Opening Day aboard S/V Julia Max

Photo by Nancy MacGregor
New Club Manager

Beginning May 1, Dennis Yamnitsky accepted our offer to become the Club Manager. We are so happy to have Dennis bring his experience, skills, knowledge and energy to Portland Yacht Club. Dennis brings a lifetime career experience in dining, hospitality, and club management to us. He is well known locally and has earned a reputation for quality and leadership. Please introduce yourself and make him feel a part of the PYC family.

Opening Day

What a way to experience PYC: the Mexican themed Cook-In with our fabulous auction on May 3, followed by Opening Day festivities on Saturday. Dennis’ idea to bring in a pro-trumpeter to play the national anthem was a refreshing change from our sometimes feisty PA system. Dennis got to experience the parade on the river from the Commodore’s perspective: he participated in the fleet review and crewed aboard Morningstar for the parade.

B4B & Auction

I am amazed by the energy and engagement of this club’s members. We are growing and improving this club to keep it as the standard that others would do well to meet. The Bingo for Buns and the Chair Auction generated far more than we ever expected from the generous donations from our members and businesses, but equally from the generosity of our member bidders. I hope that by the time you read this, we will have chosen and ordered the new chairs and ice machine.

D-Row Restoration

Led by Bob Dubay, Alden Andre, and Larry Brandt, volunteers have stepped up to restore and refurbish D-row, which is likely to be the last open moorage row to be converted to concrete. The member volunteers have assisted Terry and Nick in the cleanup of hoses, abandoned wiring and plumbing. They repainted the handrails, and preparation for replanking the dock. Dinghy docks are up for improvement as well. All of our dock improvements depend on the volunteer’s labor contributions to the construction activity.

Dinghy Docks

Reminder: Any dinghy on the dock without member's name on it, will be removed.

Section 3 Open Moorage Rules (Dingy Storage Docks): “All vessels shall be marked with the member’s name. Vessels not identified may be removed at the Club Manager’s or Open Moorage Chair’s discretion.”

Also: “Members storing dinghies, tenders, kayaks and other small boats on the docks designated as Dinghy Docks, located within the Open Moorage, are required to seek prior approval from

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the Club Manager before placing vessels on the dock.”

Moorage Upgrade

How many concrete rows have been completed in the PYC moorage? PYC’s moorage has 17 rows. N-row is completely new, built in the space occupied by the ruins of the Bisonett moorage. Over the last 10 years, we have completed 3 rows of concrete in the closed moorage; much of the effort has been required to build the marginal walk (parallel to shore), along with electrical, fire, and plumbing infrastructure modernization. Thirteen rows remain to be built out, and the remaining marginal walk. We believe it will take 10-12 years to finish it all.

Lake Oswego Cruise

This could be such a nice place to go: restaurants, beautiful park, great concrete docks. I said ‘could’. Complete disregard for the no-wake zone makes this a hostile location. If I ever go there again, I will take full storm snubbers for my dock lines.

Stag Cruise

Always a great cruise! Was it the oysters, or the rib-eyes, or just a good time hanging with our friends? All of the above! Really good to see new members come out for this cruise too. Fair weather and a full cooler—doesn’t get any better.

Ladies Wine Tasting

Of course the ladies had to be entertained while their men played.

Coming events

Rose Festival Regatta, Mauni Elliott Regatta, Martin Island Cruise, Father’s Day Western BBQ (a pig fell into the firepit by mistake), Oregon City Cruise, Cookouts, Thursday Lunches, Ladies Tea.

By land or by sea, hope to see you all at PYC.

A very warm and gracious thank you to all the members, their families and guests who have taken the time to introduce themselves and extend a friendly welcome to me as I begin my first month as Club Manager of your beautiful Portland Yacht Club.

