



October 2009

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Calendar

General Meeting
 Friday, Oct. 30; 6:30 pm
 Vets Club, Eugene

Trick or Treat

TYC Commodore's Ball
 Sat, Nov. 21st;
 Shadow Hills Country Club

General Meeting
 Fri., Jan. 29, 2010; 6:30 pm
 to be announced

Practice Race
 Thur., April 8, 2010; (tentative) 6:30 pm
 FernRidge

1st Race of 210 Season
 Thur., April 15, 2010; (tentative) 6:30 pm
 FernRidge

2009 Board Members

- Commodore:** Merry Petitclair
commodore@tritonyachtclub.org
- Vice-Commodore:** Brandt Schram
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- Past-Commodore:** Michelle Wood
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- Secretary:** KimSchuler
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- Treasurer:** Craig Latham
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- Race Chair:** Ted Walkup
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- Emerald Cup Chair:** Carrie Harrington
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- Newsletter:** Lyle Mayer
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- Web Master:** Charlie McGee
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– Final Meeting of Year –
**Election of New Board
 Members/Officers &
 Special Volunteers**
 (see enclosed ballot)

also
**Schooner Adventure
 in the San Juans**

Robin Erickson, experienced sailor - but new to the local sailing community - will show photos and talk about her experiences as a working crew member of Zodiac. A 127-foot schooner, Zodiac is the largest working Tall Ship on the west coast. First launched in 1924 as a racing yacht, it has been fully restored for cruising the waters of the Pacific Northwest.



Zodiac at anchor last month.

We have exciting news at PHRF NW! Previously, the high cost of processing credit card payments prevented PHRF from offering this as a payment option. PHRF NW had elected to keep the membership fees low and accept only checks for payments. This has changed! In response to the membership's requests, we found a way to make this work; you can now join or renew your membership via our website. No more looking for the dusty checkbook, digging for a stamp and remembering to put it in the mail. We have made it much simpler for members. Please check us out our new website at www.phrf-nw.org. The 2010 annual dues notices will be mailed in mid November. We look forward to being able to continue serving you!



The Leaves Are Turning

The leaves are turning and the tarps secured. The boats are out of the water and bedded down for winter. That leaves the annual TYC meeting on Friday October 30 and the

Commodore's Ball on November 21st. Please look for the ballot for 2010 officers and volunteer positions in this newsletter. You will also need to nominate your fellow sailors for a coil of awards. We have some amazingly skilled sailors. And there are a few who are students of bad luck who you might think should share those unfortunate adventures. Who should we award the Big Screw award to? Who messed up in an extraordinary fashion? What was fantastic, heroic, and spectacular in a good way? Tell us. We want to hear it all. Find that form with the

awards on it and fill in the blanks with your story.

With the nominations in, we will announce those award winners at the Commodore's Ball. I will honor our 2009 board and with the votes counted, we can welcome our new 2010 board into office. So, don't put away your end of the season party shoes yet. Get your Commodore's Ball invitations at the annual meeting October 30, or in the mail. Contact our Soon to Be Commodore, Brandt Schram for details.

I want to thank the 2009 TYC Board and all of our members for a fantastic year of sailing fun both on and off the water. I hope to continue to assist Brandt with the conversations with Lane County Parks. I look forward to the 2010 season and more sailing with friends and students.

Fair winds and following seas to all,

Merry Petitclair, 2009 TYC Commodore

Triton Yacht Club

Commodore's Ball

21 November 2009

The TYC Board cordially invites you to the
2009 Commodore's Ball.

Join us as we honor Merry Petitclair
Saturday November 21, 2009
Shadow Hills Country Club
92512 Junction City, Oregon

No host social hour begins at 5:30
Dinner served at 6:30
awards at 7:30
followed by dancing to the Vida Girls

Please RSVP

Youth Sailing Student

"Haul in the main sheet," a harsh voice commanded. I immediately yanked on the red line coiled in front of me. The billowing white sail became tight in response. As I guided the boat close to the wind it sped up and began to tip to one side.

"Shift your weight," the voice directed. I rapidly passed the tiller behind my back and switched to the other side of the boat. The balance of weight evened the boat out, but the speed remained the same.

