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## From The Helm...

Lucky us! Spring has arrived early! Daffodils are blooming and 2015 calendars and yearbooks are in the mail!! These 60 degrees February days are just too nice to be inside and I'm hoping that all of you have found a minute to enjoy a bit of warmth and sunshine on your boat or at least on the docks.

A few other sure signs that spring is here (or right around the corner): the Jim Depue Memorial race that kicks off the West Sound Sailing Association racing season on February 28, PMYC's first work party of the season on March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Easter egg hunt and balloon chase on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Braden has offered to facilitate the Pool Plunge again this year at the Bainbridge Aquatic Center on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great exercise to practice what to do when you fall overboard with all of your foul weather gear on or if one of your crew goes overboard. Simulating these situations helps alleviate some of the inevitable panic when they occur on your boat.

March 21<sup>st</sup> will be a busy day around the clubhouse, being the first work party and T-37 race of the year. Our work party chair, Brian Bjur, is sure to have a list of chores to complete and this is a great time to catch up with other yacht club members that may be coming out

from winter hibernation. I'd like to thank Bill Jones for facilitating the raising of the electrical wire behind the clubhouse. The wire is now on a mast and will allow for rigged dinghies to safely get around the clubhouse and onto the dock.



Keith Fetterman and Tina Ingalls have done a skookum job on getting the new website up and to make sure their efforts are maintained, and I'd like to send a big thank you to Duncan Montgomery for volunteering to be our website coordinator. Please be sure to visit the new site often for news updates and information

on upcoming events. You can even find a searchable PDF of the yearbook there! If you have anything you'd like to see on our website, please be sure to email Duncan at [website@portmadisonyc.org](mailto:website@portmadisonyc.org). As many of you know, we have lost a dear friend and club member, Jay Abbott. Jay was a gem of a man who had a very special way with others, especially the youth of our community. He was an asset to our club and in particular, to our sailing school. Our hearts go out to the Abbott-Kordonowy family. For updates of a celebration of Jay's life, please visit <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jayabbott>. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and getting the boat out!

Fair Winds - Jennifer

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### Upcoming Events

- February 28: Jim Depue Memorial Race
- March 1st: Sailing Team Safety Event
- March 6: Pool Plunge
- March 10th: Board Meeting
- March 21st: 1st Work Party!
- April 5th: Easter Party & Potluck

## Easter at Port Madison!

Spring is almost upon us, and you know what that means...time for the annual PMYC Easter Party!

Come join us at the PMYC clubhouse on Sunday, April 5th from 1-4pm - rain or shine!! We will have a potluck, the famous egg toss, a dinghy balloon chase, and an egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will also be making an appearance! It's sure to be a memorable day for children of all ages.

Please RSVP your kids' ages to [angelabonifaci@gmail.com](mailto:angelabonifaci@gmail.com), and check posted fliers and upcoming emails for your potluck assignment (by last name).

Hope to see you there!



### Dinghy Racing Corner

### Reminder : Save The Date !

Don't forget to check the calendar of events throughout the year on our website and save the date! Since we updated the website you can now connect using your favorite RSS (real simple syndication) reader so you have the calendar at your fingertips on your mobile device or laptop. The Social Committee is hard at work organizing this year's events, so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events including Easter and Opening Day. View the page by clicking the following link <http://www.portmadisonyc.org/events>

### Dinghy Racing Update : Spring Cleaning

With Team Racing Sundays underway and all the warm weather we are starting to think about the spring cleaning to get our boats and docks ready for the official start of the season. I invite all dinghy sailor with boats on the docks to come down following our first work party on March 21<sup>st</sup> to clean, repair and organize. Remember, a clean boat is a fast boat.

## Pool Plunge!

### ***Pool Plunge - Friday, March 6 - 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM the Nakata Dive tank is ours.***

Objectives: To reduce the natural panic instinct when falling overboard in full winter gear by simulating the experience in a controlled environment. Learning what it's like to swim in full foul weather gear. Boots and various under layers. Learn what it's like to swim in your life jacket and the positives and negatives of your particular style of PFD. To experience a Lifesling and simulating pulling someone to your boat and helping them out of the water.

