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Speed Bumps in the Columbia

30 August, 2011
Columbia River
AYC Fall Series Race 2

What began as a sunny, breezy, Tuesday night race; had a rather unusual ending. Unbeknownst to the skippers of the Olson 30 fleet, somebody installed speed bumps near the Desdomona Sands. We can only assume that someone was perturbed by the normally blazing speed the Olson 30s reach on a normal downwind leg of the course, and decided to do something about it.

Halfway down the downwind leg with all five boats grouped within 50 feet of each other, disaster struck! First to hit the speed bump was Zephyr and seconds later Off Like a Prom Dress met the same fate. Both of these boats bumped the bottom and were able to bounce off without assistance. The remaining three boats all hit pretty hard. It looked more like a boat ballet than the fast downwind sailing that we're used to. Despite a very impressive pirouette Wildfire eventually freed themselves from the sand and also continued the race. Unfortunately, the crew of Rattler and Mach One were not so lucky and only with the expert assistance of Race Officer, Toby Dyal, and his capable handling of the White Knight, was Rattler refloated. Mach One was not so lucky and spent part of the night surrounded by sand. The silver lining behind the proverbial cloud was that Norm and Judy Shatto were able to enjoy a spectacular sunset, and then with the help of Toby and Mike Campbell, were pulled off the sand at about 1:00 am and then escorted back to the dock. Regrettably, Mach One experienced some season ending damage, but will surely be back ready for action next spring.

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!

October 22, 2011, Astoria Yacht Club pirates, and guests, will be gathering under the moon to dance, eat pot luck hors d'oeuvres, and drink rum. Come to the Astoria Elk's Club 6:30 PM on the 22nd disguised as your favorite pirate and try out an interesting selection of finger food (after all, that is how pirates eat). Black Beard used his beard to wipe his hands but we will provide napkins. As mentioned earlier, the hors d'oeuvres and dessert are pot luck so bring your favorite dish to share. Also note that the bar will be no host.

Around 7:00 Brown Mead Flats will begin to play for your listening and dancing pleasure. We will ask all you pirates to pay a \$5.00 cover to help pay for the band.

It is very important that you mind your manners because, I have been told, there will be a plank to walk.

You will be receiving a separate invitation in the mail, however, we would like an RSVP soon. Contact Suzanne at 503-861-2127 or snauman@pacifier.com.

COMMODORE'S WATCH

The Astoria Yacht Club board has two important projects ahead. It is doubtful they will be complete before my term as commodore expires, but the projects will certainly be in gear and moving forward by 2012.

The first project is an effort to tune the by-laws. One concern has been the lack of definition of term limits for officers. This may impact board members but it will certainly impact how long a commodore may stay in office. Horsing around with guidance documents, such as by-laws, is always dangerous because there is a chance of unattended consequences rising from those changes. Despite the jeopardy, the board wants to tackle this issue and membership is encouraged to participate in the revising of AYC by-laws.

The second project is to continue to develop the AYC website so it will be used routinely by the membership. At least one objective of this project is to be able to distribute the newsletter on the website. Club members are also encouraged to participate in this project.

Mark your calendars. There is going to be a big party October 22, 2011. This year we will depart a little from the Commodore's Ball idea but the event will still be fun. More to come.

Join the racers on October 4 at the Rouge Pub in Astoria at 6:30. The main agenda item is to debrief on the 2011 season and to make decisions regarding our racing program for next year. The event is no host.

THE CLANCY, WAY COOL

The yacht club actually owns a sailboat that is a Clancy design and it is named Way Cool. The boat is available to the membership so come it and get it and try it out.

It is a really sexy 12 foot cat rigged old girl with a centerboard. It was the first boat to be built in an attempt to create a yacht club fleet of small boats that would be easy to sail, rig, and maintain. Two were built and we are tracking down the second boat.

The Clancy is not suitable for the open river. Even though it is fairly stable and fast, we recommend it's use be limited to protected water, lakes, inside breakwaters, etc. The Clancy is a good newbie and kid boat.

There is no trailer but it fits in the back of a pickup or on a utility trailer. If you have an overwhelming desire to try this little boat out but have no way to move it around, contact Hal at 503-861-2127 or halnauman@gmail.com. We will figure out a way to get it to you.

