



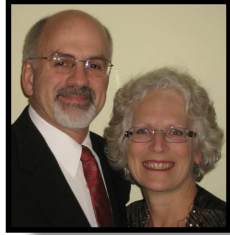
Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

Channel Chatter

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September 2011 *"The Friendliest Club on The River"* Since 1961

Commodore & First Lady



John & Susan Jellum

Your Commodore held out until 1:30ish, I finally called it a night around 2:30. The party was still going. Those Loafers really know how to rock the house! Thank you to everyone involved in putting on such a fantastic birthday bash. And thank you Dan, Mike and Brian for turning 50 and giving us such a good reason to have a party. FUN. Now that's what I'm talking about.

The Ladies' Dinner is almost here. Be sure to let Deborah Greenwood know what you plan to donate for the raffle. Men, if you haven't told him already, send John an email so he knows you plan to help in the kitchen. Ladies, the deadline for mailing reservations is three hours away. Please email me and let me know you're coming, if you haven't sent in your money yet.

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Enjoy the last days of summer. I saw trees lining a road today that were wearing autumnal colors - yikes! Where did summer go?



TWO RULES OF SUCCESS IN LIFE:
1. DON'T TELL PEOPLE EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.



September Refreshments

Board Meeting
Mike Range

General Meeting
D. Schneider, Phemester, Beeler, G. Schneider

MCYC Calendar

September

Cruise - Coon Island.....	2, 3, 4, 5
Board Meeting.....	7
General Meeting.....	21
Cruise - Coon Island.....	23,24,25
Golf Tournament.....	24

October

Closing Day.....	1
Board Meeting.....	5
General Meeting.....	19
Halloween Cruise - Sand Is. Lower.....	21, 22, 23

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

Contact webmaster Brian for a reminder.

2011 Officers & Board

Commodore.....John Jellum
Vice Commodore..Brian Hale
Rear Commodore.Mike Range
Treasurer.....Bob Schultheis
Secretary.....Jan Green

Board Members

Dennis Binkerd
 David Donaldson
 David Karpeles
 Wayne McGee
 Dan Payne
 Duane Westfall

Semi-Annual Checklist:

Make sure your boat is safe and secure.

Fire Extinguishers, Safety Equipment, Fuel System, Ground Tackle, Stoves, Electrical System, Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), Bilge Pumps, Corrosion Prevention, Through-hulls

Fire Extinguishers

- Do you have all required quantities and types of fire extinguishers?
- Have they been checked within the past year?
- Are serviceable units tagged by a licensed facility?
- Are units accessible?
- Is at least one accessible from the helm or cockpit?
- Are you and your crew familiar with their operation?

Fuel System

- Is the system properly grounded at the filter, tank, deck, pump, etc.?
- Is the fuel tank free from rust or contamination?

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Birthdays

Brian Hale.....	1
Carol Skattum.....	8
Diane Hill.....	13
Dave Timmons.....	13
John Waikart.....	20
Dave Karpeles.....	23
Madison Payne.....	23
Bonnie Baldwin.....	30
Janet Shelton.....	30



Anniversaries

Ron & Chris Houghtelling....22



Joe's -

AS A MATTER OF FACT. . .

Joe Aten

In 1982, Larry Walters tied 24 weather balloons to his lawn chair in Los Angeles and climbed to an altitude of 16,000 feet

A chicken once had its head cut off and survived for over eighteen months, headless.

A notch in a tree will remain the same distance from the ground as the tree grows.

In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her cheating adulterous husband but she may only do so with her bare hands

Adding a drop of olive oil and lemon juice to an ice cube then running it over your face gives you better results than some expensive skin care products.

80% of all pictures on the Internet are of naked women

Being unmarried can shorten a man's life by ten years.



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You just never know. . . .

Nautical Notes

Bob Schultheis

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident ... of any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort."

Edward J. Smith, 1907

Captain, RMS Titanic

(struck iceberg and went to the bottom just five years later)

And on something you can do now -

This month will be the anniversary of the attack on the twin towers in New York and who knows what these radicals may have in mind. When you are out and about you can participate in the **America's**

Waterway Watch program.

America 's coasts, rivers, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships, military bases, and waterside industries may be the terrorists' next targets. Though waterway security has been increased greatly in recent years, with more than 95,000 miles of shoreline, over 290,000 square miles of water, and approximately 70 million recreational boaters in the United States , the Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies can not do the job alone.

The **America 's Waterway Watch** program simply requests that the public do their part and report:

- unusual surveillance of vessel or waterside facility operations,
- unattended boats near bridges,
- unusual diving activities, unauthorized vessels operating in restricted areas, or other suspicious activities.

Call the National Response Center at 1-877-24WATCH or radio the Coast Guard on marine channel 16. Call 911 or marine channel 16 to report immediate danger to life or property. For your safety, do not approach or engage anyone acting in a suspicious manner. Call for help.

Checklist - cont.

- No leaks from tank, hose or fittings.
- Hoses are U.S.C.G. approved and free of cracking or stiffness with adequate slack to account for vibration.
- Is tank secured?
- Fuel shut-off valve on tank and at engine.
- Engine compartment and engine clean and free of oily rags or flammable materials.
- Blower switch at remote location.
- Is your fuel system protected from siphoning?

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

- In addition to your pre-departure inspection of PFDs check for wear or abrasion, weak or torn seams, secure straps and buckles. Some types of PFDs are equipped with inflation devices; check to be sure cartridges are secure and charged.

Corrosion Prevention

- Through-hulls, props, shafts, bearings, rudder fittings, and exposed fastenings free of non-destructive corrosion.
- Zincs are adequate to provide protection.
- Through-hulls are properly bonded.
- Inspect the steering cables, engine control linkage and cables, engine mounts and gear case for corrosion.
- These items are properly lubricated or painted to prevent undue corrosion

Batteries

- Stored in non-corrosive, liquid tight, ventilated containers.
- Non-conductive covers are fitted over posts.
- Batteries are well secured.

Safety Equipment

- Lifelines or rails in good condition.
- Stanchions or pulpit securely mounted.
- Hardware tight and sealed at deck.
- Grab rails secure and free of corrosion or snags that may catch your hands.
- Non-skid surfaces free from accumulated dirt or excess wear.

Ground Tackle

- At least two anchors on board.
- Anchor and rode adequate for your boat and bottom conditions.
- Tackle properly secured.
- Length of chain at anchor.
- Thimble on rode and safety wired shackles.
- Chafing gear at chocks for extended stays or storm conditions.
- Anchor stowed for quick accessibility

Electrical System

- Wiring approved for marine applications.
- Is system neatly bundled and secured.
- Protected against chafing and strain.
- Adequate flex between bulkhead and engine connections.
- Clear of exhaust system and bilge.
- System is protected by circuit breakers or fuses.
- Grounds to Zincs if required.
- Wire terminals and connections sealed to prevent corrosion.

Bilge Pumps

- Will pump(s) adequately remove water in emergency? Do you have a manual backup? Are bilges clean and free to circulate (clear limber holes)? Do you check bilges frequently and not rely on automatic pumps?

Through-hulls

- Strainers, intakes and exhaust or discharge fittings are free from restrictions such as barnacles, marine growth or debris.
- Inspect sea valves for smooth operation.
- Handles are attached to valves for quick closure.
- Hoses are in good condition and free from cracking.
- Double hose-clamps below the waterline.
- Anti-siphon valve fitted to marine toilet.
- Through-hull plugs are near fittings or attached to hose in case of emergency.