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FROM THE HELM – COMMODORE’S REPORT

Greetings from the Deck:

I want to take a moment and thank every one for the kindness, prayers and thoughts over the last several weeks. Having everyone around me has made this difficult time a little easier. As someone told me: "This may be a one horse town but at times like these I wouldn't trade this one horse town for anything." Thanks. Again.

With the 4th of July just around the corner, I want to say a special Thank You to Elizabeth Campbell, what a great job you have done this year organizing the Regatta and making 2009 one of the most successful Regatta ever. And my challenge to everyone within the club is to step up to the plate and give her a hand over the next couple of weeks.

Also a special thank you to Larry and Judy Arthur. The club and grounds have never looked better and I for one am proud to be Commodore of the Klamath Yacht Club this year.

We will kick off the Regatta with the Henley Color Guard Friday evening at 6:30 followed with a great dinner hosted by Bill and Marie Wright and their crew. There will also be sailor's registration Friday night and again Saturday morning.

We will have a complementary continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning hosted by Jim and Stephanie Carpenter. Skippers meeting to follow with a day long "Great Winds and successful races." The kitchen will be open during the day for snacks and lunch. Saturday evening will be Pitt BBQ hosted by Vince and Janice Wachter and myself and our crew. Not a good idea to miss any of these great meals this weekend. We will also be having entertainment Saturday evening.

Sunday morning will offer complementary continental breakfast again with a second skippers meeting and another fun filled day of racing.

Sunday afternoon will be the awards ceremony and raffle giveaway. There are a lot of people who have stepped forward to get the Firecracker Regatta back in the news and I want to see it continue on from this year forward. The ground work has been laid so let's not drop the ball. If you have an hour or 2 to spare we can surely find something for you to do.

And to Chris Waters, Thanks so much for picking up the torch or Mark and Denise Strong. They will be missed but I know you will do a great job also.

I hope to see all of you out for our once a year big bang.

Your Commodore: Peggy Ricards



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Vice Commodore's Report

1We had another very active month at the club. The Trans Klam event was well attended and we had a safe race. We were out of town for the club dinner on the 12th, but I heard the food was fantastic and from the receipts it appears we had good attendance. A special thanks to Mike and Diane Bliss for this event.

The Half Klam, was an experience. The race up and back was a challenge to say the least with high winds and rough water but, the social function and BBQ at the campsite was worth the effort. Thanks to Bob and Marian Dortch for all of their efforts.

The Wednesday evening Summer Series Races and BBQ continue to get great participation and this is turned into a fun mid-week event. The Fall Series starts on July 8th so let's continue the support and enthusiasm.

We have been online with our credit/debit card service for approximately 30 days. To date we have had over \$500 in transactions which has decreased accounting work and improved cash flow.

The new deck, all I can say is..... WOW! Thanks to all the members who have been involved in this project for all of their hard work and efforts.

Remember invite a friend to join our club and always tip your bartender.

Rear Commodore's Report

At Ease, Listen Up...

Well the painting is finished, and the deck is on schedule to be completed in time for the Regatta. Kudos to all the usual suspects (Vince, Steve, Steve, Ken, Don, Jim, Chuck, Mike, Guy, and all those I am missing), who have gotten us this far.

This month we had the two long distance races of the year and for the first time in a few years past the Trans Klam was run. There were six boats racing and this came off due in large part to the efforts of Mick Mulvey who cajoled, threatened, and badgered, five others to join him in the race around the second island. The reports of the Half Klam were of its high adventure, and the stories of it should grow with age as those things do. Thanks to everyone who participated and worked to make these races a success.

We have a Work Party scheduled for this Saturday. We will be finishing the last cat harbor dock, which is going to be the Walker Bay dingy dock. WE will clean out the cat harbor, there are yards to mow, edge, raking to do, and some boat rearranging in the north yard. I am going to need someone to bring a chain saw to cut up the boom logs that have floated into the cat harbor. Also we will install the bimini top on the patio boat.

