



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

The November Dinner and Election of officers was held on November 19 at Norse Hall. The main course was BBQ ribs prepared by Gary Bergsang and Allen Bennett. It was fun taste testing the different recipes and deciding our favorites. Two members brought baked beans, and the beans were so good they got an ovation! All the other dishes were great as well. Around 40 meals were served.



Commodore Kopi and her assistant



Loading up at the food line

After dinner the election of officers was held and the slate put together by the Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

These new officers will be installed at the Commodore's Ball this winter:

Allen Bennett	Commodore
Dave Scogin	Vice Commodore
Dan Cary	Rear Commodore
Sharon Deaton	Treasurer

Kopi Carmine Secretary

Jim Bucklin Director

David Kuo Director

After the meeting Kopi Carmine auctioned off the leftover ribs, getting a price that nearly repaid the original cost of the meal. Thanks to all the people who brought ribs and helped with the organizing, set-up, and cleanup.

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR THE EMERYS

Our long time secretary and club stalwarts Pam Emery and Vice-Commodore Gary Emery surprised every one at a recent board meeting when they announced that Pam would be unable to continue as club secretary in 2017, and Gary would not be able to take over as Commodore. Gary has had some serious medical issues to deal with and Pam is busy with the flower shop, baby sitting her grandchild, and serving as president at Redmen Hall/ Central School. The Emerys have been instrumental in the success of the CYC since the beginning and the board of directors is very grateful for all the work they have done. Pam has said that she will continue to do many of the things she has always done that are not part of the secretary's job, so we should continue to have the great decorations and organizing help she has always provided.

CHANGES AT THE ELOCHOMAN MARINA

As a cost cutting move, marina management has eliminated the Assistant Manager position that was filled by LeAnne Jacob. Her duties are to be transferred to a part time employee. LeAnne was always a bright spot in the marina office and we will miss her. She is looking for a new job so keep her in mind.

The Port has also purchased an old boom boat as a tender to the dredge. Pipe has been ordered as well, so it is possible the dredging could begin during the next dredging window.

The city of Cathlamet hosted a workshop on plans for a park on the sewer lagoon site. The National Park Service offers a program providing a team of park planners who come to town and spend an entire day with local residents working on ideas for a park. Three teams worked on plans for minimal development, moderate development, and full development. All three teams agreed that there should be a bandstand or pavilion by the train engine. Most participants thought some kind of river access was desirable. The Planners will work up the three proposals into a finished product and return to Cathlamet for the public to see what they came up with.

AROUND THE RIVER

FLYING PILOTS

When a ship or other large vessel approaches the Entrance to the Columbia River they must hire a bar pilot to guide them over the bar and up the river as far as Astoria. If they are going farther upriver the bar pilot gets off and a river pilot gets on board. The bar pilots have two boats that can take the pilot from shore out to the ship, but most of the time they fly out on their helicopter the SEAHAWK. Most modern ships have a helicopter pad the helicopter can land on and let off the pilot when the seas are smooth. If it is too rough to land the pilot will be lowered down on a wire.



Looks scary to me.

RED BUOY 56

The USCG Buoy Tender Blue Bell moved red nun buoy 56 on Tue. December 6. This buoy marks the end of the sand bar at the mouth of Westport Slough. When you go in or out of the slough be sure to remember that there are changes and your old reference points may not be accurate anymore.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMODORE'S BALL

The Commodore's Ball and installation of officers will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso on Saturday evening February 4. The ball has traditionally been held at the end of January but that date was unavailable so February 4 was chosen. This is also super bowl weekend, so there will be a yacht club dinner dance on Saturday night and football on Sunday night. What a weekend! We will again have rooms available at a group discount. The organizing committee is working on the menu and entertainment arrangements. You will receive a flyer from the club when all the arrangements are finalized.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have a friend or family member you would like to sponsor, or would like to join yourself, please let one of the club officers know and we will make sure an application is mailed out. Our membership chairman is Sharon Deaton.

RECIPROCITY

The CYC now has reciprocal privileges with over 90 yacht clubs in the northwest and Canada. Most of these provide a free night's stay if they have a marina, as well as access to their facilities, such as dining room, bar, showers, etc. If you have a smart phone or tablet on your boat you can go to our website, www.cathlametyachtclub.org, click on "more options" then click on "reciprocals." This will redirect you to our page at "Yacht Destinations". The "details" tab will be selected and you will see a list of the yacht clubs that welcome our members. Clicking the name of the club will bring up that club's website. "INFO" will bring up what that club offers in the way of facilities, guest moorage and much more. If you click the map icon you will get a google earth picture of exactly where that club is. If you choose the "Map" tab you will bring up a google earth satellite picture showing the location of all the clubs we have on our list. This is a cool feature if you are cruising in your boat and want to find a nearby yacht club to visit.

VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that the bylaws require members to volunteer for the club a minimum of three hours a year.

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