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Enjoy!!!

Commodore's Corner - March 2011

February 28, 2011 6:30 pm



Well here we are at the end of February and about to begin March. For those who race at TTL, don't forget that we start racing an hour later 3pm "first horn" in March and April.

The start of the 2011 ASF programs is just one more indication that the club is on its way to getting all things back to normal after Tempe Town Lake was recovered. With Start Sailing Right back "on the water" many new faces have shown up, anxious to learn about sailing, which may be the realization of a lifelong dream, some young, some older. Trying to keep them actively involved in sailing once they have completed the course is always a challenge. We always promote joining AYC and gaining access

to boats through the Adopt-A-Boat program as a means to more time on the water.

We, as a club, could maybe do more and this is a great transition into our March General Membership meeting. This month's speaker, Nicholas D. Hayes, is a noted author who is running around the country speaking on the subject of "Saving Sailing". He has some interesting insights into how clubs can actively grow membership and re-build a base of growth for an active sailing community. I would encourage all you to come and hear what he has to say and to take up the challenge.

And...don't forget to reserve the date of May 14th for the Commodores dinner at the Charthouse restaurant.

Joe

Notice: 2011-12 Officers Nominating Meeting

February 28, 2011 3:29 pm



The Arizona Yacht Club Board of Directors Election Nominating Meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 6pm immediately prior to the March General Membership meeting.

Eligible members interested in volunteering to run for election to AYC Board of Directors positions, or that would like to nominate eligible AYC members should see their ACTIVE Fleet Captain, Cruising Captain (acting) Mike Parker or Commodore Joe Motil to participate in the Nominating Committee or to submit nominations.

The ELECTION OF OFFICERS and NOMINATING committee and

process are defined by the AYC Bylaws as follows:

9.1.2 Election of Officers. The following Club Officers shall be elected annually by the Membership for one (1) year terms: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Cruising Captain. Each year the following Club Officers shall be elected by the Membership for two (2) year terms: Membership Director, Junior Staff Commodore (who shall become Senior Staff Commodore in the second year of his tenure).

12.1.2 NOMINATING: All members of the Nominating Committee must be Voting Members of the Club. The Fleet Captain of each active fleet shall notify the Commodore of the Fleet's representative. The Cruising Captain shall select one (1) member from the ranks of the predominately Cruising Voting Membership and the Commodore shall select two (2) members-at-large representatives from the ranks of the non-racing Voting Members of the Club. Such selections by the Active Racing Fleets, Cruising Captain and Commodore shall not be subject to approval or challenge by any other entity or person. For the purposes of this Article, an "Active Racing Fleet" shall mean a racing fleet which qualified for a separate start and has at least four (4) Voting Members registered to race, in the last completed Fall or Spring Series of the Club's racing calendar just prior to the Nominating Committee's first meeting. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be the Commodore of the Club who shall have no vote on the Nominating Committee. No other Officers or Board Members may be on the Nominating Committee. There shall be no requirement for the Nominating Committee to nominate any incumbent Officer or Member of the Board of Directors to any Office or Board of Director Membership. The Nominating Committee shall procure approval of each of its nominations from the person being nominated prior to conclusion of its duties for the year. The Nominating Committee may nominate more than one (1) candidate for each position open. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commodore shall automatically be nominated for the position of Junior Staff Commodore.

ASU Boats Get Wrapped for PCCSC Series

February 28, 2011 3:50 am

The ASU Sun Devil sailing team will be VERY visible from now on thanks to sponsored "wraps" of their boats.

The team and their HOT looking new boats headed to Newport Beach, CA for the weekend of 2+26-27 at the most recent PCCSC Series event.