The Regatta will be soon be upon us, and I want to encourage everyone, to participate in some way. We are starting to get out of town registrations and it is going to be embarrassing if the visitors outnumber the home team. So if its crew that is keeping you from racing, contact me or Steve or Elizabeth Campbell and we will get you crew. If you are crew and don't have a skipper and want to race a boat, (and are qualified) contact me and I will find you a boat.

That's all from the rear...See you on the docks and on the water,

larry and judy

Racer's Corner

June was a wonderful month for racing. The wind was steady and strong. I'm looking forward to the next race! I'm having to order new sails because of the HalfKlam, but I'll leave that for another to write about. The racing fleets have been growing, but we could use some more PHRF boats out there. We've added crew members from the community and the club is showing very well. We have a wonderful new deck at the club to watch the races from, along with burgers, so make an evening of it for the whole family! I'm going to keep this short to make room for the load of regatta stuff Liz has for the Scuttlebutt. HAPPY SAILS! Steve Campbell at buoy #8....wait, where'd this come from?



FIRECRACKER REGATTA IS HERE!

Wow! To think that 133 days ago the plotting and planning started and here we are! It did not happen with one person but with a very generous outpouring of support from KYC club-members. THANK YOU! 4th of July weekend is a very busy weekend, ranging from on-shore activities to on-water racing. There are still open slots for volunteers- nothing glamorous but the much-needed support positions, including Goodwill Ambassadors, Shower-room Hosts, and meal clean-up crews. See Liz Campbell to volunteer. This is primo work-hour accumulation time. ☺ Hey!- there's even nametags involved. (Liz and crew will be down at the Club, Wednesday and Friday, July 1st and 3rd.) **RACING REGISTRATION begins Friday, July 3rd, from noon til 6:00 inside the clubhouse. On-site camping is available, first come, first served. Showers and bathroom facilities are open to regatta participants and crew/family. MORE INFORMATION? Leave message at KYC (541) 883-3339.**



FOOD, LIVE MUSIC and AWARDS CEREMONY



What a way to enjoy 4th of July- sailing, friends, food, and celebrating! Friday evening at 6:00ish (we'll ring the bell) meet at the flag pole for the official start to Regatta weekend, as Henley High School students help raise the U.S. flag. Then Marie and Bill Wright kick off Friday evening with a sausage brats' club dinner. **CLUB MEMBERS- IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE BRING AN EXTRA SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE- WE WILL HAVE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS.**

Stephanie and Jim Carpenter will set out a simple breakfast (with morning jazz?) on Saturday and Sunday morning, 7:30- 9am. This year during Saturday and Sunday lunch hours, the Club's kitchen will be open with a variety of offerings, lunch and snack quality (a little different than years' past).

Saturday dinner will be the famous Pit BBQ by Vince and Janice Wachter and Peggy Ricards. YUM! Fun trophy awards will be handed out to regatta racers. Elaine, Mary, Pam, and Kay have their hands in this so it'll be interesting for racers and viewers alike! ☺ Between 7 and 9pm, local musician **BONNIE HAY** will provide live entertainment with her folk guitar music. Whether you've heard her play around the Basin or not, you're in for a treat- Bonnie plays with heart and soul! After the music, several boats will be heading a short way out from the Club docks and rafting up for the 10pm City fireworks display. Come join us with your own boat or hitch a ride!

Sunday afternoon the raffle drawings will begin while the racers are still on the water; we'll post most of the raffle winners on the gift display tables **BUT WE'LL SAVE THE TOP FIVE RAFFLE WINNERS FOR THE AWARDS' CEREMONY.** Race Captain Jake Zaiger and Jim Lawson will award the Regatta winners with crystal trophies (*from locally-owned All-Star Trophy*) after the racing and there'll be Pit BBQ sandwiches to munch on. We'll then say "good-bye" til next year's regatta.



