



The EYC Bulletin

January 2012

News from the Eugene Yacht Club



photo by Richard Johnson

One of EYC member and photographer Richard Johnson's favorite golden moments from 2011.

The Commodore's Corner Chip Balough



It's been beautiful weather for seagulls, eagles and osprey at Fern Ridge this winter. The story is that they're getting fat eating the fish because the lake is at a very low level. We can certainly use some rain, so the usual answer is for everyone to

please wash their cars!

EYC's first "Christmas Social" was a great success; it was an instant party! **Leta Sellers, Anne Ellsworth, Blanche Chase** with the help of Leslie and Kerry had the place nicely decorated. The clubhouse was full of happy

members getting together. It was especially good to see **Wayne Previti** up and about after his cycle accident. Next up is the January 28 General Meeting and Chili Feed. This is your chance to sample the chili making skills of the entire EYC board. Hope to see all of you there.

Some EYC 'elves' have appeared. **Jose Vega** has taken on the job of "Grillmaster." **Wally Anderson, Randy and Pat Kolb, Jim Martinez, and Mark Forrest** have all taken Zumas home to beautify for the 2012 season. EYC still needs someone as "Chief of Checkout" to organize the use of the club Zumas and DaySailers. Harvest Day regatta also needs a chairperson.

We have the lease in hand from the US Army Corps of Engineers and are very happy with the terms. However, the USACE has tightened up

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From the Club Manager

Jack Chase

I hope that all of you have enjoyed your holidays. I would like to thank **Leta Sellers** and **Anne Ellsworth** and all who helped them decorate the EYC Clubhouse for the Christmas Party in December. It was the first time that we've had this event and it was well attended. I hope that we can make this an annual event.

I would also like to remind all of you to make time for this month's Chili Feed on Saturday, January 28. It's put on by your board of trustees. I hope to see you there.

Membership News & Notes

Membership Changes

Resigned

Michael & Victoria Baum (from inactive)

**Jim Wilson & Kimberly Bennett
(from inactive)**

Ted & Marcia Fasy (from inactive)

Inactive Members

Bill & Brenda Haynes

EYC Calendar

JANUARY

28 Sat Annual Chili Feed and
General Membership Meeting
6:30 & 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

13 Mon EYC Board Meeting
7:00 pm
14 Tue **Bulletin Deadline**
25 Sat Monthly Potluck and General
Meeting 6:30 & 7:30 pm

Solving the Mystery of the EYC Cannon

Ron Bloom, EYC Member and Cannoneer

With the help of club manager **Jack Chase** and grounds keeper **Leslie Townsend**, we



have found the old cannon used to open the EYC each season and start club races.

Dave Brown and I used this cannon to start races back in the 80's. It was made by Winchester Repeating arms company and is a 10 gauge, blanks only. It has an inscription that says "Eugene Yacht Club, 1956." I have cleaned and restored the cannon and returned it to the club. I'd like to place it in or near our trophy case.

What we'd like to find out now is some more of this cannon's history. Do any of our older members know who might have given this very unusual cannon to EYC? Surely there are some interesting tales waiting to be told.

If you have any information about the cannon, please contact me at RN-Bloom42@yahoo.com. KA-Bloom!!!



Above, Ron Bloom displays the newly refurbished EYC cannon, a blast from the past

The Commodore's Corner

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how we work with their property. We are no longer allowed to use pressure treated wood in or around the lake and "ground penetration" is a key word regarding any construction on Corps land. **Rich Aaring** continues to work with our friend at the Corps **Kat Beal** and is knowledgeable on this as well as sailing matters.

The EYC 2012 calendar has been approved and will be posted on our website. You can also see highlights of the calendar on pages 6-7. The Board has approved two rules for Sail School non-member guests: they may attend for a total of two years as guests and a parent or legal guardian must stay overnight for a minimum of three nights during Sail School. The original idea was to let families see EYC up close and be a part of the fun, not be just an inexpensive summer camp.