I sincerely appreciate the time, efforts and diligence of the club’s manager search committee and the Officers and Trustees of PYC. What a great job everyone has done to operate the club during the last several months. I am honored, excited and thrilled at the opportunity to manage truly one of the first yacht clubs in the Northwest.

I have been blessed during my thirty-four year professional career to work and manage at some very special and beautiful places. The Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park, Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood and the Oswego Lake Country Club in Lake Oswego. And now what a joy to drive down the Columbia to my new office overlooking the beauty of PYC.

It is a pleasure to get to know and work with the fine group of people who make up the staff at PYC. Also the many, many important member volunteers who give their time and so much more.

I look forward to much good work ahead, lots of goodwill and some serious fun in the sun and on the water.

Thanks for welcoming me aboard!
PYC Social Liaison  
By Larry Cirotski, Commodore, M/V Morningstar

First Lady Laura Cirotski was presented a plant arrangement in sympathy for the loss of her mother and father over the past two months. Lucy Mitchem selected the arrangement and assisted the purchase for the club. Lucy is a long time friend of the Cirotski’s and also suffered the loss of her husband last year.

Lucy Mitchem has offered to serve PYC as our Social Liaison. She can be our contact person to share these unfortunate events, with the purpose being the coordinator of a gesture of honor and recognition for our fellow members. Please contact Lucy to obtain her assistance.

Cookout—June 28

Bring your Entrée to grill and PYC will provide the Salad Bar, Baked Potato, Garlic Bread, Beans, and Dessert

$7.50 per person  
Bar Opens at 3:00  
Dinner at 6:30

Sign up before noon on the Wednesday before the cookout to be entered into the “Free Cookout” drawing

RSVP 503.735.0632 or admin@portlandyc.com

Ladies Tea

June 9, Sunday  
2-4 pm

Have a lovely Sunday afternoon with your PYC girlfriends at a cottage-style tea featuring scones, fruit, finger sandwiches and pastries.

You’re encouraged to wear your favorite Spring/Summer hat, bonnet or fascinator!

Cancellation Policy effective June 4

Portlight  
Deadline — June 10

Email materials to: Dale Mack  
celtic-myst@comcast.net

Cancellation Policy effective June 4
Spoil yourself and join us for the “Ladies Wine Country Tour”. We will meet in Dundee at Duck Pond Winery at 11 am to start our tour. To minimize parking please carpool if possible. Your cost for the Saturday wine tour from 11 am to 5 pm is $75 per person for the trolley ride, snacks and wine tastings at Duck Pond, Durant and Stoller wineries. If you enjoy great spas, food, shopping, more wineries and would like to stay overnight in the area, make your lodging reservations early directly to your choice of lodging, as accommodations will go fast. A list of accommodations are posted on the hallway bulletin board. Reservations for the Wine Tour is limited to the first 30 PYC ladies and their guest, so don’t delay and make your reservations now!

Reservations 503.735.0632 or admin@portlandyc.com • Cancellation Policy in Effect
Get Your “Cruise On”!
Don’t Miss the Season

JUNE is No-Host Month
Mini Cruises are come as you are! Join fellow members on the water for fun and fellowship

June 7-9       Martin Island
June 21-23     Oregon City

JULY is full of Cruising
The three cruises scheduled in July will “wet” your appetite for the big cruise in August.

July 5-7       PYC Outstation at Willow Bar
This will be the party after the party!

July 19-21     Bald Eagle Days at Cathlamet
Cruise to Cathlamet and enjoy the annual Bald Eagle Days Parade!

July 26-28     Bartlett Landing (aka Government Is., East Dock)
A Mini-Cruise to keep the juices flowing. A great time to relax, gather your wits and start planning for the “BIG ONE”!

