



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY PARTY

The Memorial Day festivities were well attended again this year. The weather started out a little chilly on Friday night but got better as the weekend progressed. There was a bit of a panic at the first breakfast on Saturday when it was discovered that the coffee maker had sprung a leak! No morning coffee is not an option around here! Luckily there was a second small coffee maker and Vicki Bucklin went up to the Chevron mini-mart, who lent her one of their large carafes. Thanks so much to the Nam family for saving the day.



Jim Bucklin and the Bennets cook breakfast



The Arthurs are off course but recovered

The blind dinghy race had plenty of challengers with some crashing and some doing extremely well. We had entries from several members of the new Cathlamet Rowing Club, but apparently they are more used to rowing without a blindfold. The winners were the usual suspects: Clint and Kari Kuehl, followed by Dave and Bobbi Scoggins, and new members Richard and Veronni Arthur. We can't help noticing that win, place, and show all went to big burly guys with slim wives.

The masseuse booked for the women's pampering backed out at the last minute, so Colleen Bennett volunteered to do the massages. It was reported that they were very therapeutic, and Colleen soldiered on till her arms finally gave out. Thanks Colleen!

The hamburger and oyster dinner was great and every one said the oysters were especially fat and good this year.



The Kuehl family enjoying their burgers



Gerry Keller towing in one of the racers after his engine broke down

The Sunday breakfast was good and well attended, and got everybody ready for the sail boat race. The sailboats raced down to Skamokawa and back. This year no boats showed up from Astoria, so seven boats starting was a real good turn out, and the wind filled in nicely. Espresso came in first followed by Boatisattva.

As is traditional, the Kuehl family prepared and served the Sunday night dinner. This year it was Korean Style Ribs, and they were very good. All the potluck sides were excellent as well and nobody went away hungry.

At only \$35.00 for five meals, this whole party is a bargain, but the turnout was so good that the club treasury got a nice boost. Thanks to all the volunteers. I won't list them all since practically everybody in attendance volunteered to do something, but Sharon Deaton deserves a mention since she did all the purchasing of supplies.

WASTE FISHING LINE RECYCLING

This year's community service project was suggested by Ally Bennet, Allan And Colleen's Granddaughter. In cooperation with BoatUS and a grant from the yacht club, she and Alan built and installed receptacles made of pvc pipe. If you have or see on the docks any discarded fishing line put it in one of the

receptacles. When they are full we will package up the line and send it to Boat US who will recycle it for us.



Ally and her fish line recycling pipes

AROUND THE RIVER

FISHING

Summer fishing is very slow with only 43 keepers caught by 250 fishermen on the entire lower river.

PORT WESTWARD / BEAVER TERMINAL

Global Partners, the company that operates the tanker loading dock at Port Westward has announced that they will no longer trans-ship crude oil from oil trains into barges. Instead they have cleaned all the pumping equipment and will begin shipping ethanol from trains into seagoing barges. Ethanol is the type of alcohol found in Vodka. They plan to ship ethanol until they can complete the planned methanol (wood alcohol/ stove fuel) manufacturing plant and begin to ship methanol. There was an ethanol train accident resulting in a spectacular fire near Cornelius Pass Rd and Oregon 30 in 2011 which resulted in no injuries or damage to structures and very little environmental damage.

DREDGING

The Elochoman Marina reports that they hope to be able to start using their new dredge as early as this November. The shoal between the gas dock and the end of "F" dock is getting shallower and there is an extensive bed of seaweed growing up to towards the surface from the shoal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BALD EAGLE DAYS

We also need ideas for how to decorate the cyc float for the Bald Eagle Days Parade!

Bald Eagle Days will be held in Cathlamet on July 15th and 16th this year. Club officers are planning to enter a float in the Parade again this year, and we would also like to have a booth to draw attention to the club, as there are still boaters in Wahkiakum County who don't even know there is a yacht club.

WOODEN BOAT SHOW

There will be a Wooden Boat Show in the Elochoman Marina over Labor Day weekend Sept 3 & 4. The organizers, who include members of the CYC and the newly formed Vathlamet Rowing Club are planning a variety of activities including a best boat prize,, presentations, Vendors and food booths, boat related activities for the entire family, like another blind dinghy race, rowing demonstrations, and races. The organizers will be posting flyers when the plans are firmed up. If you would like to participate as an exhibitor or volunteer contact Allen Bennett

CYC FALL MEETING AND AUCTION

The annual Fall Meeting and third annual fundraiser auction will be held Saturday September 17. Festivities will start around 3:30pm, grilled salmon dinner around 4:30, and the auction at 6:00. Attending members should bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Donations are needed for the auction. Last year a lot of great items were donated and the club treasury was helped a lot. The hottest items are always the art objects and craft items. Marine items were also popular. If you would like to donate an item and store it at the marina before the auction call the Emerys or Deatons and they will open the club storage unit. Please e-mail kopi Carmine at svmartharose@gmail.com with a description of the item so the auctioneer will be able to describe it. If you win a bid you can pay with cash, check, or credit card. Plan to attend and bring lots of friends. The Astoria and Longview Yacht clubs are also invited. We will need volunteers to help with this event. All volunteers are encouraged to attend the September directors meeting in the Pavilion at the marina at 6:00pm Tuesday ~~September 5~~, to participate in the planning.

Sept 6th

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we have three new member couples:

Richard and Veronni Arthur live in Clatskanie. They have a 42 foot Holiday Mansion power boat that the keep moored in Kerry West Marina near Westport Oregon. They are planning a trip up the river this summer.

Paul and Sharon Stenlund live on Puget Island. They have a Buchan 37 sailboat. Hopefully they will participate in the beer can racing, since there are now 2 Buchan 37s in the club

David and Rae Walter have recently moved from Colorado I believe. They are restoring the Cheoy Lee 43 motorsailer ketch "Windhover" located in Elochoman marina.

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

Volunteers will be needed for the Bald Eagle Days parade and the auction and dinner. Please come to the July 5 directors meeting in the marina at 6:00 pm if you can help. *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.

Contributions: Thanks to Gerry Keller and Allen Bennett for their contributions to this issue. It makes the editor's job easier when members submit items to be included in the newsletter. If you have any thing you would like to see appear in future newsletters, or if you have any news, pictures, or info you would like us to publish please submit them to Dean & Kopi Carmine: svmartharose@gmail.com