

Commodore Steve Kridelbaugh



I hope that you are having a wonderful summer – it is going by much too quickly. Sailing has been exceptional with decent winds and good turnouts at races. Take advantage of our wonderful resource.

Preparations are underway for the Labor Day Regatta and Vice-Commodore Thad Vincent has made great progress in assuring all of us a great time. Registration forms have been mailed to you. Please put the Labor Day Regatta on your calendar. It is our major celebration. What

follows was not pleasant to write, but the membership must be aware of what is happening at the club.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!

- Some members are not showing up for their assignments (Race, Safety Boat, Club House, Bathrooms, and Potluck), nor making arrangements to have their duties covered by another member.
- Dogs are to be on-lease at all times at the club.
- There is no tenting at the Point. Tenting is permitted on the Upper Crust and the flat area above the Upper Crust.
- If you have used the club house for a family, business, or other meeting it should be approved by the Commodore, but more importantly, you are expected to clean the club house and bathrooms after such uses.
- Due to excessive use, all supplies and materials for the cleaning and supply of the bathrooms are being kept in the storeroom behind the bathrooms and showers in plastic storage bins. Your club key gives access to this room.

For what our club provides to members, it is a very inexpensive, if not cheap, to belong to the Coos Bay Yacht Club and enjoy its membership, amenities, and beautiful setting. The reasons our dues and fees are so reasonable are because of assigned work hours and assignments of the membership to race, safety, club house, bathroom, and potluck duties. We are a volunteer organization and it our responsibility to fulfill these obligations.

Fair winds.... Steve Kridelbaugh, Commodore

⇨ Calendar ⇨

August Potluck and General Meeting

Sunday, August 19th, 1 PM
 Potluck – Benz*, Kyle, Roth, Frost

Work Party - Date Change

Saturday, August 25th, 9 AM
 Prepare club for regatta.
 All 2007 work hours are to be completed by Labor Day.

August Social - Cancelled

Lakeside Drag Boat Races & Street Faire

August 18th and 19th -- Lake closed near Lakeside except from 12 to 12:30 and 2:30 to 3 PM

Labor Day Regatta - Sept 2nd and 3rd

Early registration by August 20th
 Registration forms on website and by direct mail.
 Volunteers needed – contact committee chair.

September Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 5th, 7 PM
 Kyle Electric
 All members welcome.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Sailing</i> | <i>Race</i> | <i>Chase</i> |
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| <i>August</i> | | | |
| Wed, Aug 8 | Sundowner 9 | Barney | O'Bryan |
| Sun, Aug 12 | Fall 3 & 4 | Gastreich | Kridelbaugh |
| Wed, Aug 15 | Sundowner 10 | Laird & Jasso | Gunnari |
| Sun, Aug 19 | Fall 5 & 6 | McAndrew & Mason | V. Ramsby |
| Wed, Aug 22 | Sundowner 11 | Richards | Van Doren |
| Sun, Aug 26 | Fall 7 & 8 | Moore | Wardman |
| Wed, Aug 29 | Sundowner 12 | Mills | Scott Randle |
| <i>September</i> | | | |
| Sept, 1 to 3 | Labor Day Regatta | Thad Vincent | |
| Sun, Sept 9 | Fall 9 & 10 | Jenkins | Main & Arbus |
| Sun, Sept 16 | Fall 11 & 12 | Webb | Smith & Agee |

✍ **Board Notes** ✍

July 11, 2007 / August 1, 2007

There was not a quorum for the July 11, 2007 Board meeting; no official actions were taken.

Official Board minutes and complete treasurer's report are posted in the clubhouse. Committee information is gathered at Board meeting and directly from the Chairs.

Infrastructure Committees

CLUBHOUSE: (Mike & Yvonne Ousley) Cleaning supplies and TP for the restrooms are stored in the locked storage area on the backside of the restrooms. The club key will open the door.

ROADS & GROUNDS: (Richard Rudder) Please rip out any ivy growing on trees.

INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS (Rob Schab): Steve Kridelbaugh reported that he is looking for a new locator service to find the lines. The goal is to map the electrical, water, and sewer lines.

MOORINGS & DOCKS: (David Laird) The Board approved purchasing fittings to secure the docks to the pilings.

