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Calendar

- ▶ **General Meeting**
Friday, September 26th; 6:30 pm
Vets Club, 16th & Willamette
- Columbus Day Regatta**
Sat.-Sun., Oct.11th-12th
YBYC - Newport
- S20, Fleet 19 Banquet**
Sat., Oct 18th; 6:30 pm
EYC
- Great Pumpkin Regatta**
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 25th-26th
Richmond, CA - San Francisco Bay
- TYC Commodore's Ball**
Sat., Nov. 22nd - 6 pm
Location To Be Announced
- Practice Race/Chili Feed**
Thurs., April 2nd; 6:30 (probably)
FernRidge

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NEW BY-LAWS to be discussed at Sept. 26th meeting

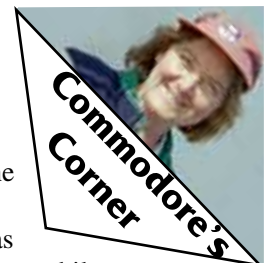
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Plus Merry's Trip to The Circle (see page 3)

TYC Family

I'm starting to feel those wintertime blues kick in. We are wondering when to pull Party Girl, how long we can race on Tuesdays, and starting back to school. I'm remembering the end of my first racing season on the lake. I had been crewing with Mike Schwarze, John Carter, and Robert Houser on Verboten while Carrie was waiting for Sydney to show up. After trailing the fleet for a while, we won the fall series and I was so hooked. I was bewitched with racing and the amazing people who are involved in our club. The crashing halt of the sailing season was a stunning shock.. "now what?.. what will happen now?.. do I ever get to sail again?? what about all my new friends?..". What I learned – after singing the "I'm going to miss you blues" for a while – is that TYC is a family and we have a whole winter of playing to do together. The Commodore's Ball, watching football, working on boats together and going south (or north) for regattas.. there's a lot to keep us together.

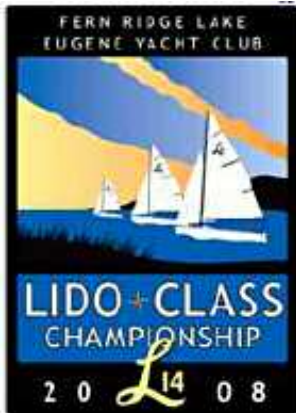
So, as the clock ticks down on today's Duck's game, I just want to say that this season of falling leaves and falling lake levels is a great time for us. Race/Rescue Czarina Karen Martin can recover from a season of hard work on Thursday nights. She served on rescue boats seven times this season. I think that's a record. THANKS KAREN!. John and Terry Ward can play with their new granddaughter (Congratulations, Terry, John, and Nicole). Some of us can admire our mugs full of beer caps (Congrats to Craig and Randy on your Beer Can awards) or our first-place trophy from Harvest Regatta (Kudos to Bob Houser, who now sails on the Open 5.7 with Scott Morse. They won against a



Lido Nationals aka “Lucky Caller #8”

Part 2 - by Mike Knutson

Continued from last month's (August) newsletter. If your reading retention, and comprehension, has decreased at an inverse proportion to your urination frequency, you can find a copy of the previous newsletter in the archive on the website - www.tritonyachtclub.org



Wednesday started with a little rain and a little wind but the weather report said that the winds would pick up into the 15 to 20mph range in the afternoon. Race Chair, Rich Johnson, said that he would like to get it over prior to it getting to windy (these boats start to break over 15mph) so we were ready for 4 more races. I couldn't wear all my rain gear due to not being flexible enough so I wore my rain coat and swim-

ming trunks – it was a warm rain. We sailed pretty much the same for the next 2 races and then the wind and rain picked up as we headed back for lunch. I felt like someone had taken a bat to my body and sand paper to my knees all the while dousing me with a garden hose. When we were eating lunch I made a puddle under my chair that needed a mops attention.

Kathy didn't want to go back out, the wind and the rain was picking up....maybe Rich would cancel.....then the announcement.... “attention racers the committee boat will be leaving the dock in 5 minutes,” Damn it! Kath then asked what do you think?....I though that she came all the way from Ohio and how bad could it be? I took 4 Ibuprofen and said “lets do it.”