Martin Island Cruise
June 7-9
No Host, just spontaneous fun

Oregon City Cruise
June 21-23
No Host, just spontaneous fun

Bartlett Landing Cruise
July 26-28
No Host, just spontaneous fun

4th of July Cruise
Willow Bar
July 5-7

Bald Eagle Days Cathlamet Cruise
July 19-21
# Lower Columbia Cruise

**August 8-18**

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| Thursday       | Longview Yacht    | • RSVP by July 1 with PYC office  
| August 8       | Club              | • Reciprocal moorage!                                                           |
| Fri & Sat      | Ilwaco            | • RSVP by June 15 using  
| Aug. 9-10      | 360.642.3143      | http://portofilwaco.com/summer-reservations/  
|                |                   | • 21-40 feet is $16.25 daily  
|                |                   | • 41-50 feet is $21.75 daily  
|                |                   | • 51-75 feet is $27.25 daily  
|                |                   | • 25 slips tentatively reserved  
|                |                   | • Power is $3.50 daily (up to ‘49), if available                                 |
| Sun & Mon      | Astoria           | • RSVP by July 1 with PYC office  
| Aug. 11-12     | 800.860.4093      | • 30 footers are $15 daily  
|                |                   | • 40 footers are $20 daily  
|                |                   | • 50 footers are $35 daily  
|                |                   | • Power is $3 daily, if available  
|                |                   | • 25 slips tentatively reserved  
|                |                   | • http://www.portofastoria.com/marina_west_geninfo.html                          |
| Tues & Wed     | Cathlamet         | • RSVP by July 15 with PYC office  
| Aug. 13-14     |                  | • 30-39 footers are $14 daily  
|                |                   | • 40+ feet is $16 daily  
|                |                   | • Power is $8 per night  
|                |                   | • http://www.cathlametmarina.org/index.html                                      |
| Thur & Fri     | Martin Island     | • Anchorage north of St. Helens  
| Aug. 15-16     |                  | • FREE moorage!  
|                |                   | • http://columbiariverimages.com/Regions/Places/  
|                |                   | burke_island_martin_island.html                                                 |
| Sat & Sun      | Willow Bar        | • Back home and more FREE moorage!  
| Aug. 17-18     |                  | • The Bar is always open (as in Willow Bar!)  
|                |                   | • Fun, memories and awards!                                                     |
By Steve Gordon, M/V Conundrum
Cruising Committee

_We come on the sloop John B_
_My grandfather and me_
_Around Nassau town we did roam_
_Drinking all night_
_Got into a fight_
_Well I feel so broke up_
_I want to go home_

_-Beach Boys_

This will be an article on how to make a wonderful crab and shrimp risotto with a recommendation of a fine Pinot Gris for your summer cruising enjoyment.

First of all, gather your ingredients together and have ready:
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 Tbs. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 6 Tbs. olive oil
- 1/2 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined and each cut into 4 or 5 pieces
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 6 cups chicken or fish broth or water

_WAIT...HOLD ON!  Give me back the editing here....good, seems like I got hijacked by Laura Mack.  This isn’t the Food Network.  It was a stag cruise for crying out loud!!  Men only, men telling stories and men passing out.  That’s what our Portlight audience wants to hear.  So with that in mind, here’s a review of the PYC Men’s Cruise held at the Willow Bar outstation.

Everything you imagine that would happen on a stag cruise happened here.  We can’t tell anyone what that is because as you know, what happens on Stag Cruise, stays on Stag Cruise....well everything but Russ Kuhn and Mark Newsome’s Facebook photos which were published for the world to see.  Nice job guys.

So for all of you that want the secrets behind this year’s stag cruise, you can ask anyone that was there and if you find anyone, other than Russ and Mark, oh and Kathy Gregg (you’ll have to ask Gerry), they were sworn to secrecy so you won’t find out anything.
Stag Cruise

Photos by Loren Popescu
Stag Cruise
Photos by Loren Popescu & David Wisdom
The Nellie, a cruising yawl, swung to her anchor without a flutter of the sails, and was at rest. The flood had made, the wind was nearly calm, and being bound down the river, the only thing for it was to come to and wait for the turn of the tide.

