

Walla Walla Yacht Club

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May-June 2016

Commodore	Greg Parker (2016)	Board Members	Dave Payne	(2015-2016)
Vice Commodore	Greg Jacobson (2016)		AJ Wentland	(2015-2016)
Treasurer	Ken Kuhlmann (2016)		John Hellstrom	(2016)
Secretary	Linda Yoes (2016)		Dave Pisarcik	(2016-2017)
Past Commodore	Charlie O'Neill (2015)		Ken Dyer	(2016-2017)
Caretaker	Ron Beach		Kathy Byrne	(2016-2017)

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Slow but steady progress is being made in our quest to become eligible for further state and federal grants similar to our pump out station grant.

Mike Bates has accepted the lead position in preparing us for the possibility of receiving future grants to improve our harbor, launch ramp, pilings, and eventually breakwater replacement. Mike was instrumental in arranging the pump out grant which saved us many thousands of dollars during installation and hundreds of dollars each year in operating cost. So I am confident that through his efforts, we will soon have options to present to the membership that will balance the club's preferences with financing options.

Our charter and lease through the Corps of Engineers establishes the club as a nonprofit organization with public access through the boat launch. Public use of the pump out station is allowed through the clean marina grant and we have had very little outside use of the facility, making it very cost effective with almost no impact on the club.

We will continue to maintain the club to the best of our ability and as major projects become necessary, we will present options to the members. Hopefully, those options will include grants. Commodore Greg

From the Minutes of the Board Meeting, April 12:

Boat Launch & Guest Moorage Potential Grant Information: Mike Bates updated the board on the progress of the grant application. Mike had contacted Jim Hayner, Minnick-Hayner, attorneys-at-law, and asked for a review of our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Corps lease in order to qualify WWYC as non-profit to meet federal requirements for grant applications. Our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Corps lease need to be revised in order to be in the proper legal form required. We also need to identify a non-profit successor in case of disbanding.

Attorney Hayner has worked with nonprofits previously and would provide his services at a very fair rate. This would put us in a proper legal position to apply for any future grants that would be advantageous to WWYC. He would address adding needing provisions to satisfy other authority issues needed for a legal opinion.

Motion: Greg Parker moved that the board direct Mike Bates, on behalf of WWYC, to contact Attorney Hayner to ask for an estimate of costs to redraft and clarify our legal documents. If the estimate does not exceed \$1000, Mike is directed to have attorney Hayner proceed with the work. Second, Greg Jacobson. Motion carried.

As the grant submittal is required by May 2, the board agreed not to proceed with any grant requests for this year. The boat launch will be repaired to a satisfactory, safe condition for current use.

WELCOME ABOARD!



At the April 12 board meeting, we accepted 4 new memberships for WWYC. We are glad to have them with us.

- Randy & Judy Groner – Randy & Judy are from Boise, ID and anticipate moving to Walla Walla soon. They have a Hunter 25 and will be moored on Mossy Bottom M-7.
- Rob & Karen Wall – Rob & Karen are from Walla Walla. They have a Catalina 22 and will be moored on Mossy Bottom M-3.
- Mike Cawley – Mike is from Selah, Washington. He has purchased the O'Day 27 from Greg Jacobson. His slip is on Mossy Bottom – M-12.
- Jeff & Amada Randall – Jeff & Amanda also are from Walla Walla. Jeff is a brother to Randy Randall. They purchased Boathouse #4 from Monte Killough.

Note: Greg & Elizabeth Jacobson will remain as members and will have a power boat on Mossy Bottom M-4.

We have one open slip left and an applicant who will join at the May 10 board meeting.

HARBOR BLOCKADE – JUNE 11!!

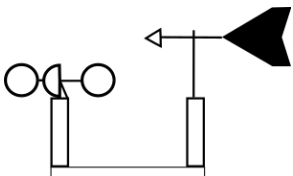
NOTICE!!! Saturday, June 11th - the harbor entrance will be blocked to all watercraft entering or leaving the club between 12:00 p.m. noon and 2:00 p.m. Passage through the blockade will only be allowed with a tribute payment of \$29.95 or a bottle of rum. Anyone refusing to pay tribute will be fired on with water balloons and super-soaker squirt guns.