February Membership Meeting

February 27, 2011 2:49 pm

From the membership corner



Please welcome our newest members, Bob Hastings, John Healy, and Bernie Armstrong, to the club. Bob is a Tucson resident and recently took the ASA keelboat 101 class at Lake Pleasant. Bob is interested in crewing on keelboats at lake pleasant. So, if anyone needs crew, please give Bob a call. John recently moved to Phoenix from Ireland. Both he and his son Denis, who sailed in Ireland, are interested in sailing and racing and are anxious to get out on the water. John is also interested in helping the club with equipment maintenance. Several of us had the pleasure of meeting Bernie and his wife Judy at the last membership meeting. Bernie is a long-time sailor and currently sails an Enterprise, Hairy Carry. Bernie is interested in crewing, racing and helping the club with equipment maintenance.

Tempe Town Lake to add Paddleboarding to its Watersports

February 24, 2011 4:50 pm

Hey everyone...not sure if you heard about this or not. There was an article in the Arizona Republic not to long ago.

Anyway, for more information about classes, dates and times

click here.

Please also remember that a sailboat under sail must GIVE WAY to a "human powered" craft...even if we're racing!

Thanks!

February AYC Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2011 5:38 pm

Meeting Call to order 2+1+2011, 7:13pm, Emory Heisler's Home

Attendees: Motil, Heisler, Harlow, Chapman, Pillote, Parker and Guests (see list at end)

1. Secretary (Heisler substitute)

- January minutes updated to reflect May 14, 2011 as Commodore's Ball. Approved by Pillote motion, Harlow 2nd, unanimous.

2. Treasurer Report (Chapman)

- Awaiting final Birthday Regatta expenses for next report.

3. Membership (Pillote, Sahali)

- Bernie Armstrong nominated. Approved by Heisler motion, Motil 2nd, unanimous.

4. Cruising Captain (vacant - Parker substitute)

- Tall Cactus preparations - planning for 40 dinners
- Details to be posted to web in FebMarch

5. Fleet Captain (Harlow)

- Fall Series Trophies will be presented at March Membership meeting
- Birthday regatta 1st place trophies to be created - assigned to Heisler
- 3+27+2011 TTL to be cancelled for Dragon Boat Race - Heisler will post to web

6. Jr. Staff Commodore (Jackson)

- No items

7. Sr. Staff Commodore (Parker)

- No items

8. Rear Commodore (vacant - Motil substitute)

- GM Meeting topics discussion
- Commodores Ball set for Chart House - McCormick Ranch

9. Vice Commodore (Heisler)

- Compass Points near ready for February

10. Commodore (Motil)

- No additional items
- Next Meeting Locations: March 1, Lucille's Tempe Marketplace, April 5, Jackson's, **May 3, Pete's (Ballot Count)**, May 14, Chart House, June 7 Heisler's

11. Other

- After adjournment an open discussion was held with guests about AYC current issues (i.e. open board seats, declining membership) and ideas for improvement (improved communications, non-racing activities). Participants: AYC BoD attendees, Guests: Tom Ohlin-Former Commodore, Dennis Lynde-Former Commodore, ASF: John Mayal, Greg Dean, Lisa Lake, Leo Baumann, Natalie Harper, George Tingom.

Meeting Adjourned 7:56pm

Submitted: March 1, 2011, Emory Heisler - Vice Commodore for Vacant Secretary position

My First - THE FIRST - Governors Cup 1994

February 23, 2011 12:50 pm



*Tom Comtois, Dennis Lynde, & Cliff McCrum
First Place in First Annual Governor's Cup
Regatta at Lake Pleasant near Peoria, AZ.*

By Dennis Lynde

Well, this is from quite a while ago, but I was asked to recall a former Governors cup that I had participated in and my first was THE FIRST.

In 1994 I was working for The Sailboat Shop and had the pleasure of selling a new Hunter 26, which he named Wit's End, to Cliff McCrum, a Phoenix police officer, and real nice guy. He and his wife were going to go cruising, but his dad is a long time sailor also and had owned a few sailboats.