WORK PARTY (Sean Randle) *Date Change:* Saturday, June 25th at 9 AM. All 2007 work hours must be completed by Labor Day. The focus will be preparing the club for the Labor Day Regatta; tasks include:

- cleaning the grounds
- work on the docks
- weed-eating road and boat storage area

Other Committees

MEMBERSHIP: (Dick Vigue) Brandon Gates and Richard Rapida were dropped in good standing. Ann Waldrop was approved for associate membership.

Sponsors are reminded that it is their duty to help the new member become active in the club.

Colleen has assembled a large notebook with a picture of each member.

SOCIAL: (Colleen Cardas & Jessica Randle) *The August 18th Social has been cancelled.*

Racing Committees

RACE: (Shawn Randle) *The race committee wants sailors to follow the rules and do your penalty circles if you do foul. There have been several complaints of fouling without doing the penalty.* The Board wants to continue the *friendly racing* atmosphere but sailors must adhere to the rules and penalties. A good website for learning the rules is www.uksails.com with animation and scenarios.

LABOR DAY REGATTA: (Thad & Bernadine Vincent)

Due August, 20th: Printed forms were sent to each sailor in the club and they are available on the website. Contact Claudia Moore for an additional paper version.

Call Thad, Bernadine, or Committee Chair to reserve your favorite duty for the big event.

| <i>Committee</i> | <i>Chair</i> | <i>Phone</i> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Labor Day Chair | Thad & Vincent | 759-2863 |
| Race Committee | David Morgan | 271-2886 |
| Safety Boat | Bill Smith | 888-9062 |
| Docks | Bruce Harlan | 267-6514 |
| Trophies | Bernie Vincent | 756-0344 |
| Junior Races | Lynnae Biasca Bernadine Vincent | 267-2830 759-2863 |
| Registration | Claudia Moore | 751-0428 |
| Camp Site | Dick Vigue | 756-5831 |
| Salmon Dinner Outside (Cooks): Inside (Servers): | Dave Morgan & Crew Jean Kyle & Mary Benz | 271-2886 269-9003 |
| Spaghetti Dinner Outside: Inside: | David Laird Mary Benz & Jean Kyle | 756-7164 |
| Sunday Breakfast | Jon & Kathy Richards | 756-1768 |
| Monday Jr. Breakfast | Lynnae Biasca Bernadine Vincent | 267-2830 759-2863 |
| Entertainment | George Cardas | 347-5813 |
| Garbage | David Morgan | 271-2886 |
| Photography | Tom Benz Carol Miller | 756-3201 756-3233 |
| Snack Bar – Saturday | Carole Tinker | 267-6152 |
| Snack Bar - Sunday | Yvonne Ousley | 348-2804 |
| Publicity | Sam Roth | 267-7947 |
| Club House Cleanup | | |
| Bathrooms | Ken Tracy | 267-2077 |
| T - Shirts | Mike Ousley | 756-3233 |

Old/New Business

Yearbook Schedule and Blue Sheet Schedule Information Error:
The column headings "Restroom" and "Clubhouse" were flipped at the printers in the duty table in the yearbook. So, the blue sheet and the yearbook are different. The Commodore decided to declare the Yearbook correct; please reverse the two words on the blue sheet.

Postcards will be sent to everyone for the remaining of the season for all duties. Colleen Cardas volunteered for this task – thank you. Please do your duties or find a suitable substitute.

During summer 2008, CBYC will host the Geary 18 Internationals and the San Juan 21 Westerns.

The Oregon State Marine Board Clean Marina certification program was presented by George Tinker for consideration by CBYC to adopt the best practices management of activities of boats and impacts on water quality. The program is voluntary, has no fees, and has no regulatory implications. Certification as a Clean Marina has benefits for materials, signs, and grant eligibility. George pointed out that this is an opportunity for CBYC to demonstrate appropriate best practices as a marina on Tenmile Lake. To learn more go to www.boatoregon.com, select CleanMarina. This proposal will be discussed again at the September Board meeting.

Scuttlebutt

LOST: Coleen Cardas is missing a set of new (used once) Geary 18, Leich McBride sails stored in red sail bags. The sails do not have sail numbers but were measured and were marked with initials "RT 2006".

