



Walla Walla Yacht Club

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September - October 2018

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| Commodore | Greg Parker (2018) | Board Members | Dave Payne | (2017-2018) |
| Vice Commodore | Greg Jacobson (2018) | | AJ Wentland | (2017-2018) |
| Treasurer | Ken Kuhlmann (2018) | | John Hellstrom | (2017-2018) |
| Secretary | Linda Yoes (2018) | | Dave Pisarcik | (2018-2019) |
| Past Commodore | Charlie O'Neill (2015) | | Amanda Randall | (2018-2019) |
| Caretaker | Ron Beach | | Alfred Diaz | (2018-2019) |

The Experienced Sailor

Seasoned sailors demonstrate superior boating skills and situational awareness gained through experience. They often seem calm when faced with adversity, and when asked why? They usually say, "I've already been there, done that" and "I've seen it all before". So, this year I set out to get even more experience so I can say that "I too am a seasoned sailor."

I began with an exciting motor sail into a very strong headwind during the flotilla to Hat Rock. Just as we approached the anchorage, I employed the age-old tactic of running out of fuel. I was able to practice my skills at handling a tow line and rafting up to the anchorage while under tow (something I'd never done before). Next, I raced with a hardy crew (including a seasoned Navy veteran) into an even stronger wind where our jib sheet broke away. Resulting in a spectacular broach that allowed us to practice our seamanship skills to avoid sinking the boat (sinking the boat is for another story, and better told by Dave Payne who is a seasoned diver).

Most recently, I was able practice my skills of recovering from a grounding on a sand bar with the help of my wife who has become a

seasoned crew member herself by sailing with me for many years (also for another story).

This happened at Anchor Bay at low water levels, which is a great anchorage but does have its own unique challenges.

I believe that this year's experiences, along with my past experiences aboard the "Hooligan" have now elevated me to the rank of "Seasoned Sailor".

Luckily for me, all of these experiences were good ones. Otherwise, I would have become an "Old Salt" and not the merry seasoned sailor that I am today!

By Commodore Greg



Guide To Follow When Using The Clubhouse

What do a tray of enchiladas for the neighbor, stores closed on Sundays, a pizza cutter and beer all have in common?

I will get to that in just a minute, but first listen to this skipper's report:

With the prevalence of hot days on the docks down at the Walla Walla Yacht Club, I thought it would be worth the time and money to install a bimini on my boat. This would enable me to relax in the shade, listen to some music and enjoy a cold beer or two. What I did not realize is that I should have also invested in a locking beer cooler. Please, let me elaborate.

It seems that some of the hands down on the docks are getting a little careless when it comes to borrowing a beer or two and later replenishing the stock they took. This became apparent to me on a couple of occasions when I went to grab a bear out of my Beauty Control "Spa Fairy" cold lunch sack in the outdoor fridge but found it empty. I thought the "Spa Fairy" would throw the would-be beer barrowers off the trail of my treasure. Apparently, some of you are too smart to be fooled or you were in desperate need of beauty cream.

Now I know what you are thinking: A. You must have drunk the beers and forgotten. Not so. All supplies and cargo are noted in my captain's log. Furthermore, the kitchen is having a similar problem to the outdoor refrigerators! Things are missing! Such as one of the roaster ovens, a tea kettle, a cookie sheet, and pizza cutters. Please let Linda Yoes know if something is broken or missing so it can be replaced. And, please stock your boats and boathouses sufficiently so you don't need to "borrow" from the kitchen (or the beer fridge). In other words, what is in the clubhouse stays in the clubhouse, except for ice and people and such.

As for the outdoor fridges, sharing is at the discretion of the owner. If you do have something you want to share, label it appropriately. I would suggest "To Share" or "Please Take" or "Help Yourself." Try not to be ambiguous. The other day I saw a label on beer that said "Go Away" accompanied with a smiling face. To me, that could either mean I was supposed to go away and stay clear of their beer, or I was supposed to make their beer go away. Just to play it safe, I chose the

latter interpretation, drank one and stowed two in my Spa Fairy sack. My mistake. I should have drunk all three because next week my recently acquired two cans of beer were borrowed. I suppose it was another skipper in desperate need of beauty aids.

