Bald Eagle Days Cruise—Cathlamet

Photo by Stan Borys
COMMODORE’S COMMENTS

The “Fun Times in '09” continue here at PYC. As I write this article the PYC cruisers, some 27 boats strong, are hastily readying for the Down River Cruise scheduled for August 6th -16th. The Cruise Committee and the Cruise Hosts have all of the arrangements in place and are promising fun times for all.

Our cruise to Cathlamet for Bald Eagle Days was nothing short of spectacular! According to my account thirty-five PYC boats cruised to Cathlamet for the weekend. By now I am sure that the word is out that PYC was again awarded the Grand Prize for the best float in the parade. Dolly Parton, Willy Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Minnie Pearl, AKA Barbara Peterson, Don Dell, Steve Gordon, Dave Stuckey and Laura Cirotski respectively and all of the PYC Members who participated in the parade wowed the judges and who could forget Cliff Stephens dancing to “Down the River Again” as he drove his tractor pulling the PYC float. Thank you Barbara and Don for all of your work in putting our float together. A special thanks goes to Harry and Shirley Braunstein for hosting the cruise and the “Cheeseburgers in Paradise” barbecue. Shirley, the homemade berry cobbler was the best ever! Also, thank you everyone who participated in making this a great cruise.

Entertainment. The Entertainment Committee came through with flying colors with the Patio Party, held on July 25th. Some one hundred PYC Members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of fun, activities, food and of course bingo. Something new for PYC, at least to my knowledge, was the Dinghy Poker Run. Twenty-two players joined in on the fun as we made our way to the Island Café, The Deck and back to PYC to be dealt our cards. Guests of Greg Allison and Valerie Hettman, won the high hand worth $210. Thank you Greg Allison and Tom Kerns for putting the Poker Run together.

Next on the entertainment schedule will be the Annual Salmon Barbecue scheduled for September 13th. Phil and Patt Gentemann will be chairing this event. See the promotional article in this Portlight for details. Make your reservation early and join us for a wonderful salmon barbecue.

Cruising. We have three (3) cruising events scheduled for September. First is the Labor Day Cruise to Willow Bar Outstation, scheduled for September 4th to 7th. Charlie and Patti Bishop and Jim and Julie Hinkley will be hosting this cruise. Next we have the PYC Ladies Cruise, also scheduled for the Willow Bar Outstation on September 11th to 13th. Last, but not least, is the Beacon Rock Cruise scheduled for September 25th to 27th. Bob Martin will again host this cruise. Please refer to the cruising article in this Portlight for details on all three of these cruises.

Outstation Loan. In July 2008 the PYC Board authorized the borrowing of $63,250 from the Outstation Projects Dedicated Fund to re-pave the parking lot. The loan was fully repaid in July from the proceeds of the parking lot assessment, which will expire with the August billing. The balance of the parking lot assessment funds collected will be placed in a reserve account to pay the costs to seal the parking lot, scheduled for 2010.

Member Survey. The results of the member survey are all in and have been summarized by Charlie Bishop and Dick Dyer from the Long Range Planning Committee. A brief summary of the survey results was made by Charlie Bishop at the July board meeting. The LRPC is scheduled to meet in September to finalize the survey results. The final survey results will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting on November 23rd.

PYC Sailors. There are two sailing events scheduled for September. The first is the PYC Fall Regatta, to be held on September 19th and 20th. Check with our Sailing Captain Paul Teveliet for details. The second sailing event is the OWSA Sail for the Cure scheduled for September 27th. While the OWSA event is not an official PYC activity, a number of our PYC Ladies are involved and the awards portion of the event will again be held at PYC. It goes without saying, this is a wonderful cause and it warrants our full support.

Fall Season brings us some of our best boating weather, so get out there and join us for “Fun Times in '09”

Jerry Miller
Commodore
M/V Marisol
SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee for 2009 is comprised of Bill Stevens-Chair, Berkeley Smith and Bill Chevalier. This committee is charged with the responsibility to nominate candidates for next year’s Officers and Trustees. If you are interested in serving on the PYC Board or would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact one of the committee members. Please review Article VI, Section 2 of the PYC Bylaws for qualifications to serve.