Hunter had just come out with their new 26, which was a real

departure from previous Hunters, and had a lot of freeboard, a centerboard, full batten main and working jib. You really could not put a large headsail on this boat, since the shrouds were all led to the outside of the deck and hull which prohibited an overlapping jib. This was really a cruiser with a lot of space below, an open transom and a large cockpit.

Cliff decided he would like to try his hand at racing, which he'd never done, so I volunteered to crew for him, and along with a friend of his, Tom Comtois, we decided to enter this new race. This was the First AYC Governor's Cup.

Back then, the new dam at Lake Pleasant had just been completed the year before, and none of us were real familiar with the new lake, and it was in the process of still filling, so this sounded like a real fun challenge and a cool way to learn the new lake.

In 1994 the race was held on January 1st, pretty cold at night, but beautiful during the day. Cliff rented a slip at the then new marina and launched before I got there. When I arrived, like any good racing sailor, I asked him if he had cleaned out the cruising gear for the race, and could I get him a cart to take everything off the boat. He said don't bother, we would race it like it was equipped, and we did. Sleeping bags, BBQ's, two anchors, batteries, dinnerware, cushions, heaters, etc, etc, and with all the lockers full to the brim. I couldn't touch a thing.

With "Wit's End" being a new boat, Cliff only had 2 sails, a working jib, and full batten mainsail (if you don't have one, get one). The full batten main was a new toy for mono hulls back then. Anyway, we entered the non-spinnaker class, which was a 2 lap 25 mile race of the lake. There was also a 4 lap 50 mile course for the spinnaker boats. Thank goodness we did not enter that class.

Starting out there was a good size fleet, and I don't remember if we had 2 starts or just one combined fleet start, but there was very little wind and not much to come for quite a while. We settled into drifting mode, I was on the helm, trying not to pinch in a boat that had a lot of freeboard and a small headsail, but lo and behold, because of the small headsail, which was easier to fill in light to no wind, and the full batten main, we were out pointing all the boats that had a large headsail up and a standard main.

This kept up the whole first leg of the race, with this sail and wind combination being just right. And with even with all the gear on board, during a lull we had plenty of momentum to carry us through.

It took us the better part of a day just to get to the far end of the lake and find the first mark, which was a small buoy with flashing yellow highway emergency lights, not very bright, and prone to slipping off to one side of the buoy. Well, we found the marks at the far end of the lake, rounded them alright and tried to make compass references on the chart (remember, no GPS back then).

We finally finished the first lap in the light, and then it got interesting. It was not a full moon, and it got dark at the back of the lake real quickly. We fumbled our way through the course in the black of night, with absolutely no lights at that end of the lake. Luckily we had a wide assortment of flashlights with us, (remember the full lockers) and were only scared 4 or 5 times when we would shine them down on the water and see rocks

ghosting by a short distance away. Also luckily we had all brought winter gloves and jackets, and Cliff pulled a propane heater out and set it in the cockpit next to our feet. Cruising Boat, remember?

We rounded the last mark and headed for the finish line at the other end of the lake at about 11:30pm and THEN the wind kicked in. We had a broad reach in about 15 knots of wind for the rest of the race and made it back down the lake in about 45 minutes, just screaming along. We had lost sight and sound of all the other boats and had no idea of where any of the competition was. We finished about 12:19, and motored to the dock.

Cliff asked if we were hungry, pulled out his BBQ and proceeded to make pork chops, green beans and warm bread and coffee for the crew. Something warm to eat at 1:00 really hit the spot. Cruising boat, remember?

You can imagine our surprise the next day when we were awarded 1st place in our class. We thought it was pretty amazing, and even though it got cold that night, we had a great time, never ran aground and really enjoyed ourselves. If I remember correctly, some of the spinnaker boats were finishing the next morning after a 4 lap journey.

EDITORS NOTE: Have a story from "back in the day" that you'd like to share? Please contact Emory Heisler or Rob Gibbs by email at CompassPoints@ArizonaYachtClub.org

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