So, this is why I say I should have invested in a locking cooler. But what do enchiladas and Sundays have to do with the missing beer and pizza cutter?

There was a time when stores were closed on Sundays, sometimes Saturdays too. I remember in those days that my parents often sent me next door to borrow a cup of sugar or a couple eggs or a stick of butter or a fifth of vodka. (Okay, that last one was me when I was a teen; it didn't work.) During this era, whenever my parents had something to return, they taught me to always return it with something additional: some freshly made salsa, a dozen chocolate chip cookies, homemade flour tortillas. If the item borrowed was of great value, you might get a tray of enchiladas along with the return of your item. What my parents

taught me was when you borrow something, return it with something extra to show your appreciation. Perhaps this philosophy



would be a good one for the beer borrowers to follow. You take a beer that isn't yours. You return it with two – unopened – beers.

As for the kitchen supplies, those are not to be removed from the clubhouse. And if you did borrow something from the kitchen, please get it back in the same or better shape better than it was. After the return, if you still feel guilty and need to provide some type of restitution, might I suggest putting a couple beers in that Spa Fairy cooler sack located in left outdoor fridge.

By Skipper Al

Commodore's Comments

I would like to say thank you to a few people who have helped to make things a little better for us at the club and for others on the river this season.

★ Linda Yoes as Race Committee for running the race flags for the spring races. John Sillers as the Race Committee for the fall and setting the marks for the sailboat racing.

★ Kathy Byrne as the clubhouse crew leader and also the milfoil crew leader (two of our most important jobs). Linda Yoes for keeping the clubhouse supplies in stock. John and Mary Lou Sillers help, also.

★ Randy Gable for helping with the grounds and keeping our trees healthy. Also, thanks to him for having great birthday parties (his birthday is in early

August for anyone who may have missed this year's festivities).

★ Mike Neher for towing his fourth "boat in distress" into a safe harbor since joining the club (one of those was sinking).

★ Lindsay Todd for helping another sailor by clearing a fouled sailboat propeller shaft and then re-inserting the drive shaft into the transmission coupler without even getting wet.

★ Jagers, Rakestraws, and Clausens for helping to clean everything up around the grounds and the clubhouse in August, when the hot weather and the grain elevators make cleaning a challenge.

By Commodore Greg

Elaine Kuhlmann & Cheri Armstrong cordially invite you to the WWYC membership French Cuisine (Recipes from Patit Creek) meeting on Sunday, September 30th.

This meal will include a five course formal dinner served by waiters.

Serving begins at 1:30PM followed by meeting at 2:30 PM.

Cost is \$12.50 per person.

RSVP is required to plan for the number of place sittings needed for this special meal.

(There will be NO left overs or items sold after the meal.)

When calling please let me know if a vegetarian meal is needed.

Please bring your own drinks: wine, pop (soda) or your drink of choice-coffee will be provided.

Kitchen will be closed at 11:00.

RSVP French phrase "répondez, s'il vous plaît," which means "respond if you please with YES or NO and how many attending.

RSVP by Sunday, September 9th to Donnie Speer thedspeers@gmail.com 509-554-6861

(Calling begins Monday, September 10th for non-RSVPs-a BIG thank you to members who have RSVPed to date.)



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DON'T MISS THIS!

- **Sept 30** – General Membership Meeting
- **Oct. 28** – 28, Halloween Party

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| WWYC CALENDAR – 2018 |
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| Sept. 14-17 | Flotilla to Boardman – tentatively scheduled |
| Sept. 18 | Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m. at the Clubhouse |
| Sept. 29 | Sailing Race, Meet at the Clubhouse 8:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 30 | 3rd General Membership Meeting 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | Sailing Race, Meet at the Clubhouse 8:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Chili Cookoff at the Clubhouse |
| Oct. 28 | Halloween Party |

