



Cathlamet Yacht Club  
**NEWSLETTER**  
MAY 2017

## **LATEST NEWS**

### **ST PATRICKS DAY DINNER**

The club held a Corned Beef and Cabbage themed dinner again this year on March 18. 33 members attended. The meal was great again as usual, and we were unable to auction off the leftovers because all the food got eaten. After the meal Bill Kostich announced he was engaged to be married to his guest Gina, and they were warmly congratulated. Commodore Allen Bennett chaired the business meeting. Cost saving and income generating ideas were discussed.

### **2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Each Year the club members perform a community service project according to the club by-laws. Port District 2, which operates Skamokawa Vista Park, has a 100 year old gill netter on display in the Park. The club has agreed to paint their boat this summer using paint supplied by them. Members will be contacted later in the Spring to arrange the times.

## **AROUND THE RIVER**

### **SPRING SALMON SEASON**

This year's spring salmon season was dismal to say the least. The fish didn't show up until weeks after they usually arrive and even then there weren't as many fish. The annual Hook the Hog salmon tournament had to be canceled, and many of the fishermen who come each year to Cathlamet didn't bother this year, so the Elochoman Marina and other local businesses lost an important part of their annual income. As of May 16<sup>th</sup> only 36,000 fish had gone over the Bonneville Dam, compared to 111,000 last year, and a ten year average of 127,000 for this date. Only 3,000 Jacks have returned so far, compared to 17,000 by this date in an average year, so this is not encouraging news for next year. Let's hope Buoy 10 runs are abundant and can save the season. As of May 16 the Columbia River is closed to Jacks and Steelhead, and only Shad are open.

## HAUL OUT AT ILWACO

By Dave Scogin

If you like working on your own boat, then hauling out at Ilwaco is a great deal. I understand this yard is one of the last places on the river that you can do your own work, and it was time to clean and bottom paint White Bear this year.

I single-handed the boat from Cathlamet in 5 1/2 hours at 9.4 kn the river was very swift. I was able to sail from Miller sands to Astoria with a south east wind but that was the only area that I had favorable winds. As I approached the coast the winds along the beach were really kicking up. I tried to phone the port as I was coming up the channel and was not able to get a hold of them so I tried calling them on the radio and there was no response. When I landed at Ilwaco there was a small craft warning flag up. After I got tied up, which by yourself in a small craft warning can be a little bit tricky, I made my way up to the office and found that the reason I could not get them on the phone as the power had been out and the reason I could not make radio contact was the antenna had been knocked down on the building.

We had planned two days to make it to the mouth of the river. Because we only used one day I was there a day early. They called me the next morning and said they could pull me a day early if I wanted to. At first I thought that would be hard to do by myself as the lift would not accommodate my boat without dropping the forestay, which of course includes the roller reefing Head sail. After talking to Dean & Kopi Carmine, my mentors, I felt confident to do the job by myself (I am glad Bobbi took a day off from work to help me put it back together a much harder job).

I called the Port and told them I would haul Thursday morning. It was a good thing I did as it gave me an extra day on Thursday to chip paint and let the hull dry for the one good day of weather we had. As we all know this has been a wet Spring. In a four week rainstorm the one dry day we had was that Friday.

If it had not been for the help of our fellow CYC members David Kuo and Gerry Keller, Bobbi and I would not have been able to sand and paint the bottom in just one day. Next time I haul and paint the bottom I will definitely do it later in the year when there would be a better chance for a bigger window of good weather.

There is a requirement to use vacuum sanders for sanding on the bottom of the boat at Ilwaco. I also shaved my beard off so I could wear a facemask to not breathe any of the bottom paint. As I finished sanding around the waterline, the rest of the crew followed behind me cleaning and taping and prepping for paint. Prepping and painting for a crew of four took about eight hours. We are so grateful for our friends in the club. Saturday we woke up to rain but that did not impede me from replacing the zincs on the shaft and adding the "SALCA" sacrificial anode / crab pot line cutter assembly. We will find how good this line cutter is but I am very impressed with this serrated blade attached to the sacrificial anode. We found the dimensions of the line cutter, just a little too tight to go between the prop and the strut. So I used a grinder to grind off the heads of the rivet just a little to make it clear. I pushed and turned on the prop to make sure it would clear.

We stayed on the hard through the weekend as it cost extra to get put back in the water on the weekend. Of course it cost extra money for motel room through the weekend and instead of the planned three days it was four days, and a day's pay for Bobbi. We stayed at the Col-Pacific only a couple of

blocks from the yard. It has been recently remodeled and we found it very nice, they took good care of us.

Monday afternoon the yard picked us up and lowered us back in the water. Reattaching the forestay was a bit of a problem but we accomplished it, I am so glad Bobbi was there to help me.

