

Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

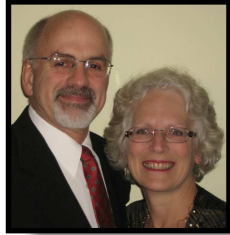
Channel Chatter

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May 2011 "The Friendliest Club on The River" Since 1961



Commodore & First Lady



John & Susan Jellum

Spring has sprung and Opening Day is right around the corner. Dust off those white shoes, shake out your blue blazer and get ready for a full day cruising and fun. See you on Saturday the 7th at 7:00 a.m. for the flag raising festivities and the traditional firing of the cannon. A holiday at the end of the month will give us the advantage of a long weekend for our cruise to Kalama. What's better than a weekend cruise? A four day weekend cruise! Then with just enough time to work up an appetite, it's Louie Louie time. Let the crew know you'll be there the first Friday in June for one big, terrific salad.

Ladies, you can find invitations posted on the bulletin board for other clubs' Ladies' Dinners. Please follow whatever guidelines they have to RSVP if you would like to attend. In the meantime, be sure and

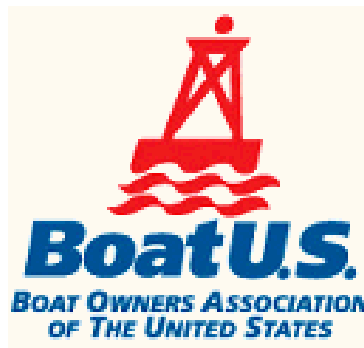
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mark you calendar for our own, Lavender & Lace, coming September 15th. See you soon!

Tips for Safety in Boating and Water Sports

Safety is extremely important when you are participating in boating and water sport activities such as fishing, swimming, water skiing or jet skiing. However, because water sports and boating are fun and enjoyable, people often don't think about the risks involved, and as a result, don't follow basic and necessary safety measures. *Everyone* who participates in water sports of any kind should know the basic rules of safety.

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Smoking Policy

After much discussion, and using the results of the Commodore's survey, it has been decided that the smoking policy now in effect will remain as the policy and that is: no smoking in the club house and smoking allowed in the designated smoking area. It was agreed that mature adults should be able to use common sense in this matter.

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.



Refreshments

Board Meeting
Jan Green

General Meeting
Walker, Johnson & Woods

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MCYC Calendar

May

Board Mtg.....	4
Opening Day.....	7
Cruise to Schwitter Landing.....	7
Gen. Mtg.....	18
Cruise - Kalama.....	27-30

June

Board Mtg.....	1
Gen. Mtg.....	15

Do you know someone that wants to live on the river and belong to the finest & friendliest Yacht Club on the river? Have them go to:

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2011 Officers & Board

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Don't "Cruise with Booze".... It's your responsibility!

We all know that driving a car while impaired is illegal and an offense under state law. Operating a vessel anywhere in America while impaired is also illegal and is an offense that can result in loss of your boating privileges and can land you in jail. Convictions, even for a first offense, can result in heavy punishment.

Besides the legal consequences, mixing alcohol and boating is far more dangerous than most people realize. Fatigue, sun, wind and the motion of the boat dull the senses. Alcohol, coupled with wind, boat noise, vibration, wave action, sun and glare has a tremendous adverse influence on judgment and response time in boating. We know that at least 40% of all power-boating fatality victims had a blood alcohol level above the legal driving limit.

Some Alcohol Facts

FACT: A boat operator is twice as likely to become impaired by alcohol, drink for drink, as someone sitting in a bar.

FACT: The marine environment - motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray accelerates the impairment of the person who is drinking. These stresses cause fatigue that makes a boat operator's coordination, judgment and reaction time decline.

FACT: It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI) in every state in the U.S.

FACT: The U.S. Coast Guard also enforces a Federal Law that prohibits BUI. This law pertains to all boats, from canoes to large ships, including foreign vessels operating in U.S. waters. In Canada, it is illegal to even have alcohol aboard a boat that does not have a cabin and a separate, closed locker in which to store the alcohol while underway.

FACT: A boat operator with a blood alcohol level above .10% is estimated to be 10 times more likely to die in a

boating accident than an operator with a zero blood alcohol concentration.

FACT: Inner ear disturbances - a by-product of alcohol consumption - can make it impossible for an inebriated person who falls in the water, to distinguish up from down. There are documented cases where inebriated people, over 6 feet in height, drowned in less than 3 feet of water, due to this fact.

