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August Meeting: Dave & Wendy Boatworks

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The Mini 6.50 is craned onto its trailer.

For the August monthly meeting, Dave Christensen and Wendy Larsen will tell us what it's like to build an ocean racer in a suburban two-car garage. Besides showing pictures of the building of their Mini 6.50, they'll actually bring the boat for us to see and touch.

For those of us who have been following the project since Dave muttered something about knocking a hole in Wendy's garage, we've been wondering if this massive undertaking would ever actually get wet. In August, they'll offer the proof, along with stories of the incredible time and work it's taken to reach this point. Think sanding. Lots and lots of sanding.

The meeting begins at 7pm at the Caddy Shack @ Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 North Mill Avenue, Tempe. (map) Dinner at 6.

See the saga at the Dave and Wendy Boatworks website.

Also in August: A pre-meeting meeting. If you've wondered what it was like to charter a boat in some exotic destination, come talk with people who have been there. Ralph Vatalaro joins Mike and Maryellen Ferring to explain the ins and outs of international chartering. RSVP for this 6 pm pre-meeting meeting to Mike at commodore@arizonayachtclub.org. Space is limited.



How to Charter a Sailboat at the "Pre-Meeting Meeting"

August 3, 2012 2:57 am



The ideal as sold in countless charter advertisements.

I think one of the great pleasures of sailing comes when a charter company in some exotic place hands you the keys to an expensive sailboat and tells you to "shove off." Soon after I post this, Maryellen and I will catch the end of the Whidbey Island Regatta and then spend a week on a boat in the San Juan Islands. Cool, huh?

[**Note:** as of August 4, this meeting is full so we can't accept any more RSVPs. Because of the positive response, we'll hold more of these pre-meeting meetings, perhaps even on this same subject.]

If you've thought chartering seemed like a fun thing but didn't know where to start, or you've done a little but would like to do more, join us before the next AYC monthly meeting for an informal conversation on charter destinations, costs, and procedures. During this 30-minute "pre-meeting meeting" at 6pm on Tuesday, August 14, you can ask questions of frequent-charterer Ralph Vatalaro, Maryellen, and me. We'll do it for two people or 10, but no more than that, so send me an email to reserve your spot. We'll gather around a table at the Caddy Shack @ Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 North Mill Avenue, Tempe. (map)

This "pre-meeting meeting" concept is the brainchild of Vice Commodore Decker Williams and the charter idea came from Fleet Captain Greg Woodcock (who's right now chartering in Canada). If we get some interest, we'll do it on various topics throughout the year.

—Commodore Mike Ferring



Kinnickinick Kool August 10-12

August 3, 2012 1:02 am



So cool you'll wear a jacket around the fire.

We'll be camping at Kinnickinick Lake, starting Friday, August 10. No charge for either camping or sailing.

Organizer Steve Nahkala plans to have bocce ball, forest golf, liar's dice, horseshoes and other games. And it's a fun place to bring the kids and your friendly dogs; we usually have a bunch of both. The lake is really great for dinghy sailing, and I would encourage you to bring a boat if possible. Tent camping is fine, along with any kind of camper or SUV with a mattress. We've had people camping in a Catalina 22 before, so anything is possible. We will for sure have a huge potluck dinner on Saturday night, so bring *extra* for everyone. And then there's a campfire, wine tasting, sing-a-long, star watching, and possibly a marshmallow fight. S'mores of course.

People arrive early on Friday, sometimes as early as Thursday. In the many years I've been going there, we've usually had some rain, but not too much. The road into Kinnickinick is graveled dirt, but graded and maintained. I've never had a problem hauling everything from a Class A motor home to a tent.

Hope to see you there. Here's a page with map. Our campground is free. Bring your Guitar or harmonica.

—Dennis Lynde



In this historic shot, Bill Hutchinson waves hello.



Looks like a game of liar's dice under cover.



U.S. Sailors Struggle at Weymouth

August 1, 2012 9:14 pm



Match Racer Anna Tunnicliffe.

