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COLUMBIA BASIN SAILING CLUB

TRI-CITIES, WASHINGTON



"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS"

MARCH 1993

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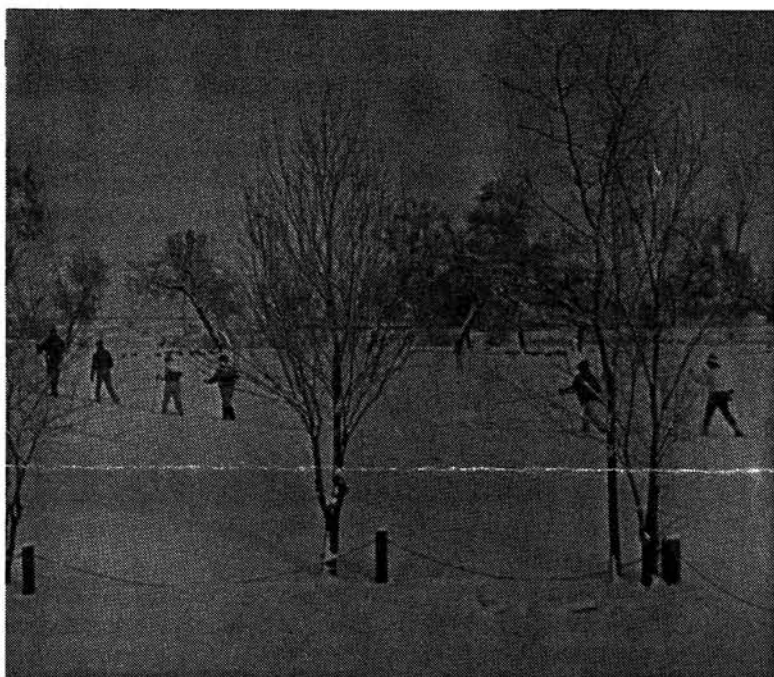
FROM THE COMMODORE

As I sit here writing this looking out at the snow, I wonder if everyone realizes that the first day of the spring series (Sunday, March 7) is just a matter of days away (ten as I write). Those summer days will be with us soon I hope.

The first general meeting of the year was an eventful one. The decision to purchase regatta liability insurance from US Sailing, in addition to having an emphasis on risk management (starting with rescue boat safety procedures) was a prudent measure in my opinion. Recognizing that we cannot insure for every possibility, the club is trying to cover the major areas of our liability through safe attitudes, training, and insurance.

The club agreed to sponsor the Wind and Sun Sailing School and through the auspices of Mark (I didn't get your last name) set up a junior program and junior membership rate. Gareth Nisbett gave an excellent program on spring maintenance to help us get prepared for the sailing season.

The calls are already coming in about this year's seventeenth annual Desert Regatta. The top three teams in this years Tasar Worlds will again be coming to our regatta. Dennis Trimble is taking names of volunteers for all the various activities that need to be covered at the regatta. This will be a major topic on the agenda for the March general meeting (7:30 pm Wednesday, March 10, Tri-City Court Club). The program for the night is a presentation by world traveler Sarah Burton on the Hobie 16 Worlds in Gaudeloupe.



IS THIS THE WAY TO THE DOCK, RALPH?
Not willing to sit around waiting for better sailing weather, several CBSC members enjoyed a cross-country trek at Columbia Point in January. For stories about other winter club activities, see inside.

FROM THE COMMODORE (continued)

At the meeting the club also established some goals for 1993. I will be personally talking to club members to try to get a name attached to each goal/subgoal. Please consider the list of goals and let me know if you are interested in furthering a particular one.

- Increase membership...many suggestions here, a trophy for the person most responsible for new members, junior recruitment, etc...
- More social activities...barbecues, match racing, in-town sails, meeting programs, picnics, treasure hunts, cruises, daysails, etc...
- Increase communication with other clubs, send Luff Wire to other clubs, joint sail with WWYC, include other....
- Make some club burgees....
- The clubhouse...since this is most likely a multipart longterm goal, it was decided to begin by identifying siting.
- Create a phone tree...
- Promote a sailing team at the local high schools or CBC...
- Have a publicity chair to get race results to paper, public service announcements to TV and Radio, yellow pages.....
- Visibility...in-town racing, Sunfest event, Sagebrush games, Water Follies....

There are more ideas that are not mentioned here and I am interested in everyone's thoughts on where they want the club to go in the future. Defining goals is only the first step - realizing them will take some effort. I feel that if we can do as well as last year at completing our goals, we will be in good shape.

