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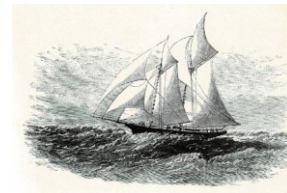
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Commodore's Corner, by Colleen Stobbe

Welcome to October! At long last the repair work on the lake edge is to begin October 6. No, the lake won't be drained.

A dam made of sand bags will be constructed. Yes, there may be some fluctuations in lake level; but, most importantly, "SF Rec and Parks intends to keep pathways open and lake usable to the club during repairs.", as reported by our Rec & Parks Liaison, Joe Minafo. We anticipate minimal to no disruption to our model boating on Spreckels Lake. Be sure to read the Rec & Parks Liaison Report by Joe Minafo in this edition to find out all the details about the lake edge repair and lots more. Thanks, Joe, for all your efforts on behalf of our members and the SFMYC.



October 11 will be an in-clubhouse meeting at 9:30 AM for the Board and 11:00 AM Membership meeting and Forum. Put it on your calendar and plan to enjoy time with your fellow members and lunch provided by the club!

Looking ahead a bit, I'd like to highlight that on November 15 the Sailing Science Center (SSC) is hosting it's annual Gala at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, 5-9 PM. This Gala is a fundraiser for their museum and activities that advance their mission which is to inspire curiosity and discovery through the science of sailing. The Gala is a fun event at which there is a meal, speakers, a keynote speech, and a silent auction at a cost of \$180 per ticket. The SSC has gifted the SFMYC two free tickets. **Two members or a member and guest can claim these two free tickets by attending and bringing a model boat to display.** Let me know if you'd like to go by contacting me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com. This year's keynote speaker is Stan Honey and should be pretty interesting. SSC shared that Stan captured the Pacific Cup trophy for fastest elapsed-time monohull performance, has won the Volvo Ocean Race, set multiple world sailing speed records, was named US Sailing Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, and revolutionized sports broadcasting as the inventor of the iconic yellow first-down line in football, transforming how millions watch live sports.

At the September 13 Board meeting, the Board voted to provide an auction item for the SSC's Gala.

The auction item includes an afternoon (date TBD) at the clubhouse for two people with lunch provided, a brief talk about the history of the club, a tour of the clubhouse, time on Spreckels Lake to try a variety of model boating, and two memberships to the SFMYC. I volunteer to lead the tour, make communications, set the date, arrange for lunch, and provide an opportunity to try out free sailing. **I need some additional members to volunteer to join me and have lunch with our visitors, share in the clubhouse tour, and, most importantly, to help them try out RC sailing, Power boating and be introduced to Bottle Boating.** It will be fun! If you want to join in, please contact me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com. Thanks!

It's that time of year when we ask members to consider running for a position on the Board. All senior members who have been in the club for one year or more are eligible, and you are open to run for any office. Don't feel shy! Step up and run for any office! You care about the club. You care about the stewardship of the club. You can be a part of the leadership that keeps the club running smoothly and provides a wide range model boating activities for our members to enjoy. I will soon be establishing a Nominations Committee. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the committee or if you are interested in running for any position on the Board. Contact me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com. Thanks!



Here's another opportunity for our members—

This naval destroyer is looking for a new home. The backstory is this: Our very own long-standing member, John Strebel, donated this ship to the Lick-Wilmerding High School twenty years ago and a student restored it as a senior project. Up until now it has been on display in the high school library. I was contacted by the librarian as they are redesigning the library and need to find a new home for the ship. It is quite large measuring at 93"x16"x40", not counting the trailer for it. Look interesting to you, and you want to know more? Know someone who might be a military boat enthusiast? Do you have a contact with the Western Warship Combat Club? Please contact me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com, and I'll go from there to help this very special ship find a new home. See you at the clubhouse on October 11!

John Strebel's 93" Navel Destroyer -- orphaned

Membership Report

by Mike Stobbe, Membership Secretary

There were no new members last month. The on-line New Member Application Form has gone live on the club's website, but to date no one has tried it.



Rec & Parks Liaison Report

by Joseph Minafo, Liaison

On September 16th, I met with Dave Iribarne, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, for our quarterly meeting to discuss ongoing issues. Below are the updates from that meeting.

Lake Edge Repair (began discussion 2017) After walking through with contractor, Dave confirmed starting date of repairs Oct 6, 2025. Sandbags will be placed around lake edge and water drained between bags and shoreline. Contractor (Treaty Construction) has used this method before with success. The bags will focus on damaged areas on southside of lake, but goal will be to repair as much lake shoreline as needed. Water levels during this time may fluctuate but SF Rec and Parks intend to keep pathways open and lake usable to the club during repairs. The north side of the lake should remain accessible and usable to boaters. The goal during repair is to have the least amount of disruption possible.