REGATTA RAFFLE 2009

"ONE FOR A DOLLAR OR SIX FOR FIVE"

Have you seen the list of raffle prizes yet? The list boasts over 55 well-worth-it gifts, gift certificates, fun-wear, and services. **If that doesn't tempt you, how about this?** Raffle gifts donated include a Limited Edition Paul Tremaine print, a "Wood Impressions" hand-crafted fish, a bucket of boat-care necessities, boat fenders, watches, a hand-crafted scarf, tea, hand-made jewelry, and so much more! **The 2009 raffle proceeds will benefit our local Klamath-Lake Food Bank, our own Youth Sailing Program, and the Regatta itself.** We're helping our community, building our future, and encouraging competitive sailing. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB UNTIL SUNDAY, JULY 5th.** Raffle drawing is Sunday afternoon and you don't need to be present to win- just give us a way to find you!



REGATTA 2009 ODDS & ENDS



Sooooo you think you know what Regatta's about now? Keep your eyes open- there's still so much to see and do! **Look** for the Club's new **OUTDOOR BANNER** (from local *Pelican Signs*) welcoming racers, club members, and visitors alike. **Celebrate** the final day of this year's **YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM** as the Basin's newest sailors take to the lake Friday afternoon and race the Green Midge Fun Race. **Enjoy** the hustle and bustle of Regatta; eat, talk, laugh, and hear great music. Sing along! **Say "hello"** to our out-of-town guests, racers, local visitors, and fellow club members. **Cheer** on local and out-of-town racers at Saturday and Sunday's races. **Share** your knowledge of the Club with visitors and tell some past-regatta stories. **Wear** your club spirit and sport this year's newest t-shirt/hat or wear one from a previous year. **Revisit** past Firecracker Regatta t-shirts; there's a photo expose' to thumb through at the Clubhouse. **Anyone got early Regatta t-shirts, pre 1993? Support** Race Captain Jake Zaiger, Race Committee members Elaine Zaiger, Kay Karidis, Spiros Karidis, and Protest Committee Chair Bob Dortch, as they guide the racers through two days of exciting sailing on Upper Klamath Lake. **Raft up** on the lake Saturday night and watch the "top 2/3rds" of the City fireworks show. **Thank** Commodore Peggy Ricards, Vice Commodores Judy and Larry Arthur, and Rear Commodores Gail and Rich Palmer for their vision,

dedication and time given to revitalizing the clubhouse and grounds; we've got a jewel beside the lake! **Treat** Suzie Scott well, up top of the Club, and share in her smiles. Suzie is top-notch at making our guests feel welcome at the KYC! **Congratulate** the local and out-of-town racers for their commitment to the 2009 FR and thank them for making Klamath Yacht Club a 4th of July destination.



A BIG THANK YOU TO RAFFLE DONORS

Firecracker Regatta 2009 and Klamath Yacht Club would like to thank the following donors (in no special order!): Peggy Ricards @ Framing Solutions, Larry and Bonnie Howard @ "Wood Impressions", Ron and Kathy Hahn @ Pelican Marina, Mary and Carlos Neumann @ Plasti-Fenders, Lisa and Fred Cooper, Marie and Bill Wright, Carolyn and Richard Ford @ C's Little Rock Shop, Christy and Gary Blain @ "Bling by Blain", Carol and Dick Wylie, Vanessa Behrens @ Van Bearans on Main, Arnie's Playhouse Tavern, Nicky Biehn @ "Nature's Images", Parker's Rod and Gun Rack, Dick Howard's Meats, Rank Y. Lam O.D. @ Advanced Eyecare Optical, Massage by Penny, Sizzler, Harbor Isles Golf Course, Applebee's, James A. Pence @ JAPetto's Wooworks, Sherm's Thunderbird Market, Klamath Basin Brew Pub, QUIZNO'S, Holliday Jewelry, Dynasty Restaurant, Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership, Full Sail Brewery, Papa Murphy's, Rick's Smoke Shop, Grocery Outlet, Winger's, Mazatlan Grill, Island Juice, TACO BELL, BORDERS Bookstore, Young's Market Company @ Distilled Spirits Co., Klamath Board Sports, Smartstyle Salon (in Walmart), Main Street Jewelers, Royal Touch Boutique, DIAMOND Home Improvement, and National Fitness & Racquet Club.

