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FROM THE HELM – COMMODORE’S REPORT

We have done an incredibly good thing, taking those kids and their mentors sailing. My heartfelt thanks to all those members who came out and supported that event. Those kids, and their mentors, came back in smiling all over their chops. And those photos that Justin took, all ready and waiting for them when they got back in, that was priceless! I'm sure that was an experience they will never forget, and I think we'll probably get some new crew members and may be even some new members out of it. We certainly got some good publicity out of it, with a nice article in the paper – mostly about the kids, but that's how it should be, and even a "Thumbs Up" on the editorial page, in case you missed it. We need to do that again, if not this year, then certainly next. In the meantime, if you are going out and want some wide-eyed company, give Tim Phillips a call and I'm sure he can hook you up with a kid and his or her mentor. This is a good thing, folks, let's keep it going.

Sally and I missed the other club events this past month, so I can't report on how they went – you'll have to get your news from other folks if you weren't there. We had a nice trip to Brookings over the 4th, and I got to go ocean sailing with the folks from the local yacht club. Since I was fortunate enough to be on the winning boat of the race, we got a free shot of Tullamore Dew, which is pretty tasty Irish whiskey. They invited us over to their club for a burger/dog burn and we had a great time with them. A developing tradition over there. Perhaps we might think of starting a similar tradition. Bunch of really nice people – with really nice big boats!

Upcoming events include the Blues, Brews & Brats thing, which the club is always heavily involved in, on the 16th. We also have a club dinner scheduled for Friday the 8th, and then there is the Wood River Float on Saturday the 23rd. That ought to keep us busy and entertained for another month, fer sure!

Remember – You worry too much about your job. Stop it. You're not paid enough to worry! And, always tip your bartender and treat her with respect!

Dick and Sally



Attention KYC Fall Series Racers!

There is a misprint in the handbook... The racing will continue every Wed night (there is not a week off)... Race #5 will be on Aug 6th and Race #6 will be on Aug 13th.

Vice Commodore's Report

It's hard to believe that just a few months ago (April) the lake was still frozen over and now we are checking the water levels to see how much longer we will be able to sail.

I want to take this time to thank everyone who helped to make the Regatta a great success even though we did get a late start this year:

Vince and his crew for the same great quality of meat for our Pit BBQ. The kitchen crew who without them dinner would never have made it to the table. Thanks to Janice, Patty, and Janice and for the great group of kids that helped us serve this year. Also for Sam who took over with the cleanup of the kitchen. Another thank you to Jim and Stephanie for making sure there was fresh coffee, beagles and scones each morning.

A special thank you to Sam Hardt for helping out with lunch on Saturday and again with the help of Marian on Sunday.

To Shea and Sam for bailing me out and taking over the registration. And last but not least a thank you to Jake and his crew for a job well done with the races.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who made this year's Regatta a big success.

We are coming to an end of the fall racing series and look forward to great winds through the end of the month. Even if you don't sail, come out and enjoy a hamburger and some other great surprise meal on Wednesday evening.

Please check this month's calendar for the change of dates for our monthly dinner. And please note the few rentals we have scheduled for the month.

We hope to see as many as possible out for the Brats, Brews, and Blues Festival which will be here at the Yacht Club on Saturday the 16th.

From you Vice Commodores
Craig and Peggy Ricards

Membership Report

The club has one new membership for July:
Carl and Patty Youngdahl
2942 Front Street,
Klamath Falls, OR 97601.
Phone 541.885.7779.

KYC Annual Wood River Float and Picnic!

Saturday, August 23rd – Meet at KYC at 9am

Bring your "floaties" and \$5

Beer and Food afterward



Klamath Basin Sunrise Rotary Club Presents:
BRATS, BREWS AND BLUES FESTIVAL
August 16, 2008
At KYC from 3-8pm



"That Saturday, from 3:00 TO 8:00 P.M. we THROW A PARTY to raise funds primarily for Klamath Hospice's Camp Evergreen – a Bereavement Camp for Children. The Klamath Basin Sunrise Rotary joined with Klamath Hospice in the support for children who have lost loved ones to death. These children, 8 years to 18 years old, often never receive professional counseling following the loss due to expense or lack of family participation. At Camp Evergreen each child is able to spend a week of counseling, fun and laughter AT NO COST to learn to talk about their pain with peers and counselors. The camp started 8 years ago with 10 campers and in 2007 there were 50 children in need of learning to communicate their personal losses who were able to attend the camp." (from the Sunrise Rotary website)

