

Walla Walla Yacht Club

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Summer Bulletin - June - 2016

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Caretaker	Ron Beach		Kathy Byrne	(2016-2017)

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It was great to see Butch Foreman visit us at the club during the Memorial Day weekend (He is the past Commodore, 2011). I told him we may have a small work project for him if he stayed long enough (Butch never missed a work party before he moved to Florida). So, when the clubhouse sewer pump plugged up. Butch dove right into the repair with Earl backing him up (way, way back, Earl knows better than "to look directly into the light" on a project like this). Their selfless effort quickly returned the restrooms to service and I want to say thank you from all the members who were able to enjoy the rest of the weekend with bathroom bliss!

Please be careful of what goes into the toilet, Butch won't be back in town for a while.

Greg Parker, Commodore

NOTES FROM THE HARBOR MASTER

The clubhouse barbeques are working great and ready for use. We have added a fire-wall behind each barbeque to reduce the risk of fire and ask that they not be moved from their current location. Please don't remove the water hose that is next to the barbeques also. Keep the water spray bottle full! Fire is one of our greatest concerns, so fireworks are not allowed inside the harbor. This includes the boat launch area where stray fireworks could ignite the brush along the road.



Swimming inside the harbor is not safe due to the risk of electrical shock from potential electrical current near the boats. While swimming at the swim platform, watch for boats passing nearby and milfoil which is already beginning to grow.

Watch for gaps and loose boards on the docks and running on the docks usually results in splinters, sprains, or worse. Please stay clear of the breakwater (there's a risk of being pinched between loose or moving parts and the surface is not designed to be walked on). Boats and jet skis should not operate near the breakwater to minimize damage. Don't forget that we have extra life jackets available to everyone inside the black box near the clubhouse front door.

Greg Jacobson, Vice Commodore

WELCOME ABOARD!



At the May 10 board meeting, we accepted another new membership for WWYC. The club is now "full". <u>Bill Herrington and Cheri Baker</u>. Bill and Cheri are from Walla Walla. They have a MacGregor 27, "MacAttack", which is moored in Mossy Bottom, M-1. We are glad to have them with us.

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION



I had a great time riding in Todd Reiswig's classic 1946 "Century power boat" over the Memorial Day weekend. We literally flew across the water in a flash of chrome and lacquered wood, leaving just a faint smell of two stroke oil from the mercury outboard in our wake. If you missed seeing Todd's boat, you can see a photo of boats like his behind the ice machine in the clubhouse. The photo shows our club exiting McNary Lock back in the day when our original Articles of Incorporation showed us as the "Walla Boat Club".

A lot has changed since that photo was taken about 60 years ago. Today, the 21st century version would be a digital photo taken from a drone and posted on the club's website. Other things have changed also. Bylaws have been amended many times, our leases with the Corps and Grain Growers have had terms and conditions restated, and lockage through McNary Dam is no longer "on demand"

Our <u>Articles of Incorporation</u> have not been restated since the 1950 original. I believe that it is now time to consider updating them. Updating them will give the members and the Board better protection for liability and allow us to do our business in a more effective way. I hope to have more information for you at the June 26th Membership meeting.

Greg Parker.

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.

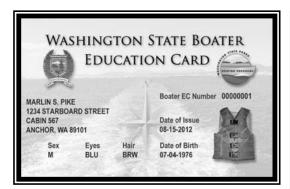


Those foolish enough to fight should expect a thorough soaking, especially those who attempt to pass between Vita Brevis (Bates) and Night Train (Parker). Hostilities will end with a celebration of the victors who will be anchored near the end of the breakwater (feel free to tie up alongside).

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.



The new price for gasoline is \$3.31 per gallon!



Washington Boating License FAQs

Who needs the Boater Education Card?

Washington boating laws require all boaters operating a vessel greater than 15 hp to obtain the Washington State Boater Card. This card is sometimes called the "Washington boating license." You must be at least 12 years old to take a boater safety course.

Persons age 14 and older may operate a <u>PWC</u>, also known as a Jet Ski, if they have a Washington Boater Education Card.

https://www.boat-ed.com/washington/

Exemptions

Education is not required if:

- Your vessel has an engine that is under 15 hp.
- You were born prior to January 1, 1955.
- You hold a valid U.S. Coast Guard Marine Operator's License.

BoatUS Foundation offers the only <u>FREE</u> online boating safety course developed specifically for your state. They also offer a wide range of advanced courses that will help you gain the knowledge to make you confident in any boating situation you encounter.

http://www.boatus.org/washington/ - Check out this link.

HOLIDAYS AT WWYC

<u>Memorial Day Weekend</u> is now history! Credit is due to all the members (and guests) who made it fun to be together ~~ RV parking well shared, tents too. Dogs were mannerly! The clubhouse was cleaned well after each group used it (including putting the toys away). The guest dock was cleared for visiting boaters! Jet skiis tied elsewhere. The pump out dock was open for those who needed to use it. Guests and members all had a great time! Let's do it that way every time, including weekends.



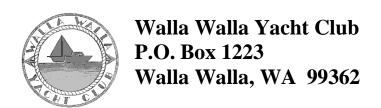
4th of July and Labor Day Weekend – where does the summer go? More good times ahead!



FLOTILIA ABOVE ICE HARBOR & BEYOND

July 22, 23, 24, 25

The second cruise of the summer will be led by Earl Yoes. The flotilla will leave WWYC Friday morning, July 22 and go through Ice Harbor Lock. We will have a leisurely sail home Monday morning, July 25. Please RSVP to w7cpg@hotmail.com for planning purposes, or just show up and to join in. Questions? Call me at 509-529-4669, Earl Yoes, Flotilla Leader. Watch for an email with more details as time draws closer.



DON'T MISS THIS!

- ⇒ June 11 Harbor Blockade
- ⇒ <u>June 26</u> 2nd Membership Meeting & Dinner

Next Newsletter - August/September

WWYC CALENDAR - 2016

	WWW CALLINDAR ZOTO			
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 nd Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m.			

July 12 Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
July 22-25 CRUISE – Ice Harbor Area

Dyer Family Wedding on Saturday. 5 campground sites are reserved.



June 26th – 1:30 p.m.



August 12-15

Save this date! Brianna has the details about the menu! Look for an email around <u>June 17th</u> so that you can RVSP.

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