I've set the afternoon of March 31 as a "Clean Sheet Planning Party" before the Monthly Potluck and General Meeting. *Everyone* is invited to share their ideas and plans for renewing the central infrastructure of the grounds. I hear **Judy Slijper** already has some plans to brighten the Yot Pot and we can also think about reconfiguring the entrance gate area. More on this to follow.

See you at the Chili Feed.

Annual EYC Chili Feed **January 28** **6:30 pm**



Kick off the new year right!

The EYC Board will be supplying the best chili they know how to make—including some vegetarian fare—to bring out as many EYC members as possible for the first monthly potluck and general meeting of 2012.

Please bring a salad or corn bread to share along with your own beverages and place settings.

See you then!

**"WINTER, A LINGERING SEASON,
IS A TIME TO GATHER GOLDEN MOMENTS,
EMBARK UPON A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY,
AND ENJOY EVERY IDLE HOUR."**

--JOHN BOSWELL



Joint Race Committee Announces 2012 Season

Ted Walkup, EYC 2012 Race Chair

In November the Joint Race Committee (JRC), whose members include the TYC race chair, EYC race chair, and Commodores from both clubs, held a post-race meeting with skippers that raced last season to collect input on ways to improve the upcoming 2012 race season. A follow-up meeting was held in December to solidify some of the ideas.

Changes for 2012

In addition to planning and working through logistics of the 2012 race season, the JRC decided on the following:

- Adding a practice race on Thursday, March 29 for a total of 8 races for each series (spring, summer and fall)
- Extending the race course selection, adding some longer courses
- Creating fleet specific courses
- Offering Race Committee boat training (set for Saturday, May 5 and another date TBA)
- Adding a new start for the PHRF B fleet
- Changing the start order to the following:
 1. Centerboard boats
 2. PHRF A
 3. Santana 20
 4. Wavelengths
 5. Multi-Hulls
 6. PHRF B

Race Committee Duty Roster

I am currently working on the race committee duty roster. Similar to last year, for each Thursday night race EYC is responsible to fill, I will randomly assign skippers to fill those nights. The roster will be in next month's newsletter. I will also email a copy to all skippers that raced last year. If you don't plan on racing and I mistakenly



Race Committee gets the party started

assign you a night please let me know as soon as possible. If you have a conflict with the night I assign, please find another skipper to swap with and let me know as soon as possible so I can update the duty roster.

Important Reminders

The Oregon State Marine Board/Oregon Law requires that **all** boaters operating a motor of 10hp or more must have a Boater Education Card. That card must be on board the vessel during operation. The fine for violation is \$142. Probably most of us have motors less than 10hp, but when we operate the committee or rescue boats we exceed the 10hp rating.

If you have not been checked out for operation (or just need a refresher) of the EYC committee and/or rescue boats and you are scheduled to do Race Committee this season, let **Dave Brown** (dbrown@ncelec.com) know that you need to attend his class on May 5.

I'm looking forward to a great race season. If you have questions, please contact me at tedwalkup@hotmail.com.



Christmas and Canned Food at EYC

Leta Sellers, EYC 2nd Trustee

The Christmas spirit was alive and well as EYC hosted it's first Christmas Dessert Potluck. December 17 was a very foggy night, but our club house shone with Christmas lights both inside and out. Festive music greeted our members, as close to one hundred people arrived with desserts to share. The array of delectables was as pretty as any magazine cover, not to mention delicious. Some folks skipped dinner in order to indulge in all the holiday delights.

We also held a canned food drive to benefit the needy in Western Lane County, and our container was overflowing with donations. It was suggested that members bring a personalized ornament to hang on the Christmas tree, to begin a collection of ornaments to be used in the future and to also serve as a kind of "time capsule."