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Minutes from previous meeting read and approved

Treasurer's Report: (Com Hal) Checking - \$1,664.50 Savings - \$11,697.54 Wauna CD - \$850.00

Bills - (\$50.00 State of Oregon (non-profit status))
Reciprocity Reimbursement - (\$20.00 Liz McAlister LVYC), (\$12.00 Cliff Jackson Navy YC Everett
Motion to pay bills, 2nd, approved

Membership: (no new members)

Newsletter: (Eric Sellix is the Newsletter Editor. Direct all items for the Newsletter to Eric at egsellix@clatskanie.com)

Web site: (A web site planning session is scheduled for October 3 at VC Sorenson's place of business (Homespun Quilts 108 10th St Astoria). If you can help or would like to be involved contact Thor.

Inventory: Com Hal will purchase (8) AYC Ball caps and make them available to club members to purchase, (\$15.00 ea.)

Racing: Stuart reports that the Fall Sail Race series concluded Sept. 20. The final scheduled race has been canceled due to extreme tide conditions that evening. A Pursuit Race is scheduled for Oct. 1st, starting at 1330 off the Col. River Maritime Museum. All boats with a current rating are encouraged to race. A Fall Regatta is scheduled for Oct. 15th and 16th. An end of Race season debrief is scheduled for Oct. 4, starting at 1830 at the Rogue Ales in Astoria. All sail racers and participants are encouraged to attend.

Events: Pirate's Revenge. Come see Commodore Hal walk the plank! Where: At the Elks Lodge in Astoria. When: Oct. 22 starting at 1800. Music by Brownsmead Flats, food, refreshments and a no host bar will be provided.

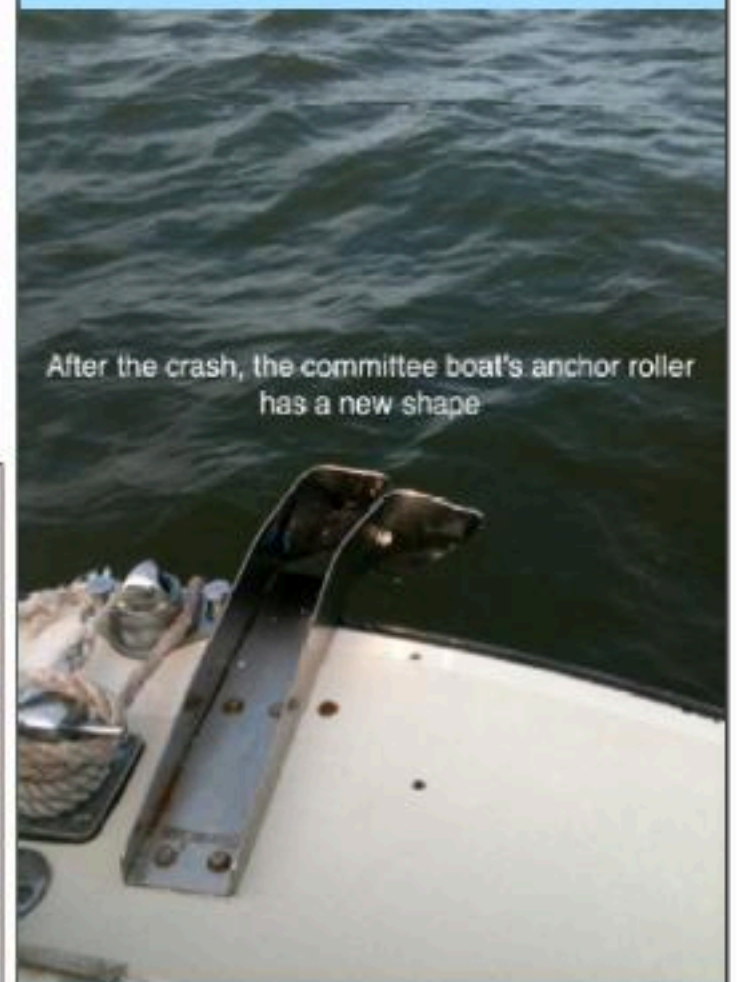
Special note: VC Sorenson will be conducting a phone survey to gauge the involvement by the membership in club activities. The results will be made available to all club members.

Adjourned.

To members:AYC

Use your cameras as you boat.

A newsletter with pictures is much more fun to read, but it needs photographers to get the pictures. Then send the pics by e-mail to egsellix@clatskanie.com with a subject of "AYC Newsletter pics", and a subject/event title in the body of the e-mail.



After the crash, the committee boat's anchor roller has a new shape

August 2 Race Day
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