DOCK BOX CLEAN-UP TIME

Time and the elements have taken their toll on many of the dock boxes in the open moorage. Several of these have even become “eye sores” and are no longer functional. What you may not know is that the moorage rules provide that Open Moorage dock boxes are the property and responsibility of the individual member. It is the Board’s hope that this brief Portlight note will be an adequate wake-up call so that dock box owners will re-furbish, re-paint or re-place as necessary by October 15th so that their box contributes an attractive appearance to the moorage. Club Staff will be removing dock boxes after October 15th that have not been re-furbished. Complete dock box requirements may be found in Article IV, Section 3, paragraph B of the moorage rules and as in the past, the club will furnish the blue paint for re-painting. Please contact Terry Truan, Fred Carter, or Nick Johnson for questions.

CRUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Martini Cruise to Martin Island was so much fun! Everyone had a wonderful time and the good Lord blessed us with a beautiful sunny weekend! The committee thought of everything! The Martini Bar was complete with martini glasses, olives, and even waiters with bow ties! A big “thank you” to the cruise hosts, Steve & Sandra Gordon, Bob & Elaine Sudlow, Larry & Laura Cirotski and Dave & Franci Stuckey.

The popular Cathlamet Bald Eagle Days was a huge success! A complete report can be found later in this issue of the Portlight.

PYC’s signature August adventure, the Down River Cruise, started on Thursday, August 6 and ended in Astoria for the regatta on Sunday, August 16th. In early September we are looking forward to another good turnout when Charlie and Patti Bishop, and their committee, host the PYC Labor Day Cruise at the Willow Bar Outstation.

Thank you to everyone who has so graciously helped the cruise hosts at cruises. Your help is appreciated!! Also, thank you to everyone who has taken time out of their busy schedules to support the cruises this year. We hope that you are enjoying the cruises as much as we are!

See you on the river!

Brian & Donna Moore
Cruising Chairs
M/V Talisman

MANAGER’S REPORT

I had a wonderful summer and hope that you did also. We had good weather and some fantastic cruises. I got to spend some time with my parents who are both 85. My dad and I played in two golf tournaments of three and four days. Not too many 85 year olds can do that. To be able to spend time with your parents is priceless!

Our new ramp turned out to be a super improvement. Some day all of the moorage will be rebuilt. Won’t that be great! We also had two of our poplar trees removed and one trimmed of dead wood. We now have removed six of our twelve trees. I know that they are still a problem, and we will do our best to continue to manage the situation.

Our finances have remained stable during the recession. It is our constant monitoring and especially our member’s continuing support that makes this club remain viable. Thanks to all of you.

Fred Carter
Club Manager

Portlight Deadline
September 10
Email articles and photos to:
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The 2009 Down River Cruise included over twenty vessels. In addition, personal watercraft, kayaks, dinghies, bicycles, grandparents, kids, grandkids, cats, dogs, salmon catching, villains, and popcorn all added to the fun. Individual port hosts for each stop provided outstanding coordination for docking and local activities.

Appetizers on the dock at St. Helens followed by a special air show and music in the park, began our six stops in ten days adventure. Friday was spent in the marina with various card games always in progress. Carole and Berkeley Smith kept everyone stocked with ice and we all enjoyed dinner at the Plantation House.

With some boats joining and some leaving, the group continued to Martin Slough. Kayaks and dinghies explored the waterways ending up with group appetizers in the dinghies, organized by our PYC hosts, Nancy and Gil MacGregor. Judy Wells gave a lesson in kayak flipping for the group.

Wind and some weather blew through on Sunday. It never slowed down the group. We were all headed for the Longview Yacht Club and what turned out to be outstanding hospitality. The LYC provided a steak barbecue and drinks late into the evening.

The tides were early on Monday with vessels departing for Cathlamet. The day was sunny and warm but rain threatened our cocktail party at the historic Butler House. Tuesday morning’s rain showers cancelled the golf outing but gave everyone the chance to relax at the docks and worry about the tides for the run to Ilwaco. Tuesday night dinner at the pavilion was a relaxing pizza party. Thanks again to our Cathlamet hosts, Cliff Stephens and Becky Belangy.