And a thank you to the "Raffle Crew" who gave brain-power, time, energy, enthusiasm and most-of-all, courage, to seek out these great gifts. **This year's Raffle Crew is Commodore Peggy Ricards, Suzie Scott, Lisa Cooper, Cindy DeRosier, Carol Wylie, Christy Blain, Elaine Zaiger, and guest Bobby Gray. THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FROM LIZ!**



FIRECRACKER REGATTA FUN-WEAR AVAILABLE



GOT SPIRIT? YES- WE DO! Regatta 2009 t-shirts feature Paul Tremaine artwork and highlight the Club's three big sailing events- Trans Klam, Half Klam, and Firecracker Regatta. Combining the artistic stylings of Commodore Peggy Ricards and the can-do attitude of Mr. Harry Erl of local TREKKER DESIGNS, we've got Regatta t-shirts and hats available. **BUT HURRY!** Some sizes and styles are running low! **SHORT-SLEEVE** tees are \$10-, small through extra-large. **LONG-SLEEVE** tees are \$15- small through large. (I need some pre-orders to get long-sleeve extra-larges back in-stock. They were a popular May pre-order request.) **And if you missed seeing steve's head at Half-Klam, there is a Regatta 2009 hat available too.** T-shirts and hats are available at the Club. They make great stocking stuffers! ☺



FIRST-EVER "GREEN MIDGE FUN RACE" (it may be destined to become a "classic"!)

WHAT: a "shake-down" race; a fun way to get out on the lake early!

WHERE: KYC parking lot and then the lake

WHEN: 4:00pm, Friday, July 3rd

TROPHY: the coveted "Green Midge" awards (1st splat, 2nd splat, 3rd splat)

Classes to be determined. KYC Youth Program dingy class already determined.

All are invited to race.

You need a boat, crew-as-needed, and a sense of fun.

Sailing instructions to be given at 4:01pm.

Membership has it's Privileges

Antonio's and The Mercury will give a 10% discount during the months of July, August, and September on all items to KYC members for the Summer Cruise.

In addition, KYC members whom visit The Mercury on a Monday, Tuesday, and/or a Wednesday will receive a 15% discount on all premium beer and liquors.

Just present your card with your bill to the server for your discount. – Brandon Bowers

Mercury Special: Large 1 topping pizza and a 60oz pitcher of Budweiser for \$17.99 or with a pitcher of soda for \$12.99.



Race Results

JAKE ZAIGER WINS TRANSKLAM

Jake Zaiger and crew bested a field of eight boats in the 2009 Annual TransKlam race. Eight boats, in fair winds, raced north up around Bare Island and back to KYC, a course of 28.5 miles. Results were:

First Place Jake Zaiger	Corrected Time 5:16:07
Second Place Jim Carpenter	Corrected Time 5:18:05
Third Place Mike Bliss	Corrected Time 5:23:03
Fourth Place Mick Mulvey	Corrected Time 5:37:02
Fifth Place Steve Campbell	Corrected Time 5:23:21
Sixth Place Phil Harbin	Corrected Time 6:20:50
Seventh Place Steve Crabb	Corrected Time 7:01:01

One boat withdrew

Once again, evidence that the current handicapping system is working is that the difference in corrected time between the first place boat and the fifth place boat is only seven minutes after over 28 miles. Congratulations to Jake and his crew and all the skippers who helped in resurrecting this noble and challenging race.

HEAVY WINDS TAKE TOLL ON HALF-KLAM

Winds reported to 35 miles per hour greeted the Half Klam Fleet of six boats upon their arrival to the northerly end of the lake over the weekend of June 20-22. With seven boats starting, one withdrew leaving the six remaining boats facing four to five foot waves. All but two of the boats suffered ripped sails, water in their bilges and wet, wet, wet clothing. Jim Lawson and his crew of Mary Bond, Carlos, Neuman, and Kay Lawson was the first to finish in the Multi-Hull Class winning first place in near record time. Jim's corrected time on the windward leg was 4:07:39 while his time on the leeward leg was a blazing 2:07:29.