The sea-reach of the Thames stretched before us like the beginning of an inerminable waterway. In the offing the sea and the sky were welded together without a joint, and in the luminous space the tanned sails of the barges drifting up with the tide seemed to stand still in red clusters of canvas sharply peaked, with gleams of varnished sprits. A haze rested on the low shores that ran out to sea in vanishing flatness. The air was dark above Gravesend, and farther back still seemed condensed into a mournful gloom, brooding motionless over the biggest, and the greatest, town on earth.

-Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad

Intrepid explorers are we, going up the Willamette River in search of the mysterious Lake Oswego, whose origins are shrouded in mystery. It’s unknown if anyone has ever boated into the Lake to see if the famous Loch Oswego Monster exists or should I say, no one has seen it and taken pictures so it was with this in mind, we headed on a dark and stormy Thursday night in the Loch Oswego Monster (well actually it was sunny, clear and calm but I exaggerate).

First, we’d have to pass through fields of sturgeon and salmon fisherman who were littering the pathway. That done, and without waking any of them (something they forgot the whole weekend (see last year’s chapter called Wake Me When It’s Over)), we made it to the entrance of the mysterious Willamette in search of our goal.

We floated past the remains of the wonderful sunken city of Portlantis, sneaking under the famous Don’t Steel Me bridge, and headed slowly upstream. We drifted past old estates and lost golf courses while plotting our way further and further into the darkness. As it was getting dark, we didn’t want to disturb the natives who live in huts surrounding the river, so we decided to pull up and sneak into the famous Lake Oswego dock for the night. Figuring we could probably head out over land in the morning to find the lake and our monster, we hunkered down.

The next morning, waking at dawn (see above), we were surprised to see that during the course of the day, we were joined by additional PYC explorers, all in search of the same. Dr. Ken Hunkins and his first mate Jeannette Slepian, were first to arrive, looking something like Indiana Jones did in the Lost Temple of Doom. Then it was Judy Ogden and her Dr. of photography friend, Esteban of the North. Even the formerly lost S.S. Minnow showed up with the Skipper and Mary Ann but as you all know, they were missing Little Buddy whom legend has it was eaten by the Loch Oswego Monster decades ago during a failed expedition. Sir Larry of the Commodore arrived later on Saturday with his first mate, Laura and their hunting dog Katie, whom legend has it could sniff her way to find the lake. All that was missing was Indiana Sudlow Jones himself whom actually arrived later by land, apparently finding the dock without a GPS, with his able assistant, Elaine. Rumor has it they have been secretly married for 45 years or more but they always deny that.

With such a group, we were sure to find the monster this time.

And.....we didn’t. Once again, the monster eluded us, although someone did say they saw a puzzle book at a shop on the main street of Lake Oswego with a large picture of the monster. It’s possible too that Sur la Table in town also sold a Loch Ness recipe book but that’s possibly only a rumor. At least there were expedition stories to tell late into the night at Zeppo’s restaurant where over plates of pasta and wonderful fresh made pizza, the stories expanded and the team decided that we should try and find the famous Big Foot Sturgeon on our next trip to Martin Island. I’m game, how about you?
A most grateful thank you to Sue Miller, Sonjia Smethers, Ruth Parr, Al Parr, and Dale Mack for their help in planning and preparing the food and beverages sampled at the wine tasting.

— Laura Mack
Pizza Cook-In, April 26
Photos by Donna Kay Molenaar
PYC Pulled Together for Buns & Chairs!
By Heather Adams, M/V Mystic, Past Commodore

The “Auction for Chairs” and “Bingo for Buns” were successful beyond expectations due to the generosity of our membership. Three cheers to all - it's because of you that the dining room will have quality chairs to last in the years to come! With a separate donation of $3,000 earmarked for a club ice machine, the total figure comes to $37,004 for this fundraising campaign!

