

September 2009

TYC *Blowing In the Wind*

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Calendar

General Meeting

Friday, Sept. 25; 6:30 pm
Vets Club, Eugene

Columbus Day Regatta

Fri-Sat., Sept. 10-11
YBYC, Newport

S20 Fleet 19 Party

Sat., Oct. 17th; 6:30 pm
EYC

General Meeting

Friday, Oct. 23; 6:30 pm
to be announced

TYC Commodore's Ball

Sat, Nov. 21st;
Shadow Hills Country Club

Practice Race

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

2009 Board Members

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- Local Racing - **NONE**

but, upcoming:

Columbus Day in Newport S20, Fleet 19 Party at EYC TYC Commodore's Ball

☞ see calendar

Santana 20 Nationals — July 31-August 2

Four local teams made it down to Mission Bay, Calif. for light to moderate winds, sun, and lots of kelp. Nick Genovese, *In N Out*, had the best finish of our group with a 5th.



5th place In'N Out ready to douse.



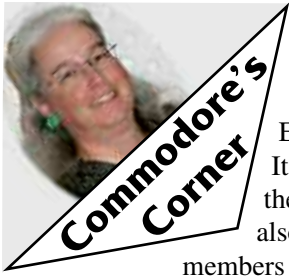
Giddy Up getting ready to hoist.



Guanno Happens skipper on borrowed boat.



Q, what else is necessary to say?



Ahoy Mates

The close of our sailing season is upon us. The Army Corps of Engineers will pull the plug on Oct 1. It is time to pull the boat. See you at the boat ramp soon. And with this is also the time of year we nominate our members for prestigious awards and elect the new officers. Have a look around the newsletter for award nomination forms. If you are interested in becoming a board member, contact Brant Schram. He is chairing the nomination committee. Come to the September meeting to learn more about these awards and offices. We will meet at the Vet's Club on 9/25 at 6:15pm to have dinner and then start the meeting at 7pm.

If you missed the Jungle Cruise and or the raft-up that followed, you missed a great time. Thank you to Craig Latham for hosting and setting up these events. Our raft up just off shore from Richardson Park began last year and continued with another raft up this year. We had many many boats join

the raft up and most of them were non-member boats. This is terrific! But we missed most of you. Watch for it again next year and don't miss it.

But before we close this year, I am hoping to work further toward a better solution for parking after hours at the Lane County parks having moorages. I am also hoping to meet with the County Commissioners to change the Lane County Code to address parking for moorage holder guests after hours. The code presently allows for moorage holders to have guests but fails to address where they are to park. Brandt and I will continue to work with the parks department and the commissioners to solve the parking issues.

And mark your calendar and join me at the Commodore's Ball scheduled for Nov 21 at Shadow Hills Country Club for an evening of great food, great friends and a heck of a good time. This is our annual awards ceremony, appreciation of the 2009 board and installation of the 2010 board. I would hate to have you miss this wonderful evening. Join us.

Merry Petitclair, 2009 TYC Commodore

Women's Cup – by Jeff Longmore

There I was, enjoying a fine meal at the Eugene Brewery. Suddenly a distant voice said we need a chair for the *Women's Cup*. Was it the fact that I had never chaired a race or even worked the committee boat and needed excitement, or a weak moment stimulated by an executive board meeting? The reality is that I heard myself volunteering to run the show with the guidance of Kim Schuler. Rumor has it she has never attempted this feat either.

Merry was not available to race, so *Hoist the Colors* graciously volunteered as the committee boat. My next task was to find a way to start the races. After a trip to the auto parts store, an air horn was constructed.

My inner self told me that the event required a little "piratitute." The committee boat was identified with a large "Pirate Queen" flag.

The skipper's meeting was scheduled for high noon. So naturally we started it about 12:20. Not much wind. A windward-leeward course was called to start the day. As the wind increased we called a triangle-windward-leeward course challenged the women skippers. I called a triangle course with a downwind start and finish.

Oh, the results. All skippers received pirate earrings just for entering. The winner was *Lyn Bachelor* sailing a Prindle. She was awarded the Women's Cup which is a perpetual trophy. She also received the large "Pirate

Queen" flag from the committee boat. Second place was awarded to *Leeanne Bale-Fish* sailing a Santana 20. She won a small "Pirate Queen" flag and two ship in bottle crew trophies. Third place went to *Robin Erickson* sailing another Santana 20. She also received a "Pirate Queen" flag and ship in the bottle crew trophy.



*Robin Erickson helms her way to 3rd.
Below the mature crew from Giddy Up.*



*Above right
Leeanne, Lyn,
and Robin hold
the 1st place
prize. (rt.) Lyn
expresses her
pirateness hold-
ing her booty -
The Women's
Cup.*



Cow Bay Regatta *by Phil Collins*

Continued from last month - check archives of newsletters on TYC web site

That night Charlie joined us, and we went about off-loading about 3000 lbs of cruising gear to prepare for the regatta. Boat after boat arriving from all over the northwest, greeting old friends and meeting new friends, small parties here and there turning into large dock parties. This was the friendliest bunch of people I have ever seen.

Saturday morning after a brief skippers meeting, we set off among the assembled fleets (7 fleets I think it was, everything from 70 footers to family cruisers to full-on sport boats to Moore 24s to Cal 20s to Open 40 class cats to A-class cats to more than 14 F-boats, there was a bit of everything here) to find the start line. The start boat was set right off the beach, so making your approach to the start line was ... interesting... to say the least. The courses are long, some over 30 miles, and there is serious current and really odd local wind conditions to deal with, not to mention just finding the marks, which are local landmarks and a general mystery to us. Armed with a small bit of local knowledge, we did pretty well, much to our surprise finishing Day 1 in 7th out of the 19 multi-hulls. Exceptionally nice day of sailing, great breeze, warm, and great competition.



Kristen & Phil



Charlie & Trent

that goes... Then a very interesting raffle, and a steak dinner, followed by music till early morning. Or so I'm told...

Day 2 was tougher, we sailed longer courses, and everyone (except us it seemed!) was getting dialed in. We had some very long spinnaker runs, some incredible mark roundings, a few exciting moments, traded tacks with most of the fleet, and eventually ended up in 11th place, which ain't half bad if you ask me. It was one of the most fun regattas I've ever attended, and I intend to return to do it again! <http://www.cowbay-regatta.ca/> Thanks to Trent, Charlie, and Kristin for



being part of a wonderful week of sailing, and especially Trent for having us and letting us abuse his boat.

Start Thinking

It's that time to begin thinking about next year's board and upcoming awards. We will be voiting next month for the following:

TYC Board Members / Officers

Vice Commodore: (Gateway to Commodore); **Treasurer:** (2 year position); **Emerald Cup Chair:** Organize and run the Emerald Cup Regatta – 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: Coordinate food for Women's Night – once per month, all season, 5 months

Awards

DICK MOODY SERVICE AWARD: Awarded to the member who has done the most to promote the well-being of Triton Yacht Club.

EARL LARSEN AWARD: Awarded to the member who has done the most for the Racing Community in general.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Awarded to the member who 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?

MOST IMPROVED: Who stands out this year as having improved their skills.

BIG SCREW AWARD: Who is the subject of the biggest mis-judgment, and mis-adventure for 2009?

LITTLE SCREW AWARD: For second place.....



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Next Meeting
Friday, September 25th
Recap Season, plan for future
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

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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