The boat show in January was a big boost for CBSC visibility. Thanks to Vice Commodore Tony McKarns we had the prime spot in the mall to showcase sailing in the Tri-Cities (for eighteen grueling days).

Volunteers handed out over 450 flyers for the sailing school and 250 CBSC flyers, in addition to CBSC cards, complimentary Luff Wires, and a bunch of information sent by US Sailing. And who knows, we may even have helped Tony sell a few sailboats.

It was apparent that many new people are moving into town who are unaware of local sailing opportunities, not to mention the "natives" who didn't realize we exist. We are well on the way to changing that. A big thank you to Tony McKarns for giving us this opportunity. Our Vice Commodore (in charge of vice) has been a one man dynamo in seeking to raise the level of sailing awareness in the area, not to mention his efforts to establish junior sailing.

Ken Nelson



SHIP'S LOG

General Meeting, February 10, 1993

The short-term goals of the club were discussed. Nine were identified as desirable and achievable (see From the Commodore.)

A motion was passed to purchase on-the-water insurance to cover risk and liability at a cost estimated at \$300 per year.

The issue of the relationship between CBSC and Wind & Sun Sailing School was discussed. A motion was passed to provide sponsorship in name only to the sailing school and to allow the sailing school to use the old Livingston rescue boat for school activities on the condition that the school provide for storage, license, and maintenance of the boat and that the boat be available for club use when necessary.

Motions were passed to establish a junior sailing activity within CBSC, to establish a junior membership fee of \$10 for members under 18 years old, and include separate standings for juniors in the Luff Wire.

Bill Darke

DESERT REGATTA

Regatta planning is underway. While some of the leadership is in place, there are many important tasks that we need your help with. Please contact me, Ken Nelson or Al Hopp to let us know in which of the following ways you can help:

- Registration - organize registration packets, preregistration, Saturday morning registrations
- T-shirt sales
- Race results - prepare display board, enter results as available
- Hospitality - procure and organize availability of soft drinks, coffee and donuts.
- Dinner Saturday - assist Ken and Wanda Nelson with service, cleanup
- Gazebo setup - prepare gazebo for Saturday night dinner
- Power boat operators - provide on-the-water assistance to race committee and racers
- Race Committee - assist race chairman, Al Hopp
- Publicity - arrange media coverage before, during and after regatta

With everyone's help, we can put on the quality regatta that sailors from all over the Pacific Northwest have come to expect from CBSC. Let's not disappoint them!

Dennis Trimble

PRESEASON MAINTENANCE TIPS

Sailing season is about to begin anew and if you done so already, now is a good time to perform some pre-season maintenance on that boat.

At our February meeting Gareth Nisbett outlined some steps to take now that should help keep you on the water. These tips come from Gareth's own experience as a sailor and as a professional in marine repair, and from Willie at Rivers II Marine Service.

First off, dispose of all gas over three months old in cans, lines and motor. Then, use only super unleaded gas.

Drain the oil, no matter how little you used the motor last year. Use the manufacturer's recommended brand. Look for

signs of leakage, tighten nuts and bolts and check for cracks.

When using the motor, it should not get too hot to touch. If it does, there is something wrong.

Check your hull for dings, gouges and blisters. Anything that exposes the fiberglass will allow moisture to wick in, whether your boat is on the water or not. Act soon for local repair shops are very busy.

Blister repair requires a minimum of two months to cure. Kiss spring sailing goodbye, or plan to do it next winter.

Ultraviolet rays in our glorious sunshine eat up gel coat. Give your hull a good buff and wax job using a product with UV protection such as McGuire's 30.

Replace all of the drain plugs and port covers. Keeping these open during storage helps air circulation, prevents rot.

Check the rigging. Replace any cables with rust or broken wires. Check lines for chaffing and sails for tears and broken battens.

Grease the bearings of the trailer wheels. This should be done after every dunking. Check the tire pressure and don't forget the spare.

If trailer bunks need repair, be prepared to do it after the first launching. Bad bunks on bumpy back roads bring big bills. (Not exactly Gareth's words.)

Gareth offered a few tips to do-it-yourselfers. Don't use epoxy products when fixing minor problems. Gel coat cannot be applied over epoxy. Also, the shelf life of unopened gel coat is only one year, and an opened can lasts only six months. Buy new.

Mostly Gareth urged caution when doing any fiberglass or gel coat work. The products are carcinogenic irritants with poisonous fumes. Wear eye protection, mask, long sleeves and gloves. Work outside or in a very well ventilated area.