"Prepare to come about," the voice said. I easily went through the motions that had been drilled into my head. I moved the tiller to starboard, passed the lines behind my back, and sidled back to the other side of the boat. The vessel spun in the water and took off losing none of its speed.

Every adjustment I made to the sails or to our course had become completely reactionary. The tiller felt like an extension to my arm. Each line I held tight in my hand was yet another extra finger. I looked across the boat and smiled at my instructor. The usual barrage of advice and instructions had ceased. She merely smiled back and let me enjoy my newfound competence."

– Tommy Jackson



A big Thank you to all the TYC & EYC sailors who helped make our daughters wedding day so special. *Jodi Murschel & Nicholas Pierce* were married on Sept. 5, 2009 with many friends & family in attendance.

An especially HUGE thank you to Merry Petitclair, our fantastic photographer. Her pictures are a true remembrance of the most magical day of our daughters life, and we cannot praise her enough for her hard work.

Thank you again, all you wonderful sailors! – *Denise & Chris Murschel*

NOMINATION FORM – 2010

It's that time of year again!! The annual meeting is fast approaching (October 30th) and we have some business to attend to. We have a few officers returning, and we have nominees for the other positions. We also have a section for volunteers – these are positions that we need to fill every year, but are not necessarily board members. So, sign yourselves up, vote for a nominee and get ready for another fabulous year!! Mail this form back, or better yet – bring it to the meeting!!

TYC Board Members / Officers – Nominees

Commodore: *Brandt Schram*
Vice Commodore: *LeeAnn Bale-Fish* or write-in: _____
Secretary: *Kim Schuler* (2 year position) or write-in: _____
Treasurer: (2 year position) : _____
Race Chair: *Ted Walkup* (1 year positions) or write-in: _____
Newsletter Editor: *Eric Erno* or write-in _____
Web Page Editor: *Charlie McGee* or write-in _____
Emerald Cup: _____ Organize and run our regatta held last weekend in June

Non-Board Volunteer Positions

Membership Coordinator: _____
Maintain contact with the membership – meeting reminders, notification of get-togethers, etc...

Buoy Tender: _____
2 person office, twice-yearly commitment , more the merrier

Burgers / Pizza Night: *Joe and Adam Cameron* – Coordinate preparing burgers for weekly races in June.

There are also numerous awards to be given each year and those, too, are by nomination and vote. Please take the time to nominate a fellow TYC member and then give a brief 'reason' why to help us all decide.

Last year's winners, please contact Ted (e-address on front page) **to return your perpetual trophy.**

DICK MOODY SERVICE AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year is judged to have done the most to promote the well-being of Triton Yacht Club. _____

EARL LARSEN AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year is judged to have done the most for the Racing Community in general. _____

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Awarded to the member who this year has exhibited the ethics of Good Sportsmanship toward others, not necessarily on the water, but in general. _____

TYC BEST CREW/TEAM: Who do you feel is the best crew/team that works best together and has the most fun doing it? Tell us who and why..... _____

MOST IMPROVED: Who stands out this year as having improved their skills or expanded their comfort zone, who has come the farthest as a sailor? Give us names..... _____

BIG SCREW AWARD: Who is the subject of the biggest, best and hopefully most humorous tale of mis-hap, mis-judgement, and mis-adventure for 2007? Give us all the juicy details.....

LITTLE SCREW AWARD: Same as the Big Screw only this is for second place.....

Bring to Meeting on Friday or mail by Tuesday, 10/27/09, to: P. O. Box 366, Eugene, OR 97440

Jungle Cruise

Day of fun in the jungle with band-on-barge followed by raft-up and another band on shore entertaining the BBQing and partying boaters. Too much fun for one day, will most likely be split over two separate events next year.



S20 Awards and Costume Party

Do those racing animals in Fleet 19 know how to through a party or what? Dinner, keg, wine, fun awards, and rocking band. The only thing missing were those who failed to put it on their not-to-be-missed social calendar.



Columbus Day in Newport

Good winds, sunny skies, and calm seas on Saturday; shifty winds that filled in with even more sunshine on Sunday. Add BBQed tuna with Rogue brew and you have one fun weekend.





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Address Correction Requested

Next Meeting
Friday, October 30th
Board Elections & Tall Ship Cruise
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