



Cathlamet Yacht Club
NEWSLETTER
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LATEST NEWS

LOIS ISLAND CRUISE

The Cathlamet Yacht Club Lois Island Weekend Cruise was truly wonderful! Five sailboats set out on a beautiful Cathlamet Friday afternoon, and found themselves in a picture perfect spot near Lois Island for the rest of terrific weekend. Lois Island sailors included Dan Glen, Mike Lewis, Van the Man, Susan Benner, Bud and Joan Radke, Bill Kostich, Jim and Vicki Bucklin, and Paul and Sharon Stenlund. What a crew! It is true that the sailing winds were less than cooperative, and yes, it is true that there are mechanical issues that do occur on boats from time to time to time..... and yes, it is true that one of our sailors got lost at sea for a few hours looking for the holy breakfast grail... but that, my friends, is how boating folklore begins! The point is that when we finally all make it to the destination, get anchored, get settled, get a beverage, get another beverage, find Neil Young, etc... there really is some genuine boating friendship and fellowship that takes place. This is why we all do this yacht club thing after all!! The food, the stories, the music, the adventure, and the fellowship are why we get together, and why we continue to be grateful that we are part of a special boating family. We live and play in an extraordinary part of the world, and to get to see it from a sailboat, in the presence of people you enjoy and care about, well, that just makes this short life of ours even more beautiful!! A very special thank you to Vicki Bucklin and the Radkes. Let's do it again next year....



Bill Kostich and his crew enjoying the sunshine



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WOODEN BOAT SHOW

The Cathlamet Wooden Boat Festival was held on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Attendance was great and there were vendors, Barbecue, blind dinghy races, a nautical swap meet, and boat rides on some of the entries. Greg Prestegard took Best In Show with his replica of a butterfly fleet gillnetter. The original boat was designed and built locally for the Vik family around 1900, and was used for gillnetting and collecting fish from fish traps around Puget Island. The festival is under new management this year. It was organized by members of the Cathlamet Rowing Club including CYC members Alan Bennett and Jean Burnham. The Rowing Club did a great job and every one had a great time. Next year the organizers hope to have more boats register, especially interesting boats like gillnetters, tug boats, yachts, and packers. So if you have, or know someone who has, a wooden boat, please bring it to the festival next year.



Greg Prestegard took Best In Show with this beautiful replica of a Butterfly fleet fishing boat.

CHUCK AND LINDA NORTON CRUISE ALASKA

We have been cruising in Alaska for over a month and came into Ketchikan yesterday to do maintenance on the boat, laundry, pick up provisions and get caught up on communications. From here we will cruise to Prince Rupert which will take about three days crossing Dixon Entrance.

Going down the outside of Chichagof Island we saw no other vessels until we got close to Sitka and there were some seiners working one of the bays. Stopped at White Sulfur Springs to enjoy a good soak in the hot springs. We encountered high seas in the Gulf of Alaska going down the outside of Baranof Island. It took a number of days to accomplish, sticking our nose out from our anchorage and going 10 to 20 miles per day until we got into Port Alexander.

Fishing (catching) has been good and we have been eating prawns (last haul was 104 in one pot), crab, ling cod, bottom fish, yellow eye, salmon and halibut. When we got into Sitka we went to lunch at McDonalds for a quarter-pounder deluxe.



A Nice chicken halibut and a lot of prawns

M/V Imulse has gone 1820 nautical miles so far this summer. The distance between Seattle and New York is 2851 miles. We suspect that we will beat that by the time we return to Bremerton.

Leaving Ketchikan we will head south and enter Boca de Quadra to prawn, crab and do more fishing. From there we will head to Fort Tongass which in 1868 was where a military garrison was stationed and later a custom house was established. From here we will cross Dixon Entrance and go into Prince Rupert and clear customs. We expect that it will take us at least three weeks before we arrive home.

AROUND THE RIVER

FISHING

The Fall salmon run is well under way with as many as 30,000 fish counted at Bonneville in one day. About half of the predicted nearly one million fish have already passed the Bonneville Dam. Fishermen between Buoy 10 and Portland have been getting almost one fish per boat, or about one fish for each three fishermen. Pike Minnow fishing has been hot with some people getting over 30 fish per day!

KERRY ISLAND HABITAT RESTORATION

The Bonneville Power Administration has provided a grant to the Columbia Land Trust for the purchase and restoration of Kerry Island, an island in Westport Slough just upstream from the ferry dock, which was formerly used for grazing cattle. Work has begun to breach the dikes, backfill the ditches, and restore the original meandering tidal channels. This is expected to increase habitat for the fish and other wildlife that live or reproduce in Westport Slough. Some of the creeks which feed into Westport Slough support salmon, steelhead and trout fisheries, so hopefully we will have better fishing.

WATERFRONT PARK

Representatives from the National Park Service are helping the town of Cathlamet plan for a park on the site of the old wastewater treatment ponds. They have conducted a survey to get citizen input on what features the park should have. Habitat restoration, a children's play area, and an area for events were popular, as well as access to the water, and a boardwalk. The next planning meeting will be Sept 14 from 1-3 at the meeting room at 25 River St. Another workshop on park design with some design ideas on display will be held Nov 19. The time and place for this workshop are still to be determined. Contact Cathlamet Town Hall for details. Plan to attend if you have ideas for the park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUCTION DINNER

The Club will have a dinner and auction again this year on September 17 in the Marina covered area. There will be barbecued salmon provided by the club, and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Festivities will start around 3:30pm, grilled salmon dinner around 4:30, and the auction at 6:00. Call Kopi at 415-847-5927 to make a donation. Among the auction items already donated are:

A Pressure Washer, a hand made quilt by Linda Norton, a pair of brand new boat fenders, stainless steel boat hardware, two icom vhf radios, a Danforth anchor, a nautical bed spread, and a Genie Cary tile serving tray show the Yaquina Head lighthouse. Bring your friends and neighbors to the auction. This is an important fund raiser for the club and we need good donations and lots of participants.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we have some more new members:

Richard Roth is restoring the Cal 27 BLUE ROO which he keeps in the Elochoman Marina

Kent and Laura Craford live in a Float House at Hayden Island. They own a Sea Ray runabout, the wooden sailboat BUTTON which was built for his Dad by Gilbert Vik on Puget Island, and a partially restored double ended gillnetter called the JOHN M.

Jean Burnham lives in Cathlamet and has a 14 foot whitehall rowing skiff. She is also active in the Cathlamet Rowing Club.

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, 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

Free: 50 foot section of 2 ½ inch fire hose Great for protection on docks or other uses as chafing gear.
Contact Dan Cary

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

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