Most arrived early at Ilwaco leaving the day open for exploring the art shops and relaxing until dinner. The Pelicano served up a gourmet meal and managed to accommodate almost our entire group. The highlight has to be the new Discovery Trail Long Beach to Ilwaco. Ten walked the entire trail with only one defection for a cinnamon roll stop.

The entire beach portion of the walk is on a paved trail excellent for bikes or walking. Thursday evening brought the potluck dinner and the Art and Poker Walk. Sue Miller won the grand prize of a ski-doo ride donated by SK Northwest with a hand of four 5’s. Thanks to Judy Wells and Diane Hanke for scouting out the great hike and organizing the rest of the activities. The salmon fishing was HOT, but probably not because of PYC.

Friday morning brought light winds and clear skies for the trip to Astoria to join up with vessels already docked. Astoria Yacht Club along with hosts Fred and Kay Koudele provided spirits and sangria with the group providing heavy appetizers. Some went off to dinner with some enjoying their first taste of the local play “Shanghaied in Astoria”. The villains in the play were despicable and the audience showered them with popcorn. Saturday brought Parade Day at noon. Many explored the Trolley pathway to walk or ride bicycles. The afternoon finally cleared to sunshine and the twilight allowed us to enjoy Bo Knab and Luscious presenting the American flag for the Astoria Regatta boat parade. All enjoyed the group dinner or a quiet dinner to end the last night of the cruise.

Sunday brought early departures with some running all the way to PYC with others taking a few more days on the river on the way home. Many thanks to Donna and Brian Moore for the organization of the cruise and for all the Port Hosts for making each stop special.

This was Hey Jude’s first time to hit all of the ports in the cruise. Cruising allows us to enjoy our boating friends and family. Our granddaughter Aspen, age 11, renewed her cruising relationship with us for five days. Our son Eric got to loan us stuff for the first time - a three person watercraft. Thanks to all who made the trip special!

Rod & Judy Wells
M/V Hey Jude
W.O.W.
(Women On Water)

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MARITIME HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Photos by Bob Knauer & Nancy MacGregor
Bald Eagle Days in Cathlamet was a weekend to remember. SMALL TOWN – BIG HEART was the theme for Bald Eagle Days this year and they lived up to their theme. The town, and especially the marina, welcomed PYC with open arms, “thanks for coming” and a “sure we can do that” attitude. The weather even cooperated with warm days and a welcomed breeze. PYC had 34 boats and 117 members and guests to enjoy the festivities. It was great fun!

As the weekend started, it was clear that we would need all the space we could find. We knew that was going to be the case when a couple of weeks before the event, the marina started saying “we are going to have the largest number of boats in the marina that we have ever had!” Turned out – they did!

PYC showed off some outstanding boat handling skills as we stern tied 34 sail and power boats. Just when it seemed like we were set, another boat or two arrived and the juggling and squeezing began again.

Although boats started coming in early in the week, the official festivities began on Friday with a friendly round of golf lead by Vic Alfonso. Thanks Vic for keeping our group entertained and back to the docks laughing, joking and looking forward to the next time they can play the course in Cathlamet.

The next order of business was final preparations on the now famous PYC float for the parade. Barbara and Don Peterson, with help from many, again did an outstanding job. Rehearsals and prepping went on late Friday night and early Saturday morning. We were mighty proud when the unofficial voting along the parade route awarded us “10’s”!!!

Friday night finished off with fabulous potluck appetizers on the dock. Nobody went hungry and boy was it good. We have some great chefs in the club.

Saturday evening (after a day filled with the parade, street fair and an Elephant Ear or 2) we had a Jimmy Buffett themed dinner of “Cheeseburgers in Paradise” and margaritas. The fixings included potato salad, Shirley’s cowboy beans that had been simmering all day and home made (yes – in our home) berry cobbler. Several people found that a great accompaniment to the cobbler was a big scoop of ice cream from the ice cream truck across the parking lot. Well worth the extra $1.

