



Cathlamet Yacht Club  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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## LATEST NEWS

### COMMODORE'S BALL

The 2017 Commodore's Ball was held at the Kelso Red Lion Hotel on February 4. Randy Weisberg and his jazz quartet provided dance music, and the hotel provided an excellent buffet of Chicken, Salmon, and Roast Beef.

After dinner The Commodore's Award was presented to Vicki Bucklin in recognition of her contribution to the club in 2016. She became webmaster and with the help of Beth Bailey took our website to the next level. Pam Emery was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, and a gift certificate, for her dedication to the club as secretary for the last 7 years. Bud Radke retains the bent rudder award since no one else admitted to any misadventures in 2016.



Allan Bennett accepts the Sword of Office



Pam Emery's years of service are recognized

The passing of the sword ceremony followed and these new officers were installed:

Allen Bennett	Commodore
Dave Scogin	Vice Commodore
Dan Cary	Rear Commodore
Sharon Deaton	Treasurer
Kopi Carmine	Secretary
Jim Bucklin	Director
David Kuo	Director
Brett Deaton	Director

## **2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Each Year the club members perform a community service project according to the club by-laws. Port District 2, which operates Skamokawa Vista Park, has a 100 year old gill netter on display in the Park. The club has agreed to paint their boat this summer using paint supplied by them. Members will be contacted later in the spring to arrange the times.

## **AROUND THE RIVER**

### **MARINA DREDGING**

The Elochoman marina has completed repairs to their dredging equipment and is ready to begin dredging. However, by the time they got all the permits together the allowable dredging months were over and they will have to wait until November to begin work. So we will have one more summer of the shallow spot between the fuel dock and the end of "F" Dock.

### **SHIPPING GLUT**

You may have noticed that recently there have been as many as 12 empty ships at anchor in Astoria, with many more all along the river to Portland. This is because there has been a "shipping bubble" which has burst. In 2006, at the same time that banks were loaning huge amounts of money to home buyers and real estate developers, Big Banks, mostly European, especially German, were lending billions of dollars to shipping lines to build ships, including the container ships and bulk carriers we see on the river. Since it takes years to design and build ships, many brand new ships are still being launched. However, the amount of cargo to be shipped has not increased to meet the new capacity available. This has resulted in shipping lines having to wait weeks or months for cargo for their ships, and even the bankruptcy of Hanjin Shipping, the seventh largest container shipping company in the world.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ST PADDY'S DAY DINNER**

The Spring Meeting and Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held of March 18 at the Norse Hall on Puget Island. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be provided. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts. Social hour starts at 3:00pm and dinner will be at 4:00, followed by a business meeting.

### **THIS YEARS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

March general Meeting	March 18
Memorial Day Festivities	May 26-19
Bald Eagle Days	July 14-15
September Dinner & Auction	September 23
November Meeting and Election	November 18
Commodores Ball	January 27, 2018

Mark your calendar to save these dates!

### **SUMMER CRUISES**

Bill Kostich and Jim Bucklin are planning a number of events this summer, including: anchoring overnight in Westport Slough and having Dinner at the Berry Patch, a trip to Lois Island, and Friday night sailing. A cruise to Astoria for the Seafood and Wine festival over the weekend of April 28-30 has also been suggested. Please contact Bill or Jim for further information.

## **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 Dalles Yacht Club has extended reciprocal privileges to the CYC membership. They don't participate in the Yacht Destinations shown below, but they are friendly and welcoming. They also have a fuel dock, so if you need fuel you can call one of the members and they will come down and pump fuel for you. Their contact is Kathy Norton, 541-298-4148 x200.

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](http://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**

Send me an ad if you have any items you would like to buy sell or trade.

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