



Cathlamet Yacht Club
TELEGRAPH
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LATEST NEWS

NOVEMBER MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The November meeting was held at Norse Hall again this year and was well attended by about 35 members and guests.

Commodore Jim Bucklin and the Trachis arranged for a wonderful presentation by Sharon Sites Adams before we ate. Sharon was the first woman to sail alone across the Pacific Ocean. After supervising the construction of her Mariner 31 sailboat SEA SHARP II, she sailed it from Japan to San Diego in 1969.



Sharon Sites Adams



SEA SHARP II

After the presentation Commodore Jim Bucklin and Allen Bennett provided baked ham and baked potatoes, and the pot luck was good as usual.

The new officers who were elected will take office at the Commodore's Ball. The nominating committee was unable to find candidates for the positions of Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Secretary. The position of Secretary is an important one for the club and it is important to find some one to step up. The Rear and Vice Commodores have few duties, but the positions are a commitment to move up to Commodore when the time comes. Please consider offering to take one of these positions, even if, or especially if, you have held them before.

CYC DINNER AND FUND RAISER AUCTION.

The September Dinner meeting and auction has been held for enough years now that it is definitely a tradition. This year there were a lot of very nice items donated, and the bidders were very generous. The club treasury now is at the highest level it has ever been.



Ready for Dinner



Getting the best price

AROUND THE RIVER

PUGET ISLAND BRIDGE

The Puget Island Bridge painting and deck replacement project is finally done, and the bridge is open and the stoplights are gone. However, The Dept of Transportation announced after they declared the project complete that the final inspection revealed that there is something wrong with the expansion joints, and they will be working on them at some time in the first part of December. This will require bringing back the single lane traffic and the stoplights.

WESTPORT GRAVEL TERMINAL

Clatsop County and Teevin Bros Land and Timber Co. have announced that they are building a barge terminal in Westport Slough in the turning basin near the ferry dock. A new steel wharf has been constructed, and is awaiting the pouring of a concrete deck. Dump trucks will bring rock and gravel down from the Bradley Rock Pit to the new facility. Westport Ferry Rd is being reconfigured to create extra waiting lanes for vehicles waiting for the ferry so that there will always be two unobstructed lanes for the trucks. After crossing the Plimpton Creek bridge, ferry traffic is now being diverted to the right into the new waiting area, which is currently marked with white highway stakes.

LOCAL DREDGING PROJECTS

Westport Slough entrance is currently being dredged between the new barge terminal and the entrance, which lies between Red Nun buoy "56" and the Oregon shore, to allow the passage of loaded tows. The dredging in the sections of the slough used by the ferry has been causing occasional delays to ferry traffic.

Skamokawa Creek has finally been dredged! Dredging was completed from day marker "33" to the entrance to steam boat slough and up to the State Rt 4 and Brooks Slough Bridges. Dredging was reported to be 7 feet depth at zero datum. This means that there will be easy access to the Skamokawa Store

dock. The store, the resort, and the Duck Inn are all part of the same business, so boaters wishing to stop at the store, go to the Duck, or stay at the resort will be welcome to tie up in front of the store without needing local knowledge to get in there.



Dredging the Skamokawa Creek Entrance

Westport Ferry Dock The mouth of Plimpton creek opened a new channel that started depositing sediment under the Ferry ramp. This resulted in the float that supports the ramp going aground on very low tides, making loading cars difficult and leading to fears that the float might be damaged. Clatsop County sent an excavator that tried to dig the sediment out from under the float, which was successful to a certain extent. The good news is that there were no rocks, only mud under there, so damage to the float would be unlikely even if it does touch bottom.

A USEFUL APP

A smart phone app called “Vessel Finder Free” can be very useful to people who live along the river. This app creates a map on your phone that shows the location, course, and speed of all operating commercial vessels anywhere in the world, as well as any yachts who also have an AIS transmitter on board. You can zoom in on any location you like. If you want to know if the ferry is running you can simply check Vessel Finder anytime the ferry should be away from the Puget Island dock (between the hour and half past the hour) and if it is still at the dock its not running. If you are out in your boat and want to talk to a towboat or ship you can look on your phone to get its name, and then call it on your VHF radio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Astoria Maritime Museum Tour Commodore Jim Bucklin has organized a special tour of the Astoria Maritime Museum Archives led by the Museum Curator, Jeff Smith. The archive is reported to have over 100 boats. The tour will begin from in front of the main building at 10:00am Friday December 6. Contact Jim at 360 487 9777 if you would like to catch a ride with him, or just go directly to the museum.

The Commodore's Ball will be held the weekend of January 25, 2020 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso. Many members plan to stay the night at the hotel after the Ball. After the dinner the awards ceremonies and installation of officers will be held. Those who stay the night meet in the breakfast room for a casual get together the following morning. Mark your calendars for this fun event held the weekend before the Superbowl.

CROSSING THE BAR



CYC member Michael "Mike" Lewis crossed the bar for the last time this summer. Mike was a great sailor, a good listener, a great dancer, a loyal friend, and a hard working volunteer for the CYC. He will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP

There are three new memberships for 2020:

Duane and Rose Hague Live on West Birnie Slough Road on Puget Island. They don't currently have a boat.

Warren Staples has recently retired from a career in nursing and has moved to Cathlamet. He owns two boats that are moored in the Elochoman Marina: the LIBERTY, and the sailboat SHIBUMI.

Welcome to the club and thanks for joining.

Gerry Keller is rejoining the club as an associate member. He is also a Cathlamet resident. He sold his C-Dory 25 to us recently and we have enjoyed cruising it to Portland this summer. Welcome back.

New members are essential to any club, and this year has been a good one for growing the club. Thanks to our Membership Co-Chairmen Sharon Deaton and Kopi Carmine, as well as the members who sponsored our new members. Please encourage your friends to join our club. Contact Kopi or Sharon to get a membership application and info on how to apply.

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

45 lb Genuine CQR plow anchor and 200 feet of 3/8" proof coil chain. Could use re-galvanizing, but good for fresh water use as is. \$300 Call Dean Carmine 415 246 8340

Village Marine Little Wonder reverse osmosis watermaker. 6 gallons per hour. 12 volts. \$1500 Call Dean Carmine 415 246 8340

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