



Cathlamet Yacht Club
TELEGRAPH
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LATEST NEWS

COMMODORE'S BALL

The Commodore's Ball, traditionally held the last weekend in January, was postponed to April 23 this year. The ball was held at, and catered by, the Kelso Elks Club. Randy Weisberg's Bridge City Jazz Ensemble provided dance music before dinner, and was much appreciated for keeping the party mood going while we waited for dinner.

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE

This year's cruise to Westport Slough was more of a "drive in" than a "cruise in" as only one member couple and one guest couple came by boat. The other 10 members and guests all came by car for the dinner at the Berry Patch Restaurant. Now that the wonderful new Westport County Park dock is available, a cruise to Westport is very relaxing, and socializing is easy. Teevin Brothers new gravel loading terminal in the Slough means that the channel is kept dredged to 25 feet now so getting into the slough is no problem.

BALD EAGLE DAYS

The CYC entered the Cathlamet Bald Eagles Day celebration and Parade with a new Float and a booth on Main Street. Bob Kuehl built the float out of a 12 foot sailboat hull on a trailer he also built. This is a really nice float and we had high hopes of winning the blue ribbon, but Portland Yacht Club edged us out again. We think maybe that was because they had so many people walking with their float, so next year we need more walkers!



The excellent float built by the Kuehls and “manned” by Gina and Chrissy

LOIS ISLAND CRUISE

Attendance was down at the Lois Island annual cruise as well this year, with only the Martha Rose, the Fait Accomplis, Carpe Diem and the Ninya Rediviva. The weather was very nice this time, with less afternoon breeze than usual. We all enjoyed a fried chicken dinner and a pancake breakfast on Bud and Joan’s boat.



Rich and Chrissy underway



Rafted up for the night

ANNUAL CYC AUCTION

Our annual fund raiser auction had a lot of very nice donated items and auctioneer Brian McClain showed off his skill at bringing out enthusiastic bidding. The club treasury got a nice chunk of cash to keep us in good shape for next year. This year the dinner was catered by the Spar restaurant. Unfortunately the Longview Yacht Club had their annual dinner the same night so we missed their company and enthusiasm.



Deciding what to bid on and how high to go

AROUND THE RIVER

The Northwest Steam Society brought their steam powered boats to the Elochoman Marina again this year. This club has over 150 members who have steam powered boats, as well as members who have other steam powered equipment like tractors and even a steam powered yarder (logging winch). They bring their boats to Cathlamet every few years and give rides and demonstrations to anyone who is interested. Watch the Wahkiakum Eagle for their next event, it's fun and fascinating. This year however, the sternwheeler Cheng-Tze had an accident and got tangled up in the pilings at the entrance to Elochoman Slough. The boat was holed in two places, but quick action by the marina staff and others managed to get it back to the marina and on its trailer before it was lost.



The steam boat Cheng Tze on a better day

COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting & election November 19

Commodore's Ball January 28, 2023

Randy Weisberg's Bridge City Jazz Ensemble will be performing Friday November 4th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Grant's at the Monticello Restaurant. They are really talented. Take your lady on a date night!

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

If anyone has an idea for next year's Community Service Project please contact one of the board members.

MEMBERSHIP

BETH BAILEY is the membership chairman. Contact her if you have someone you would like to bring into the club. The membership chairman's responsibilities include taking charge of all the club branded items such as apparel, burgees, stickers, and badges. Contact her to purchase any of these items. Thank you so much Beth.

RECIPROCITY

Vicki Bucklin, is our webmaster, and reciprocity chairman. We really appreciate members like Vicki who put a lot of time and effort into supporting our club.

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

The nominating committee is still looking for a Rear Commodore. This position's duties are minimal, just show up to the board meetings once a month. They are also looking for a new Secretary. Contact Kopi Carmine to volunteer.

Club by-laws require all members to volunteer 3 hours of their time each year. Contact any club officer to find out how you can help out. The Memorial Day Extravaganza requires many helpers to make it all happen, so here is a chance to get in your 3 hours.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to Gerry Keller for contributions to the newsletter. 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