**Great Food, Great Music, and Great Brews
to help a Great Cause!**

Treasurer's Report

For all of you KYC "Long Timers", this month's column serves primarily as a reminder but since we have many new members, you may find the following helpful:

- If you pay your dues annually (\$275), you save \$25 a year plus stamps and you save your treasurer (Me) lots of work. You can change at any time, just notify me or merely send in your check for \$275 and I'll make the change. When your annual dues then come due the following year, please pay promptly.
- Bar bills are prepared by the Vice Commodore and are totally separate from other billing but both are mailed with your monthly *Scuttlebutt*. When you pay your dues and your bar bill on the same check (which is O.K.), make a note on your check to indicate the split. There is no need to write two checks.
- The monthly invoices are posted on the 25th of the month so if your check was received after that date, the credit won't show up until the following month.
- If you pay your moorage before April 15th, it assures you get the same slip/space as the year before. If you don't, the Rear Commodore can re-assign that slip to another member. Moral to the story, pay your moorage before April 15th. Improvements to your slip are your responsibility. Running docks will be maintained by the club.
- Boats that are not used and are merely stored on KYC premises are discouraged and will be billed \$500 per year per boat. KYC space is limited and not intended for storage. There are numerous storage facilities in the area.
- After you launch your boat, either take your trailer home or remove it to the trailer parking area at the extreme northerly end of the club property. Please use the gate at the intersection of Front St. and Bismark, do not trailer them down on the inside of the fence. We have been trying to beautify that area with grass but driving on it doesn't help. Make sure you keep your trailer tires inflated and your name should be painted on the tongue.
- Each membership is required to perform 20 hours of work assessment each year or be assessed \$10 per hour for unfulfilled hours. KYC uses the honor system for reporting work hours. Reporting work hours is the responsibility of the member and should be reported **in writing** to the **Treasurer** in January or February of each year. Telling someone or reporting your hours to anyone other than the Treasurer may result in you being assessed. If you find yourself being assessed unfairly, **calmly** contact the Treasurer and the corrections will be made.

Finally, the officers of the club serve voluntarily and receive no pay. They may make mistakes from time to time but try to correct them when brought to their attention. Yelling, bitching, sniping, or otherwise berating them serves no purpose and discourages others from stepping forward to fill these jobs. There is an old saying that if you are not helping to solve a problem, maybe you're part of the problem. Nuff said and with that, I'll *Lighten Up!!*
Bob Dortch

We've Signed On for Another Big Year with BoatU.S.!

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Groups program has proven so popular with members that club officers are renewing our partnership for another year.

BoatU.S. provides a vast range of services, information and savings to recreational boaters, including:

- Members-only discounts and Member Rewards with West Marine equipment purchases
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips, and repairs at more than 850 marinas nationwide
- BoatU.S. will pay up to \$50 per incident On-The-Water Towing with your basic membership
- Higher-option per incident towing service levels are available up to Unlimited
- Access to high-value, low-cost group-rate boat insurance
- Full year subscription to the award-winning *BoatU.S. Magazine*
- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees, and government regulations that target boat owners

Because of this special arrangement, **you can get 50% off** the regular annual dues rate of \$25 when you join BoatU.S. – the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. Your dues are only \$12.50 for the year! (\$15 for International Members – regularly \$30)

For more information, contact Dale Mueller.

If you are renewing your BoatU.S. Membership, be sure to mention our **Cooperating Group ID number GA84552Y** to get the specially reduced rate.

Club officers encourage you to take advantage of this valuable program that is available only to BoatU.S. Cooperating Groups like us!



**PO Box 1648
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Steak Fry

Sponsored by the Lamberts

Friday, August 8th

(note date change!!)

7pm

\$7 per person

Please bring a side dish or dessert!



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More HALF-KLAM pics (courtesy of Fred Cooper)



Single-Handed Series Racing Photos (courtesy of Gerald Pollack)