The U.S. contingent has had a disappointing Olympics so far, but one of the two Olympians who spoke to meetings of the Arizona Yacht Club is still in contention.

Anna Tunnicliffe's women's match racing team heads into the

medal round Monday (8+6) with the slate of scores wiped clean. After starting the first week with a pair of tough losses (snagging a mark anchor in one), her team finished with a string of wins. The Australian team appears to be her strongest competition, winning 10 out of 10 matches in the preliminary round. Here's a link to Anna's blog to keep track of her exploits.

2008 Finn Silver Medalist Zach Railey missed the medal round, ending in 12th. His friend and training partner Jonas Hoegh-Christensen was a sensation in the class, leading Finn legend Ben Ainslie into the final medal round. But Ben rallied in the last few races, finished ahead of Jonas in the final race, and captured the gold, his 4th Gold and his fifth medal in the games. By doing it, he surpassed Paul Elvstrom, as the greatest sailor in Olympic history. Elvstrom won four straight gold medals from 1948-60.

"The goal was to compete for a medal," Zach said after being eliminated. "After the first couple of races where things hadn't gone my way, we knew we had to start taking more risk on the racecourse to give myself a chance. Obviously, when you start taking more risk there's more reward and more downside. This week hasn't gone the way we planned. We prepared well. We feel good about the preparation going into this. I take a lot of pride in preparing for big events. To not do well here is very upsetting. There are a lot of people who helped me get here and supported me, and I'd like to thank them."

Oh, and who was that guy running the Finn races? None other than our speaker from last fall, professional race officer Peter "Luigi" Reggio!



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Humboldt Bay To Trinidad Race Weekend Northern California

July 18, 2012 6:14 pm



AROUND THE MARKS

by Stephen Buck

The Beaufort scale defines winds of 22-27 knots as a strong breeze and 28-33 as a near gale. Those were the conditions facing the five starters of the 2012 Trinidad race. The Trinidad Race is the annual two day round trip from Eureka with an overnight on the mooring balls at Trinidad harbor. Race Committee for the Trinidad Race was a shared duty for the Commodore and Vice- Commodore for the two day race. As such, trips to Trinidad were a pleasant requirement of the job. I pulled the Saturday watch at the finish line. Strategically, the replica Trinidad Head lighthouse gave a good perspective of Prisoner Rock and the bell buoy which constituted the finish line. I settled in with binoculars and commenced scanning the horizon about 1300.

The effect of the wind on the ocean was striking. The northwest swells appeared to pile up onto Pilot Rock like a stone in a stream. There was a fair amount of "popcorn" and spindrift evident.

At about 165' above sea level, the "distance to the horizon" formula yields an answer of about 15 miles. A sail would show farther than the horizon. A sail, in fact, appeared on the horizon a bit after I settled in. Meanwhile, I could just make out another sail approaching from the coast side. Garrett Coonrod on the Choate "Free Energy" chose the outer route making a long tack away from the coast. The Melges 24 "Flash Point" skippered by Court Roberts chose to battle crab pots and brave the surf near shore. With the stiff resistance of current and swells, the two leaders approached Trinidad from the different tacks. To my amazement, the two sailboats reached the finish area at the same time. The race was decided on tactics, with Flash Point claiming the Starboard Tack rule to force Free Energy to yield the line. Free Energy was immediately blown down wind and recovered nicely to finish 50 seconds later for second place for day one. While those relieved crews were settling in, I resumed searching the sea south. In the next hour, another sail approached from the seaward side. "Ru- Bun", piloted by Curt Brown, was making a run for the finish. Taking a good line, the crew and boat slid by the north side of the bell buoy to finish just under seven hours for a third place finish.

