



May 2009

### Klamath Yacht Club

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## FROM THE HELM – COMMODORE’S REPORT

The weather seems to have finally turned and looks like spring has come and gone and now we can look forward to the summer.

We still have plenty of work to be done: the cat dock project is underway but still needs to be completed. Once again come on out and put in some of your work hours. Larry can find something for you to do.

If you haven't been out to the club in the last few weeks stop by and see the new paint job. It is great and a big thanks to Larry and Judy Arthur for getting us this far with our new look. In the next few weeks we will be looking for volunteers to completing the upstairs painting, so if you are good with a roller or paint brush or even taping off the windows or something, we will find something for you to do.

A huge thank you to Elaine Zaiger and Elizabeth Campbell for the great job on the women's bathroom and also to Vince Wachter for all his work in there also.

We have several events coming up this month. Mother's Day Brunch will be Sunday May 10th from 9 to 11, with the board members and a few volunteers cooking and serving brunch.

On Saturday May 16th we will be holding a much needed rummage/yard sale at the club. Please start cleaning out your closets, attics, garages and anywhere else you might have stuff stashed and start hauling it out to the club starting Wednesday May 13th. We only have a couple of requests: No clothing or shoes and everything needs to be cleaned. If there is something that you might want back if it doesn't sell you will have to be out at the club Saturday afternoon to pick it up.

All proceeds for the sale will be going towards the Jr. Sailing Program. We are also looking for help on Friday getting set up and on Saturday running the sale. We look forward to having lots to sell and making lots of money.

Commissioning Day is Sunday May 17th at 1:00 pm and this year we are planning a little twist to the blessing of the fleet with a tri-tip dip lunch to follow.

And last but not least, Saturday May 23rd through Monday May 25th the Overnighter will be held, for more details please contact Steve Campbell or Mick Mulvey.

We look forward to a great year of sailing, friendly conversation and beautiful sunsets.



On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Commodore Craig Ricards passed away unexpectedly due to a heart attack. Our deepest sympathy and thoughts go out to Peggy and her family at this terribly sad time. There will be a memorial service at KYC on Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30.

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## Vice Commodore's Report

The month of April has been both hot and very cold as far as the weather is concerned in Klamath Falls, but the spring racing series at the KYC has started HOT! We had a great turn out for our first Wednesday night race on April 15th. Eight boats, a good number of spectators and Judy Arthur's unbelievable stew all contributed to a fantastic start to our racing season. Race no. 2 had eleven boats and we served 38 deluxe cheese burgers to hungry skippers and their crews. Race number 3 is April 24th and I hope to see a record turn out.

The Tapas Party was held on Friday the 24th was well attended and absolutely fabulous. A much deserved thanks to all the members involved in putting this event together and for preparing all the food.

We hope to have the merchant service payment processing terminal installed and working in the next ten days. The hold up has been the Bank's requirement that I or another officer give their personal guarantee on the credit application, which is not acceptable. I think I have handled this situation with the bank as an exception to policy.

We have an active month in May. Work parties the 9th and 16th, Mother's Day brunch the 10th, Commissioning Day the 17th and an overnigher scheduled the 23rd thru the 25th.

As we make physical improvements to the club and add new events to our calendar, member turnout is growing. Don't be left out.

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

P.S. Wine drinkers, I need your comments on the new wine selections.

### **RUMMAGE/YARD SALE**

To benefit the Youth Sailing Program

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Donate your CLEAN items (NO CLOTHES OR SHOES) to help raise money for this great program!  
Items can be dropped off starting May 13<sup>th</sup>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Memorial Service for Craig Ricards**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12:30 @ KYC**

Please contact Sam at 884-2396 if you can help that day  
or if you wish to bring food.  
(NOTE THAT THE DERBY PARTY IS CANCELLED)

## Treasurer's Report

WORK ASSESSMENTS!!! As you may have noticed, 2008 work assessments were billed last month. If you were billed for hours you worked, mail me the information to the Club's P. O. box, or email me at [MoyetteCPA@hotmail.com](mailto:MoyetteCPA@hotmail.com).

It is time to start thinking about how you can fulfill your 2009 work assessment. You can attend formal work parties or take on some projects on your own time and preferred days. For outside projects, check with the Rear Commodore. For inside projects, see the Vice Commodore. In limited circumstances, you may be able to contribute materials in lieu of labor, but the key to this is having prior approval by the Board.

I'm sure there are many members with talents that would benefit the Club. If you think yours would benefit KYC, please talk to our Commodores. Let's get creative!

Here's an idea! Help support our Youth Sailing Program at KYC's yard sale on May 16. Our Commodore Peggy Ricards is heading up this project, and she is looking for volunteers. AND WE WANT YOUR STUFF! Do your spring cleaning and bring anything (except clothing) that is in good, clean condition to the yard sale. Stay tuned for further details.