FACT: Alcohol creates a physical sensation of warmth. This fact may prevent a person in cold water from getting out of the water before hypothermia sets in.

FACT: Over 60% of all boating fatalities are alcohol related. Boating and water sports are fun in their own right. Alcohol can turn a great day on the water into the tragedy of a lifetime.

WE PROMOTE SAFE BOATING



Birthdays

Penny Reichen
David Sutherland
Doug Walker
Sondra Giacherio
Jamie Cardoza
Pat Miller
Jim Duff
John Mardesich
Pat Lordos



Anniversaries

None

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Know how to swim if you want to fully enjoy water sports. If you are not a good swimmer, take swimming lessons to learn basic swimming skills.

1. All children who are playing or taking part in water sports activities must **by supervised by adults, at all times.**
2. **Wear a life jacket** (i.e., personal flotation device) even if you are a great swimmer. If you fall or become incapacitated in the water, a life jacket will keep you afloat until help arrives.
3. **Never go out swimming, diving alone.** Even though you may enjoy this time alone, it can be very dangerous. Make sure you have someone with you at all times when you are in or on the water.
4. To protect your skin, and stay hydrated, **be sure to wear sunscreen, and drink plenty of water.** Reapply sunscreen after being in the water, and as often as recommended. It's great to have that healthy, suntan look – just get that look gradually, and protect your skin to avoid sunburns.
5. **Alcohol** - You are responsible for those with you, and in or around the water, and need to be able to react quickly and appropriately if a dangerous situation should occur. More than half of boating accidents involve alcohol, so stay safe, and stay sober!

Nautical Notes



Batterycide Bob Schultheis

Are you committing 'batterycide'? Most of the time it is accidental or because of lack of knowledge and can be prevented. Probably the most common way a battery is killed is to leave it uncharged for a long period of time and when you do try to charge it you find no amount of charge resuscitation will bring it back to life. When a battery is discharged, sulfur is deposited on the plates. The sulfur comes from the sulfuric acid that is in the battery. If the battery is left discharged for a length of time the sulfur will crystallize permanently and then you have a battery that is sulfated. The battery will no longer take a charge - may it rest in peace. The next most common way to murder a battery is to cook it. How do you do this when it clearly states on the charger that it is 'automatic', that it will change to a trickle charge and just maintain. But if you read the small print it will usually say, "check and refill the water in your battery regularly", unless of course it is a non-refillable type.

Most inexpensive chargers (and you do know not to use an automotive type of charger on your boat, right) are not automatic and will peak the voltage up to 14.2 volts and higher. This includes many trickle chargers. 14.2 volts will cause hard gassing and eventually will boil the water

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away causing the water level to get below the plates and ruin the battery. Your charger should finish the charge with a voltage of 13.2 volts.

Summary: keep your batteries charged. A discharged battery will become sulfated and die. Do not overcharge. Overcharging will cause excessive water loss and, if the plates are exposed, damage will occur. And, as a final note, use distilled water to fill your battery.

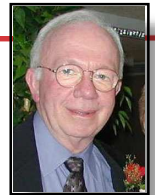
More on batteries next month.

Have you forgotten the **User Name** or **password** for our web site?

Contact webmaster Brian for a reminder.

Joe's -

AS A MATTER OF FACT.....



If you are right handed, Joe Aten you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

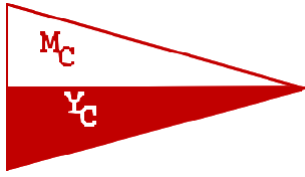
Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

To make half a kilo (a little over 1 pound) of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.



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2011 OPENING DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Opening Day Theme: "Carnival of Roses" (Mardi Gras Style – Celebration of Roses)

May 6 Decorate Participating Boats (Done by respective boat owner)

