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Beginners' Guide to learning to sail by Racing- get where you want to go faster and have more fun doing it!

When first joining Klamath Yacht Club, most of our new members claim they have no interest in racing. However, once the novelty of day sailing wears off, they find that racing is more stimulating than day sailing on our lake. They also notice how much fun the racers are having! So eventually they overcome their fear of looking foolish and enter their first race. After they discover that racing is not difficult (only winning is) they realize how much zest and excitement have been added to their day's sailing pleasure. In addition, they discover they have acquired a whole group of new friends who enjoy the camaraderie that exists between friendly competitors. With this in mind, we have prepared this Beginner's Guide to help you get started.

KYC schedules racing every Wednesday night from mid-April through August or when we run out of water. Each race takes 60-90 minutes and finish positions for each boat are added together to determine the winner of the series (lowest total points wins).

Skippers' meetings are held prior to the start of the years racing and as needed during the racing season. The Race Committee reminds everyone to register and gives the order of starts, the time the first race sequence begins, and any special instructions pertaining to the racing. If any of the instructions are unclear, please speak up as there is always someone else who is also confused. On the race board there are sheets that are the map of Klamath Lake showing the location of the course markers by number. Each week the Race Committee sets a course based on wind direction and speed and lists the order the markers are to be passed on the white board by the door facing the lake. For example, if the course indicates 3P followed by 5S the skipper would first sail to marker #3 and round it counter-clockwise so that the marker passes the port (left) side of the boat. He would then proceed to marker #5, rounding it clockwise so the marker passes by the starboard (right) side of the boat.

When first starting to race one of the most confusing aspects of sailing is the start of each race. The time remaining until the start is signaled by the race committee using a series of flags raised and lowered at specific times. The raising and lowering of each flag is accompanied by a sound signal. The first flag that is displayed is the class flag. This flag identifies the next class that will start. This flag is raised precisely 5 minutes before the designated class is to start. One minute later (four minutes before the start) the P flag (blue background with a white square) is raised. three minutes later (one minute before the start) the P flag is lowered. One minute later (the start of the race) the class flag is lowered and the boats may then cross the starting line and sail to the first mark of the course. This procedure is repeated until all the classes have started.

Time Until Start	Flags
5 minutes	Race Committee raises the class flag
2 minutes	Race Committee raises the P flag
1 minutes	Race Committee drops the P flag
Start	Race Committee drops the class flag

Commodore's Report

February !! no way, it was just Christmas last week! How time flies when you are having fun.

Boy did we have a great time at Installation Dinner, food was excellent, everyone dressed up, was a great evening. Thank you all that attended.

I was extremely proud to present Vince the Commodore's award, which is presented annually to the member who has made outstanding contributions of time and energy in promotion of KYC.

I also was so happy to present to Vince Life Membership. No one deserves it more. There is no end to all the jobs he has worked on at the club. Hopefully he never moves!! Also, thank you to Jan, for putting up with all the calls and visits Vince has had to make to the club for all sorts of reasons.

Also, thank you to Mark Wicks for all his hard work this year, which was much appreciated, and the delicious meals he has prepared, and hopefully continues to do so on occasion.

Greg Collins got the award for the most ship shape boat.

Steve and Elizabeth Campbell the award for Best Cruising.

Roberto Almodobar for Silent Server.

Mick and Lisa Mulvey for Powerboat Runabout.

Steve Crabbe and Garrick Jackson for the Hard Luck Trophy, in recognition of their runaway boat and Garrick's dip in the lake, which was enjoyed by all that afternoon.

I was also able to welcome our new Rear Commodores, Colleen and Rick Welsch, Jake Zaiger as new board member and Tim Phillips, who was on his honeymoon, as Vice Commodore. I am looking forward to working with all this coming year.

Bud Cook and Pam Randall have volunteered their time as Moorage Secretaries. To start them off, would you please all email them the hull number of your boat, the boat's location and legal status as soon as possible. This will help immensely when all the boats go back into the water.

So, ON TO FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 12th is a Super Bowl Party; hosted by Tim Phillips.

15th is the second class of Racing 101 at 6.30pm

We are having a wine tasting on Saturday the 18th February. Details of this and the cost, will be in my email next week, meeting with John Rosterolla and Mark on Monday, to arrange things.