Let's go sailing!

## Rear Commodore's Report

At ease, listen up...

I would like to thank all who were at the April work parties, we got a lot of work done, but of course there is still more to do. And we have two Saturdays in May, the 9th, and the 16th, to get more of your hours in.

On the 9th, we will have the material to rebuild the two docks for the cat harbor, so those who want to be in on that, mark your calendars. On the 16th we will be doing a general cleanup of the grounds, and if I don't have the work boat finished we will try to get that done also. All this in preparation of Commissioning Day which follows the next day.

Speaking of Commissioning Day, everyone needs to have their boat in prior to Commissioning Day so that all can participate in the festivities. There are slips still available so don't let that slow you down. And if you haven't paid your moorage we may have still more slips available. That you bought someone's boat who had a slip last year does not automatically mean you have that slip this year, advise me of the situation and I will get it worked out, but don't just park it where it was (or where there is an empty slip) without giving me a heads up.

I am going to ask again...nicely... after you put your boat in the water, please, do not leave your trailer on the grounds somewhere. Take it home, take it to a storage facility of your choice, or take it to the north storage lot. This applies to cat sailors too. I know some take their boats out of town through out the season, but this does not mean it is Ok to park your trailer where it doesn't belong. We have a Regatta coming up and we need the grounds clear for those coming from out of town. And, according to Elizabeth Campbell there are going to be many. I am not going to address parking a boat in someone's empty dry storage spot now, I will save that for later

Vince Wachter, was generous to us once again in donating an air compressor, now if someone will donate a hose and a valve stem fitting there will be no excuse for flat tires.

The painting is progressing, the inside is almost finished. The outside should be finished in about two weeks. We are coming in under budget, so we are looking into doing the kitchen and the rest of the upstairs.

One last note, when a potential new member (or anyone) offers to crew, it shouldn't be a chore to find a boat for them to ride on; we should make room for them.

See you on the docks, and on the water...

Larry and Judy

## Membership Report

The club welcomed two new memberships at the April meeting. Please get acquainted with:

Holmstrom, Donald & Karen  
5777 Highway 97 S.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
(541) 850-2179

Rolph, James & Barbara  
3388 Marlin Rd. #375  
Grants Pass, OR 97526  
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Gail Corey, membership chair

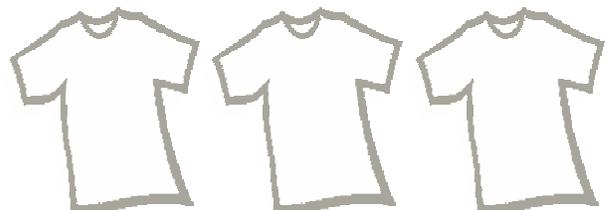
## FIRECRACKER REGATTA T-SHIRTS

### PRE-ORDER in APRIL & MAY

This year's RACE T-SHIRTS are available in short-sleeve (\$10) and long-sleeve (\$15).

The maroon-colored shirts highlight Trans-Klam, Half-Klam, and Regatta.

*Order forms available at the Club.*





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# Mother's Day Brunch

Sponsored by the Gentlemen of the Board

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

9-11 a.m.



# Commissioning Day

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

1pm

**Followed by a tri-tip dip lunch!**



**Klamath Yacht Club Policy re:**

**Prohibition against discrimination and harassment**

This policy applies to all members, employees and guests of Klamath Yacht Club.

KYC is committed to fair and impartial treatment of employees and members. In accordance with this commitment, KYC will maintain a discrimination and harassment-free workplace and social environment where people treat one another with respect. This means that the Club prohibits any form of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or insult based on race, color, religion, sex, age handicap, national origin, marital status, or any other status protected by law or policy. It is the responsibility of all employees, officers and members of KYC to create and maintain an environment free of discrimination or harassment.

Any employee, member or guest who feels they have been discriminated against on the basis of sex or any other status protected by law or policy, or in any manner harassed on club premises, should immediately report such incident or incidents, without fear of reprisal, to the Commodore, another officer or member of the board.

All complaints and reports will be promptly and impartially investigated by the Commodore or another officer and will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the Board's need to investigate the complaint and address the situation. If discrimination or harassment in violation of this policy is found to have occurred, the Board will take prompt, appropriate corrective action, and any employee or member, or member's guest, found to have violated this policy will be subject to suspension under the bylaws which may result in termination of membership, guest privileges, or employment, at the discretion of the Board.

*(Approved by the Board April 2009)*



## Got work hours?

**YES, YOU COULD!** Firecracker Regatta is July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Regatta is a Club celebration on and off the water, especially with out-of-towners. And to make the fun happen, it does take work investment from in-towners. But we have many ways to help out this exciting weekend. Some jobs don't even require sunscreen!