We thought it was a tight fit to get all the boats in the marina but it was impossible to get all our people in the pavilion at once. Eating in shifts worked just fine and we all came back together about 7:30 for announcements and awards to the trivia contest and raffle winners. A few stole the show with their enthusiastic hugs and kisses. We have some pretty talented huggers and kissers at PYC but our Commodore Jerry Miller kept right up with the best of them!

Dinner was a success because of so many people pitching in to help, but we want to say a special thanks to Donna Moore, Sonjia Smethers, Dave Stuckey, Laura Cirotski and the Spada family (George, Marietta and Fred).

After dinner we all headed back to the docks for some socializing until the Fireworks began around 10:00. The Fireworks were a wonderful display and a great finale for a day packed with fun and good times all courtesy of Cathlamet and Bald Eagle Days.

Sunday was quiet on the docks until about 10:00 am when the first diesels started up preparing for the next journey. It was a little tense at times but sure easier getting all the boats out than it was getting them in.

A big THANKS goes out to Jackie, the Port Manager, and her staff for working so well with us. Any and all requests for assistance were met with a smile and help over and above what we asked for. The Elochomen Slough Marina in Cathlamet is an outstanding boating facility and a true friend on the river.

Hopefully the Down River Cruise stop in Cathlamet has as much fun as we did at Bald Eagle Days!

Shirley and Harry Braunstein
M/V Sound Venture
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I thought her name was Bula. She was the custom's lady. She was one of the last officials brought out to Iris as we swung on a mooring next to Suvasuva's downtown. While completing the entry to Fiji paper work I called her Bula. Jack Fawcett, who had sailed with me from New Zealand, took me aside and told me that "Bula" is Fijian greeting or hello and not her name. Oh. And indeed it is.

Nearly everyone everywhere will respond to "Bula." Many will initiate the greeting. And for emphasis one says it twice: "Bula! Bula!" You don't say it softly but belt it out with a smile as that is how the Fijians respond. Fiji is the modern day Friendly Isles. A little girl across the aisle in church yesterday morning mouthed "Bula" to me then smiled when I mouthed it back to her. She was 6 or 7 years old.

Suvasuva was our port of entry after the 1100 mile passage north from New Zealand. We could have stopped earlier at Suva to check in but everyone had good things to say about Suvasuva and the ease of entry. And they were correct. What an interesting little town! Almost exotic. Sub-continent Indians comprise 50% of the Fijian population having been brought here by the British to work the sugar cane fields in the 19th century. They now own and run many of the shops in towns. Restaurant food is curry. Loud speakers blast out Indian pop songs from store fronts. Saris are worn by Indian women. Most of them wear Western clothes and are Hindu but there are a few Muslims identified by their dress. We moored, as I mentioned, next door to downtown where we could see and hear the happenings and close to the yacht club's dinghy dock and bar where there was nightly happy hour. Perfect. Most convenient port I've ever been to.

But Fiji is a country of villages. Villages are the underpinning of Fijian society. Cities have been imported to Fiji. Village banishment is still a punishment. Suvasuva bustles as the villages come in bus loads to shop, go to school or to work. Understanding villages is important to the cruising yachty because of "sevusevu."

Village land is held communally and ruled by local head men or chiefs. And when a village is on a bay it may also "own" the bay and reefs adjacent to it. Custom dictates that yachts must obtain permission to anchor in a bay. Mind you, this is after you already have a cruising permit issued by the central government in Suva. Sevusevu is the ceremony of giving the chief a present and asking for permission to anchor and come ashore. Sort of like visitors to Portland not paying airline, car rental, gas and hotel taxes but going to the mayor, sitting down and offering a gift, say a 6 pack of beer, and asking for permission to visit. And after the mayor grants you permission you go on 5 o'clock news as the new guest in town and everyone welcomes you. Bula. Obviously in the little villages you are guests as you are the only white people within the same zip code. For the yachty, the beauty of the system is getting into the small villages and being accepted as guests and then occasionally invited into homes. Oh yes, the present. It must be yoqona root, at least a $5 bunch, wrapped in a bundle and placed before the chief while sitting Indian or Pacific style on the floor mats. The chief doesn't have to accept the gift or you, but always does and gives a short speech in Fijian. Then, you're in.

