



# Multnomah Channel Yacht Club

## Channel Chatter

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ahoy MCYC Skippers and First Mates. April has left us in her wake and May is dead ahead. The Opening Day celebration for the upcoming boating season is now past us. The Judges have made their choices for the best club. OK we took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, not bad if you look at it as I do. After last years resounding spanking we gave the competition, they had us in their sights. They were not going to underestimate MCYC this year. They performed extremely well and I congratulate them in their victory.....until next year☺ However, this did not overshadow our own Opening Day events. Jared Houghtelling's performance of our National Anthem on his French horn made me proud of whom we are as Americans. Opening Day ended with a great meal with good friends. I want to thank everyone for a job well done. Now on to the rest of the month. Let's spruce up our yachts, load up your stores, and get ready for the Memorial Day weekend cruise at Hadley's landing. But before this event, let's not forget Mothers Day. So to all my MCYC mothers enjoy your breakfast in bed, your Sunday brunch, or your day being pampered at your favorite spa. You deserve this day. Finally let's make this a safe and fun boating season.

CC Charley

### FIRST LADY'S COMMENTS

This month officially is the beginning of our boating season. Opening day was one to remember. We had a wonderful day and held our standing with the yachting community with a respectable showing. It's really all about our clubs participation and honest efforts by everyone to show well amongst our boating friends. For those of you who stayed to help with the

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preparation of that wonderful meal that greeted all of us when we returned, thank you. It was the perfect setting to relax and unwind with close friends. I am looking forward to Memorial Day weekend and hope to see many of you there.<<<First Lady Linda>>>

### SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Opening Day on the water has arrived and with it the beginning of our boating season which means that the FUN season is here at MCYC! Our most recent bit of fun was the annual Chili Cook-off at Coon Island that we co-hosted with Terry and Ellen Lane over Easter weekend. They were terrific co-hosts and everyone that came really got into fun mode and we had great participation. In case you didn't hear, Ron and Chris Houghtelling won 1<sup>st</sup> prize with their 'Clam' chili!?! It looked a little like chowder to us, but hey, the voters liked it! Thanks Terry and Ellen, and everyone who joined us for a fun cruise.

Our next couple of chances for fun on our boats will be the Memorial Day weekend cruise to Hadley's Landing on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, and the cruise to St. Helen's City docks on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

We have the 1<sup>st</sup> of our fun summer events at the clubhouse coming up on June 5<sup>th</sup> with our annual Louie Louie 1<sup>st</sup> Friday dinner hosted by the Atens, Binkerds, and the J. Donaldsons.

They've added a new element to the dinner this year with a 'Martini Madness' cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We can't wait to see what that entails. Most likely a good night to plan to sleep on the boat!

The Speights, Fasels and Atens are planning to put on a 'summer party' on August 29<sup>th</sup> and were hoping to have a newer member join them so if anyone would like to help host a fun event

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while learning their way around the clubhouse give Joyce Speight a call, she'd love to talk to you!

The last summer fun event at MCYC is always the Golf Tournament. While there will be plenty of fun before then, Brian Hale wanted us to remind everyone of the date so we can all get it on our personal calendars because we don't want to miss it. This year's Golf Tournament and BBQ will be on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Now we know how our summer fun will start and end at MCYC, and we can't wait to see what fun we'll have in between!<<<Robin & Joel>>>

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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Another Opening Day is in the books. We did okay, sort of. Not like last year, when we "flew the broom" from our flagpole, but the way this Editor sees it, CRYA has to "spread the wealth" (do I get a \$25,000 fine like the NBA coaches get for criticizing the refs now?). We had PERFECT formation when we went through (maybe all the pre-review radio angst was worth it), but some on the review boat didn't see it that way, I guess. Maybe the review boat should be a large sailboat with a tall rig, and put a camera up top of the mainmast. Cameras ALWAYS get it right. Now if we could actually have suspended that suspension bridge...naaah, not enough engineers here for that. If nothing else, we proved that rain doesn't wash away MCYC's fun!

The crew of Lofoten Girl will be missing from the May cruise, due to the injury of the First Mate, who is laid up with, what else, a broken foot! Call Blanche and wish her the best. She's a tough warrior, but like most in the samurai class, she can't take enforced idleness well.