Those foolish enough to fight should expect a thorough soaking, especially those who attempt to pass between Vita Brevis (Bates) and Night Train (Parker). Hostilities will end with a celebration of the victors who will be anchored near the end of the breakwater (feel free to tie up alongside).

Rules require that all parties involved use only approved water balloon and super-soaker ammunition. But, since this is an act of piracy. Rules will be considered more as guidelines (pirates don't have rules). What will be required is slow and controlled speed by any motorized vessel. Buckets of water are recommended for quick refill of squirt guns and to hold water balloons without breaking.



WEATHER SITE



Try this one: <http://weather.wsu.edu/>

AgWeatherNet provides access to current and historical weather data from Washington State University's automated weather station network. Check the map for the location you are interested in. Thanks to John Sillers for providing this info.

WHAT IS A FLOTILLA?

**We have 3 cruises planned for WWYC:
May 14-15, July 22-25, and September 23-26**

A flotilla is a group of boats that travel with a shared itinerary. A flotilla is led by an expert on the local waters who guides the other captains and their crews every step of the way. Often the captain of each individual boat is at liberty to follow the itinerary as closely or loosely as they desire, meaning you can spend an extra day in a favorite port, find a secluded beach for some impromptu swimming, or stick with the group. (American Sailing Association)



FLOTILIA TO HAT ROCK, May 14th-15th.

You are invited to join the WWYC flotilla to the Hat Rock area for the first overnight excursion of the club this year. We will make a leisurely sail 16 miles downriver with one night at anchor. We will be at either 1) - just outside of the McNary Yacht Club – or – 2) - the small bay at Hat Rock launch area. This will be determined by water level, and the number of boaters in the flotilla. We will have a leisurely sail home late Sunday morning. Please RSVP to greg.parker.gp@gmail.com for planning purposes, or just show up and to join in. Questions? Call me at 509-554-4513, Greg Parker, Flotilla Leader.

**CRUISE
EVENT**



Saturday:

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| 9:00 a.m. | Captains meeting in the clubhouse. |
| 10:30 a.m. | Depart from the club. |
| 3:30 p.m. | Arrive at destination – if Hat Rock, anchor in the small bay near the McNary Yacht Club in groups of 3 - 5 boats (caution, don't sail between the islands around the bay. The water is too shallow for anything more than a kayak. |
| 5:00pm: | Cocktail hour, dinner at your discretion. Watch for wildlife along the shore and on the islands with deer, otter, and McNary Yacht Club members in the area until sunset at 8:30pm, followed by a 1st quarter moon. Please don't feed the local wildlife. We filled one local club member's empty glass last year and were suddenly surrounded by a half-dozen more thirsty mariners. The evening concluded with a 1st quarter moon. |

Sunday:

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| 9:00am: | Captains meeting by boat, by float, or by radio (channel #68). |
| 10:00am: | Depart for home. |



NOW READ THIS!!! --- SNAKES!!!

It must be spring!! Caretaker Ron has reported seen BOTH rattlesnakes and bull snakes at the club.