Yoqona root is ground and from it kava is made; the intoxicating drink that binds village society. Janet and I first did this on the east side of Taveuni, the 3rd largest Fijian island. A pearl farmer said we were the 2nd boat there this season and arranged meeting the chief and took us to his village across the unpaved street and up the muddy footpath. Children were just returning home from school in their smart school uniforms. After being accepted by the chief, we went next door and had kava. This was mixed in a large bowl by the chief's grandson and dished out in one coconut shell in a prearranged order. The chief first and on down. Janet took two small bowls. Women are not usually invited to a kava bowl ceremony in this patriarchal society but they make exceptions for white women. I didn't think it was very intoxicating until I noticed that I kept spilling it on my shirt when I tried to take a sip. It has a numbing effect like novacane. Kava promotes conversation. The chief's son explained that he had USA tattooed on his leg out of sympathy for America after 911. He liked Bush for killing terrorists and thought that Obama was ok.

Now we're out in the western isles called the Yasawas. Fiji has about 330 islands covering a huge area. And I swear it has about 3000 reefs. Yachts find the top of reefs yearly. Yesterday morning, we went to church in the local village. It was Methodist. Didn't matter much as most everything said was in Fijian. Afterwards, I was getting my flipflops and standing around outside as after church presents great photo ops. The women wore satin outfits with white blouses, skirts, and underskirts over their shoulders and down to their ankles. No shoes. One man wore his black lava lava (they call them sulus here) shirt and tie and black coat. No shoes. Anyway, a little boy came up to me and invited us to lunch. “Sure”, he said, “follow me.” We were taken to a Sunday feast. We sat outside on mats under a corrugated tin roof. Food was served in dishes. There was land crab, caught the night before, a boiled chicken, fried fish in some kind of sauce, Fijian yams, tapioca root and chicken broth. Afterwards tea and biscuits were served along with Fijian pudding made from coconuts. After eating, water bowls were passed to wash our hands as most ate without utensils. The women cooked on wood-fired stoves, served and ate second. Dogs did not come around but chickens did.
**TECHNICAL TIPS—COOL BOATING**

Air conditioning serves a number of purposes. The most obvious is that it cools the space (sensible heat), but just as importantly, it removes moisture from the space (latent heat). The sensible heat load is a function of the temperature difference between the space and its surroundings and the rate that heat can enter the space (insulation), the amount of solar energy shining into the space, and internal heat sources such as lighting, stoves, and machinery. Latent heat sneaks in as moist outside air, drying towels, drying showers and bodies, cooking, and the moist breath and skin of the occupants. Fail to remove the latent component, and discomfort results since the skin cannot then cool by evaporation.

Boats are not easy to air condition. We have less available space and power, much more glass area per volume (M/V especially), usually less insulation than a house, and all that machinery cooling down below. My un-air conditioned 47’ motor yacht would typically have one 10,000 btu unit up forward, a 16-20,000 btu unit for the salon/dinette/galley, and another 10-12,000 btu unit aft. This is necessary for Fort Lauderdale or Houston, but what about Portland? The recent heat wave aside, we in the Northwest enjoy a milder, less humid climate, and therefore I could consider a less powerful solution.

Costco offers a number of “roll around” room air conditioners. Since I had the space in my salon and the cost of the unit was minimal, I ordered a 10,000 btu Royal Sovereign model 5010 as an experiment. This unit is 18” wide, 15” deep, and 33” tall, and weighs 77 pounds. The system requires immediate access to a window for the 5” diameter intake and exhaust condenser air cooling hoses, and 9 amps of 120 VAC power. Importantly, this system gets rid of the water that it removes by spraying it on the condensing coil and sending it out with the hot air – no drain required. Noise is similar to that of a window unit.

I designed and made a lexan™ adapter for the cooling hoses that inserts in a sliding window in the salon without modifying the window. Installation was then a matter of blocking the unit in with teak strips, securing it with cargo strapping and “footman straps,” and plugging it into a wall outlet. I am pleased to report that even during the recent unpleasantness (99° on the aft deck in our covered slip at Jantzen Bay), we peaked at 78° on board, and cooled back down to 68° during the night. Yes, we closed off the forward cabin, and yes, we wished for a bit more cooling capacity, but except for a few days a year and given the cost of proper marine system, I believe that we have a winner.