The auction (with the help of Judy Wells, Joan Johnson, Val Hettman, and Greg Allison, and placed in the capable hands of Gerry Gregg) brought in $25,001!

The auction member donors include: Adams, Alfonsos, Al lens, Allisons, Bealls, Brauningtens, Carpenters, Coats, Dyers, Emmons, Entlers, Hinkleys, Inflatable Boat Center, John sons & Johnson's, Justices, Keanes, Lakovics, MacGregors, Mitchem, Moons, Morgans, Navaux, Ollerenshaw, Richards, Simonsons, Sudlows, Thomsons, Vaughns, and the Wells.

Bingo for Buns brought in $3,378. Greg, Val, Sierra, Dale, Bob, and Gerry were the reason for it's success (and of course all you accomplished Bingo players)!


In the end, it was a big success and we had fun in the process. Thanks to all who participated.

A special thank you to the late night crew who worked through the auction then stepped into the galley until the wee morning hours to prepare breakfast for Opening Day: Eileen, Val, Dale, Bob. And the dawn crew: Bob, Gerry, Paul, Dick, Ken, Dale. (If we've forgotten anyone in these thank yous please forgive the oversight).
The Cinco de Mayo themed dinner was designed and prepared by PYC member and Entertainment Chair Laura Mack at the request of the Cookout Committee.
THANKS – THANKS – THANKS – THANKS from the Fleet Captain. Opening Day events included so much activity that it seems like everyone deserves thanks.

While the Opening Day Parade is the focal point of the first Saturday in May, the real purpose of Opening Day is to get everyone out to the club and into the boating mindset for the season. Prior to the weekend, the decorating team worked to prepare the “Beer Mugs” for the Portland Party theme. Lynda Hirst made sure we did it right and didn’t inhale too much of the spray paint. The Fleet Captain hit all of the brewery’s looking for flags and banners. Thanks to Bridgeport for a great banner flown on S/V Monkey Bar.

With several new participants, 30 vessels and 100 people joined the CRYA fleets to celebrate the Opening Day parade. PYC made its way to the review line on schedule and then encountered over 30 knot winds, strong current, an entrance buoy that tried to capture our props, and an errant sailboat that decided to transit through the middle of the power portion of our parade. In spite of the usual challenges, the PYC fleet performed well winning second place overall. Congratulations to the Tyee Yacht Club who won first place. Thanks to the skippers and their crews and guests. The review boats gave us high marks for friendliness. Most importantly, we did not wake any of the other clubs or the review boats.

This marks my last formal responsibility as an officer of the club. Thank you all for helping throughout the last 5 years. As Judy and I said during our Commodore year—it’s impossible without a little (lot of) help from our friends.

Friday night’s boat decorating cook-in got everyone to the club for some great Cinco de Mayo inspired food prepared by Laura Mack. This was followed by the auction with our beer theme. The spirit from the cook-in and the auction was a great way to kick off the weekend. Thanks to the Cookout Committee and auction guru Heather Adams.

Saturday morning breakfast by the Heather Adams and Dale Richards was perfect to fortify the skippers for the upcoming parade. The Commodore and his team, along with the Sea Scouts, made us proud of the history of the club and then the fleet went to war.
Under the Southern Cross
By John Colby, S/V Iris

I have a heck of a time with foreign languages; especially Polynesian varieties with their plethora of vowels. The man of the house had taken time away from his desk, where he was carving tikis from local bones, to say hello to Janet and me. And I had to ask him how to say "hello" and "thank you" in Marquesian. Seemed simple enough. He got frustrated and took out some paper and wrote them out for me. His wife had invited us into their home to give us pamphleumousse, limes and bananas. Give us! Not sell. We had been walking up their street to get a view of the bay and village to photograph Iris sitting at anchor when their dog barked at us. She had come out and talked. Do you like fruit, she ask? Of course. I could barely carry the fruit home.

