



Cathlamet Yacht Club
TELEGRAPH
MARCH 2020

LATEST NEWS

COMMODORE’S BALL

The annual Commodore’s Ball was held at the Kelso Red Lion again this year. This year Commodore Jim Bucklin didn’t set up a hospitality suite, instead we set up the hotel’s smallest meeting room as a place to meet before the Ball while the decorating committee were setting up the Ballroom. Then Randy Weisberg’s wonderful Jazz Band played dance music during the cocktail hour. A fine Buffett was served from the hotel kitchen. After dinner the new officers installation ceremony was held.

This year’s Officers are:

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| Commodore | Fritz Carmine |
| Vice Commodore | Bud Radke |
| Rear Commodore | Michael Armstrong |
| Past Commodore | Jim Bucklin |
| Treasurer | Cherry Ann Kolbenslag |
| Secretary | Allen Bennett |
| Directors | Rich Trachi |
| | Kopi Carmine |
| | Wayne Low |



The Bridge City Quartet

AROUND THE RIVER

SPRING SALMON CLOSURE

This season’s fishing regulations for the lower Columbia released on February 24, 2020 include a complete closure of all fishing for Salmon, Steelhead, and Shad beginning March 1 until further notice, From Buoy

10 all the way upriver to Warrior Rock. Elochoman Marina Harbor Master Jackie Lea says that she was told there was a chance for an opening in June.

WESTPORT FERRY

The Puget Island to Westport OR ferry OSCAR B will be out of service from Wednesday March 11 through Friday March 20 due to a mandatory US Coast Guard haulout and inspection. Ferry status can be determined by searching Wahkiakum Ferry on line or calling 360-795-7867.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH ST PATRICK'S DAY MEETING

March 21, 2020 at the Puget Island Norse Hall. Social Hour: 3:00-4:00pm. Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be served at 4:00. Please bring a side dish or a desert.

MEMORIAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA:

May 22- May 25, 2020 at the marina. Bring your boat to E dock

ANNUAL AUCTION AND DINNER: Sept 12, 2020 in the Pavilion at the Marina. Bring your friends.

NOVEMBER MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sunday November 5

COMMODORE'S BALL: January 30, 2021. Venue to be determined. Submit your ideas

CRUISING WE DO

Chuck and Linda Norton submitted these cruise notes:

NAKWAKTO RAPIDS



Behind Nakwakto Rapids are some of the most interesting cruising grounds in British Columbia.

Over the years Linda and I have cruised these waters exploring the various sounds and inlets. The rapids are the second fastest rapids in the world and the currents can reach approximately 14 knots on a flood and 16 knots on an ebb. Slack lasts about 6 minutes. There are two approaches to the rapids from Queen Charlotte Strait, Slingsby and Schooner channels. Slingsby Channel is the Northern channel and has the strongest current. It is interesting to navigate since the entrance is between two large rock outcroppings, some call the “Jaws”. Schooner Channel is the Southern entrance and has rock outcroppings that need to be avoided but the current is more leisurely. Near the entrance to Schooner Channel there are two anchorages, Skull Cove and the Murray Labyrinth. We have used both anchorages over the years but favor the Murray Labyrinth as it is more sheltered. Because of the rock outcroppings in the labyrinth many cruisers tend to avoid it.

As you approach the rapids from either the north or the south, you will come to Turret Rock also called Tremble Island. Here many boaters have placed the name of their boat.



In 2009 Linda nailed our boat name, Impulse, on the island. We had landed the dingy around slack tide and within 30 minutes the dinghy was pinned to the rocks by the flood current. Our outboard had to work hard to get us off and away. You can pass on either side of the island depending on your destination. Prior to passing Tremble there are two anchorages to wait for a favorable entrance time. On the North is Treadwell Bay which is a good anchorage. We anchor deep in the cove to avoid any chop. In 2019 there were several floats installed to grow oysters. On the South is Cougar Inlet (located in Schooner Channel) which offers good protection and is closest to Nakwaktok Rapids. Many boaters have painted their boat names on the rock wall on the North shore.

Once past Turret Island you can cruise north into Belize Inlet, Alison Sound and Mereworth Sound. Heading south there is Nugent Sound, Seymour Inlet and Fredrick Sound. There are no services here. You are totally on your own which is what Linda and I enjoy the most.



Going into Mereworth Sound we have anchored in Village Cove which is where the British reportedly fired on the Nakwaktok Village in 1868. Today there is nothing showing there was any human activity in the cove.



About 20' up on a vertical rock wall in Belize Inlet near the turn into Alison Sound there are pictographs in ochre paint, the paintings seem to depict a sailing vessel, long boat and a native canoe. There is another pictograph in Alison Sound that shows canoes attacking a long boat. Archaeologists believe this pictograph depicts an 1868 Nakwaktok attack on the British trading vessel, the Thornton. This attack may have been in retaliation for an attack by a British gunboat on their settlement at Village Cove.

There has been continuous logging activity behind the rapids for many years. Also there are the remains of canneries throughout the area. There are plenty of logging roads to explore where you may notice Bear scat especially if it is fresh.

The articles written about entering this area, in our opinion, focus on dangers that aren't necessarily realistic. Slingsby Channel has a large outflow during ebb tides that make the entrance very lumpy way out into Queen Charlotte Strait. The last time we entered this channel at supposedly slack ebb tide someone had forgotten to tell the Slingsby to turn off the spigot . We not only had restricted visibility of about 1/8th of a mile but very lumpy and confused seas. Once through the "Jaws" it was smooth sailing and the visibility improved. We normally plan to go through the rapids on a flood tide as the flood current carries you more readily to your next destination. We have entered at max flood current with no problems just an increase in speed.

This is a very interesting place to explore with few boaters and filled with much history and commercial activity over the years.



MEMBERSHIP

Kopi Carmine is the new membership chairman. Contact her if you have someone you would like to bring into the club.

We welcome Kirk and Diane Hansen to the club. They live in Bridgeton (North Portland), and have a Catalina 18 sailboat called ANGELINA. They were proposed by Michael Armstrong and Wayne Low.



RECIPROCITY

Ahoy CYC members we have a new reciprocal with the Deer Harbor Yacht Club located on the SW corner of Orcas Island which is the Sunnyside of Orcas Island in of course Deer Harbor. The Deer Harbor Marina has nice amenities, like showers, laundry, fuel and pump-out facilities with 110 slips for transients. They also have a full service grocery store and restaurant including beer and wine. If you need a haul out or boat repairs the Deer Harbor Boat Works is nearby. Nearby is the Deer Harbor Inn with rooms and family dining as is the Island Pie restaurant which serves pizza, salads and pasta.

For information on the reciprocal go to the Cathlamet Yacht Club website and click on the reciprocity heading and look for the Deer Harbor Yacht Club.

Chuck & Linda

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

This year the club hopes to restore the canvas walls of the pavilion as our community service project. There is also continuing work being done on the Vista Park gillnetter. Please contact Fritz Carmine or Bud Radke for info on how to participate.

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

BUY / SELL / TRADE

45 lb Genuine CQR plow anchor and 200 feet of 3/8" proof coil chain. Could use re-galvanizing, but good for fresh water use as is. \$300 Call Dean Carmine 415 246 8340

Village Marine Little Wonder reverse osmosis watermaker. 6 gallons per hour. 12 volts. \$1500 Call Dean Carmine 415 246 8340

12' Livingston for sale. Trailer and motor not included. Want \$550. Contact Chuck Norton at email address; cnorton@centurytel.net.



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CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to the Nortons for contributions to this issue. Your contributions are very helpful to me. 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