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MCYC Schedule, May, June, July  
MAY:

### OPENING DAY (ALL) 2nd

Board Meeting 1930	6th
General Meeting 1930	20 <sup>th</sup>
Ladies' Cruise	15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>
Mem. Weekend Cruise to Hadley's Landing	23-25 <sup>th</sup>

### JUNE:

Board Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup>
F-F Louie-Louie	5 <sup>th</sup>
St. Helens Cruise	12-14
General Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup>
Private Party	27 <sup>th</sup>

### JULY:

Board Meeting, 1930	1 <sup>st</sup>
General Meeting 1930	15 <sup>th</sup>
Cathlamet Cruise (Bald Eagle Days are 18th-19th)	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>

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BTW, Blanche was bringing the Captain a midnight snack when she tripped and fell. The #5 Metatarsal (left) will have to be fixed surgically, it looks REALLY ugly on the x-ray. There will probably have to be some P.T. also, but have no fear, she will be dancing the boogie again soon!

The Internet Project is coming right along, with the Clubhouse AND C-Dock served by the medium-speed connection.

## INTERNET LINKS FOR BOATING

This month's BoatUS Magazine has a whole page (page 20 of the paper magazine, P. 24 of the PDF version) of great links to various boating websites. I had to use my PDF converter to get the individual page out of the whole magazine file, so that means you will have to type the links into your browser. Sorry. If you are a BoatUS member, you can register online for the services the company offers, and at <http://www.boatus.net> (after you log in), you will find the magazine link on the left sidebar.

On a safety note, your Editor thinks it's time MCYC had a Safety Seminar, so let's get one scheduled. I think that

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the best way to do this is to have the Scappoose Fire Dept come down with some of their training extinguishers, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary come down and give us some emergency communications practice and maybe some flare-firing practice if they will let us do that.

If we make it on a Saturday or Sunday morning, your Editor will buy the hot dogs and chips for lunch. What say you? Let's talk it up at the May General Meeting.

On another of my favorite topics, Ethanol in boat gas, BoatUS advises that the consortium of ethanol producers is petitioning the EPA to force oil companies to sell 15% ethanol-mixed gasoline as marine fuel. You can express yourself to authorities on this issue, but you have only about 2 weeks to do it, at this Internet address:

<http://www.boatus.com/gov/default.asp>

Folks, if 10% ethanol blend is causing the problems that we detailed in the last Chatter, just imagine what 15% will do to our engines!

According to the Marine Board, House Bill 3177 passed the committee on April 28 and is now headed for a vote of the full House. This bill will allow gas stations to sell Premium gasoline at the pump with no ethanol in it. You should ask your Representative in Salem to vote for this bill.

<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/news/E10.shtml>

If you would like to be a more active partner with the Oregon State Marine Board in keeping our waterways safe and clean, consider joining their email news list. They don't use a fancy-schmancy news-aggregating widget like most public outfits do now, they use an old-fashioned list server, so you have to actually sign up for their bulletins. You may do so here:

<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/news/listserve.shtml>

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS, CON'T

This space for rent, cheap! This is YOUR Chatter, and your Editor will be delighted to publish anything that is remotely in good taste in this space! You KNOW that you can write, so send me an email to get included in the next Chatter!

The Chatter needs a graphics advisor. The Editor would love to include the occasional graphic in these text columns, but lacks the expertise to do so.

Fuel prices are headed upwards, and as much as I'd love to sound off about why I think that's happening during this Depression, I won't. You might consider filling your boat's tanks now, though, since gas may wind up the summer a dollar a gallon higher than it is right now.

Did you know that along with the Clean Marina program of which MCYC was the FIRST Yacht Club and the second marina to join, there is a Clean Boater program as well? The program is primarily a self-awareness course on protecting the environment while you boat. There is ample information on how to get the training AND the swag which goes with it here:

<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/Clean/CleanTips.shtml>

While we're on this subject, there's an excellent audio-visual presentation on invasive and nuisance aquatic species on the Marine Board website, here:

<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/Clean/ANS.shtml>

The horror stories on invasive species from the other parts of the country are enough to make you sick, because the dollars to fight this type of problem comes out of OUR pockets and OUR facility improvement budgets.

No, that "grass skirt" your boat grows in it's slip doesn't count.

