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KLAMATH YACHT CLUB •

September 2023

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Sunset & boatyard photos by Liz Campbell



Dale Wetzel with grandson Cedric earlier this summer.

Photo by Colleen Welsch



Carol Herring and Sandy Waters preparing welcome packets for new members.



Miss June Lee with her catch.
Photo by Sandy Waters

Commodore 's Report

Well, it surely does feel like fall! However, still going sockless keeps the boating-vibe alive, albeit chilly. The docks are emptying out as the lake level has dropped. The ever-presence of the big rock in the middle harbor is to be contend-ed with and the shallowness in the north harbor presents a "hump" to be avoided. *As Worf said, "Prepare for ramming speed!"* If you have not taken your boat out of the water and would like help, speak up. Earlier this week, as the one hour turned into... more, it was reaffirmed that while sailing can be alone on the water, pulling a boat is to be shared. Newer members, never be shy about reaching out for help or guidance; we've all been there at one point or another. When members connect with each other, we sustain each other in the use and enjoyment of Upper Klamath Lake.

With the change in seasons, it is a good time to reflect. Since June this year, Liz and I have seen the support and pulling together of members, moving forward to do good things.

Accomplishments include: *reformation of the New Membership Committee with information sent out quickly; *upon Board approval, new members AND their sponsors welcomed the next day by email; *detailed tentative agendas being posted prior to monthly Board meeting; *sharing Board meeting highlights the week following the meeting; *missing annual and board meeting minutes added to website; *club emails reduced to weekly unless urgent business; *weekly communication and information posted at club entryway board; and *the First Friday added-celebration of "Hail and Farewell".

On-going work includes: *Handbook Committee work to get a Club Handbook posted to the website; *Budget Committee preparation for club-wide presentation of an annual working budget; *new Club 'water-bottle-style' stickers to be made available to all members this fall; *membership cards written and issued by Secretary Valerie Gravelle in October; *map drawn-up of 2023 boat moorage and storage with identification of long-term unused boats and unknown(!) boats; *general club grounds work with ramp repair, workroom clean-up, sprinkler head repair, wheel replacements on hose cart and wheelbarrow; *updating club wall trophies 2020-21 with Sam Houston guidance; *updating annual racing trophies from 2014 on with Mike Bliss guidance; improving communication with club members via website use with Greg Collins' invaluable knowledge and legwork. *By now, multiple emails per membership should be receiving KYC weekly messages and if not, please contact Greg or Steve and Liz.*

Looking forward and what-is-to-come includes: *a printed club handbook for interested members; *committee work on director and officer duty lists; *Board-approved and published updated KYC Policies & Rules document; *meeting by the Project Planning Committee, and *regular service to the Club.

The fall Special Annual Meeting is for club members only (no guests) and will address member survey results and work being done to address such, review February 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, hand out membership cards, and present other information as needed. We'll also have a chili cook-off and pie dessert table. IMPORTANT: The October 14 date MAY BE CHANGED due to the County-issued State of Emergency with the annular solar eclipse event. **LOOK FOR a Board-decision regarding the meeting date and LOOK FOR A CLUB EVENT the morning of the solar eclipse...INFORMATION TO COME REGARDING OCTOBER DATES...**

The Board has been quite busy since June! A reinvigoration and increased involvement has been seen at meetings, including: *increased knowledge and use of *Club ByLaws, Policies & Rules*; *use of **Robert's Rules of Order** to guide board meetings; *wrapping up approximately nine 'old' Old Business items; *referring to past minutes for accuracy and cohesiveness in addressing current old business items and potential new business items; *improving the treasurer-use of QuickBooks and bringing all financial accounting and billing to an accurate and timely state; *instituting active Budget Committee work; *addressing a club-benefitted Bottle Bag return system; and *embracing their participation and responsibility to KYC as elected directors and officers.

