



July 2010
Volume 1, Issue 7

Inside this Issue

- 1** Commodore's Message –
 - 2** Vice-Commodore's Words'
 - 3** Secretary's Reminders
 - 4** Input from Treasurer
 - 5** Racing Committee Notes
 - 6** Calendar of Events
- Important Dates:
- *Club Meetings –July 24 at Chief Timothy –
OVERNIGHT RACE also!!!!

See ya at Chief Timothy July 24

Lewis Clark Sailing Association
P.O. Box 2088
Lewiston, Idaho 83501-2088
www.lewisclarksailing.org

Lewis Clark Sailing Association

Commodore's Message

Mary McCollum –



Its summer, ok close to summer, late spring and sailing has begun, or continued, depending on where you are and what you've been doing. For me, I did not get a chance to really sail much this past spring or even race, although in the past few weeks, we seem to have done quite a bit. A few weeks ago, Wes and I decided at the last minute to go down to Boyer Park to meet up with the Hells Canyon Boat Club which is about 35 miles down river. We left about 6pm on a Friday night after a brief rain storm from the marina. We were hoping for some wind out of the east to push us towards the park, but that's not what we received. We had light winds out of the west and decided to just motor...5 hours later after a beautiful motor,

We arrived at Wawawai, tired. We maneuvered thru the rowing course that had no lights and tied up to the dock. It was late, we were tired and really needed some sleep. After finally getting to sleep, we awoke to the WSU rowers gearing up for practice and rain, so much for a fabulous sail this weekend. The exciting event was coming up though, through the lock. I have never done this and really looked forward to taking Grace through. Our friends arrived in their jet boat and we got ready for the entering... life jackets on, poles out, lines ready...here we go. I had no idea how the locks worked and was amazed at how fast the wall went up as it seemed, although we, the boat and water were actually going down... cool... I'm running out of room so I'll have to finish this story in the next issue!!! Stay tuned...

And keep sailing!!!



You're Commodore
Mary



July "Meeting" of 2010

The July meeting will be on **Saturday July 24** at Chief Timothy, 7 miles west of Clarkston on Highway 12.

The afternoon will be at **3:30pm** with courtesy inspections by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will be there to inspect any boat that would like their sticker. This is a great opportunity to make sure that your boat is current with all required equipment as well as other equipment that every boat needs to have aboard to continue being safe on the water.

Dinner will start approximately at 4:30pm with hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda provided by the club. If each member coming for dinner would bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, there should be plenty of food for all. There certainly was at the last meeting. **(A-L bring a side or salad, M-Z bring dessert).**

We will be having a **short program on "Heaving To"**. This is a basic technique for slowing and "parking" the sailboat very quickly with a very quick adjustment of the foresail and the tiller to deal with a great variety of issues; Man Overboard, main sail, going to head, to easily chat with another sailboat that's heave to and many more reasons!!!

The Overnight race will start at 6:00pm, so if you plan on racing, the more the merrier, please be ready to start the race at 6:00pm sharp. The starting line is the power lines just west of Chief Timothy.

We did rent **Campsite #2** for the evening and night, so our meeting and dinner will take place at the clamshell near the boat ramp and parking lot and then move over to the campsite for those who would like to stay the night with a campfire, etc...

There's a lot going on! What better time to camp out and spend the night, either in a campsite or on your boat.

Please note that our website IS up and running...

www.lewisclarksailing.org. If you would like to see anything new on the site please let us know, we are working to get new items on and update often... Also – if you ordered shirts or hats from me please get your money to me so we can get our account cleared up... Thanks see ya July 24



Vice-Commodore

Loren Murphy

July 2010

'A shift in the wind'

....After being in Fortaleza, Brazil, for two weeks we were ready to set sail. About mid-day we hoisted anchor and set our course for the seven day passage to Vista Verde, in the Amazon Delta, including a two day stop at Sao Luis along the way.

I had plotted a number of *way-points* for our entrance into the Amazon Delta area because of the shoal sandbars and reefs near the entrance. We had to negotiate a narrow six mile long cut (approx. 1/4 mile wide) between submerged sand bars. Since we had experienced some light winds earlier in the day, daylight was fast disappearing. The wind was moderate from behind us and we were making about 6-knots. We decided to try and make it. If things got to dicey we could find a deep spot and anchor for the night and go on in in the morning light. We were just into the cut when we noticed a large spot on the radar screen in a location just

behind us. I turned and looked over the stern and there was a very black squall closing in on us! **HERE WE GOOOOOOOO!** With both headsails and the main up we took off. Thankfully the wind was going the same direction as our plotted course. With one of my eyes on the depth sounder, the other eye on the GPS, another eye on the compass and another eye on the water speed, I had to keep an eye on the sails as well to keep them from backing in this very strong wind so they would not self destruct. *I didn't know I had so many eyes!* We were deluged with a torrent of rain and visibility was about zero. My only reference point was the GPS and the one last way-point that we were headed for at the end of the cut. Anything beyond that was anybody's guess since there was no detail on the chart or soundings in the bay. It was flood tide and we were making 12kn through the water and 14.5kn over the bottom. My hands were full keeping the boat upright and on course. *What a wild ride we were on!* I shouted to the crew that we had to get the sails down before we ran out of the cut and possibly onto the ground. They managed to get one headsail down and then tried to furl the other sail but could only get it in part way. The mainsail was impossible to furl with the wind behind us so I rounded the boat up into the wind and we stabilized with the main backed. The headsail was furled and then the main could be furled also. Even with all the maneuvering, we were still on course and going