For better results away from our covered slip I have commissioned a cover for the forward salon windows, and underway we do have to run our generator, but these are small matters. The Royal Sovereign seems to feel at home, and it remains secure underway without any movement or leakage. Madam is pleased, and therefore so am I!

Joe Brady  
*M/V The Bunch*

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**BULA! BULA! (cont.)**

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and had to be shooed away. The minister was there along with a school teacher from the mainland (main island).

We visited the school this morning. It is between two villages. Wish I could send you a photo. No internet cafes here. Kids readily made eye contact.

What they need, the head teacher said, was notebook paper. If anyone would like to make contact with a small school in the Yasawas, Fiji, send paper to Ratu Namasi Memorial School, PO Box 1226, Lautoka, Fiji Islands. Who knows, you may want to visit your school some day. Small cruise ships do come here.

We’ll leave west for Vanuatu in a week or so.

Cheers,

*John Colby*  
*S/V Iris*
PYC is the host club for the 10th Annual Sail for the Cure organized by the Oregon Women’s Sailing Association. The event will be held Sunday, Sept. 27.

The day includes a family-friendly Columbia River sail, a party, an auction, as well as pre-event fundraising activities throughout the Portland area.

During the sailing portion of Sail for the Cure, boat owners take participants out on sailboats for on-the-water games which emphasize boat-handling and cooperation. Last year, 70 boat owners hosted 450 sailors. This year, organizers hope to increase those numbers.

The 2009 theme is “Our Cup Runneth Over.” In the last nine years, OWSA has raised close to $200,000 for the Oregon and SW Washington Komen for the Cure® affiliate, 75% of which stays right here, with the rest going to research.

Most participants find the event to be worthwhile beyond the funds they help raise. Charlie McDonald, SV Tango skipper and two-time participant, says he and his family enjoy Sail for the Cure. McDonald said seeing the joy expressed on his crew’s faces when the motor shuts off, is its own reward. “The first year we had one ‘crew’ who had been quite depressed....when she took over the helm ‘with some guidance’ her entire outlook changed. Her partner said it was her best day in a long time. [It was] also one of our best.”

To register for the event go online at www.sailforthecureoregon.net If you have questions, contact Sail for the Cure at 503-245-2882.

After the sailing portion of the day, participants, and land-lovers can party away at PYC while shopping for the many goods, services and vacations being auctioned off to support the local cancer center. Those willing to donate untreated hair, 8 inches in length, can have their hair cut by cosmetologists. Sail for the Cure will donate the hair to Pantene’s “Make the Kindest Cut” program. The program provides free, natural hair wigs to cancer patients. During the 2008 Sail for the Cure, OWSA gathered 28 pony tails, enough hair for more than 4 wigs.

This year, participants will also be treated to “Bras for a Cause.” Members, artists and crafters will have decorated bras on view for folks to vote and bid on. Remember to bring your dollar bills for your vote!

Beyond the September 27th events, there are other ways to help OWSA eradicate breast cancer, which affects more women and men in the Pacific Northwest than anywhere in the United States. The Deck restaurant is raffling off two fixed-gear bikes, and donating half the money to Sail for the Cure, with the rest to another charity. Point of Sail Gifts and Wine is raffling off a pink Venus II Ocean Voyager kayak. Tickets are available to Point of Sail and at Island Café where the kayak is on display. On September 22, POUR Wine Bar is donating a portion of the drinks sold between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

An important part of Sail for the Cure is the pledge drive. To highlight the event’s 10th anniversary, organizers are asking for $10 pledges, and requesting that pledgers invite 10 friends to pledge $10, and so on. According to Sail for the Cure Chairperson, Jeanine Hahn, “If all 500 participants find just 10 others to pledge $10, we could raise $50,000 in pledges alone.”

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**BALD EAGLE DAYS—CATHLAMET**

Photos by Donna Moore
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