MISSING: Kayak paddle with the name "Butch". Contact Butch Gulseth.

LOST: Camera was left on the dock. Contact Garth Frost.

VIDEO of Coast Guard medically evacuating man from sailboat http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=151736

KEVIN & MICHELLE HEDGEPEETH send their regards and you can track their trip at <http://tinyurl.com/2rrmcw>

GOLF SERIES: The CBYC Open Golf Tournament Series One concluded with a tie breaker on (July 12th). Series One was a very close contest ending with George Cardas and Tom Mills tied for first place and Stephanie Thomas in third.

The CBYC Open Golf Tournament Series Two promises to be most exciting with Stephanie Thomas, Jim Gastreich, Darcy Cardas leading after round 1 and George Cardas Tom Mills, Phil Vandoren, Bob Thomas, Britt Gastreich, and Dick Vigue fighting it out for 3rd

This is casual golfing with a 5:30 start time each Thursday at the Reedsport club. Contact George Cardas for more information.

YACHT YAK: The Coos Bay Yacht Club publishes the Yacht Yak monthly and is available on the CBYC website www.CoosBayYachtClub.org and by mail. All members are invited to submit articles, pictures, and other news to Editor Linda Kridelbaugh. Please submit by the monthly board meeting. 541-756-0344 or kridelbaugh@verizon.net

Annual Howard Prairie Regatta

Submitted by Jon Richards

Howard Prairie Lake, located at an elevation of around 5000 feet outside of Ashland, Oregon, was the site of the annual regatta that attracts sailors and crew from up and down the West Coast. Among those sailors were four boats from the Coos Bay Yacht Club – two MC Scows and two San Juan 21's. Donna and Steve Mast as well as Randy and Donna Lau trailered their Scows the four hour-plus journey to the lake, while Butch Gulseth (along with crew, Martin Callery) and Jon and Kathy Richards brought their San Juan 21's for a bit of competition away from Tenmile.

The conditions were superb for a sailing regatta – a lake that was at 87% of capacity, winds that blew strong and steady from the north for two days, blue skies and warm temperatures, convenient camping, superb hospitality, and ample competition. The forty-odd boats competed in a number of different classes, with their being a total of five starts. (For better or worse, depending on viewpoint, the Scows and San Juans participated in the same start...not that we shouldn't be familiar with each other!)

The Scow competition featured three boats, the two local boats and one other with local ties, sailed by Paul Harlan from Klamath Falls, son of long-time CBYC sailor, Bruce Harlan. The drama started early as the Laus demasted when a shroud gave way at the startline of the first race as the clock ticked the final seconds. Though this created a two-boat race for the trophy, the Lau's were back on the line and ready for Race Three. The competition was ever-so-close coming down to the final race when the Harlans were able to pull out a win to force a tie with the Mast's (who had led by two points entering that last race) and secure the trophy by means of the ruling that states that the boat with the last win gains the tie-breaker.

The San Juan competition was a five boat affair with the two Coos Bay boats being joined by sailors from Klamath Falls, Eugene/Fern Ridge, and the host Rogue Yacht Club. Competition was quite heated with three different boats winning races, however in the end, the Richards defended their 2006 win in the same regatta by taking first place. Gulseth, a two-time former winner of the HP races, was runner-up. The racing was quite spirited with the three non-winners providing ample competition for the Coos Bay boats. It all made for good conversation in the campsite shared by the local San Juan sailors.

The regatta, which has always been a favorite with CBYC sailors, featured a BBQ (steak/chicken, corn on the cob, salad, etc) catered by the Howard Prairie Resort the Saturday night on the edge of the lake. A full moon added to the atmosphere of the occasion. Awards were presented at 2:00 pm on Sunday so sailors could get a good start home.