Jake Zaiger and his crew of Maureen Phillips and her son, Jesse, won first place honors in the monohull class in their Catalina 25. Finishing second was Tim Kerns and his crew of Jennifer DuNesme and Don Karsch in their Santana 20. The remaining four boats, overcome by heavy winds and huge waves elected to motor up resulting in being disqualified.

Following the first leg of the race on Saturday evening, approximately 50 members and their guests enjoyed a great night of BBQ followed by a blazing Bonfire and being entertained by Patrick Erwert, his crew and Jennifer DuNesme. Patrick and his crew with their guitars, banjos, bass and even a trumpet have become regulars to this event for the past several years and looking forward to many more. "*Gonna Find Me A Woman With A Chainsaw*".

Many thanks to Fred and Lisa Cooper and their houseboat for serving as the stakeboat and to Wayne and Pam Connors who stepped forward with their patio boat as the safety chase boat. It was a cold and wet race and I suspect that every one of the participants would do it again. And last but certainly not least, Our thanks go out to John Pratt, the owner of Harriman Springs for his generosity in allowing us to enjoy his facilities. And with that, I'll *Lighten up!!* --Bob Dortch

New Recruits (Membership) Report

At the June board meeting we welcomed back Karl & Anne Wenner. They live at 1608 Cove Point Road in Klamath Falls and have a Santana. I understand Karl has been racing it, so many of you may know him already.

A new membership was approved for Andrew & Christina Hughes, who live at 6723 Amber Avenue, Klamath Falls 97603. Their boat is an O'Day 26.

In May we added a new student member, who looks like a great addition to the club. He is a diver. His name is Sean Connolly and he lives at 1900 Tiffany in Klamath Falls.

Have you moved? Bought a new boat? Sold your old one? It is your responsibility to inform me of any changes so that our roster can be kept current. Just email me at gail_library@yahoo.com, leave a note for me at the bar (if I am not there!) or call me at 882-8571 and leave a message.

Action Shots

Gerald Pollack has taken a magnitude of pictures and is willing to research them and email you the shots of your boat! Send your boat type, boat name, sail numbers to zuni1@q.com and he'll email you.

Under Way

Report from Jim Lawson about recent regattas on his trimaran "WaterWings".

KYC members who have been doing out-of-town regattas have been asked to report on those regattas. I am therefore reporting on the three back-to-back weekends that we have done out-of-town regattas. Namely, the Memorial Day Regatta at Eugene, followed by the "Live on the Edge" Multihull regatta at Eugene and then the Delta Ditch Run on San Francisco Bay. My crew included Mary (Bond) Neumann, Carlos Neumann, and Guy Jakubowski. Since I got back later than usual from our Caribbean hideaway, we rigged the boat for the first time this year in Eugene, (with our fingers crossed that we would remember to bring all the parts and pieces necessary – and apparently we did.) At the Memorial Day Regatta we sailed with six "beach cats" and an interesting trimaran whose outside pontoons are Hobie 16 hulls. At the end of the weekend, we were scored in second place. The next day on the internet we were told there was an error and we were awarded first place. And the next day we were told there was another error and we were back in a two way tie for second again. Oh well, easy come – easy go! Saturday evening at this regatta they had a seven piece marimba band. (That means seven marimbas including a bass marimba and a baritone marimba.) They played for two hours and the music was very entertaining. It would have been nicer if the weather had been warmer that evening, but it didn't rain the whole weekend, so I'm really not complaining.

We left the boat in Eugene during the week and went back up for the Multihull regatta. There were about 40 multihulls at this regatta. Since we had four trimarans, they put us in our own little class of four. This included the trimaran with the Hobie 16 hulls, a Corsair 24, a Corsair 27 and my Corsair 31. The little "Hobie" trimaran won this regatta as he had the previous weekend and we were again in second place. We got a bottle of wine for second place which seemed like a nice award. You just drink it and you don't have to dust it.