These products also require extreme caution when disposing of leftover material. They are highly flammable and combust spontaneously.

If you have questions, you can call Gareth at 586-0833. And thanks, Gareth, for the wake up call.

⚓ NEXT MEETING ⚓

Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-City Court Club

BOAT SHOW 1993
January 15-31

This was probably the best visibility to the general public that our sailing community has had in years. Over 10,000 people come through the mall during the 17-day show. We handed out over 450 Wind and Sun Sailing School flyers, 250 Columbia Basin Sailing Club flyers and news letters, over 50 Hobie Fleet 195 news letters, and over 200 flyers on the US Sailing Association.

We met and talked with hundreds (possibly thousands) about sailing in the Columbia Basin. Many people who are interested in learning to sail. Some who have sailed and are interested in getting back in to the sport. There were even those who have boats and/or are sailing other places in the world, but did not realize that there is sailing in the Tri-Cities area. By the time this 17-day show ended I was dragging more than just my feet.

The following people made the Boat Show possible.

People who helped set up and take down:

Todd Hull
Shannon Runyon
John Norton

Mike Leistrich
Ken Nelson
Mike Hopp

Al Hopp
Gareth Nisbett
Sarah Burton

People who helped at the booth:

Gareth Nisbett
Sarah Burton

Ken Nelson
Al Hopp

Shannon Runyon

For those who were unable attend the marathon 17-day Boat Show at the mall, this is what you missed. We had 5 sail boats on display, all fully rigged. A Holder 9 and 12, a Laser II, a Hobie 18, and at center stage (in front of the Bon) a Hobie 20. The Holder 9, 12, and Laser II were on cradles in a level position. The Hobie 18 was in a special cradle that tipped the boat about 30 degrees to starboard (or for the cat sailors in the audience "flying a hull in the mall"). The 20 was sitting flat on the carpet with the 31' mast stuck into the skylight. It was a bit tricky stepping the mast but we had another 2' to the sky light glass. The areas under the boats was covered with blue in-door/out-door carpet.

We also had a table and 3 sides of a square 5' high literature holder covered with literature, information, etc. There was of course a 27" TV playing a variety of favorite sailing videos and a dry suit, life jacket, and soft goods display.

Responses / Comments:

Wow, how did you get that in here?
I've always wanted to learn to sail.
Look! Mommy Look! Daddy Sail Boats!
I didn't know that there was sailing around here.
It's great to see Sail Boats here!

Very Impressive!
How tall is that mast?

by Tony McKarns

DESERT REGATTA 1993

17TH ANNUAL

MAY 1 AND MAY 2, 1993

CHARBONNEAU PARK ON THE SNAKE RIVER 20 MILES N.E. OF PASCO, WA.

BOATS - ONE DESIGN AND HANDICAP FLEETS - THISTLE, SAN JUAN 21, CORRANADO 15, TASAR, HOBIE, SNIPE, LASER, LASER II, FLYING SCOT, OPEN(PORTSMOUTH), AND PHRF.



ACCOMODATIONS - CAMPING IN THE PARK WITH HOT SHOWERS AND ELECTRICITY. ARRIVAL MUST BE BEFORE 10PM (GATES CLOSE) OR AFTER 6AM (GATES OPEN)... MOTELS IN THE TRI CITIES.

RACING - 3 OR 4 RACES ON SATURDAY, 1-3 RACES ON SUNDAY. NO STARTS AFTER NOON ON SUNDAY. ALL RACES SAILED UNDER IYRU/USSA AS MODIFIED BY CBSC RACE INSTRUCTIONS

TROPHIES..... 1 FOR 4 BOATS, 2 FOR 7 BOATS, 3 FOR 10 BOATS, 4 FOR 15 BOATS, AND 5 FOR 20 BOATS

STEAK AND TERRYAKI CHICKEN BREAST BARBEQUE... SATURDAY DINNER \$7.00 7PM TO 8:30 PM

SATURDAY MAY 2 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM SKIPPERS MEETING AT 11AM FIRST RACE AT NOON

SUNDAY MAY 3 COFFEE AND DONUTS 6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM FIRST RACE 8 AM

FEES: USSA MEMBERS AND EARLY REGISTRATION..... \$16.00

RACE DAY\$20.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: DENNIS TRIMBLE (509) 783-6435 OR AL HOPP (509) 545-4447, EVENINGS

