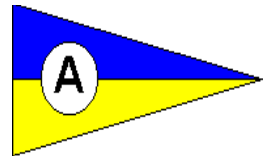


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ASTORIA YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER





September 2009

Astoria Yacht Club — PO Box 323, Astoria, Oregon 97103

Web Site: www.astoriayachtclub.com

Events for September :

Lois Island Raft-Up Sept. 19 & 20
East Basin Small Boat Sail Sept. 27th


 ASTORIA YACHT CLUB
 
 cordially invites you to the
 Annual

Lois Island Raft-up

Saturday, September 19, noon

to

Sunday, September 20, noon

Aboard M/V Milliken

Saturday dinner aboard 7 p.m., cost \$15

Sunday Breakfast aboard 9 a.m., cost \$10

Members please bring salad or desserts Saturday evening

Information: 503-791-2830 or 971-645-1140



East Basin Small Boat Sail

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BRIDGE TO BRIDGE 2009



A great race on August 8 & 9 from the Astoria Bridge to the Newport Bridge; 11 contenders, including Rattler & Wildfire crews from Astoria Yacht Club. The Yaquina Bay Yacht Club hosted this event, bringing it back to life after a 7 year





pause. A real variety of vessels, & skill. The welcoming committee in Newport was a refreshing sight, greeting the contestants with warm towels and cool refreshments! Not to mention a great meal before the awards ceremony! Thanks to Stephanie & Ken Brown and their team! Great Job!



Commodore's Watch



Motion on the planet is no longer just described - but, instead, categorized: Solar Powered? Diesel or Gasoline? Wind? Or, Battery Powered?

Well, what we can say around here is that it is all absolutely People Powered!

The sheer energy of a lot of great people made our greatest month on the water - August - a fabulous time.

The Carbon Based Live Wire! There's nothing better!

Thor Sorenson, Mike Campbell, Stuart Sinclair and Hal Nauman connected all the circuits for Astoria Yacht Club's participation in the offshore Bridge to Bridge to Newport. Before sailing, AYC hosted the crews of the II regional boats participating} before anything we found what sparkling people awaited us at Yaquina Bay Yacht Club. Stephanie Brown expressed that their boat, the "Hot Tub", was a bit slow - so could we carry the (fairly heavy) trophy back to Newport? A special honor.

Starting everyone (perfectly) down the coast from Buoy Two was Dave Liebel, Hal Nauman and Sharon Clyde aboard Dave's "First Light". Getting there well ahead of nearly everyone was Mike Campbell and his superb crew on Rattler; and Wildfire's first offshore experience was a great one - we can do that and we did place in the middle of the field. And we did it even nailing some very large fish in the middle of the night. Thor, Tom, Gwen and Jay - be very, very proud!

Dorothy Martin and Denny's standing on the dock at the Embarcadero was the best arrival ever; to see dear friends, and with them, to meet new ones. Duly, too, they had driven, and delivered, the Bridge to Bridge Trophy to Newport that was entrusted to Astoria Yacht Club.

Regatta put us back on the map at home; one week after hosting visiting northwest sailors we very enjoyably greeted a large evenings contingent of visiting Portland Yacht Club members. Many came this year, and the weather was fortunately good by the weekend. The Tent still stood Sunday - and Breakfast Happened! The public found us - and Cat Anderson, Chris Bryant, Phil La Fond, Scott Hutchison and Vita MacArthur sold them some 80 servings (two words: Perfect Pancakes).

A great breakfast led AYC's annual (brief) migration of Ducks in a great direction. Jeanette Davis's Ducky Derby Tickets were beautifully crafted, with great sales

so a goodly crowd gathered at the Port rail, and beyond pancakes perfection happened again. Jay Kiddle and Denny Page opened up and those puppies blew across the line and there was action! No more slowly bobbing, boring Chinese Mallard's -they flew. We already have bets on the next one; and from everyone's work that day we made near \$500 for Astoria Yacht Club's Maritime Scholarship Fund for local youths.

