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FROM THE HELM, March, 2010

by Andy Parker, Commodore

You have got to admit that the just completed 33rd America's Cup was the most over the top example of extravagance since the Tower of Babel. Costs are estimated at 200 million dollars per team. And this in the face of the worst economic downturn in 80 years.

I can't say that it wasn't very compelling to watch these teams probe the extreme and impractical limits of sailboat performance and the speculation about which team had it right. The racing itself was amateurish at best. Neither team had even run a racecourse in practice before the event. So standard moves such as crossings and dial ups were botched not to mention that Alinghi did not have their polars developed and were caught with the wrong sail and ballast combinations during the racing.

The differences between the boats were mainly a response to the problem of dealing with the massive centerline loads of the rig in the middle of a 90' wide platform. Alinghi chose a centerline horizontal spar with under tramp struts and cables for stiffness. BMW chose a flying center hull and relied on the beams to resist twisting. This they did but it was obvious that they gave up as much as 8' of diagonal twist when flying a hull. Trimming this bendy structure must be very complicated. The advantage to this system is that the trimarans are designed to be nearly immersed and not house crew or gear and therefore be very narrow and low in drag. In the lulls, the center

hull with it's curved run, touches down very incrementally as oppose to all 90' as in Alinghi. So, for a given amount of horsepower, BMW should always have much less form drag and surface in the water. Then of course there is the wing, which beyond the apparent lift/drag advantages, it could be immediately adjusted and trimmed, therefore easier to keep the boat flying its hulls. As opposed to Alinghi's soft sail that must account for the stretch characteristics of the membrane via mainsheet tension to determine trim.



So in two silly races it is all over and an investment the equivalent of 4 high rise office buildings are probably going to be relegated to a hanger next to the Spruce Goose and not the



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tourist trap Maui charter circuit as has happened to some contenders before them.

The good news is that the 34th Cup will probably come close to our neck of the woods if the event can be adapted to the confined, busy, sometimes shallow San Francisco Bay. My guess is 80' canting keelboats if they can overcome the political issues involved with stored power canting systems. And the fun and excitement of anticipation starts all over again.

2010 Jim Depue WSSA Race

While much of the county battled blizzards, we had a spring mix of sun, clouds and almost no rain...we'll call it mist...for our first race of the season. We also had an almost perfect blend of wind for the contenders from the PMYC and other West Sound yacht clubs. This is the first in a series of WSSA (West Sound Sailing Assoc.) races.

With a light southerly, the fleet started in a beautiful morning light for the Eagle Harbor buoy. By the time we got there, the breeze built up for a sweet spinnaker run over to the West Point buoy, followed by a spectacular spinnaker reach to the Indianola mark. The wind increased to about 15 knots, and I'm sure everyone was surging past hull speed at times. Around the mark, a quick beat back to the finish line in the brisk breeze, and we were back where we started. It doesn't get much better racing in February!



The team of Bob & Bob (Lubowicki and Wilcox) presided in the new posh PMYC committee boat, which most of the time was anchored off the sand spit (it turns out that they drifted north a bit while engaging in international problem solving and distributing the kings rations of rum). The results are below:

NAME	Owner	Place	Overall
Division 1 (140 and below)			
DOS	Brad Butler	1	2
CARMANAH	Demeyer	2	3
UNO	Paul Faget	3	4
GREAT WHITE	Wierman	4	5
SOCKEYE	Mitchell	5	7



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DULCINEA	Gardner-Brown	6	9
TANTRUN II	Hennessy	7	10
TANTALUS	Hovland	8	11
VANADIS	Braden	9	14
ANNABELL LEE	Fisher	10	16
TALLY HO	Skokan	11	17
Division 2 (141 and above)			
EGRESS	Trunkey	1	1
TUMBLEHOME	Sprague	2	6
EMERALD LADY	Barrett	3	8
FALCON	Massey	4	11
CARPE DIEM	Zaragoza	5	12
ALDEBARAN	Pinion	6	13
LADY LIBERTY	Bays	7	18
AU VENT	Crim	8	19
QUEST	Wilkerson	9	20
		10	21
Division 3 (No Flying Sails)			
ALCYONE	Blankenship	1	15
Bamboo	Beste		

PMYC Offers Bond to Members

PMYC has been financially independent for much of the last 20 years, with no debt. As the cost has risen to maintain our waterfront facility, we have looked at financing to help us attain our goals. The addition of the new floating docks in 2005 required a bank loan. As we look to refinance this bank loan as well as support other major maintenance projects such as piling replacement and a new well, we intend to go to the membership with a bond offering.

Within the next three weeks the club is planning to offer unsecured bonds to the membership. Forty-one bonds will be issued, each worth

\$5,000. They will pay 4.5% simple interest annually and will mature in 1 to 7 years as determined by lottery. The bonds will not be registered with the State because PMYC is exempt from registration. PMYC has filed a statutorily required Notice of this sale with the State. The bonds will be available for purchase and may be held only by active and life members of PMYC or their relatives. We expect to mail a Prospectus out to club members during the week of March 15 and expect the issue date to be April 15, 2010. Please send any questions to Ken Lane at tbirdsailor@gmail.com.

