



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

ST PATRICKS DAY DINNER

The Spring Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was held at Puget Island Norse Hall on March 20, which was the first day of Spring. It was well attended and the meal was great. Kopi Carmine had replenished the hats and t-shirts supply and sold quite a few, and there was a successful raffle of some club totebags and aprons. She will have these items available at future events as well. After dinner the Commodore called a business meeting to order. A sign-up sheet for members volunteering to help with upcoming events was made available. Club cruises to Astoria and Westport this summer were proposed.

CLUB WEBSITE

Our club website is hosted by GoDaddy. GoDaddy has informed us that we need to update our website to comply with changes they are making to their webhosting service. There is no charge for this, and they provide templates, but according to our web manager, she would have to charge us \$500 to \$1000 dollars to do it for us, and she hopes that someone in the club who is computer savvy, or knows someone who is could volunteer to do it for us. We have only several months to get this taken care of. Vicki Bucklin is looking into it for more detailed info, so call Kopi Carmine or Vicki Bucklin if you can help.

ELOCHOMAN MARINA DOCKS

New docks to replace the sinking "D" dock have been delivered and stacked up in the marina parking lot, but NOAA decided to delay issuing a permit to install them until a more thorough investigation could be completed. So quite a few parking spaces were not available in the parking lot when the Springer season was in full swing, and most of the cleats had already been removed from the old dock.

Port District one has purchased a small suction dredge from the Rose City Yacht Club. The dredge did not come with hose or any other equipment, but given the amount of time dredging permits take there should be plenty of time to get set up. The City of Cathlamet and Port One both own sections of the old sewer ponds, and the City council recently put allowing the Port to use the ponds for dredged material disposal on their agenda.

AROUND THE RIVER

SHIP HITS ROCK

The vessel SPARNA, a 623 foot bulk carrier fully loaded with grain struck a rock and began leaking in the ship channel near the mouth of the Elochoman River. A fairly large boulder was found by divers wedged into a 5 foot wide 25 foot long gash in the ships bottom. How such a large boulder came to be on the bottom of the river is the subject of a lot of speculation. I wonder if there might have been another underwater landslide that carried some riprap into the deeper part of the river, similar to the one that carried away part of Steamboat Slough Road.



A pilot's eye view of a bulk carrier in the ship channel. Now imagine meeting another ship!

FERRY OSCAR B RELIABILITY

The ferry OSCAR B has continued to give trouble and has had to miss a number of scheduled runs. If you are planning to use the ferry you can call the Wahkiakum PUD at 360-795-3301 to make sure the ferry is in service.

SPRING SALMON SEASON

Spring salmon season closed on Friday, April 8th, a day earlier than scheduled. Oregon Fish and Wildlife reported that fishing effort and the amount of fish retained had both been higher than anticipated. So far less than 1000 salmon have gone up the bonneville fish ladder, and the forecast is for a smaller return this year.

RAINIER SEA LION SOLUTION



I never would have believed it would work.

PORT WESTWARD/ BEAVER TERMINAL

North Dakota Crude Oil is no longer being loaded from trains at the terminal near the Portland General Electric power plant. It has been announced that a large plant will be built there for converting natural gas (methane) into Methanol (wood alcohol). The methanol would then be shipped to Asia as feedstock in the manufacture of plastics. The Port of St Helens has already started construction of a new dock for the tank ships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

Vice Commodore Gary Emery has reserved space at all the venues for these 2016 club activities.

May 27-30 Memorial Day Weekend at the Elochoman Marina

July 15-16 is Bald Eagle Days

September 17th Club Auction Fundraiser at the Marina

November 13th Membership Dinner and Election of 2017 Officers at Norse Hall

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The club has reserved space on E Dock for CYC members to tie up their boats over Memorial Day weekend. We will be setting up for the weekend festivities on Friday afternoon, with cocktails on the dock afterwards. There will be breakfast served Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings. Saturday includes a woman's spa retreat, and blind dinghy racing, with Dinner at 6:00pm. Sunday there will be sailboat racing and dinner. Ray Scott and Dean Carmine have agreed to help organize the racing. There will be a skippers meeting before the race, where we will also discuss times and dates for summer beer can racing. Meal tickets will be \$35.00 for all five meals.

CRUISES

Bill Kostich has agreed to organize a cruise to Lois Island/ Astoria this summer. No date has been set. If you are interested please contact him.

Dean Carmine has suggested a weekend cruise to Westport Slough. We could anchor in the slough in front of the launching ramp on a Saturday, walk up to the Berry Patch Restaurant for dinner, and return home after breakfast on Sunday. Members interested in going to the restaurant could drive there if they didn't want to come by boat. If you are interested let me know.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has declined a little this year. Please tell all your boating friends about the club and invite them to join. If you have a friend or family member you would like to sponsor, or would like to join yourself, please contact our membership chairman, Sharon Deaton, and she will make sure an application is mailed out.

RECIPROCITY

The CYC now has reciprocal privileges with 79 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 board of directors approved a community service project suggested by the Bennetts. Alan is going to assemble some of those used fishing line disposal stations made of PVC pipe. After they are built we will need volunteers to install them in suitable locations in the marina.

We also really need someone to take on the GoDaddy update!

BUY / SELL / TRADE

FOR SALE: Rebuilt Volvo 2 cylinder engine, 24 hp. Zero Hours. Direct bolt in for a Volvo MD2B or MD11C. See it run. Contact Ace Anderson aceandy@centurylink.net

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

Contributions: Thanks to Beth Bailey and Brett Deaton 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