included in your class fee. The fee for the class is \$10 per person.

Pre-registration for this class is required. Please send a check payable to Merry Petitclair  
1755 Brentwood Ave.  
Eugene OR 97404  
Questions?  
call Merry Petitclair at 541-913-4322

# TYC's Richardson dock proposals submitted to county officials

TYC's proposals for features that might be incorporated in a rebuilt Richardson Marina are now in the hands of the Lane County Parks Department as the county moves toward a million-dollar bond issue and total replacement of the marina's 35-year-old docks.

Construction is expected no sooner than 2011 and will have to occur during the boating season, rather than when Fern Ridge Lake is drained in the winter.

Parks Supt. Phil Guyette told a delegation from TYC's Richardson Dock Committee that the club's proposals, which he had requested, will get full consideration as the county moves into engineering and design of the project. That process is expected to show the county just how far its million dollars will go. The calculations will have much to do with how many of the TYC ideas are found to be viable.

In any case, the initial response was positive, Commodore Brandt Schram said after the proposals were delivered to Guyette.

"They were asking for input, but I wasn't sure if it was just to say they had asked," Schram said. "That didn't seem to be the case. What's more, I was glad to see that some of the things we were proposing were already being considered. I think it made an impression when he saw the amount of work that went into the proposal, and that can

only add to our credibility."

One of those pleasant surprises was learning that the parks department expects to seek design proposals from Northwest firms that specialize in construction of marine facilities — rather than tossing the task to the county's road and bridge engineers.

The TYC proposals were created after the dock committee was formed at the February general meeting. Its members — Schram, Merry Petitclair, Dean Mitchell and Mike Thoele — met once and then brainstormed via e-mail for several weeks. As part of their work, the entire 248-slip marina was measured and sketched, so that current dimensions could be used as a baseline for such proposals as wider and longer finger piers.

Kevin Hansen, a quadriplegic Fern Ridge sailor who is a recognized authority on sports and recreation for the disabled, was the committee's go-to expert on federal ADA specifications for marina facilities.

The full text of the club's proposals is posted on the Triton Web site, [www.tritonyachtclub.org](http://www.tritonyachtclub.org). The major TYC recommendations:

- Given that the docks are likely to be replaced in sequence (A, B, C etc.) and that displaced boat owners will be required to move to a temporary dock during construction . . . provide ample notification to slip holders and ample security at the

temporary dock.

- Develop a construction schedule that will accomplish as much as possible of the work in April and May, rather than at the height of the sailing season.

- Lengthen the concrete launch ramps by 30 feet.

- Create more 10-foot slips by extending A dock to a length equal to B dock. Create more 8-foot slips by shifting E dock 25 feet to the west and replacing the 30 slips that were removed several years ago. Or lengthen C, D, or E dock to match B dock.

- Make the finger piers for all slips one foot wider and two feet longer than current dimensions.

- Build eight special slips to ADA dimensions.

- Consider creation of a dry storage area for day sailers.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that most of the things we suggested will make it in some form," Schram said. "But it will come down to resources. There is a bond-funded million-dollar budget that has to be repaid by the revenue generated from the marina. We don't want our slip fees to increase, so what can we reasonably expect?"

"If the docks are safe, accessible and readily available, then we are not doing too badly."

Guyette will speak about the dock project and other marina topics at TYC's April general meeting.



**TYC on the web**  
**[tritonyachtclub.org](http://tritonyachtclub.org)**

Calendars, Events, Regattas,  
Fleets, Pictures, Race Info,  
Race Results, Newsletters,  
Links, Breaking News



# Triton Yacht Club

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Address Correction Requested

**Next Meeting**  
**Friday, March 26**  
**Vets Club Eugene**

**This is your last issue of the newsletter unless you renew your membership**

Link to all things race-related on Fern Ridge:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/jrctyceyc/Home>

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Fees:

- New Members (includes \$20 initiation fee) .....\$60.00  
 Family or Individual 1 year renewal .....\$40.00  
 Paid after close of Feb. general meeting, ....\$50.00  
 Racing Fee\* .....\$20.00  
 Paid after close of Feb. general meeting.....\$30.00  
 Printed Newsletter via USPS .....\$10.00