As a club, the accomplishments are numerous, including many activities only made possible by club member collaboration. Activities included: *Firecracker Regatta (Jake, Janet, Sue, Travis, Cindy, Janet, Val, racers and so many club members); *two Youth Sailing class sessions (Matt, Shale, Roberto, Sue, Rick, Colleen), *Wednesday Night racing (Mike B., Mike W., Sam, Jeanne, Rose, Mick, Steve, Liz); *regular Wednesday and Friday evening meals, aided by former-rear commodore Andy's cleaning and servicing the outdoor grill and the Vice Commodores' competent scheduling with bbq-grillers and dinner hosts galore); *the *Barley Afloat's* engaging and inviting atmosphere (VC's Rick and Colleen and Suzi), and the large variety of activities for all at the club, including The Great Chase, Poker Run, Friday night cat racing, youth-on-the-water opportunities provided by Danny and Greg W., 'First Fridays' with musical entertainment, and Game Nights.

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We thank you for your support this summer and see how much this Club can do with cohesiveness. We believe the Board has grown stronger and more effective with the regular reviewing and confirming that Board decision-making and implementation of decisions, projects and communication complies with established bylaws, rules, and policies, to create a member-supporting and financially-stable Klamath Yacht Club. **We greatly appreciate** so many members agreeing to get involved on committees and projects, sharing their knowledge, supporting newer members, and putting in long-hours when needed. **We smile** as we see club members down on the docks, puttering around the grounds, preparing meals in the kitchen, visiting with friends new and old, coming together to help when needed and celebrate when deserved- **PEOPLE JUST BEING AT THE CLUB!** **We recognize** those who served on the Board this year, Andy, Sharon, Debbie, Sue, and Tim; whether serving in an elected or appointed capacity, they showed commitment. Least of all, **we do not forget** those who quietly and silently serve the club are a backbone to KYC

KYC was established in 1947 as a gathering place of boat-minded people to provide boating access to the lake, as well as friend/family gatherings. That still continues to be a driving purpose now in 2023. We look forward to continuing promoting KYC values this fall.

Happy sailing (on the lake or in an armchair),

Steve and Liz Campbell, KYC Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

With summer winding down at the Klamath Yacht Club, this year has truly been a remarkable experience. The breathtaking sunsets that graced our skies this year have left us in awe, creating memories that will last a lifetime. We have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know an incredible array of individuals, both new and old members of our cherished club. Their warmth and camaraderie have made every moment special. It's important to express our deepest gratitude to all those who generously volunteered their time, both within the club and beyond. Their selflessness and dedication have undoubtedly contributed to the success and vibrancy of this wonderful community. As summer draws to a close, let's come together to appreciate the beauty we've witnessed and the connections we've made. Thank you to everyone who has made this summer unforgettable!

As Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore at the Klamath Yacht Club, we have accomplished numerous tasks this year to enhance our club. Notably, we successfully painted the exterior, conducted a thorough deep cleaning of the interior and exterior, installed bathroom door locks, and created a dedicated closet for life jackets. Additionally, we tackled a long-standing kitchen leak, ensuring a safer and more functional space. Looking ahead, we are excited to collaborate with our new housekeepers, who will commence their service next Tuesday 9/5/23. However, we kindly request more volunteers for our dinner events to maintain our tradition of serving homemade meals at an affordable price. Your support in this endeavor will greatly contribute to the continued success of our club. Again, thank you to all that have made this summer a successful season.

Rick and Colleen Welsch
Vice Commodores



Summer sailing
on the lake.

Photo by Liz
Campbell.

Club Grounds Report

As we move into the autumn season, KYC club grounds present some new needs and upkeep to be addressed by our members. This is a good time to get in those outdoor work hours. As always, there are weeds, branches, fallen apples, miscellaneous garbage that has blown around, riffraff washed up onto the ramp, and left-behind items from people. (Speaking of, if you've misplaced a sticker-covered water bottle or a brand-new ARTIC lunchbox/cooler, they've been found. Let the Campbells know.)