We have hopes for a Mardi Gras Wednesday February 22nd, have to get helpers? Any volunteers?

The annual meeting is on the 25th. If you have questions or concerns, this is the time to ask them and enjoy a free dinner.

We clear the harbor and the wind catches her sails and my beautiful ship leans over ever so gracefully, and her elegant bow cuts cleanly into the increasing chop of the waves. I take a deep breath and my chest expands and my heart starts thumping so strongly I fear the others might see it beat through the cloth of my jacket. I face the wind and my lips peel back from my teeth in a grin of pure joy."

— L.A. Meyer, *Under the Jolly Roger: Being an Account of the Further Nautical Adventures of Jacky Faber*

Thoughts from Sam

Commissioning weekend isn't until May but last year we had a silent auction that brought in over \$700! I'd like to thank those of you that donated. Many items were hand crafted and gorgeous! Big thanks to the buyers also, hoping you're cherishing your purchases. I'm proposing we have another auction this year and am letting you know now so you can prepare your contribution! Thank you all in advance!

Items will be on display beginning Friday, May 19 and stay until Sunday afternoon, the 21st, at 4 pm. I will be there to accept cash and I will check with Tim to see if credit can again be used. Items that do not sell will need to be picked up by the donor.



Ladies, there is a one-day class in Newport, CA for women sailors--from beginner to advanced! It will be April 1st with three meals being served. All levels will be class combined w/on water! Check the site: sailingconventionforwomen.com. Anyone want to attend?

Vice Commodore's Report

I would like to take moment to thank everyone for entrusting me to be your Vice Commodore. I have had this position before but it has been many years ago. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions. I am sure that we will have a fun, eventful year. On that note, we have had some outstanding meals at KYC over the years so I would like to start the first edition KYC cookbook. If you have ever cooked a meal or enjoyed a meal at the club, could you please submit your favorite recipe. We will then put them into a cookbook for each membership to keep at home. We will also keep one at the bar. This way if you would like to cook a KYC meal, but don't know what to do, all you have to do is grab a couple of friends, a first edition cookbook and have fun. I hope this makes it easier for members to volunteer for club meals.

Tim

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bar open 5:30PM	2	3 Bar Open 5:30pm Pot luck Hors d'oeuvres	4
5	6	7	8 Bar open 5:30PM Reservations due for 2-18 wine tasting	9  KYC BOARD MTG. 6:30pm	10 Bar Open 5:30pm	11
12 Super Bowl Party Tim Phillips	13	14	15 Bar open 5:30PM Racing 101 6:30pm	16	17 Bar open 5:30PM	18 Wine Tasting 5:30pm \$55 per person Reservations by February 8
19	20	21	22 Bar open 5:30PM	23 Bunko 6:00pm	24 Bar open 5:30PM	25 Annual Meeting 6:00pm
26	27	28	MARCH 1 Bar open 5:30PM	MARCH 2	MARCH 3 Bar Open 5:30pm Pot luck Hors d'oeuvres	MARCH 4
MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8 Bar open 5:30PM	MARCH 9  KYC BOARD MTG 6:30pm	MARCH 10 Bar open 5:30PM	MARCH 11
MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15 Bar open 5:30PM Racing 101 6:30pm	MARCH 16	MARCH 17 Bar open 5:30PM	MARCH 18



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

Please email your hours to Treasurer
Debbie Huggins at
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SENIORS--Remember if you are **80
years plus**, please advise the treasurer
by e-mail.

Lake Levels
2/1/2023

4140.68 ft.
529 cfs.

KYC Website

At the KYC Website "Log In"
link, you gain access to the KYC
Board of Directors' monthly
meeting minutes and archived
Scuttlebutts. Email Greg Collins
at gcklinker@yahoo.com for
your user name and password.



Vince Wachter
receiving the
Commodore's
Award and Life
Membership from
Commodore Sue
Harbin at the
installation dinner
in late January.

Dates to Note

February 3 Pot luck hors d'oeuvres
February 9 Board meeting
February 12 Super Bowl Party
February 15 Racing 101
February 18 Wine Tasting
February 25 Annual Meeting
March 10 Board meeting