



Multnomah Channel Yacht Club Channel Chatter

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November 2010

"The Friendliest Club on The River"

Since 1961

Commodore

I want to thank all the members of MCYC who participated in closing day. MCYC placed third over all. Great Job!!!!!!

At the November meeting we will be presented with the nominations for next year's Board of Directors and flag officers. Prior to the election you may make nominations from the floor. (Remember to have the nominee's prior approval). If you are going to miss the November general meeting you can vote by absentee ballot by emailing Mike White at mitewhite@concast.net



Duane Westfall

and asking for a absentee ballot. Remember the positions of Board of Directors and Flag Officers are voluntary and require your attendance at the

MCYC Board meetings as that is were the business of the club is being done.

The Halloween Party was great and we even had some perspective members in attendance. The food was good and the Ducks won. Everyone dressed up and what a great raffle! Thanks to Tom and Jami for all the gifts. I think that Dustin and Bridget won the most raffle

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First Lady



Deborah Westfall

Well, to start off the month, at closing day we took third over all. There will be an awards dinner for CRYA at Rose City Yacht Club on December 4th , the cost is \$25.00 for dinner - Prime Rib or Salmon - and we will get our plaques. Four of the ladies went to Columbia River Yacht Club's Ladies dinner. Their dinner was all about heart health and the fact that women have different warning signs of heart problems than men. The person that was giving the talk told how we could take better care of ourselves. Then the next week three of the ladies from MCYC went to the Tyee Yacht Club's Ladies Dinner and saw the Hot Flashes. If you have not seen them you need to - they are great.

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Candidates to be voted on at this month's (Nov.17th) general meeting :

Commodore - John Jellum

Vice Commodore - Brian Hale

Rear Commodore - Mike Range

Secretary - Jan Green

Treasurer - Bob Schultheis

Board Members:

Dennis Binkerd

David Donaldson

Wayne McGee

David Karpeles

Dan Payne

Doug Walker

There can also be nominations from the floor for all positions with nominee's permission.

If you need an absentee ballot contact the secretary.

November Refreshments



•• **Board Meeting** ••

Charlie Jensen

•• **General Meeting** ••

G. Schneider, Schulzki, Stohl

MCYC Calendar

November

Board Meeting.....3
St. Helens Cruise.....19, 20, 21
General Meeting.....17

December

Board Meeting.....1
Christmas Ships.....12
General Meeting.....15

January - 2011

Board Meeting.....5
General Meeting.....19

Have you forgotten the **User Name** or **password** for our web site?
Contact webmaster Brian for a reminder.

2010 Officers & Board

Commodore
Duane Westfall
Vice Commodore
Ron Houghtelling
Rear Commodore
John Jellum
Treasurer
Bob Schultheis
Secretary
Mike White
Board Members
Dennis Binkerd
Donna Clark
Larry Clark
Brian Hale
Teri White
Charlie Jensen, IPC

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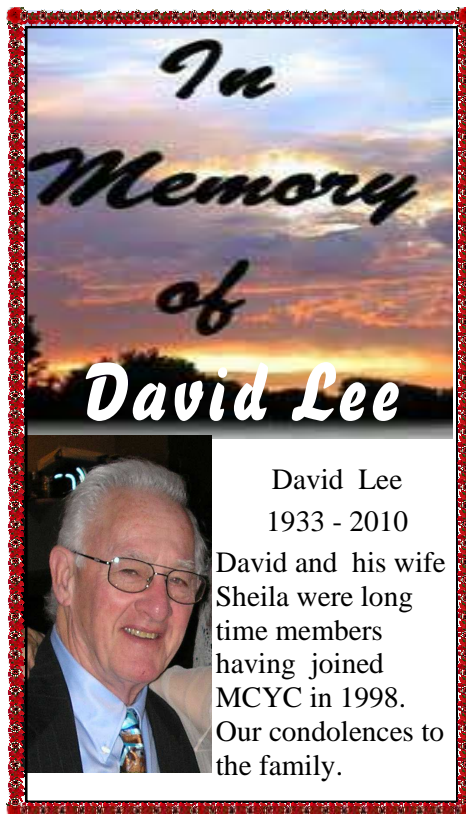
prizes but Brian Hale won the big prize, a small bar refrigerator.

I want to thank all the party hosts - Dustin, Bridget, Mike, Kendra, Sondra, Scott and John Mardesich. If I forgot anyone I am sorry. Thank you for a great party and thank you all that attended. I hope that you all had a good time.

Do not forget to vote for your next year's Board of Directors and Flag Offices.

Experience

Is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.



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We did not get to go to the cruise at Sand Island but we have heard that a good time was had by all that were there and that Jan Green won for some food that she made and that was great. We also heard that a couple of people were injured at the cruise and that they are on the mend.