May 7

0700 – 0800 No Host Continental Breakfast

0800 – 0845 Opening Day Ceremonies

- Raising of the Flag
- Firing of the Cannon
- Pictures

0845 – 0900 Captains meeting in clubhouse to review opening day requirements

0930 Participating Boats Depart for Opening Day Parade

1200 Participating boats congregate just east of I-5 bridge to start forming up

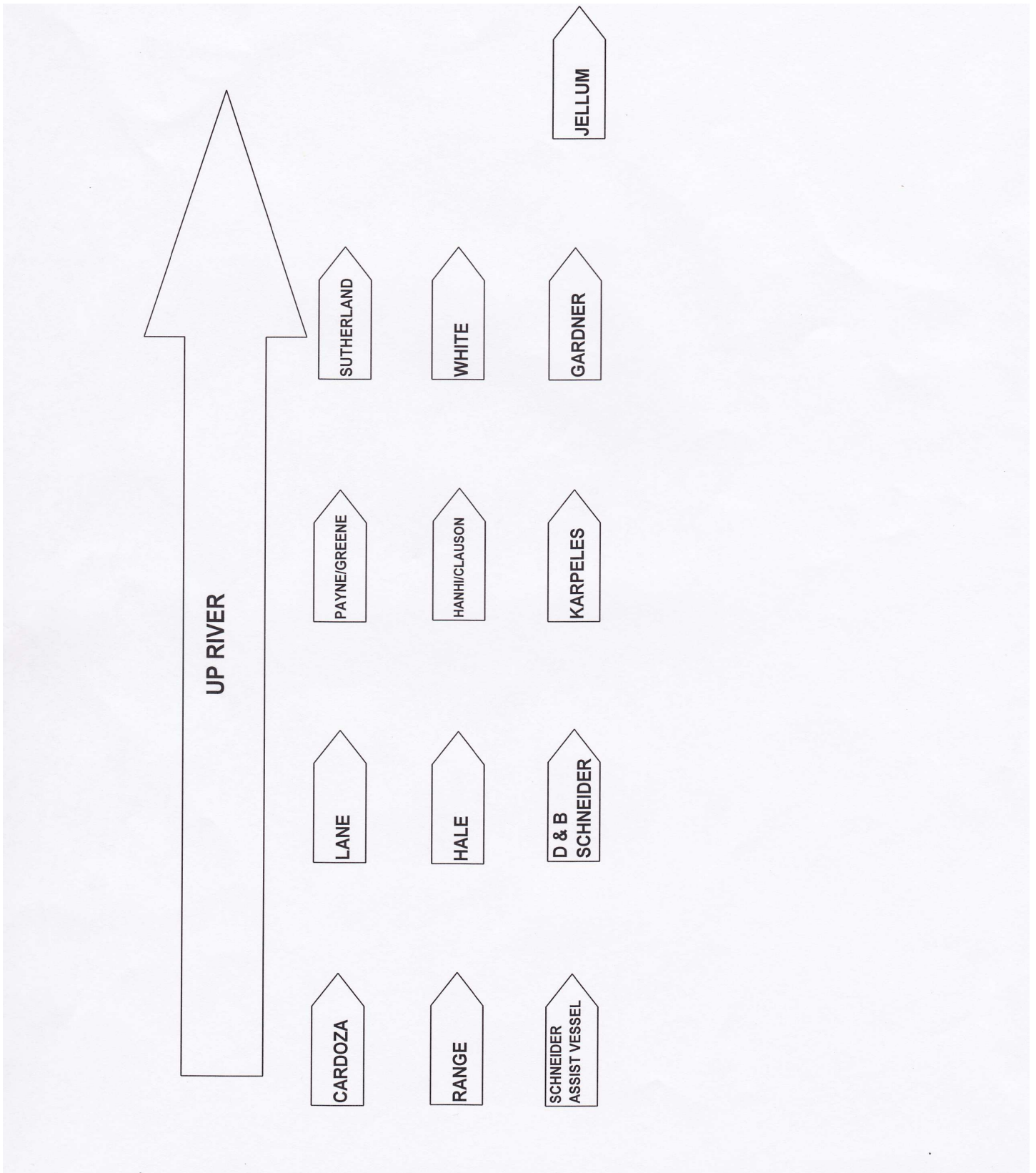
1230 Boats in position to enter parade area

1245 Boats clear parade area and:

- Return to club for hosted dinner or,
- Continue on to Schwitter Island for weekend cruise.

1700 Parade results announced

Tentative Line Up





The SHRIMP are Here!

The 12th ANNUAL



SHRIMP LOUIE LOUIE

Friday JUNE 3, 2011

BAR OPENS @ 6PM

DINNER STARTS @ 6:30PM

SHRIMP LOUIE SALAD, HOT FOCACIA BREAD, BROWNIE SUNDAES

CHICKEN AVAILABLE TOO!

\$8.00 PER PERSON

MCYC 50990 DIKE RD SCAPPOOSE

HOSTED BY: JIM AND MARY DONALDSON
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