You will bring your own "winter" clothing (gloves, heavy sox, hats included) and PFD's. Be sure to empty all pockets and clean any dirt off to keep the pool clean. I also need some of you to bring throwables that you use on your boats - Lifesling, horseshoe, ring buoy, throwing bag, seat cushion, etc. I can bring a seat cushion or two and a home made throw bag. The pool has a ring buoy and paddles for reachables.

Event is open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Arrive at the pool so you will be in your gear and on the deck by 7:15. We will be in the dive tank of the Nakata pool. Meet us there. We have the pool until 9:15.

The cost for this great event is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family!

# Port Madison Junior Yacht Club Update

## LAST MONTH'S EVENT:

### January 18th Jr. meeting & Seahawks pizza party

We had a great turn-out to start the year with fourteen juniors, ages 10-18. We introduced ourselves, brainstormed goals, elected officers, and made tasty pizzas in our pizza oven while watching that mostly slow, painful NFC championship game that had a miraculous end.

### New PMYC Jr. Officers!

Stasi Burzycki (Jr. Commodore)

Jackson McCoy (Jr. Vice Commodore)

Elizabeth Rolfes (Secretary)

Nicole Sanford (Treasurer)



Thank you to the many enthusiastic juniors who wanted an officer position. We will work hard to make sure there will be a leadership role for everyone who wants one this year!

## PMYC Juniors' Goals for 2015:

1. Go to regattas as PMYC Jr. Race Team (youth circuit regattas & WIND clinic w/club trailer for 4 Lasers & another for 6 Optis). (Parks wants to combine efforts and kids; could loan us vans-- & Lasers?).
2. Do PMYC Jr. equipment inventory.
3. Bring or arrange high level coach for regattas.
4. Build storage for spars & sails on float (if OK w/PMYC board/Dock Mstr)-- Jackson will design/ work party to build.
5. Sail locally (to Bella Luna, Blake Is.).
6. Practice monthly (in addition to PMYC monthly team racing on Sundays).
7. Go bowling.
8. Take trip to MOHI & Ctr. for Wooden Boats.
9. Organize triple handed practice on sloops (talk to NWISA about other schools and clubs developing teams for fall HS championship).
10. Help at club with work parties and participate in events!
11. Fix Jr. boats together. Help each other learn how and improve condition with club owned (which ones?) and our private dinghies.
12. Fundraise for Jr. events and needs.

If you'd like to help make a particular goal happen, please let us know. Our new junior officers have already met with me recently about their specific ideas to get us started on some of these goals, and they've drafted a detailed document that we'll revise throughout the year.

Also, based on the initial list of brainstormed goals that go way beyond just racing, we were able to meet the publication deadline (thanks, Commodore Jennifer!) and submit two new overall goals as our **mission statement for the PMYC year-book**. Thanks to Jr. Commodore Stasi's hard work and collaborative efforts, you'll see them printed as the following:

- Provide accessibility to racing, coaching, and club boats.

Increase junior involvement in club activities including recreational sailing, junior specific social gatherings, and work parties.

Excellent work, Juniors! These goals will guide us all as we plan activities and continue to grow the program!

## NEXT EVENTS:

**February 28th, 1 - 4 p.m.**

### Open Sail at PMYC!

Find your gear and rig your Opti, Laser, or Vanguard to get back into the sailing groove! If you don't have a boat, come anyway and we'll find a way to get you sailing. If you have a boat to loan for the afternoon that won't be used, please let us know. Need help rigging or pointers while sailing? We can help and so can experienced juniors. Jr. officers Elizabeth and Nicole will be there, too! Bring a snack to share in the clubhouse if you'd like. Other adult helping hands welcome!

# PMYC Junior Yacht Club News Cont.

**March 8th, 10 a.m - noon\***

## **Jr. Equipment Inventory**

Let's find everything that belongs to the junior program, see what condition it's in, and determine what needs to be fixed or replaced. Even if you have your own boat, please come and help. If we want more kids to sail and compete as a team with you, then we need club boats that are in good condition. This is the first step!

\*Feel free to stay for the team racing talk and racing in Vanguards 12 - 4 p.m. Just bring your sailing gear and lunch. RSVP to [rusty.lhamon@gmail.com](mailto:rusty.lhamon@gmail.com).

## **NEWS:**

### **Jr. Keelboat program to begin this spring!**

We're very excited to share the news that PMYC member John Wade has generously offered the juniors his Morgan 27 "Smilin' Jack" for the spring and summer PHRF racing seasons!