Two boats were still out and I resumed scanning. A cell phone call revealed that John Bradley and Hank Pierson on the F-31 catamaran, "Cathy Ray II", broke a key component and retired earlier from the race to return to Eureka. That left Doby Class with brand new crew, David, still on the course. Patience was rewarded and Doby had taken the coast route to appear near the surf line. The shore is the sailboats natural enemy and from my vantage appeared to imperil the Muse. Later Doby later assured me that was not the case. The progress of the Muse was opposed by the considerable south setting current and NW swells. Eventually, the sea yielded to Doby and crew David to see them finish 9 hours and 37 minutes after starting the race. It should be noted that David thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

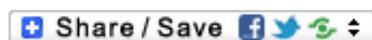
The wind persisted into Sunday and saw three boats finish the second day. Doby Class won day two on corrected time. Garret Coonrod finished first with an actual time of just over three hours but corrected to a third. Curt Brown and crew took second place both actual and corrected. Court Roberts chose the overland route to return due to the conditions. Everyone returned for a race rehash and several pots of chili at the clubhouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now it is time to look forward to the Redwood Regatta on September 1 & 2. There will be signup sheets at the July Potluck for the various roles required to make the RR a successful event. Thanks in advance for helping.

Don't forget the July 4th Poker Run coming up. Put your best poker face on and get out there!

Photo By: Court Roberts



Want Ads

July 11, 2012 4:11 am

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For Sale: Euphrates, a beautifully restored, 1949, 40' Matthews wooden motor-yacht. Available for fractional ownership in Newport Beach, California. She is the product of a ten year restoration. Re-powered with twin GM Crusader V-8s, all new

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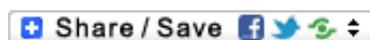
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1974 Catalina 22 - Good condition with trailer for sale \$2100 OBO. Contact Robert Hodson at 623-696-6945. (Post till 30 Sep 12)

ASF Boats for Sail. Check for boats donated to ASF. Contact George Tingom, John Mayall or Emory Heisler for more information.



Race Weekend Survey Results

July 10, 2012 2:48 am

Here's the headline from the results of a survey about the number of race weekends racers would like for Lake Pleasant: Five. Five weekends rather than four.

There were 44 responses to the survey conducted July 5-9 and announced on the AYC Yahoo list. Of the 44, 28 said they entered a boat in the Lake Pleasant series last season. Of the rest, 12 crewed and five did not participate.

Two-thirds of the respondents said they preferred a five-weekend series for spring and fall. They drove home the message when we asked what they would do if the series were reduced from five weekends to four:

- 10% of the respondents said they would participate more
- 14% said they would participate less
- 24% said they would participate the same but like it more
- 52% said they would participate the same amount but like it less.

We also asked about interest in giving prizes for people who were able to race only on Saturdays. The response was lukewarm, with a rating of just under three on a five-point scale. However, since awards for Saturday-only participants wouldn't affect those who race on both days, it might still be a viable idea.



Renew Your AYC Membership Now

June 2, 2012 7:57 pm



Please renew your AYC membership right now by clicking on [this link](#).

For the few people who haven't renewed membership for the coming year, your dues are due. The club bylaws require us to post the names of delinquent members by August 15 and suspend all privileges at the end of August. More to the point, we'd like you to continue with us and we'd like to be sure to include your name in the club roster.

The link will take you to our new online registration system called *RegOnline*. We think you'll find it easier to use (and it's *much* easier to administer). One neat trick: We have a link on the racing page of the website that will show you all the people signed up for an event *as they register*.

Because of the new system, we'll need you to re-enter some of your account information, such as your boats or your kids' names and ages. When you first go to the site, it will ask to send you an email to confirm who you are. When you click on the link in the email, it will return you to the *RegOnline* site with basic address and phone number information already entered. Just finish it up, pay, and enjoy another year of AYC.

Your support of the club last year brought us some great stuff:

1. Speakers, including Olympic Laser Radial Gold Medalist Anna Tunnicliffe, International Race Officer and America's Cup Race Official Peter Reggio, World-Renowned Ocean Racer Peter Isler, North Sails Designer Garth Reynolds
2. Five Race Series
3. The Birthday Regatta/Leukemia Cup
4. The Governor's Cup Regatta
5. The Tall Cactus
6. The Party

Your membership renewal will help us have another great year!

Cheers,
Mike Ferring
Commodore



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