The 2008 event hosted by the Rogue Yacht Club will be the last weekend of July. Website: www.roqueyachtclub.org

2007 Geary 18 Internationals

Submitted by Colleen Cardas

The winds were light but the competition was fierce. The setting this year for the Geary 18 Internationals was Mission Bay Yacht Club. The last Geary at MBYC was owned by Bud Bush (it was named Flatbush) and was sold to our own Sean and Jessica Randle. (You may see them sailing it at CBYC but it says dba Express-O). That means that this is the last year that the G-18 Internationals will be held at MYBC. The wind was only 8 mph but for the first few days the swell was very light so it was enough to keep the boat moving. The warm up race was uneventful, but Tom Mills was seen somewhere towards the back (with George Cardas as Crew) because he turned around to get his hat that went overboard. The Randle boat and EXIT (manned by Colleen Cardas and Ann Waldrop) could be seen in front for most of the race until Chris Knutson gave them a schooling and passed them before the finish. Chris who took first place in the Mid Winter Regatta in February relied on years of local knowledge to blast past most of boats with ease through out the competition.



As it turns out there was another competition scheduled at the same time as our regatta, so many times, negotiation around 40 or so tiny sailboats with teeny tiny sailors (8-10 years old I would guess) was necessary. In addition there were tiny girls in canoes learning how to paddle (probably some part of a summer camp) Many times I found myself yelling "Paddle, paddle, paddle, not STOP" to avoid an ugly contact situation. Other obstacles to smooth sailing were rental sailboats, jet skiers, water skiers, sailboarders and the occasional huge piece of boat-stopping kelp.

The first race of the competition was lead for over an hour (at least 6 of the 7 mile long race) by Sean and Jessica Randle it was incredible he was looking like a winner. However in the last leg of the race to the finish line, Chris, Tom and Sean traded covering tacks, and Sean ended up in third, it brought a tear to my eye.....Most races you could see "Uncle" Tom Mills, Sean Randle and Chris Knutson battling it out for first, second, and third place, often times less than a boat length away from each other, and occasionally trading those places through out the race. Toward the end of the competition it looked like Cardas had a strong 4th, Sean a strong 3rd, and still a chance for Uncle Tom and Chris Knutson to have to take it to the last race to determine the one who was going to claim the giant perpetual Geary Trophy, however on the second to last day Sean got a Second place and the final score was set Chris Knutson was the Champion. Chris has been pining for the title of Geary International Champion for year she has competed for 25 years (only missing one international competition) His father Ted Knutson and his mother Gerta was there to see him receive his trophy. (Ted build the orange Geary at the CBYC Knute in 1955).

The "Crews/Ladies race" was won by the only boat in the competition that had all ladies in the boat. Ann Waldrop who had a total of about 20 minutes of tiller time under her belt, led by her excellent crew Colleen Cardas were in second place for almost the entire race. Colleen could be overheard at times saying just follow the Blue Boat (Chris Knutson's boat skippered by his right hand girl Tammy were leading). Right in front of the MBYC Ann passed Tammy and made it around the last mark in the lead, when they tacked to the finish line there were no boats in front of them and Ann started to lose it, her hands were shaking and there were some that thought she might lose her breakfast in the boat from being so nervous. I am sure there were people 100 miles away that could hear the crew yelling "Keep it together and Fall off Fall off Fall off" in the last few feet from the finish line.

The good news is that the Fred Harley (B Fleet) trophy will be returning to Coos Bay. Taking First place in every race and even keeping up with the A fleet in the last race when we started together, were our own Scott and Shannon Randle. There was a rumor going around that Shannon actually likes sailing now and did far less screaming in terror than the typical sailing day in Oregon. Congrats to Scott and Shannon for a great victory.

Helping man the starting boat and taking the excellent pictures of Internationals (including the ones in the issue of the Yacht Yak) were Darcy Cardas and George Cardas. The last race saw the A fleet and the B fleet combined at the starting line, one of the B boats skippered by Debra Ekrote of Washington, came up so fast behind Uncle Tom that she ran into the back of his boat causing his bow to go up and over the transom of the Randle boat and get hooked together. It was quite a site to look back and see Sean on the back of his boat trying to untangle them on the start line. Tom still caught up and gave Chris a run for his money to the finish line. Colleen took the time at the banquet to thank Debra for not running into her. The Commodores flag was passed from current Commodore Chris Olin to 2007-8 Commodore Colleen Cardas at the end of a fabulous trophy banquet and she was seen later parking in the official commodore's parking spot at the MBYC.

