



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER MEETING

This year the calendar smiled, and the annual Saint Patrick's Day themed dinner meeting was actually held on St Patrick's Day. Attendance was good and the meal was excellent. After the meeting Genie Cary gave a presentation on Marine radio use and etiquette that was interesting and informative. David Kuo presented the results of his survey of what the members like most about club activities, and what more they would like the club to do. Social events ranked high among most members. Many members would like to see more educational programs on basic and advanced boating skills. Thanks to the Emerys for the great decorations.



Great Decorations



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AROUND THE RIVER

BRIDGE CLOSURES

Maintenance work has begun on the Julia Butler Hansen Bridge across Cathlamet Channel. The Work will be done in two stages. First the bridge will be painted. Crews have started putting up the curtains and safety equipment. The southbound lane is closed, with one way traffic in the northbound lane. There is a stop light at each end of the northbound lane. The stop lights stay red in each direction for about 4 minutes, then reverse. After the northbound side is painted they will block the other lane and paint the southbound side.

When painting is complete they will begin replacing the deck of the bridge. This will require complete closure of the bridge at night and occasionally in the daytime as well. During the bridge closures the Work is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2019, but as we all know from the Astoria bridge work, these projects take as long as they take.

DREDGING

The long-awaited dredging of the Elochomon Channel and Marina is completed. Dredging spoils have filled both of the inland former sewage ponds.. That is a lot of sand and mud! The original plan was to put the spoils in the larger pond nearer the river in accordance with the design of the proposed park on the site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

This year's Memorial Day Celebration is Friday May 25 through Monday May 28. Members are encouraged to bring their boats to E dock for the weekend. The party starts with a dock party Friday evening. Breakfast will be served each morning starting at 8:30 until the food runs out. Dinners will be served Saturday and Sunday evenings. A meal ticket for all 5 meals is only \$35.00, a real bargain considering the quality of the food we always have. Details of the Events to be held each day are shown on the great Flyer Vicki Bucklin has sent out. RSVP to Vicki by e-mail or phone.

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE

This year's Father's Day Cruise is planned for June 16-17. We will anchor in Westport Slough on Saturday and gather at the Berry Patch Restaurant for dinner at 5:30 p.m. The restaurant is about 2 blocks from the dinghy dock, and those who prefer to come by car can meet us at the dinghy dock for cocktails aboard, or meet us at the restaurant.

THIS YEARS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Memorial Day Extravaganza	May 25-28
Father's Day Cruise	June 16-17
Bald Eagle Days	July 21

Walker Island /Independence Day Cruise	July 6-7
Lois Island Cruise	August 24-25
Summer Meeting and Auction	September 22
November Dinner/ Election of Officers	November 17
Commodore's Ball	January 26, 2018

Mark your calendar to save these dates!

MEMBERSHIP

New members Jill Semlick and Rick La Greide are recently retired educators. They have built a house on Skamokawa Creek where they keep Rick's 24 foot Thunderjet power boat. Rick is an avid fisherman both on the river and anywhere there are fish. Jill enjoys entertaining and has quickly become part of the Skamokawa community. Welcome!



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Saturday, May 5th, we attended the 85th annual Opening Day ceremonies of the Columbia River Yachting Association in Portland Oregon. The event, hosted by the Rose City Yacht Club in their beautiful clubhouse in the RCYC marina started with a hearty breakfast at 7 AM. We were greeted at the gate by a gatekeeper and a parking attendant. At breakfast we sat with Dave's Junior celestial navigation class instructor. Later we were honored by the Multnomah County deputy sheriff Marine division, who sat with us at Breakfast. The flags ceremony started at 10 AM; it was attended by all the people at the Rose City Yacht Club including the Sea Scouts, Daughters of Neptune, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The sheriff and deputy and all in attendance were impressed by the ceremony. We were aboard the "BT Cruiser" Second in line of the review boats with one of the judges aboard. Terry and Barb were

wonderful hosts. There were 10 different clubs participating in the parade. It was quite the gala. Apart from all the multi-million dollar yachts down to the Cascade 36s, one of the really special entries was the PT Boat, festooned with all of the anti-aircraft weapons, 50 caliber machine guns, torpedoes and of course depth charges. It was quite the honor to be welcomed aboard one of the review boats and to see this annual opening day ceremony up close and personal.



The restored WW II PT boat complete with torpedoes

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, 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 E-tec, galvanized trailer, new seats, bimini. Call Fritz Carmine 253-318-1123 or Dean Carmine 415-246-8340.



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