- Know that bull snakes have no rattler. When threatened, bull snakes will often forcefully vibrate their tails, which serves as a warning to potential predators. In dry leaves or grass, this will produce a sound that is quite similar to one emitted by a rattlesnake. Another related indicator is that bull snakes will keep their tails low to the ground when producing its rattling sound; many subspecies of rattlesnake will elevate their tail when rattling.
- Focus your attention on the body of the snake. Although the two often have similar patterns, bull snakes are generally cream or pale yellow in color with brown or black markings; rattlesnakes, on the other hand, are typically much darker, depending upon the subspecies.
- Know that the body type of a bull snake is much more streamlined than that of a rattlesnake. A bull snake will be noticeably thinner and its body will become consistently narrower down to its tail, which comes to a defined point. A rattlesnake will appear thicker, particularly in its mid-section, with a more rounded tail due to its rattle.
- Observe the shape of the head. The head of a bull snake is nearly identical in size to the upper portion of its body. The head of a rattlesnake, however, is often more triangular in shape and is perceptibly wider than its upper body.
- Observe that a bull snakes' pupils are circular, while those of rattlesnakes are vertically oriented. (The shape of the pupils is a method that many use to determine a venomous from non-venomous snake, although there are exceptions.)
- Keep in mind that bull snakes lay eggs, while rattlesnakes give birth to live offspring.
- Note that although the two species may share the same den, bull snakes tend to leave the den to warm themselves or feed earlier in the day than rattlesnakes.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY – Report!



The party was a great success. Surprising how many club members are Irish..... Even if corned beef wasn't your favorite, it was very well prepared. This will be on the agenda next year, too! Thanks to Susie Payne, Elizabeth Jacobson, Lisa Parker – and spouses for all the delicious dinner!

1ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Report!



Thanks to Barb Rosenberg and all who helped her prepare the delicious spaghetti dinner for the membership. The prizes were great also. And a special mention to Susie Payne for the outstanding job she did with the decorations!

SAILBOAT RACING



April 9: We had an excellent turn out yesterday for the races but unfortunately Mother Nature didn't get the notice. Nine boats made it and started the race with about 10 knots of wind from the west. From then on the wind varied to as high as 13 knots and as low as near zero. We ran course number three which is 5.4 miles and is Start, Two, One, Finish. The fastest boat finished in a bit over an hour and the rest of us were a bit slower! The order of finish with handicaps was for race 1 was:

1 - Dyer
2 - Tatro
3 - Speer

4 - Yoes
5 - Gustafson
6 - Parker

7 - Diaz
8 - Todd
9 - Schultz

There was no second race due to the wind all but quitting.

Dwayne Speer

April 23: The winds were in the 20-25 knot range and the river had been rolling all night. The wind and the seas made for very poor and dangerous sailing conditions. So, after 2 out of the 4 racers dropped out, the race committee (me) called the race. Boats who participated were Sequel (Todd), Night Train (Parker), Gusty (Gustafson) and Adventure (Dyer).

We now have a new race committee chairman. Ken Dyer will take over this task. We have had a few people volunteer for races and there are still some open race days. We all need to have a go at running and timing a race or two - and setting the marks!

Earl Yoes

Dwayne Speer has resigned as Race Chairman after the April 7 race. He deserves thanks for the many seasons he has done this service for all the racers.

Race 3 - May 7

Race 4 - May 21

Race 5 - June 4

"Only two sailors, in my experience,
never ran aground.

One never left port and the other was
a liar."

Don Bamford. The Quotable Sailor

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## 2ND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*June 26th – 1:30 p.m.*

**Save this date!**

Look for an email around to June 17<sup>th</sup> so that you can RVSP.

**Any questions? Text to Brianna Walker, Social Chairman, at 541-561-6162**



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**DON'T MISS THIS!**

- ⇒ **May 14-15 - 1<sup>st</sup> Cruise**
- ⇒ **June 11 – Harbor Blockade**
- ⇒ **June 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting  
& Dinner**

**Next Newsletter – July/August**

**WWYC CALENDAR - 2016**

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| May 7     | Race #3, skipper's meeting at 8:30 a.m.           |
| May 10    | Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.                          |
| May 14-15 | Cruise to Hat Rock                                |
| May 21    | Race #4, Skipper's meeting at 8:30 a.m.           |
| June 4    | Race #5, Skipper's meeting at 8:30 a.m.           |
| June 11   | Harbor Blockade (Parker, Jacobson and Bates)      |
| June 14   | Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.                          |
| June 25   | Breakwater Inspection, Dave Pisarcik, crew leader |
| June 26   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m.     |