The North American and Western Regional San Juan 21 Sailing Championships Take Place July 19 to 21 in California

Submitted by Jon Richards



The combined North American and Western Regional San Juan 21 Sailing Championships were held July 19 to 21 at Huntington Lake in California. The races were hosted by Fleet 3, associated with the Fresno (California) Yacht Club, on the beautiful alpine lake situated at 7000' of elevation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Four Coos Bay Yacht Club couples – the Benz, the Kyles, the Richards, and the Roths - (and their boats) made the long, 600 mile trip

The events could not have been better staged! The organization of the Regatta was superb (under the leadership of the longtime San Juan 21 sailing family of Ruth and Scott Barcus); the hospitality of the Fleet 3 members could not have been more gracious; and the weather could not have been more cooperative. The lake is known to have strong and steady winds that build from about 10 am in the morning and blow consistently from the west until late afternoon;

and the 3 days of the Regatta were no exception.

Twenty-five SJ 21 skippers and their crews showed up to compete - eleven in All Sails and fourteen in Working Sails. Sailors represented a number of states west of the Mississippi, but unfortunately no East Coast sailors were on hand to make the events truly "national." The states represented by sailors included California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Texas, Nebraska, and Kansas. Numerous past winners of Western, Midwestern, and National San Juan 21 competitions were among the skippers lining up to compete.

But before we get into the racing, which consisted of six races (including the practice race) over three days, let's consider the non-sailing activities. A welcome dinner of hamburgers, trimmings, side dishes, and beverages was held at the mountain cabin of Kirk Thorburn on the Wednesday evening. Many, but not all, of the contestants had arrived and were ready to begin the (important) socializing that accompanies our regattas. Following the 2 pm six-plus mile practice race on Thursday when skippers could cautiously measure up each other, a second potluck dinner was held at the lakeside cabin of Scott and Ruth Barcus. The entire Fleet 3 pitched in to make sure the many visitors felt welcome and did not go home having lost any weight from the vigorous sailing – a BBQ, many side-dishes, California wines (along with cold beer), and too many cakes were on menu. By the time the Barcus' could encourage their garrulous guests to find their ways through the darkness and thick forest of tall California pine trees to their cabins, campers, or tents, it was time to get a good night's sleep to go racing!

Several sailors dry-sailed, however most sailors were able to find dock space and sail a couple of hundred yards to the nearby start-line from sheltered spots. At 10:55 am on Friday, the warning signal sounded to start the All Sails group, followed five minutes later by the Working Sails division. From that time, until almost 5:00 pm, the sailors sailed three races totaling close to twenty-three miles with approximately 30 minutes between races for the competitors to catch their breath – as well as get a bite to eat, down a cool drink, and replenish the sun-block.

In the fourteen boat Working Sails division, where the four Coos Bay boats were competing, the final result was all but a given. The odds-on favorite, was former Olympic sailor and SJ 21 Western, Midwestern, Eastern, and National champion, Rob Anderson, sailing with his sons, Karsten and Coy. Anderson, the experienced and very successful sailor of many classes of sailboat (and sought after as a tactician by numerous large racing boat owners) did not disappoint anyone (except his competitors) in securing six "bullets" (including the practice race) over the three day period. In fact, Anderson and crew did not trail, once clearing the first 300-400 yards of the start, during the entire Regatta except briefly during the final race when sailing wing on wing down the center of the lake from the windward mark, runner-up (and several time former Western National champions) Tom and Jean Kyle were able to draw even and slightly ahead of Anderson's tan and white, newly-rebuilt Mark I (which is for sale, by the way!).

Behind Anderson's apparent runaway, there was considerable racing action, however. Jon and Kathy Richards of the Coos Bay (Oregon) Yacht Club, and defending Western National champions, were able to hold on over fellow Coos Bay sailors, the Kyles, for second in the first race. In the subsequent four races, the Kyles were able to comfortably sail across the line in the second position, with the one exception being the final race of the first day (#3) when Kyle almost misjudged his angle/time to the finish, taking a long port tack to come in on a broad reach from the left and



almost being caught at the line by the Richards, sailing on a more direct line to the far mark of the finish, a bit offshore from the race tent and committee. A third Coos Bay boat, sailed by Sam and Debbie Roth, was in the middle of the battle in all but one race and was able to secure the overall fourth place trophy; however, the result came down to the finish of the last race when the Roths were able to nose out former National Commodore Jay and son Aaron Sawyer (who had traveled all the way from Holdredge, Nebraska and Hollywood, California, respectively) to sail in a chartered boat.

