

# <u>Anchorline</u>

# AUGUST 2023

## From your Commodore

July is about over, but there's another three months of good boating weather to come. Jennifer and I are hoping to be able to get out more than we have the last few months. Jennifers first eye surgery didn't take, had it redone this last Thursday, she is in the initial recovery. If all goes well, she goes back for another surgery to remove the fluid they put in her eye to hold the retina in place while it reattaches, this will take place in three to six months.

We had four boats and two dinghies for the Coon Island cleanup as the county had been there during the week and didn't show up on Saturday. There was nothing we could do without tools so, being resourceful we had bloody Mary's followed by a couple of beer's. We had a nice lunch thanks to Betty and Annette.

Coming up we have a no host cruise at Schwitter Landing on August4-6. We are planning on being there hope to see a good turnout.

It's Tropical Cruise time August 18-20 at Sandy Island. This is where we stern into the beach and side tie at Hunters Bar, at the head of Sandy Island across from the grain elevators at Kalama. Jennifer and I will be hosting this fun-filled weekend so plan on joining us. The Evite will be coming out shortly.

There will be no general meeting July and August see you all at the next meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> at MCYC.

NEW EMAIL I'm getting rid of comcast, my new email is irgumper@gmail.com my comcast email will be no more after August

Commodore Ray



# From your First Lady:

Editorial from Tina.....

"Speedy recovery to Jennifer on her eye surgery.....

We send positive thoughts and energy...."

See you on the water. First Lady, Jen

#### **UPCOMING CRUISES:**

August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Schwitter Landing - Thanks to Betty & Cliff for organizing

August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Island – Thanks to Ray and Jenneifer Tropical Island

Thanks for stepping up and hosting/organizing these cruises.



Recent Cruises: June - July 4<sup>th</sup> - Cathlamet











#### There's an App for That!

When I bought my Camano Troll in 2022 it wasn't outfitted with the latest electronics so I've had to find alternatives while I save up money for the electronics package of my dreams. There are a lot of articles published out there on boating apps so feel free to research your own, but here are the ones I use to get me up and down the river.

#### **Navionics**



I use Navionics on an iPad for my main chartplotter. I have a paid subscription for the US & Canada charts for \$24.99/year. I also have it on my iPhone so I can look up routes while at home while lounging on the couch.

 This requires a device with GPS capability. My iPad didn't have that so I purchased a bluetooth GPS device from <u>Dual Electronics</u>. I haven't had any major issues with this, but there have been a couple of times where I've had to be patient and let the GPS find itself before heading out.

#### **Boat Beacon**



This app transmits and receives AIS data via the internet. Because it requires an internet connection, I have it on my phone. While we aren't talking about 'real' AIS transmission that utilizes VHF, Boat Beacon does have the ability to set collision course alarms based on AIS data it receives. Personally, I fall into the social use category. This transmission of AIS data is also received by ship tracking websites like <u>MarineTraffic</u> or <u>VesselFinder</u>. My parents can keep tabs on me from afar and they feel better knowing they can check up on me and know where I am. Dad texted me recently saying "going a little fast today?" while I was heading downriver. I think I had hit 9 knots.

There are a lot of articles reviewing the positives and negatives of such an app and I thought <u>this one</u> provided an interesting perspective and comment thread.

- Because this doesn't run over VHF most of your vessels AIS systems don't pick up these mobile transmissions unless you're continuously connected to some form of internet. Sean and I tested in Cathlamet and I didn't show up on his system.
- If you leave the app running on your phone and you forget while you drive away in your car it will definitely look like your boat is driving through town. Remember that your device is doing the transmitting and not your boat.

#### Anchor Pro



I finally anchored off Tongue Point after the July 4th cruise to Cathlamet and was able to sleep peacefully because of this app for \$4.49/year. You set the point that you drop anchor and then you set your radius distance. If the boat drifts out of your radius, the alarm goes off. It also shows you the path you've been swinging around. I used it on my iPhone/Apple Watch and checked it a bit obsessively. Boat Beacon also lists an anchor alarm in its features but I didn't explore it. This app was intuitive and simple to use.



#### Miscellaneous

For weather, I use <u>Windy</u>. <u>Tides</u> is my go to... for tides. I like the fact that both Windy and Tides are available as widgets for my Apple Watch so I see them both on my main watch face. And then of course <u>YachtWorld</u>. We're always looking for that next dream boat right?

Thank you, Katie for sharing this amazing information!!



NOTS Proposed 2023 CRUISE SCHEDULE						
DATE	CRUISE	LOCATION	HOST			
Feb 10-12	Valentine Brunch	Portland Yacht Club				
Mar 10-12	St. Paddy's Day	Hadley's Landing				
Mar 24-26	Shakedown	St. Helens City Dock				
Apr 14-16		Schwitter Landing				
May 05-07	Opening Day	Bartlett Landing	Bacons			
May 26-29	Memorial Day	Sand Island Upper				
Jun 09-11	Build your Own	Hadley's Landing	Kearns/Antonini			
	Cruise					
Jun 30-Jul 04	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Cathlamet (or				
		Westport)				
Jul 21-23	Cleanup	Coon Island				
Aug 04-06		Schwitter Landing	Cliff & Betty			
Aug 18-20		Sandy Island Beach	Ray & Jennifer			
Sep 01-04	Labor Day	Hadley's Landing				
Sep 15-17		Bartlett Landing				
Oct 13-15	Halloween	St. Helens City Dock				
Nov 23-26	Thanksgiving	Bartlett Landing				
Dec 30-Jan 1	New Year's Eve	St. Helens City Dock				

There are plenty of Cruises that need a host – Don't be shy!! Let's see who can come up with some fun themes!! Don't know what is expected of a host?? Contact a Board Member or a member who has hosted in the past for details.



August 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4 Cruise	5 Schwitter	
6 Landing	7	8	9	10	11	12 Ken Williams	
13	14 Marti Morgan Alan Malone	15	16	17	18 Colleen Vandecoevering TROPICAL	19 CRUISE	
20 SANDY ISLAND	21 Martha Caldwell	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	30	31				



NOTS Monthly Meeting normally take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

There is usually a break in this schedule for summers which means there will not be meetings in July or August so that everyone can enjoy being out adventuring!!

The meetings take place at the Multnomah Channel Yacht Club, 50990 Dike Road, Scappoose, OR 97056. Attend in person, or you can attend via Zoom.

The Board Members meet at 6:30 pm with the General Membership meeting at 7:00 pm.

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