We then did our annual drive to San Francisco Bay. We purposely arrived a few days early so we could cruise the Bay before we did the 67 mile race up the San Joaquin River from the Richmond YC to the Stockton SC. We arrived about 1:00 pm Wednesday in time to drop off my jib at the Quantum sail loft for a minor repair, do a little shopping at the local candy store (West Marine) and rig the boat so we could do the local beer can race at Richmond. The Wednesday race is very casual – no handicaps – if you come in first you are first. They have four classes of somewhat similar length boats. They put us in with the big boats (35 to 50 ft) carrying spinnakers. There was a nice 15 knot breeze. We barely beat our fleet to the upwind mark and then cruised on a fast reach without bothering to put up our spinnaker to come in first in that class. We had dinner at the club, where you barbeque your own meat (chicken, steak, hamburger, or sausage) that you purchase at the club, and were awarded a bottle of wine for our finish. The next day we cruised the Bay which included going outside the Golden Gate for a couple of miles. Friday we cruised the Bay some more and then I drove the trailer up to Stockton. At 7:00 am Saturday I road down to Richmond on one of the two chartered crew buses. The first class in the race started at 11:00 am and we were the seventh & last start at 11:30. With 100 monohulls (lead-bottom-leaners) ahead of us, we had all day to pass them. I think we passed all 100, but one 50 footer re-passed us right near the finish. The 23 multihulls were broken into three classes – nine Formula 18 cats, seven various other cats, and seven mostly trimarans. We came in first scratch, and first handicap in our class – so we had a good day. However, almost everything that could go wrong, did go wrong with the spinnaker. The spi halyard broke and laid the sail out on the water. We then used the screecher (Genoa) halyard the rest of the way. At one time or another we put a spi sheet under the port ama (pontoon) and under the starboard ama and under the main hull. The snap shackle to the spi tack popped open once and at another time the spi wrapped itself two or three times around the forestay. These things can happen when you do over 100 jibes in six hours. Theoretically, you can race a boat like mine with a total of three people and I joke that the reason we carry a total of four is so the fourth person can clean up the mess that the other three make. That was no joke during this race. But everybody worked hard, we kept the boat moving and we did well. We cut two hours off our time from last year, but last year was the lightest wind and longest race time that we've posted during the seven times we've done this race.

We now have the boat on Klamath Lake for the first time this year. Carlos and I spent two hours over two days re-threading the spinnaker halyard through the mast. That meant two hours of me sitting in the boson's chair 40 feet up the mast and two hours of Carlos at the bottom of the mast pulling his hair out trying to get the metal "fishline" we were using to go where we wanted it to go. We both decided we didn't want to do that again, so we plan to check the halyard more often for potential problems.

Attention All Boaters

In years past we have had a Club rate for membership in BoatUS, a very worthwhile organization dedicated to the boating community. It's time to renew, and we need at least 5 members from KYC to get the discounted rate: \$12.50 instead of \$25.00. Our group ID number is GA84552Y to note on your renewal for the group rate. Otherwise, check at the bar for literature and applications. –Jim Carpenter



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FIRECRACKER REGATTA 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY, July 3rd

9am- 3pm Last day Youth Sailing Program

Noon- 6:00pm Registration @ KYC

4:00pm "Green Midge Fun Race" (new!)

5:30pm Bar Open

6:00pm-ish Flag Raising

7:00pm Club Dinner

SATURDAY, July 4th

7:30- 9:00am Registration &

Courtesy Coffee, Juice and Bagels

10:00am Skippers' Meeting - "On Call Racing"

ALSO 4th of July Parade on Main St.

THEN Street Faire on Main St.

NOONish Club Kitchen & Bar Open

After 5pm- Pit BBQ Dinner and Fun Awards

7:00-9:00pm Live Music

10pm Fireworks on Lake Ewauna, Raft-up off shore

SUNDAY, July 5th

7:30- 9:00am Courtesy Coffee, Juice and Bagels

9:00am "On Call Racing"

(No races begin after 2:00pm)

NOONish Club Kitchen and Bar Open

POST RACING: Awards Ceremony,

Raffle Drawings and Pit BBQ Sandwiches