We sailed again on Regatta weekend; Racing Captain Thor Sorenson brought "Wildfire" home from Newport, and staged Saturday and Sunday close-rated Class A events - the Olson 30 fleet was joined by Dean Wood's Black Aye and also a debut by Sheryl Holcom's Pier Pressure. This near one-design fleet is exceptionally fast, and exciting - just ask the Race Committee aboard Dot Martin's Pure Pleasure Too - it took a lot of flurried deliberation for the standings of nearly eight boats rushing across the line.

Last Sunday the crews of Barefoot, Hygglig, Rush and Footloose IV sailed beautifully, on a beautiful day at Pier 39. I admired them greatly as I sat in the White Knight (Toby's boat!) trying to figure out what flag to flap with which horn and write what time on which form when and also really, really appreciating the entire (recovering) Race Committee.

A lovely day; slow motion, but still, enjoying the strong, strong, current of many truly wonderful people always moving us forward.

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Coming Events (Some Dates Tentative)

Board meets at Clubhouse
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All Members Welcome!!

Unless otherwise noted:
Happy Hours-6:30 pm, Dinners-7:00 pm
RSVP's—Suzanne Nauman 503-861-2127 or
snauman@pacifier.com (prefer email)

2009

Sep	19-20	Lois Island Raft-up
Sep	27th	East Basin Small Boat Sail
Oct	17	Commodore's Ball
Nov	21	Annual Meeting and Dinner

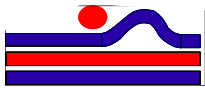
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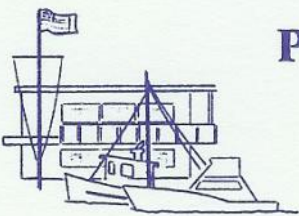
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For Sale: 9.9 horse Merc outboard motor. Two stroke, tank and cockpit controls. Running well when I took it off a boat last summer. \$350. 702-340-8866.

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Boat U.S. Our co-op group membership enables our members to renew for \$12.50. See your new club roster for details when you renew.

Crew Notices: (Need and Available)

Recruiting: Sea Scouts are looking for young adults ages 14-18 to join their boating fun. If you're interested please call Sea Scout skipper Toby Dyal, 325-0819 or Hal Nauman 861-2127.

R/C Sail Racing—Is every other Sunday at Toby's.
Contact Stan Miller if you are interested.

Editors Note

Hi all,

Thanks for all the feedback on the newsletters. Check out the updated web site. If you need the password please send me an email. Thank you for your patience as I get the swing of the newsletter! Also thanks to all who contributed photos to make this newsletter what it is!

**Thanks,
Gwen Taft**

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newsletter@astoriayachtclub.com

Board Meeting Minutes

September 2009

Present: Toby Dyal, Al Eustice, Dot Martin, Hal Nauman, Dick Siefert and Jim Tongue.

Guests: Denny Page

The minutes of the prior July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2,299.71. Total Savings - \$10,552.04. Bills: \$69.77 to Key Equipment for Tent parts.

Correspondence: New Members application from Douglas Pohl and Michelle Holbrook, Vessel Grey Goose. Follow-up contact reviewed, and Membership voted approved.

Newsletter: Appreciation of July edition by Gwen.

Website: Nelson Yaples updating as needed.

Race Committee: Committee reviewing Regatta.

Regatta: Help by Members and general attendance all very good. \$472 net to be dedicated to AYC Scholarship - Toby suggested that the AHS Maritime pre-study program graduating class be considered for the Award selection.

Bridge to Bridge: Discussion on communication by Jim with Newport group that they could consider scheduling event to immediately follow Regatta.

Raft-up: Plenty of Members help available; Dorothy's Spaghetti Dinner recipe preferred Dinner choice. \$15.00 dinner, \$10.00 breakfast (Bacon & eggs, biscuits), Jim will do dishes.

R/C Fleet: Toby relayed a R/C barbecue dinner at his home August 27.