3kn in the right direction except we were going backward! We had fired up the engine before heading into the wind so I swung the boat back around and onto the final course. By this time it was pitch black out and the squall had pretty well spent its self. We slowly groped our way along watching the depth sounder very closely. When we were well inside the bay, in 14 meters of water, we dropped our anchor for the night. Earlier that day Wilson had caught a large king-fish. It wasn't long before the charcoal was burning and the fish was cooking. By 10:30 that night we had a feast. What an entrance into the Amazon Delta! **Thank You Lord for bringing us safely through!**

To be continued...

Secretary's Reminders Tim Lynch



The summer is upon us once again. It seems that this time of year out Club activities slow or even disappear as school gets out and yard work increases. This is a shame as come of the best sailing weather is going unused. So, let's get out and use our boats

this summer!
Wednesday Night Sails
Come to the Marina every other Wednesday night starting June 2nd to enjoy a sail with friends on the River. This is great time to check out how other boats are rigged, and maybe even jump ship and try out a different boat. Sailing starts as soon as you get the the water (typical 5:30-6:00pm) and continues until the sunsets or the wind dies. Dates: June 2, 16 & 30; July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25

Summer "Meetings"
Our summer "meetings" have always been less of a meeting and more of a social event. Held on Saturdays, this is also another great opportunity to go sailing! Several members will be sailing down to Chief Timothy each month. I myself will sail down and have Desire drive the trailer to Chief Timothy. Downriver is an easy sail. If an afternoon on the River is more than you can do, bring your boat to Chief Tim and play with us after dinner. If you can't bring your boat, or don't have one, don't be shy, ask if you can join those of us who do! We can't read your minds. This year Richard Huggins is adding programs to the summer meeting for more interest. Thank you, Richard. (Additional information in this newsletter) Meetings will be June 5th, July 10th and August 7th

Moonlight Over Night Race
Held in July or August (full moon coordination required) this a great opportunity to sail your boat at a time most don't get to. Yes, it can be long trip, but it is a fun challenge. More soon from

the Race Chairs.



Treasurer's Report

Kay Blair

Treasurer's details will be discussed at next meeting. If you know of any new sailors or existing sailors that would like to join the club, please let us know...



Racing Committee Report

Wes Vaughn & Randy Blair

Hello Fellow Valley Sailors!!!

Yellowjacket was in Helena MT for the SJ21 North American Championships June 10th to the 13th along with Tim Lynch and Marc Vanderschalie. The weather was pretty good but a little cold at night. We had a great time with some stiff competition. We had 5 races over the 2 days of sailing. The winds were pretty up and down. I know Tim wanted them to be more UP. His boat likes the heavier air better. With Mary's surgery and my hurt arm we decided to sail in the working sails class along with Tim. Mary was skipper as she has not been cleared by the doc to pull sheets yet.

I was sailing in a different spot as crew boy, but we had done this for the Nood Regatta as well so I knew what was coming. We had some very close racing, after the first day we were tied for 3rd place. After some tacking duels and some very focused sailing by skipper Mary we sealed up 3rd

Place. The boats were fast, the food great, the beer cold, the tent sleeping in MT is OUT!!! Way to cold!! Saw many old friends and meant some new ones as is always the case at SJ21 events. Hats off to my skipper at National's She did a great job.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Racing Schedule
2010 JULY 24 Overnight Race
2010 Tribune Cup
➤ September 18 & 19
2010 Fall Series
➤ September 12
➤ September 26
➤ October 3
➤ October 17
➤ October 31

Next Meeting – Sat July 24 at Chief Timothy – Sail down and spend the night or meet us for dinner and program and sail in the OVERNIGHT Race

3:30pm – Program & Dinner & Pot Luck

6:00pm – Overnight Race Start

For more information – e-mail Mary @ sailinggrace1@hotmail.com



Remaining 2010 Meetings

August 7 – Saturday – Chief Timothy
September 4 – Saturday – Chief Timothy

We decided to have the Chief Timothy meeting continue through September this year because of the great sailing and the weather is always wonderful that time of year – why be inside... We also will rent Campsite #2 at each of these meetings, so please plan on spending the night either on your boat or camp and we will have dinner and our programs at this location and a campfire later in the evening...

October 7 – Thursday – Roosters
November – 4 – Thursday – Roosters
December 4 – Thursday – Roosters
January 6 – Thursday - Roosters

Club Business Connection Corner

City of Lewiston
Philip Shinn- Urban Forester
Bus – 746-6857 ext 101

WSU
Gary Hyde, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus
509-334-4812

MurSea Missions, Inc.
Loren and Georgia Murphy
509-758-7076

Blair’s Wind and Wood Boat
Randy Blair
509-758-0636

My Architect
Tim Lynch- Architect
Bus – 743-5902

Pioneer Insurance
Wes Vaughn
509-243-4242

Pacific Empire Radio
Mary McCollum
Bus – 743-6564

July 2010

Lewis Clark Sailing Club
P.O. Box 2088
Lewiston, Idaho 83501