Website is Being Updated

Over the years, our club website has become a bit dated and very difficult to maintain. This form of media is an extremely valuable tool for club communications, resources and the all-important club calendar.

The website is being revised in 3 distinct phases. During the initial phase, scheduled for the beginning of March, the website will be transitioned to a new hosting company which allows unlimited data and network access (translation – we can do a lot more exciting media such as pictures, videos, etc). Phase 1 will also include an enhanced user interface making it easier to navigate to the data you need. Also, recent club news will be presented prominently on the front page.

The second phase, scheduled for completion by April, will allow club members to establish forums for racing, dinghy's, cruising, classifieds and social events. The goal of the forums is to provide more visibility and coordination of planned and unplanned events.



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Work Party #3
More Info

Boat Cleaning and Rigging Party
admin posted this in [Events](#) on March 5th, 2010

If your boat has been sitting outside all winter, it probably needs some attention before you can race it. We will have a Boat Cleaning and Rigging Party on Wednesday, April 7. Come down to the club around 6 to clean your boat and rig it once to make sure you still have all the parts. Ros Webber will bring the V-12 tuning guide for anyone who needs to tune up their boat. See you there!!

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racing posted this in [Racing Results](#) on March 4th, 2010

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During the third phase, our goal is to establish a membership management function which will allow all members to update their information online, thus reducing the overhead to track email, address, and boat changes as well as improve overall accuracy.

Make sure you go and visit the new site at www.portmadisonyc.org and provide suggestions, improvements and/or comments to webmaster@portmadisonyc.org.

Clubhouse Shower!

While we all enjoy the rustic nature of our clubhouse, it does need some updating. To meet this need, we are having a spring shower.

We are asking members to provide a spring gift that will make the time you and other members spend at the clubhouse more enjoyable. The club will be registered at Target as of March 24 for items we desperately need. Provide a solo gift or go in with friends to purchase a gift.

On April 24, PMYC Opening Day, Commodore Parker will open the gifts and recognize the givers.

Dinghy Storage – Spring Cleaning, Changes and Reminders

New Policies:

PMYC members now may store kayaks and rowing shells in the upland paid dinghy storage area. In response to requests from several members, the Board voted to change the PMYC policy, which in the past had allowed dinghy storage only for sailing dinghies and/or tenders. If you want to store a dinghy in the upland area, please make arrangements with Dock Master Mark Allamano.

PMYC will require that dinghies stored on the floats and in the upland area have up-to-date PMYC stickers. The Dock Master will issue stickers this spring (as long as the members are current on their dues and moorage fees). Each year, new stickers will be issued and must be affixed to the dinghies. The Board hopes that these stickers (in addition to having owner's name clearly printed on each dinghy) will help the Dock Master oversee dinghy storage.

New Upland Dinghy Storage Area:

During last year's construction, there were lots of disruptions and confusion about upland dinghy storage. Since then, Mark Allamano has sold or removed almost all of the abandoned dinghies. Also, in preparation for this year's sailing season, PMYC has designated a "Paid Upland Storage Area" (located South of the dinghy launch ramp on the gravel driveway close to the hillside). Soon there will be signs to mark clearly this storage area.

A spring work party project will be to design, build and install a rack to hold PMYC's dinghy trailers upright in the storage area – so that they



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can be stored efficiently and accessed easily. If you have design ideas or materials to contribute, please contact Sheri Ley-Mackey (office@subseapropeller.com; 206 780 2444).

Reminders:

The shoulder of the lower driveway along the shore is a protected shoreline and COBI prohibits parking, dinghies and trailers on this shoulder. Please respect these restrictions.

The grass area near the launch ramp is for rigging/de-rigging dinghies (as well as picnicking, etc). Please do not leave trailers, dinghies or cars there.

If you want to store a dinghy in the upland area, contact Dock Master Mark Allamano.

All dinghy storage must be paid – even in the upland area.

Have Questions or Concerns?

Please contact Dock Master Mark Allamano or Dock Committee members, Sheri Ley-Mackey, Jay Abbott, Kathy Hartmann.

Time to plan for Sailing School

Even though summer seems a while off, don't forget to save the dates for PMYC Sailing School for your junior sailor aged 9 and above. Summer camps and Parks and Rec programs are upon us so save the dates for June 21st to July 1st 2010 for a great 9-day sailing program. Cost is \$125 PMYC Members. \$150 Non-members. Register with Sailing School Registrar SMGace@gmail.com. Check the website for additional details.

Upcoming Events

- March 13 – Work Party #1 starting at 9AM headed by Scott Sprague. Check the website for details.
- April 4 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Balloon chase.
- April 7 – Boat Cleaning & Rigging Party to prep for Friday night Dinghy Racing.
- April 9 – First Friday Night Dinghy Racing (6PM).
- April 24 – PMYC Opening Day.