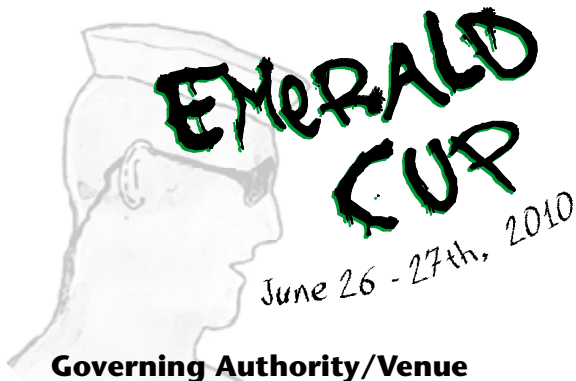
**Total Dues Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Skippers Pay Race fee if you race, and do not belong to EYC

### Make checks payable to:

Triton Yacht Club  
P.O.Box 366  
Eugene,OR 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 7 p.m. at the Veterans' 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)



# Notice of Race

Fern Ridge Lake • Veneta, Oregon

Information: [EmeraldCupChair@trityachtclub.org](mailto:EmeraldCupChair@trityachtclub.org)

[www.TritonYachtClub.org](http://www.TritonYachtClub.org)

## Governing Authority/Venue

TRITON YACHT CLUB welcomes you to the Emerald Cup Regatta, hereafter referred to as the EC. The EC shall be governed by the US Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 with any clarifications and/or modifications to be made prior to the start of racing. The EC will be held at Richardson Park Marina on Fern Ridge Reservoir, outside of Eugene, Oregon. Racing headquarters shall be located in the new shelter about 200 yds. north of courtesy dock and the launch ramp (see map).

## Clean Regatta

Again in 2010 we are declared a "Clean Regatta"—our pledge is to leave nothing but our wakes behind us. By participating in this regatta, each registrant is pledging to do their best to keep trash in it's place.

## Registration

Eligible boats will be registered for the regatta upon receipt of a completed 2010 EC Registration form, to be found online. Entries will be accepted until 10:30 am on June 26 and should be mailed no later than June 19th. Entries received later than June 14th, including registrations at the regatta, will not be eligible for the early registration discount.

<i>Saturday, June 26th</i>	9:00 AM –11:00 AM.....	Final Registration .....	Richardson Shelter ( <i>see map</i> )
	12:00 PM .....	Skippers Meeting .....	" "
	1:00 PM .....	First Start .....	On the water
	Post Racing .....	Dinner & Raffle .....	Richardson Shelter
<i>Sunday, June 27th</i>	10:00 AM.....	On Call –On the water .....	no race starts after 3 pm
	Post Racing .....	Awards Ceremony.....	Richardson Shelter

## Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions and a course sheet with marks, start, recall and finishing information will be provided for each boat at check-in.

## Scoring and Trophies

The EC shall be scored according to the Low Point scoring system. One race will be thrown out for scoring purposes – except a disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the race course – if 6 or more races are completed. Five boats will constitute a fleet with eight boats required for a start. Exceptions to this rule will be decided by the Race Committee prior to the day's racing. All fleets shall be scored as one-design, unless designated as Portsmouth or PHRF.

*Portsmouth scoring* – all boats participating in a Portsmouth fleet shall have a valid ratings certificate, or shall be assigned the lowest rating designated for the class. Wind velocity adjustments will not be made unless decided by the Race Committee prior to the day's racing.

*PHRF scoring* – all boats participating in a PHRF fleet shall have a valid ratings certificate and membership in PHRF NW. Division of boats into separate fleets will be decided by the Race Committee.

*Trophies* – they shall be awarded according to the number of boats in each fleet with presentation of the trophies to follow the completion of the last day's races. Two perpetual trophies are awarded: a Sportsmanship trophy and the Emerald Cup. The Emerald Cup shall be awarded to the regatta champion, to be determined based on a formula that takes into account the number of races completed by a fleet, number of eligible boats in a fleet and the total points scored by the top finisher in each fleet.

## Liability/Insurance

Competitors participate in the EC entirely at their own risk according to RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules and US Sailing rules. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage for personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.