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September 19, 2009

10: 30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

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AYC RACE CAPTAINS REPORT

Some of the best racing ever seen in this area was on offer for the 2009 Astoria Regatta Races. Sunny skies and brisk northwest winds filled made conditions ideal for this series, held on August 15-16.

Saturday we ran three short windward-leeward courses down the river and back, with the north side of the course favored with flat water and steady winds. In race 1 "Rattler" went deep into the shoals on the north side for the run, and pulled ahead by a long way for a decisive win. In races 2 and 3 the fleet followed Mike's strategy and went deep. Our sounder was screaming "6 feet!" before we bore off and sought a little more cushion under the keel. All the races featured side-by-side runs down to the finish with both "Mach One" and "Off Like a Prom Dress" showing impressive bursts of speed to gain points. Race Four featured an epic luffing match at the end that resulted in a true photo-finish with four boats overlapped at the line!

Sunday we tried running the traditional long course races down the river, but the Buoy 10 fishery fleet was packing the river tight below Buoy 27, so instead a long meandering course was set between the start and windward mark with a rounding of buoy 35A to spice things up. The longer course opened things up a bit, but the extra rounding's, sets, and douses put a premium on good crew work and sail handling.

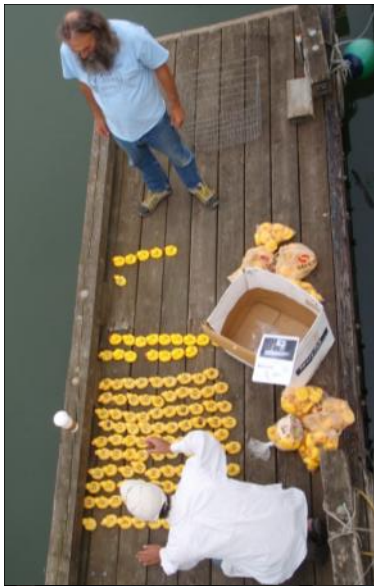
A two phase scoring calculation resulted in a pair of first place finish awards being made. For the total fleet of 8 boats, PHRF corrections resulted in a clear win for Olson 29 "Mach One" with Norm Shatto at the helm.

The subcategory of six Olson 30's was also scored on a level one-design basis, with Stuart Sinclair's "Off Like a Prom Dress" taking the top spot by two points over "Rattler" in second place. Wildfire trailed one point behind to take third place.

Many thanks to the Race Committee and Chairman Hal Nauman for putting on a fine series, and to Jim Tongue, AYC Commodore, for arranging the great venue.

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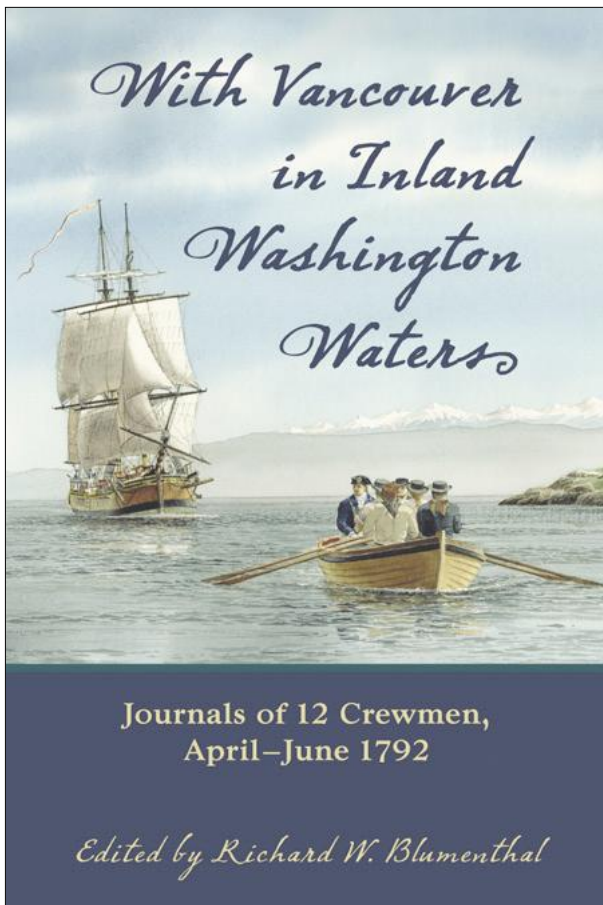
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Results, PHRF handicapped

Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Place
Mach One	2	1	3		1	2	9	First
Rattler	1	4		4	2	1	12	Second
Off...Dr ess	4	3	2	1		3	13	Third
Zephyr	3		1	5	3	5	17	Fourth
Wildfire	5	2	5	2		4	18	Fifth
Black Aye	7	5	6		4	7	29	Sixth
Cara Mia	6	6		6	6	6	30	Seventh
Pier Pres- sure	8	8	8	8	8	8	40	Eighth

Results Olson 30 One-Design

Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Place
Off...Dr ess	2	2	1	1		2	8	First
Rattler	1	4		3	1	1	10	Second
Wildfire	3	1	2	2		3	11	Third
Black Aye	5	3	3		2	5	18	Fourth
Cara Mia	4	5		4	4	4	21	Fifth
Pier Pres- sure	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	6	30	Sixth



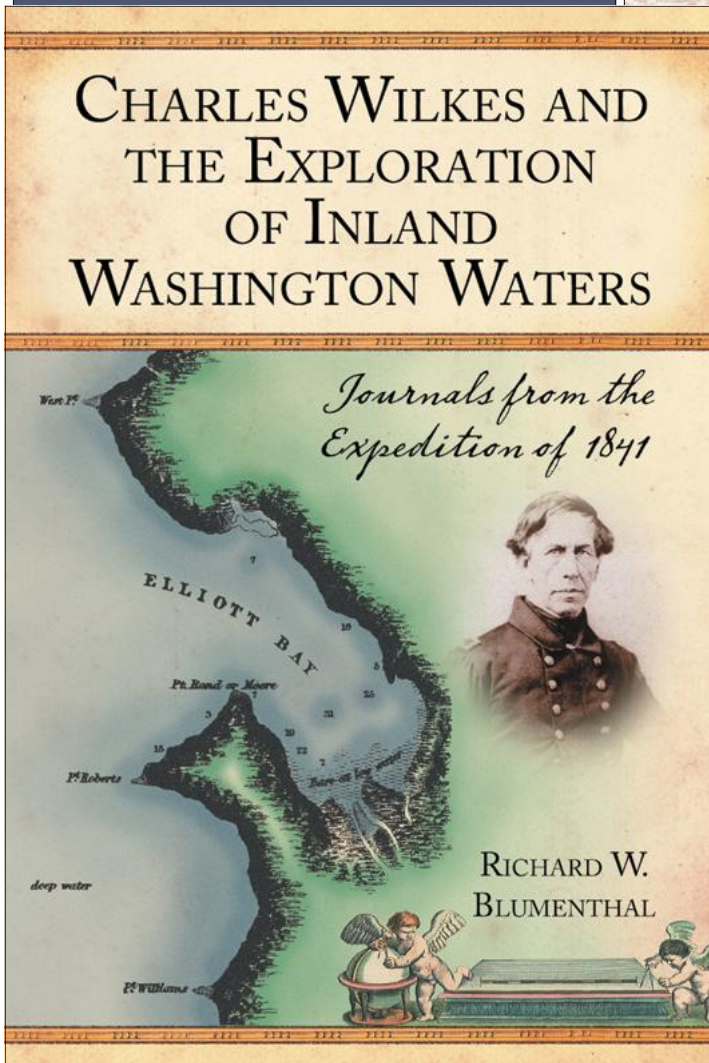
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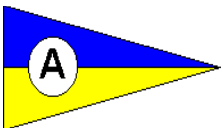
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