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CUT ON DOTTED LINE

17TH ANNUAL DESERT REGATTA 1993 REGISTRATION

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADRESS _____

CLASS OR BOAT TYPE _____ SAIL NUMBER _____

REGISTRATION \$ _____ CHICKEN DINNERS \$ _____ STEAK DINNERS \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ INTERESTED IN VIDEO (APROX \$20) YES ___ NO ___

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COLUMBIA BASIN SAILING CLUB

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: COLUMBIA BASIN SAILING CLUB
17TH ANNUAL DESERT REGATTA
P.O. BOX 1063
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352-1063

New Years Day Sail, 1993 3rd Annual

Six brave adventurous individuals set forth on the mighty Columbia river. Three ultra extra ordinary people (Don Oucheda, Jim Hutchins, and Lynn) drove from Corvallis, Oregon to join in on the fun. Local yokels Gareth Nisbett, Shannon Runyon, and Tony McKarns met the Corvallis crew at Batemen Island to rig their boats. The boats were of course, all catamarans, as their crew are among the most hardy.

Several well wishers came to join in on the festivities. These individuals were comprised of the people who are strong enough to leave the warmth and comfort of the house (couch, boob tube, foot ball, and foot rest) to bask in the fresh air and comradery of watching their more adventurous friends sail. The first person to the site was Bill (no boat) Hodgeson a cat sailor who shoveled the snow off the ramp. Bill's excuse was that his boat is all white and it was lost in the back yard "under all that snow". This was the best excuse offered (and he did shovel the ramp). The next group of would be sailors (with more excuses than they are old) were our die hard (or is that dead beat?) mono-hull friends.

Now before I get carried away on this, I will commend them for at least showing up. One must realize that mono-hullers are accustom to moving slow. So, this year they showed up. Maybe next year they'll bring their boats. And who knows, in 3 or 4 years they may actually put a boat in the water. Anyway, it's a start. The first of these people was none other than Ken (no boat) Nelson, and his crew Dave (no boat) Anderson. Now Dave came from Southern Idaho so we did cut him some slack. Some! Now the last and certainly not least to show was Al (no boat, glass of wine in hand) Hopp. Now for those of you who know Al, you understand when I say that his presence adds a certain "E'spree De Core".

Anyway the weather was a balmy 26 degrees, 6 to 8 inches of show, light overcast, and light winds. This year, unlike last year, no one flipped over.

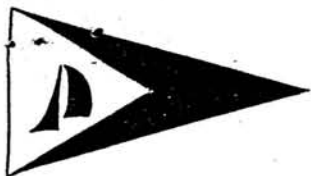
The attire for the day, Dry suits worn by all the adventurous sailors. Now we were referred to as crazy (by parties who shall remain nameless). There may be some small basis of truth for this label, but we do stress the safety aspects.

Well the local news papers did not show up but, the friendly KEPR TV news crew did. They politely declined a ride. Something about no feeling in their toes.

We did shoot some of our own tape and a few slides. The video does have a few mono-hullistic slams about the brave and daring cat sailors. Of course there may be one or two some what polite, but derogatory multi-hullistic slams about our fearless and boatless mono-hull friends. All doily recorded for your viewing pleasure.

This annual event is open to all sailors who wish to par-take. Bring your cold weather sailing gear if you prefer to show up boatless. There is always room to hop a ride with someone else. Hope to see you next New Years Day!

by Tony McKarns



Columbia Basin Sailing Club
Racing Schedule
1993

Date	Day	Location
<u>Spring Series</u>		
March 7	Sunday	Charbonneau
March 20	Saturday	Charbonneau
April 4	Sunday	Charbonneau
April 17 & 18	Saturday-Sunday	Charbonneau
May 15 & 16	Saturday-Sunday	Charbonneau
*May 1 & 2 (Desert Regatta)	Saturday-Sunday	Charbonneau
*May 29 (Mexican Downriver)	Saturday	Richland-Columbia Park
* not part of Spring Series		

2 individual races may be thrownout per series
Race Committee = 1 pt. (limit one day per series)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Columbia Basin Sailing Club

P.O. Box 1063
Richland, WA 99352

Name Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____
Phone (home) () _____ Work () _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Boat type _____ Size _____ Sail # _____
Main Sailing Interest: Cruising _____ Racing _____ Other _____

Fees: ☐ \$35 Membership ☐ \$20 Associate Member (non boat owners)
☐ \$10 Junior (18 and under) Luff Wire Advertisement: ☐ \$25

Sponsor: _____
(for new members, tell us who introduced you to the club.)