We were in the South Pacific again. The islands where the almighty dollar and Polynesian Franc hasn't completely penetrated local culture and taken from the islanders their pleasure of giving to strangers. And that is one reason why, if one is forced to choose, the South Pacific is still the best cruising in the world.

We were anchored in the bay and village with the same name of Vaitahu on the Marquesian island of Tahuata, known to cruisers as the "T" island. I had chosen to look only at a chart which showed the Marquesas as sort of a logical stop on the way from Panama to Hawaii. More precisely, I had chosen to ignore the fact that this route added at least 1000 miles to the trip. Hey! What's the hurry. Besides, we had not stopped at these islands on the way out. And when sailing the Pacific one cannot be daunted by distances as the whole ocean can take the land mass of all the continents of the world and nearly still have room to fit in a second Africa. And we were sure glad to stop and spend a month at a very beautiful island group.

Janet and I had sailed here from the Galapagos in 21 days. Didn't seem like a fast trip as we spent the first 4 1/2 days looking for wind and the SE trades. One night we sat and rocked as I hadn't taken on fuel in the Galapagos. But 21 days is doing 1000 miles a week which is our standard it seems. So it was ok. Caught a nice 4' Wahoo on one of the last days. And 1000 miles out we came upon another yacht. Spoke with them and found out the mother was in Portland and the father and 3 teens plan to move there after their trip. Now that was a coincidence!

Landfall was had at Fatu-Hiva, the most southeasterly Marquesian island. There we anchored in Baie Hanavave or Bay of Virgins. Arguably, it is the worlds most beautiful bay. From Fatu-Hiva one sails to the NW to visit the other islands and to formally check in at Hiva-Oa. And that is what we did. I am now anchored at Nuka-Hiva in the bay and village of Taiopae. It is our 5th island.

As planned Janet flew out from here and I visited the Gendarmerie yesterday morning and cleared for Hawaii. I do have one issue which could be problematic, however. And that is part of the mainsail is rotten. Carl did a repair on it here in the bay on his boat but hesitated to do more as every time he moved it it seemed to rip. He doesn't think it will last through a squall. If it doesn't I'll sail with jib alone. May take longer than 2 weeks.

Carl is one of the interesting cruisers one meets. He has been out cruising on different boats for 24 years and does odd jobs for other yachts such as my sail repair and he also got my autopilot working. He is now married to another Austrian and they have 2 sons ages 7 and 9. The boys have probably never lived ashore. Last summer they traversed the NW passage completing the circumnavigation of North and South America.
PYC Spring Regatta
Photos by Dale Mack
Opening Day
Photos by Dale Mack
Coming Attractions

**June**

- 1  sa  PYC Rose Festival Regatta
- 5  we  Mauni Elliott Race Series  
  Every Wednesday Evening in June
- 7-9  fr  Martin Island Cruise
- 9  su  Ladies’ Tea
- 15  sa  Western BBQ
- 21-23  fr  Oregon City Cruise
- 28  fr  Cookout

**July**

- 4  th  4th of July BBQ & Fireworks
- 4  th  NO LUNCH
- 5-7  fr  4th of July Cruise — Willow Bar
- 12  fr  Cookout
- 19-21  fr  Bald Eagle Days Cruise — Cathlamet
- 26  fr  Cookout
- 26-28  fr  Bartlett Landing Cruise

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**Kelly Bar Open**  Every Friday  3-9 pm

**Saturday Lunch**  Every Saturday  11:30-1:30

**Thursday Lunch**  Every Thursday (May 9-September)  11:30-1:30

**Golf**  Every Thursday, year round

**Board Meeting**  Third Thursday every month  6 pm

**Bridge**  Third Thursday every month  10 am

**Watercrafters**  2nd & 4th Thursday every month  10-noon

**Portlight Deadline**  10th of every month

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**Opening Day**

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**July 4th NO LUNCH**

**July 4th of July Cruise — Willow Bar**

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