There are just three conditions:

1. Sailors will maintain a positive, supportive atmosphere while aboard his boat. No ridicule or put-downs, even if someone has a bad start or screws up a spinnaker take-down. The score results are not as important as the teamwork, camaraderie, and fun. "If it's not fun, we're done!"
2. Juniors will take responsibility for fixing any damage and replacing anything lost or broken that can't be fixed. He has insurance, but we need to be careful and do our part.
3. Interested juniors should get their WA State Boater's Education Card (free online course through Boat U.S., required by John's insurance).

In March or early April we will need to help with boat prep and meet with him in small groups one day for boat orientation. Then, Rusty and I will initially assist with sailing the boat; we used to own and race a J/35 (after owning or sailing on many other keelboats) and have our WA boater's cards as do some of our high schoolers with keel boat experience. Other adults who are experienced keel boat sailors are welcome to help (initially) as well, but John's plan is for the juniors to sail and race it *on their own*. Cool!

## **BRAND New PMYC Jr. email address:**

[juniors@portmadison.org](mailto:juniors@portmadison.org)

Thanks to Jr. Commodore Stasi and Duncan Montgomery, we have a Jr. email address as our main contact, for inquiries, and RSVP's that can be passed on from one group of Jr. officers and advisors to the next.

So, to RSVP or express interest in any of the above Jr. activities (except team racing), please email [juniors@portmadisonyc.org](mailto:juniors@portmadisonyc.org)

AND for now, me too: [haley.lhamon@gmail.com](mailto:haley.lhamon@gmail.com)

## **Webpage and Mainsheet:**

Stasi and Duncan realized the junior page that is linked to the new PMYC website is out of date, so we'll be working on that soon. We also hope to have a monthly update via email and in the Mainsheet. Look for future articles by juniors! Please pass on any photos, first hand account stories, and quotes we can include. The junior section of the website will be password protected due to the inclusion of minors' names and photos.

## **New fantastic NW youth sailing website to know:**

[www.nwyouthsailing.org](http://www.nwyouthsailing.org)

This website just went live January 30th, and it's AWESOME!!! If you're a youth sailor, coach, parent of a youth sailor, or dinghy sailor, check this site out for tips of all types, training videos, weather site links, and racing calendar among other things. This site is the brain child and creation of Andrew Nelson, the new PNW Youth Sailing Director for the Sailing Foundation. We'll try to include a link to this site on the Jr. webpage.

Stay tuned for more next month... Thank you for your interest and hope to see you soon!

Haley Lhamon

PMYC Jr. Advisor

(along with Rusty Lhamon)

## The Locker—News, Updates & Classifieds

### Classifieds

PETRA is for sale. Proven PMYC cruiser (former racer) is for sale. Peterson 33 Chita (Japan). Strong Yanmar diesel. Beautiful interior. Well equipped for PNW (radar, windlass, propane stove/fireplace/BBQ, autopilot, two fathometers, dodger/boom tent, new windows, etc. ). Much sailing gear (multiple sails, two spinnaker poles, reaching strut). Seven berths (lee cloths). VHF, GPS, LEDs, AGM batteries. \$27,500. Call/email for more info: Rick Robertson (206) 842-1122, (206) 718-8230, [Loon3103@hotmail.com](mailto:Loon3103@hotmail.com).

LOON is for sale. Much loved International Folkboat (IF). Beautiful full keel 25'9" built in Sweden (Marieholm). Low maintenance fiberglass. New mainsail, dodger, sail cover, forepeak cushions. Great engine. Full boat cover. VHF, LEDs. \$9,000. Call/email for more info: Rick Robertson (206) 842-1122, (206) 718-8230, [Loon3103@hotmail.com](mailto:Loon3103@hotmail.com).

### Attention!!!

Please log into the PMYC website and update your profile, especially make sure your email address is correct. All club billing, notifications, newsletters and event announcements will be sent out using email.

— From the Webmaster

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Port Madison welcomes the following new members:

**Richard & Maya Joseph**  
SJ23 "Bluefoot"

### **PMYC Logo Clothing**

Looking for a t-shirt with a PMYC logo on it? Maybe a new dryshirt or gear bag? Take a look at

<http://www.cafepress.com/portmadisonyc>

for some great ideas. We also have some caps already printed and available for purchase.

Contact Pat Mitchell.