The idea of a winter event was suggested last summer by grounds keeper **Kerry Crabb** who felt that it was a shame to let the club sit idle during the winter months. It seemed most logical to hold

a Christmas event, so a few dedicated revelers went to work, and a new EYC tradition has been born. Many thanks go to **Leslie** and **Kerry**, for providing the tree, and helping with the work, to **Mary** and **Chip**



Balough for providing the liquid refreshment, and to **Marji Clune, Blanche Chase, Anne Ellsworth,** and **Leta Sellers** for having the imagination to turn our club house into a magical place to share the warmth and friendship of sailors and non-sailors alike.



Left: The Christmas tree sports the beginning of its ornament collection; top right: tasty seasonal treats tempt attendees; middle right: some of the wonderful decorations; bottom right: Commodore Chip Balough, Leta Sellers, and Vice Commodore Ken Emmes take a moment to offer holiday greetings.



Eugene Yacht Club 2012 Calendar

January

28 Sat 6:30 pm Chili Feed and General Meeting

February

13 Mon 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

25 Sat 6:30 pm Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

March

13 Tue 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

24 Sat 2:00 pm Race Committee Training

29 Thu 6:25 pm Practice Race

31 Sat TBA Clean Sheet Planning Party for all members

31 Sat 6:30 pm Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

April

5 Thu 6:25 pm Spring Racing Series Begins

10 Tue 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

14 Sat 7:00 pm Skippers & Mates Dinner

21 Sat 2:00 pm Racers Event/ Rescue Boat Training

28 Sat 6:30 pm Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

May

5 Sat 3:00 pm Race Committee Training

12 Sat 2:00 pm Oregon Boaters Course

15 Tue 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

19 Sat 6:30 pm Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

26-27 Sa-Su 66th Annual Memorial Day Regatta

31 Thu 6:25 pm Summer Racing Series Begins

June

2 Sat 1:00 pm EYC Open House

9-10 Sa-Su Live on the Edge Multi-hull Regatta

12 Tue 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

17-22 Su-Fr Sail School

23-24 Sa-Su TYC Emerald Cup Regatta

30 Sat 6:30 pm Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

July

4 Wed TBA Fourth of July Celebration

10 Tue 7:00 pm EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

21-22 Sa-Su One-Design Invitational Regatta

23-27 Mo-Fr Santana 20 Nationals

26 Thu 6:25 pm Fall Racing Series Begins



August

14	Tue	7:00 pm	EYC Board of Trustees Meeting
18	Sat	6:30 pm	Monthly Potluck and General Meeting
25-26	Sa-Su		Harvest Day Regatta

September

9	Sun	TBA	Concert by the Lake
11	Tue	7:00 pm	EYC Board of Trustees Meeting
16	Sun	1:00 pm	Commodore's Cup
20	Thu	7:00 pm	Steak Bash & Trophies
29	Sat	6:30 pm	Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

October

9	Tue	7:00 pm	EYC Board of Trustees Meeting
13	Sat	8:00 pm	EYC Closes
27	Sat	6:30 pm	Monthly Potluck and General Meeting

November

3	Sat	7:00 pm	Commodore's Ball
13	Tue	7:00 pm	EYC Board of Trustees Meeting

December

11	Tue	7:00 pm	EYC Board of Trustees Meeting
15	Sat	7:00 pm	Christmas Dessert Social

***Dates and times are subject to change.
Check the Bulletin each month for updates
and more detailed information.***

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1981 Catalina 25 with full keel and 9.9 hp 4-cycle Honda outboard motor. North main sail. Roller Furling with 150% North genoa. Storm jib. New bottom paint in 2010. TrailRite dual axle trailer with surge brake and easy-lift hitch. Equipped with 4 life preservers, rail-mounted propane marine barbecue, Origo alcohol stove, dishes, port-a-potty, two anchors, knot meter, depth sounder, VHF, Loran, custom

cockpit cushions with marine vinyl covers, life sling, battery charger, 30' shore power cord, pop top, vinyl pop top cover with windows, canvas boom tent and more. Boat is in good condition. **Price reduced to \$6,000.** Call 541-232-7604 or email edsinger@q.com.

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