



Cathlamet Yacht Club
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LATEST NEWS

COMMODORE'S BALL

The annual Commodore's Ball was held January 23 at the Kelso Red Lion Hotel. Randy Weisberg's Bridge City Jazz Quartet provided great dance music. The buffet dinner provided by the hotel was excellent, much improved over the meal we had last year. I'm told that the hotel is under new management and a lot of improvements are being implemented.

The dinner was followed by the awards ceremony, with Dan Carey as the MC. He had two candidates for the Bent Rudder Award. Bud Radke was nominated for hitting a rock in the Willamette, and Gary Kepler for going aground in the entrance to Fisherman's Harbor in the San Juan Islands. Since practically everyone who goes into Fisherman's Harbor goes aground, the membership voted the award to Bud. The Commodore's Award went to the Kuehl family, who always work hard to make the events successful every year. Marcia and Mike LaFarge, who have decided not to renew their membership, were presented with a special award recognizing all the things they have done for the club since it was founded. After the awards Commodore Gary Kepler gave a nice presentation about his year as Commodore and began the induction of new club officers Dean Carmine: Commodore and Gary Emery: Vice Commodore. At that time we didn't have a candidate for rear Commodore.

In the morning those who stayed the night in the hotel met for breakfast in the hotel dining room and had a very pleasant visit before heading home.



Dancing to the Jazz Band



Passing the sword of office to the new Commodore

NEW REAR COMMODORE

Allen Bennet has agreed to accept the office of Rear Commodore. In accordance with the club by-laws the board of directors appointed him at the February director's meeting. Congratulations and thanks Allen!

ART SHOW

CYC member Beth Bailey is the featured artist at the Broadway Gallery for the month of February. Beth does wonderful paintings and drawings of scenes around the river as well as other subjects. The gallery is located at 1418 Commerce Ave. in Longview and is open 10:00am – 5:30pm Monday thru Saturday. Stop in and see her work!

ELOCHOMON MARINA DOCK PROJECT

The marina has moved all the boats from D dock in preparation for replacing the finger piers. The electrical wiring, plumbing, and most of the cleats have been removed. The new docks should come next week and work will start as soon as the permits are finalized.

NEW DREDGE



The dredge was delivered by barge, unloaded in the channel and towed into the marina

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

FERRY OSCAR B BREAKDOWN

The ferry OSCAR B was out of service from the middle of December until the end of January. When the winter freshet began in the Willamette a great deal of floating debris came down the river. This debris

got sucked into the cooling water intakes, clogging them up and causing the generators to overheat. When the gensets shut down the ferry lost steering. This happened in the middle of the channel more than once, and was very difficult to fix. The ferry had to be hauled out in Vancouver for conversion from sea chest cooling to keel coolers. When this work was done and the boat came back down to Puget Island it was discovered that the shaft seals had failed and were leaking. This meant that the boat had to wait for parts to be delivered for repairs. Hopefully there won't be any more problems from now on.

SMELT RUN

A fairly good smelt return again this year allowed the fisheries department to open a brief six hour season in the Cowlitz river where 16,700 dip netters caught about 140,000 pounds of fish. There are eagles, sea lions and seagulls all along the river after them as well. An opening in the Sandy river is being considered by the ODFW.

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. The owners of the facility have announced that they may start shipping ethanol instead. There is a lot of construction going on at the pier, and it looks like when the work is completed very large ships would be able to tie up there. No announcement has been made as to why such a long mooring facility is being constructed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

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

March 20 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Puget Island Norse Hall.

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

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held March 20 at Norse Hall. The Social Hour will start at 3:00pm and we will eat at 4:00. There will also be a club business meeting. If anyone would like to make a presentation contact the Commodore, Dean Carmine. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be provided, members should bring a side dish.

MEMBERSHIP

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

We need people to help set up the Norse Hall for the Dinner on March 20. We will also need volunteers to cook the corned beef and cabbage at home and bring it to the dinner. Please contact Kopi Carmine if you can help.

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