When I crab walked down the dock I thought, are those waves? the wind was blowing out of the south and it looked to be 12 to 18 inch waves, O what the hell. We left the dock on a beam reach with me straddling the CB trunk on all fours and holding my head off to starboard when we took the first wave. “WHAM” the floor of the boat “oil canned” making the CB trunk rise and smack me in the “boys” and at the same time a bucket of the finest Fern Ridge lake water would splash me in the face. “WHAM” – AHH.... Damn you Shock, you should be jailed. Splash....“WHAM” – AHHthey should confiscate these dam things. SplashSteer for the center pin. “WHAM” – AHHHH.... I am gonna get you Shock, you son of a B@#\$H. Splash.....“WHAM” – B\$%*H. Splash...by now the waves have decreased so Kath tacked over, the floor quit oil canning, and for the time being my “boys” were safe.

A lot of boats either didn't come out or went back in so if we can hold it together this race will help us. We get a good start by the pin – clear air. I look back and see a boat has gone mast down keel sticking straight up. We are lifted to the mark and round it in 6th. We sail down wind fast, but get passed by Michelle and Ted. We round the mark and head for

the finish, but the crashing into the waves has not only clobbered the “boys,” but the center board has developed way to much slop. We tack, “thunk,” we get headed, Kath steers up, “thunk,” we go into Irons. We do make it to the finish ahead of one boat and those that didn't sail. We tell the committee that we are done, head back, put the boat away, head for some dry clothes and some more of Rogue's finest.

What a day. I bum some more Ibuprofen and we stand around the keg and tell of the great battles till dinner time. I politely turn down some dinner invites, thank Kathy for a great time, and head for home and a bag of frozen peas. Sailing Lido's is a lot of fun, but I now know that I am too large and enjoy comfort too much to consider myself a Lido sailor.

To end this story: Friday afternoon I get a call again from Michelle who wants me to sail with her this weekend in the Jack and Jill race...in her Lido. I explain to her that I want to get back in a Lido about as much as Cmdr. James Stockwell wants to return to the Hanoi Hilton.



Commodore's Corner – Continued from page 1

Viper at Harvest Regatta, way to go, guys). and in the it's not a sailboat, but what a race category - Bill Howitt can rest up from his recent excellent ride in Cycle Oregon.

We can also stay in touch by coming to the very entertaining TYC General meetings that are on the calendar. This Friday, after we discuss the upcoming transition to new by-laws required by our recent incorporation, our program features Merry Petitclair and her 5000+ mile motorcycle trip to the Arctic circle. (PLEASE look at the new by-laws before the meeting.. click on “Incorporation Update” on our website). At our October's annual meeting, we will help Craig Latham's parents, Dr. Greg Latham and Dr. Ellen McNeil, celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary and they'll tell us about their ongoing cruise around the world. So far, it's a ten-year-long voyage cruising from Oregon to Indonesia and I hear tell of typhoons, pirates, and awesome anchorages.

Anyone interested in a book club this winter? Give me a shout!

Keep smiling and keep sailing (however you can)
Commodore Michelle

Blue Grass/Raft Up

Last month's was an end of Summer get-down meeting. About 18 boats rafted up off of Richardson Point to be serenaded with really fine Blue Grass by Dewayne Drake and Mostly Toast (although Craig Latham affectionately calls them the Morning Woodworkers, since some band members work with him on building sites).



Photos: taken by Denise Murschel with Craig Latham's camera.



Late Breaking News –

Sailing's Glass Ceiling Shattered at EYC's Commodore's Trophy



Our own, though we share her with EYC, LeeAnne Bale-Fish became the FIRST woman to win the coveted Commodore Trophy.

Held September 13, this event was first held in 1968. The participants are invited by the presiding commodore (Rich Aaring this year) who chooses the best sailors in their club - who have behaved in a Corinthian manner

during the year - to come together for a final race. This year all participants sailed Santana 20s.

Way to go LeeAnne!

Don't forget to check out the new By-Laws on the website and get your questions answered at Friday's meeting - September 26th.

Be prepared for some panorama views of Merry's trip up to the Arctic Circle

Merry Goes to the Arctic Circles

You can't sail all the time. Vice-Commodore, Merry Petitclair, took a little solo trip up north. As she says in her own words, "Vast countryside, impressive rivers, beautiful mountains, plenty of large wildlife to avoid. Over 4100 miles on a 25 year old BMW motorcycle plus about 1200 miles on the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system. At the Sept. 26 TYC general meeting you will hear and see more about this adventure."



Port of Valdez, Alaska



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Next Meeting
Friday, September 26th
New By-Laws
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 \$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 \$ _____

*Skippers Pay Race fee if you race, and **do not** belong to Eugene YC

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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