



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

LOIS ISLAND CRUISE

The Second Annual Lois Island Cruise left for Lois Island anchorage on Friday Morning August 25 to take advantage of the ebb current. Potlucks and happy hours were planned for Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday Morning. The weather was great and we had a great turn out with eight boats in the anchorage. The current holder of the Bent Rudder Award may be in line to be bestowed again. During the afternoon cocktail hour raft up the wind sprang up and his anchor started dragging. Luckily there was plenty of crew on board and they got re-anchored with no harm done. Everyone is looking forward to the next Lois Island cruise in 2018.

YACHT CLUB AUCTION

The annual CYC auction was a big success with a great attendance, a wonderful dinner, and lively bidding. This event is a lot of fun for all concerned, and auctioneer Brian McClain did a great job as usual. Members donated some excellent items this year including a brand new in the box LCD radar and a beautiful Liz Kuehl photograph of Skamokawa Creek. This is the clubs primary fund raiser each year and this year we raised over \$2700.



Our Auctioneer; "SOLD!"



Original Elizabeth Kuehl Photo

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Meeting was held at Norse Hall on Puget Island on November 18. Alan Bennett, Jim Bucklin, and Dan Cary each brought baked hams, and the rest of us all brought tasty pot luck items, providing a satisfying meal. A short meeting was held in order to vote in the new club officers:

Commodore Dave Scogin

Vice Commodore: Dan Cary

Rear Commodore: Fritz Carmine

Directors: David Kuo

Randy Bailey

Jim Bucklin

After the Meeting Dan Carey gave an excellent presentation on Cold Water Survival, which included a lot of information most of us didn't know about. Jim Bucklin has agreed to organize more presentations for future club meetings. If you would like to speak to the club, or know anyone who would, please contact Jim Bucklin.

AROUND THE RIVER

CATHLAMET CHANNEL

Navionics, the electronic chart business that creates the Navionics Chart Plotter for your smart phone or tablet computer, has updated their chart of Cathlamet Channel. A recent informal survey of the channel showed that the new version is reasonably close to the actual conditions in the channel. It shows the deepest water up against the Washington shore with the least depth near where the fisheries people have their steel pilings below Nassa Pt. If you haven't updated recently or you don't have Navionics on your phone it looks like it is worth while to to get them.

TONGUE POINT CHANGING HANDS

The Daily Astorian reports that the Port of Astoria has given up their lease on the World War II era seaplane hangars, ramps and staging area at Tongue Point. The facility has been sold by the owners, Washington Development Co., to Hyak Tongue Point Inc., for around 4 million dollars. The new owner, a tug and barge builder, plans on building an enlarged boat building and repair facility on the site. There is already a fishing boat maintenance business in one of the hangars. Originally the port had hoped to put a cargo facility in place there but the lack of rail or highway access killed that plan. Current tenant's leases are to be left in force.

DREDGING

The long awaited dredging of the Elochomon Channel and Marina has begun. The dredge has been working on the entrance to the Slough near the green Buoy. Quite a lot of dredging spoils have already started to accumulate in the former sewage pond closest to the City Hall building. Marina management have put a lot of time and effort into acquiring all the necessary equipment and permits. They have permits in hand to dredge the channel to minus 10 feet, and the inside of the marina to minus 7 feet. These permits also allow maintenance dredging to be done after 5 years and again after 10 years, so we should be good for a long time.



Dredge spoils in the lagoon



Dredge and spoils hose

2018 EVENTS

THIS YEARS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Commodores Ball	January 27, 2018
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner	Mid March exact date tbd
Memorial Day Extravaganza	May 25-28
Father's Day Cruise	June 16-17

Mark your calendar to save these dates!

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.

BUY / SELL / TRADE

Olympic 18 foot fiberglass runabout, 1978, 2008 90hp evinrude Etec, galvanized trailer, new seats, bimini. Call Fritz Carmine 253-318-1123 or Dean Carmine 415-246-8340. More info at



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