We attended the Halloween party at our club and there were some good costumes and food. Mike and Teri White won for best costume. They were dressed in garbage cans as 'white trash'.

I hope that everyone remembers to vote by either coming to the general meeting or, if you cannot make the meeting, requesting an absentee ballot from Mike White at mitewhite@comcast.net. Remember that this is your club and these people are the ones that you are picking to take care of the club's business.



Birthdays

Jovonda Schafrik.....1
Jan Green.....1
Rich Speight.....4
Deborah Westfall.....4
Wayne McGee.....5
Charlie Goh.....12
Teri White.....12
Donna Clark.....16
Brian Godfrey.....18
Ellen Lane.....19
Tana Phemester.....23
Glenn Beeler.....25
Art Moore.....25



Anniversaries

Brian & Shelly Hale.....13
Glenn & Elmira Beeler.....16
Mike & Teri White.....23
Ron & Penny Reichen.....24
Charlie & Susan Goh.....27

Nautical Notes



Comfortable Life Jackets:

Bob Schultheis

NOT an Oxymoron

Most of us have seen the life jackets (PFD) worn on cruise ships. They are big and bulky and really ugly. But if that ship sinks that really ugly and bulky PFD will save your life.

Maybe you think you aren't out to sea and you don't need to wear one of those big ones. But what *do* you wear to ensure the safety of yourself and your loved ones?

Most of us know that 70-80% of fatal boating accidents victims died by drowning and that 85-90% of them drowned because they were not wearing a PFD. Some of us even know that well over 400 lives could have been saved last year if a PFD had been worn. Then why don't we wear a PFD whenever we are on the water?

We say "they're bulky," "they get in the way," or "they are uncomfortable" to explain why we don't wear a PFD all the time, knowing that not wearing a PFD has led to lives lost. These words have been a poor excuse for way too long because now we can protect ourselves and those we love without sacrificing comfort.

Inflatable life jackets! They are approved for adults 16 years and older and come in so many colors and styles that you will have a hard time choosing the one you want.

The lightweight inflatable PFD totally eliminates the excuse that wearing a PFD is awkward or clumsy or cumbersome. Some are worn as a belt with a "fanny pack." Most are rather like suspenders but with the value of being able to save your life. Fish-

ermen and hunters will appreciate special inflatable vests (some hunters get to their hunting sites by water). These have extra pockets and loops for their gear and even come in camouflage colors. All of these life jackets can be brought on board aircraft if you're flying to a boating, hunting or fishing destination.

The costs, especially in comparison to the value of your life or the lives of loved ones, are negligible. Inflatable life jackets for lakes and close inshore that are CO2 activated by pulling a lanyard will cost less than \$100.00; those for offshore with automatic inflation and providing more buoyancy can range up to \$200.00.

All inflatable life jackets can also be manually inflated by blowing into a tube near the wearer's mouth.

Children, and adults who are poor or non-swimmers, should continue to use the inherently buoyant Type II PFD because in a stressful situation such as being unexpectedly thrown overboard they might forget to activate the pull cord to trigger the CO2 cartridge.

Two MCYC members meet each other on the dock.



Both are dragging their right foot as they walk. One points to his foot and says, "Hunting accident, eastern Oregon" The other points and says, "Heron crap, 20 feet back!"

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The Club's Smoking Policy

After much discussion at the last Board meeting it was agreed that the Club should develop a 'smoking policy' to designate where people can and cannot smoke. As of now there is nothing written that makes this determination. Should we designate certain areas for smoking or should we let people use their own judgment and consideration to non-smokers as to where they can smoke. One of the things discussed was the safety factor - when smokers dispose of their cigarette butts is there a fire danger? Cigarette butts have been found on the walkways, on the ramp and in the debris along side houses and boathouses. Doug Walker and Dan Payne were asked to come up with a general policy that fit both smokers and non-smokers.

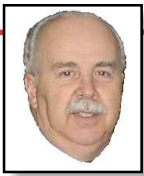
VOTING RESULTS



The By-Law amendment vote went as follows:

To add the wording '**except Vice Commodore and Commodore**' to Article IV, Sec. III - **APPROVED.**

To add the wording '**at the clubhouse**' to Article VIII, Sec. III, second paragraph, last line - **APPROVED.**