The chartered boats were one of the side-stories of the Regatta. Fleet 3, under the leadership of member (and All-Sails sailor) Steen Skjellerup, made available charter boats for those sailors who could not transport their own boats to the Regatta. Besides the Sawyers, former W Nationals Champion Wayne Conners of Utah (and crew, Joe Pasciak of Texas) also sailed in a boat with which they were unfamiliar. It is a testament to the technical and sailing skills of both chartering sailors that they were able to re-rig and have their boats competitive in a very short period of time.

Some of the real racing enjoyment for the sailors occurred during the tacking battles that took place in several of the races during the long beats on the first legs when the boats had to work their way several miles up the long, narrow lake. With the wind particularly strong on the south shore, four or five boats in several races stayed close to the shore to try to gain advantages. In doing so, they engaged in some tacking maneuvers where there was much criss-crossing, back and forth. While a couple of the front boats, sailed comfortably along (gaining on the others, the author might add), others including Sawyer, Richards, Roth, Conners, and – when the spirit moved the skipper, Benz - engaged in these exercises of exhaustion (but fun!). As Jay Sawyer stated near the end of one of these runs, "that alone is worth the price of the Regatta!"



A final footnote on the Working Sails competition was the unplanned and unexpected dunking in the lake (on the long down-wind leg of the fourth race) by the skipper of the overall second place boat (name of skipper being withheld to avoid any possible embarrassment). Fortunately, his crew (aka, his wife) was not anxious to sail along alone so he was held by his life jacket until a line (jib sheet!) could be tossed to allow him to climb back into the five knot-plus speeding boat.

Per custom, the Friday night Mexican dinner in the beautiful and rustic log Lakeshore Lodge, 200 yards from the launch ramp, was the time for the annual meeting. Western Vice-Commodore, Jon Richards of Fleet 43 (Coos Bay, Oregon), ran the meeting with the assistance of Chris Popich of Fleet 3 (Puget Sound, Washington) who was representing fellow Fleet 3 member and National Commodore Stephen Jensen. With the presence of Midwestern Vice-Commodore Neil Barkley, former National Commodore Jay Sawyer, a number of other former western and national commodores, and many interested San Juan sailors, there was a lively discussion. Among the topics discussed were

- the difficulty of arriving at decisions within the Association
- the challenge of communications among officers and members
- the status of western fleets (including identification of fleet captains)
- the interest of a new group of enthusiastic SJ21 racers on Canyon Ferry Lake (south of Flathead Lake) in Montana
- the site of the 2008 Western Nationals (Coos Bay Yacht Club, Oregon, to be the host)
- the election of a new Western Commodore (Chris Popich of Fleet 3, to take over on January 1, 2008)

What was special about the first night event was the recognition of all visiting sailors. All were given an opportunity to say how long they had been sailing/sailing a San Juan 21 as well as something personal. They were also presented with a gift basket from Fleet 3 of wine, wine glasses, and fresh California peaches and nectarines. A very nice touch!

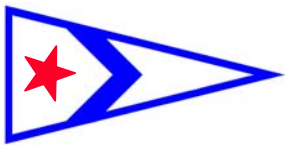
Saturday night's awards banquet featured BBQ chicken; entertainment by Scandinavian/Danish folk dancers (impressively, all the male dancers had sailed energetically over the two previous days!); an auction, and the presentation of trophies for the first five place in each division. (See attached final results for trophy winners).

In the end, the annual Regatta was great fun for everyone involved. The organizing committee is to be commended for staging the requisite social events and activities, but especially for putting a real emphasis on being on the water and racing competitively in serious, long races. If the weekend is any indication, the San Juan 21 fleet is in good order – and is a quality product to attract new sailors/racers! Organizers of next year's events – the Nationals to be held in the Midwest, likely in Kansas; and the Western Regionals to be held at the Coos Bay Yacht Club on the South Coast of Oregon on August 1-2, 2008 - will have a hard act to follow!





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