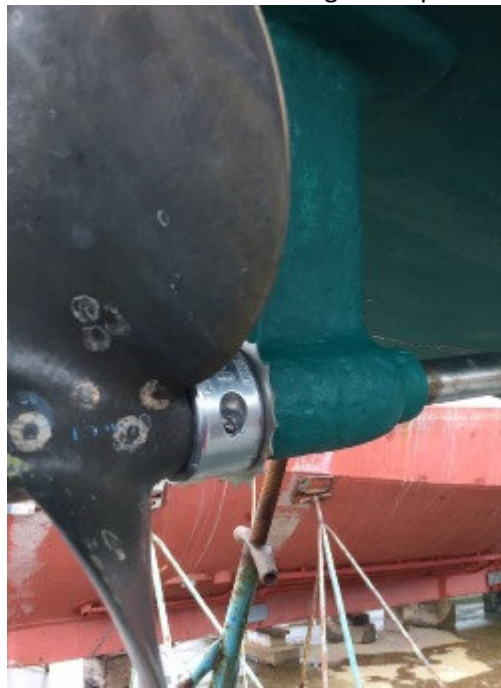
After we launched though, I found that under high thrust it was making a noise were no doubt the rivets were connecting with the strut. After fueling at the fuel dock I ran out into the bay and back, we no longer heard the noise of it rubbing against the strut. This summer I will dive the boat and check how it looks. The water flow through the cutlass bearing should not be impaired as there is clearance between the cutter blade assembly and the strut because of the rivet heads. Some water flow is necessary for lubrication of the bearing.

Bobbi headed home Monday evening to be ready for work Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning I headed back up river catching the morning rising current. I had planned to hang out behind Lois Island at Tongue Point to wait for the tide the next day but found a bit of fair wind between Tongue Point and the head of Miller Sands and made good time till I got up to Three Tree Point. Abreast of Skamokawa the tide turned and I was making only 3.9 kn. By staying out of the main channel I was able to pick up a few tenths of a kn and made it back into Cathlamet around nine hours of travel.

Gerry Keller was waiting on the docks to help me land and all in all it was a great trip.



White Bear in the slings



Combination Zinc and line cutter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES.

Memorial Day Weekend kicks off on Friday May 26 with an informal get together on E dock. Bring your boat over to E dock before the party starts so you can socialize, and rest up between events.

Saturday begins with breakfast at 8:30 to be cooked by the Carmines and the Bennetts. The ladies will have a Spa Retreat at 11:00. Then at 1:00 will be a crowd favorite: the blind dinghy race. A hosted happy hour begins at 5:00 followed by burgers hot dogs and oysters at 6:00. Please bring side dishes, salads, or desserts.

On Sunday biscuits sausage and gravy will be served starting at 8:30. The starting gun for the sailboat race will be at 1:00. There will be another hosted social hour and Ducky Derby fund raiser starting at 5:00, with a pulled Pork dinner at 6:00, again with member supplied sides.

Monday morning another breakfast will be served starting at 8:30.

Meal tickets will be \$35.00, meaning you get 5 all you can eat meals for 7 dollars each! What a bargain! Thanks to all the volunteers for this event.

### THIS YEARS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Memorial Day Festivities	May 26-29
Father's Day Cruise	June 17-18
Bald Eagle Days	July 14-15
September Dinner & Auction	September 23
November Meeting and Election	November 18
Commodores Ball	January 27, 2018

Mark your calendar to save these dates!

### SUMMER CRUISES

Dean Carmine is organizing a Father's Day Cruise to Westport slough the weekend of June 17 & 18. The plan is to anchor in Westport Slough on Saturday, and have dinner at the Berry Patch Restaurant Saturday evening. Westport Slough is about 1 ½ hours from Cathlamet by boat and 15 minutes by ferry. There is a launching ramp dock near the anchorage for our dinghies, and the restaurant is about 2 blocks away. Members who don't want to come by boat can come by car to the restaurant. Please contact Dean if you want to come so we can finalize the details.

Bill Kostich and Jim Bucklin are planning a number of events this summer, including: anchoring overnight in Westport Slough and having Dinner at the Berry Patch, a trip to Lois Island, and Friday night sailing

## **MEMBERSHIP**

If you have a friend or family member you would like to sponsor, or would like to join yourself, please let one of the club officers know and we will make sure an application is mailed out. Our membership chairman is Sharon Deaton.

## **RECIPROCITY**

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](http://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**

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

## **BUY / SELL / TRADE**

Olympic 18 foot fiberglass runabout, 1978, 2008 90hp evinrude Etec, galvanized trailer, new seats, bimini. Call Fritz Carmine 253-318-1123 or Dean Carmine 415-246-8340. More info at <https://portland.craigslist.org/clk/boa/6128159906.html>



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