Doug Walker

River News

While renewing my boat insurance

recently (yes, I still own a boat) I was reminded of something that we should all be aware of. As boat owners we are responsible for our boat, its operation, the safety of passengers and others around us. More to the point, we are responsible for any damage caused by our boat, our actions as operator and owner. An example is wake damage. Of course, we must slow down where there are no-wake signs, near swimmers, moorages, etc. But whether we slow down or not, we are still responsible for any damage caused by our wake. And it may have happened long (many seconds) after we passed a certain point. As you're cruising down the river, look behind you. Look at what your wake is doing to the shoreline long after you went by. You need to be thinking of that. What will the wake I'm making *right now* do to objects it strikes in a few more seconds when it hits the bank, or hits that anchored fishing boat? As is often the case, it's what happens when you're not looking that can get you in trouble. So.... Be aware of all things going on around your boat and **BEHIND** your boat. And remember that "NO WAKE" may not necessarily mean 5 MPH. Many boats are really plowing at 5 MPH. NO WAKE means come down off plane and continue slowing down until your bow comes down, the stern rises up out of the hole, and your boat stops pushing aside a big wall of water. At this point most boats

are still producing a small wake. But it will not be a damaging wake. It won't be tossing other boaters dangerously around in their boats. It's really easy to see what I mean when you are tied to the dock, say at Coon Island. Watch as other boats pass by. If you feel a little motion as his wake hits the dock, no problem. But if his wake rocks your boat violently against the mooring lines he is violating the NO WAKE law. So let's all be responsible boaters. And.....
Be Safe On The Water !

Daughter of Neptune



Payton Westfall

October started off with a bang, 'closing day', and I think there were six daughters of Neptune there and we all had a great time. We did a line toss, dinghy parade, we made an hors d'oeuvre that looked like a life jacket, then we went and tried to fly kites. Saturday night and the raffle came and boy were there a lot of gifts. Then the daughters got to stay the night at the hotel and some of us stayed up way too late. Sunday morning breakfast at DYC and then the flag lowering and closing day was over. Oh, by the way, the food was great. Then the next Wednesday was CRYC's Ladies dinner and we got to see each other again and had a great time. They talked about heart health. On Friday of that week TYC had a BBQ for the daughters at their club because we could not attend the Ladies dinner due to the Hot Flashes that performed.



We haven't mentioned much about PWC's so here are some thoughts:

The vast majority of PWC operators are responsible boaters. They are considerate of the environment, obey the law, and respect the rights of others to enjoy our waterways.

Most complaints to law enforcement officials regarding the operation of PWC's fall into the following categories. If you are a mature and conscientious operator, (you are representing MCYC when flying our burgee) try and avoid these breaches of common courtesy and consideration.

- Wake jumping! This is not only irritating to boaters attempting to be watchful and maneuver in heavily traveled areas, but it is extremely dangerous. In just one case, a wake-jumper in Florida got tangled up in the props of a cabin cruiser and was killed.
- No wake zones! If you want to get on the wrong side of a responsible

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I then went to outdoor school as a student leader, I cried when it was time for my girls to go home. I had a great week being a student leader to those girls. Then the next Wednesday it was my birthday and I turned 16 years old. Tonight is Halloween and I'm going out with some of my friends. I hope you all only get treats, no tricks.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the CRYA Dinner on December 4th to pick up our club's awards.

Love you, your Daughter of Neptune.

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debit side of a ticket, since most boaters and shoreline property owners will not hesitate to report violators of slow-no-wake areas.

○ High speeds too near shore or other boats! Most states require 100 feet of separation between boats and to the shore at more than no wake speeds. (By the way, no wake means the slowest possible speed your boat will go and still provide maneuverability.)

○ Noise! Excessive noise near shore or near anchored boats is sure to draw negative attention. Be considerate of property owners and other boaters.

❖ *There are environmental issues that PWC operators need to consider as well:*

○ Pollution! Refuel on land to reduce chances of spillage into the water. Don't overfill your fuel tank. Check and clean your engine well away from shorelines.

○ Wildlife harassment! A PWC near shore can interrupt feeding and nesting wildlife, and cause animals to deviate from their normal behavior. And that, by the way, is illegal! So avoid areas of high animal populations.

Holiday Spirit

MCYC believes in helping the community. We are a caring club. Let's show it by participating in the following projects.

Food Drive

If you attended the Halloween party you probably noticed a barrel near the doorway. Dustin Schneider has volunteered to take care of the collecting of non-perishable food items to be taken to the Columbia County Food Bank. This is a most worthy charity and it is your chance to help those in need and less fortunate than our members. You can place food items into the barrel anytime you are at the club. (You could even make a special trip) When the barrel is full Dustin will see that it is emptied so there is room for more. This food will go to help a lot of deserving families so let's make it a memorable holiday season for those in need.



**FOOD
DRIVE**



Share and Care Program

Whether or not there is a Christmas Ships party this year, MCYC will be collecting toys for the less-privileged kids of our community. In co-operation with the Scappoose Fire Dept these gifts will go to children who might not otherwise receive anything at Christmas. In today's economic climate this program is more important than ever. Please bring your NEW, UNWRAPPED toys and gifts to the MCYC clubhouse by

December 12th. That is the evening of the Christmas Ships

Parade up the Channel. Remember that we are talking about kids from toddlers up through their teenage years.

If you have any questions please contact **Doug Walker 503-201-5045**.