### WORK HOURS AVAILABLE

- June 27 Work Party (1-4 hour slots)
- Last-Minute July 3 Work Party & Table Set-up (1-3 hour slots)
- July 3-4-5 Goodwill Ambassadors (3 hour slots)
- July 3-4-5 Shower-room Host/ess (3 hour slots)
- July 3-4-5 Kitchen Work (1-2 hour slots)
- July 3-4-5 Kitchen/Dining Room Clean-up (1 hour slots)
- July 5 Table Take-down (1 hour slots)
- July 5-6 After-Regatta Grounds Clean-up (1 hour slots)
- July 5-6 After-Regatta Clubhouse Clean-up (1 hour slots)
- After-Regatta Celebration (OOPS! Not work hours!)

**SIGN UP AT THE YACHT CLUB**- see Elizabeth Campbell for job descriptions



## RAFFLE COLLECTION UNDERWAY

Firecracker Regatta's RAFFLE is in the making! The "Raffle Gals" include Suzie Scott, Carol Wiley, Peggy Ricards, Cindy DeRosier, and Liz Campbell. Gail Corey reviewed the raffle-seeking letter and offered good insights- thank you! The "Raffle Gals" met April 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and hit the sidewalks running (can we say "Trip for Two to Reno"?!) but **are definitely open to ideas and help.** *Would someone like to make a financial donation (\$24 or \$30 each) for sailing magazine subscriptions as prizes?* Raffle proceeds will go to KLAMATH-LAKE Food Bank, KYC Youth Sailing Program, and the Firecracker Regatta. **Question or donation? Please contact one of the Raffle Gals or Elizabeth Campbell.**





## RACER'S CORNER



April has been a busy month for racers. We had a good turn-out at the Rules Training and Skippers' Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. While the April 11 Practice Race had no wind to start, the first two races of the Spring Series have had great wind! We're using a four-buoy course this series; we'll see how it works out. Suggestions are always appreciated. The first race saw five racers (including Mike Chamberland braving wind and cold on his catamaran). Winds were strong that night but steady. By second race, we were up to eleven racers and looking forward to more as our snowbirds return and other sailors get boats in the water. Weekly race results are posted on the race bulletin board. Thank you to Kris Wessling and Sam Houston for being on-shore Race Committee. Thank you to Stephanie and Jim Carpenter for getting our weekly race results in the Herald and News. Thank you to Jake Zaiger for assisting in the transition of Race Captain. Thank you to the Palmers and Arthurs for the hot food on cold evenings. As always, the best place to be on a Wednesday night in Klamath Falls is down by the Lake. Come join us! **HAPPY SAILS!** Steve Campbell on the Poop Deck

### *Chico Multihull Classic 2009*

*On Friday, April 17, my crew, Garrick Jackson, and I hitched up my boat and trailer and headed south four hours to Black Butte Lake to race in the catamaran regatta held there every year. We took the Corning exit west off I-5 to the Buckhorn Recreation Area where I had reserved a campsite online: \$30 for 2 nights. We arrived around sunset and quickly stepped the mast and set up camp, greeted by old pals Mike Peavy, Chico and Dan Nicholson, Eugene.*

*The wind howled during the night, so when daylight broke, we were fired-up. More boats continued to arrive, some within a half hour of the single start at 11, so not everyone did well the first race, including me. My excuse is the same as schoolchildren's in September--I must have forgotten everything since I last did this.*

*The second race went much better, thanks to a great start and continued good wind. We didn't expect to outperform all those who sail all winter, but finishing ahead of several was pretty gratifying. We beached the boat waiting for the third race.*

*What else I didn't expect was the horn sounding the 5-minute sequence right after the last boat finished. The weather had warmed up considerably, so we were out of our life jackets and harnesses, considering stripping off wetsuits as well. The wind died as we got to the start line. We drifted backwards for 12 minutes after the start before paddling up to, and ghosting across the line. Needless to say, when we FINALLY finished after 5, we headed straight for the cold beers.*

*No wind all night boded ill, and sure enough, light fluky wind the first race became no wind the second. The plan by the organizers had been to finish and be on the road by 1 P.M., but we weren't even back to the beach by 2. No matter; a poor day sailing is still better than a good day at work, and warm weather felt WONDERFUL!*

*The next regattas are Whiskeytown, May 23-24, "Live on the Edge" Multihull at Fern Ridge, Eugene on May 30-31, KYC's Firecracker, July 4-5, Eagle Lake (Susanville) July 11-12, and Howard Prairie, July 25-26. SAIL ON!*

*-Jennifer Du Nesme*