The lake level has significantly dropped, presenting problems for trailer use at the ramp. If you are not trained in using the crane, please contact Stephen King, Mike Bliss, Jake Zaiger, Greg Collins, Tim Phillips, Mick Mulvey, Steve Campbell, or Vince Wachter. As per club policy, **DO NOT USE THE CRANE** without training.

Trailers should have inflated tires and be unlocked, as during this time of year especially, boats and trailered boats are being moved around to make room for boats coming off the water. Boats are being "stacked" into the northern parking lot for winter storage. If you have a special concern about where your trailered boat will be placed for the winter, please contact Steve and Greg. We want most everyone happy but need to do it in an orderly and safe way.

Please do not leave boats and/or trailers parked on the southern grass lot; it is temporary use at best. The club lawns are still being watered and mowed.

ALL BOATS MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER BY NOVEMBER 1st; don't push your luck waiting until then though. See Club Policies & Rules if you have a question about fees assessed after November 1st if your boat is not out of the water.

The end-of-August work party was successful. That being said, the outside-accessed workroom will only stay usable if members show responsibility and respect by cleaning up after themselves, knowing that the workroom is used by many throughout the year. Not every tool you need is there, but there are tools, chains, straps, hooks, bolts, fenders, and the like.

Keep your eyes open for a Saturday fall work party as well as the annual fall dock-removal work party.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Photos from August work party day by Liz Campbell.



September, 2023 Treasurer's Report

Things are on a more even keel regarding the accounting for the Club. We are still working on collecting old accounts receivable. We have collected almost \$10,000 so far.




We are gearing up to send out another round of requests for payment. If you have received a bill recently, please pay it promptly. If you don't owe it, let me know when and how it was paid (at the bar or a check mailed, etc.), and I will check into it. If you think you should have received a bill for dues, moorage, etc., but haven't, let me know that also, and I will check into it.

I am currently drafting accounting procedures and checklists that should help future Treasurer's understand how to account for the Club's transactions and finances. And there will be training available.

Anyone interested in stepping up to be the next Treasurer?

Janet
Treasurer@kycsail.us

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Bar Open 5:30pm Pot luck Hors d'oeuvres	2
3	4 	5	6 Bar Open 5:30pm Jimmy Buffet tribute dinner by Ingrid/John	7	8 Bar Open 5:30pm Pizza	9
10	11	12	13 Bar Open 5:30pm	14  KYC BOARD MTG. 6:30pm	15 Bar Open 5:30pm	16 Rotary Steak Fry \$30.00 KYC members invited
17	18	19	20 Bar Open 5:30pm	21	22 Bar Open 5:30pm	23
24	25	26	27 Bar Open 5:30pm	28 Game night 6:00pm	29 Bar Open 5:30pm	30
OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 4 Bar Open 5:30pm	OCTOBER 5	OCTOBER 6 Bar Open 5:30pm Pot luck Hors d'oeuvres	OCTOBER 7
OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 10	OCTOBER 11 Bar Open 5:30pm	OCTOBER 12  KYC BOARD MTG 6:30pm	OCTOBER 13 Bar Open 5:30pm	OCTOBER 14 Solar Eclipse Day ???Possible??? General Meeting Chili & pie



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**WORK HOURS FOR 2023 ARE DUE BY
JANUARY 30 2024**

Please email your hours to

treasurer@kycsail.us

SENIORS--Remember if you are **80 years plus**, please advise the treasurer by e-mail.

Dates to Note

**September 1 Pot luck hors
d'oeuvres**

September 14 Board meeting

September 16 Rotary steak fry

September 28 Game night

October 6 Pot luck hors d'oeuvres

October 12 Board meeting

**Rotary Steak Fry
Saturday, September 16**

KYC members invited

\$30.00

**Steak, potatoes, salad, dessert
Well drinks and domestic beer**

By Dave Carlson & Guy Jakubowski

Lake Levels
9/1/2023
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