Aeration and Water Management Plan: Will be addressed once lake repairs are completed.

Goose Poop: SF Rec and Parks confirm a simple string line placed around the lake will deter the geese. Dave has sent photos of what was done in Foster City to the Director of Operations for their input. Safety is an issue that will need to be discussed. But in general, it may be something to try in one form or another. For those unfamiliar with what Foster City has done, a simple string (light rope) was strung around the side of the lake about 18" high. It is not elegant, but the geese can't seem to figure out how to walk over the sidewalk to jump in the lake or hop out from the lake to the walkway. Rob Weaver supplied pictures and explanations. Also, he witnessed how effective it is.

Sign on Pole (Spreckels Lake): The repainting of lettering to make the sign readable is on the SF Park & Rec to-do list, but at this point it is still low priority. Dave is aware and agrees the sign needs to be replaced.

Interpretive Sign: SF Rec and Park have funding for interpretive signs. We have an option of one large sign at lake or two small ones at the lake and at club house. Club needs to determine which we want since funding has been decided. SFMYC will provide historical background and photos.

Glass Block Repair on Back Wall: Keith and Vinnie inspected the inside of clubhouse back wall and the only issue observed was some traces of efflorescence. Vinnie will need to return to see the wall when it's raining to ensure they have the correct solution. They are open to meeting with members to review issues at that inspection.

Banner Mount Broken: Replacement banners are received and will be hung soon. Ten banners ordered, backups are now in stock.

Bicycle hoop: Five bicycle stands have been ordered through MTA and once they have been received they will be installed by SF Rec and Park. Some in front of club house/bathrooms and some at lake.

S F Rec and Park website: SF Rec and Park's outdated website page for model boating can be updated through Elton Pon. Club should supply recommended changes. Joe Minafo has contact information.

General Signage: Discussion of general signage including feeding of geese and fish, no biking or skating. Everyone agreed that improved awareness is needed in many areas. This will involve further discussions after repairs are completed. Until then club may need to use sandwich board signage.

Future Meetings: November 25, 2025.
2026 dates to be decided.

Trolling the Web

by Mary Rose Cassa

Tiny uncrewed surface vessels collect hurricane data

NOAA, in partnership with the University of Southern Mississippi and with the UK-based robotics company, Oshen, launched [five small uncrewed surface vehicles called C-Stars](#) in the waters off the U.S. Virgin Islands on August 31 to collect critical data to understand hurricane development and activity better.

Oshen builds constellations of hand-deployable robots for ocean data collection. C-Stars operate individually or in fleets to provide coverage over vast ocean areas. Wind-propelled with solar-powered sensors, C-Stars transmit real-time data on wind speed and direction, sea surface temperature, air temperature, air pressure and relative humidity via satellite for forecasters and scientists. Wave condition data, high-resolution images, and movies will be available once the C-Stars are recovered. Oshen mission specialists in the UK remotely pilot the four-foot-long fiberglass USVs, which look like small sailboats, working with NOAA scientists in Miami and Seattle to position them ahead of hurricanes.



An Oshen C-Star performs its final tests. (Oshen Image)

Bottle Yacht Regatta

Save the Date: Sunday, November 9 for the 5th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta

By Kate Ettinger, Colleen Stobbe & the Bottle Class

Come join us for the 5th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 1pm at Spreckels Lake.



Bottle boats are homemade model yachts built from recycled bottles, found objects, donated model yacht supplies, and other low cost materials. Bottle yachts are a low cost, fun way for youth and novice sailors to learn about model yacht sailing.

Regatta bottle yacht races are open to anyone who builds a bottle yacht that meets race guidelines, which include races for Freesail/Multihull (downwind only), Basic RC (1 servo-downwind only), and Advanced RC (2 servo-standard course). For race guidelines, builder resources, and updates, check out our website: www.bottleyachtregatta.org

For those with bottle boats, we'll have bottle yacht sailing practice on Sunday, November 2 from 1pm at the lake. Come join us and fine tune your boat for the regatta. Questions about bottle boats or volunteering at the regatta, please get in touch: [bottleyachtregatta \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:bottleyachtregatta@gmail.com) or on instagram [@bottleyachts](https://www.instagram.com/bottleyachts)

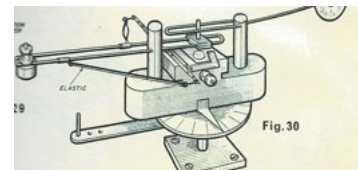
Come cheer on our bottle class sailors as we celebrate the 5th year of the Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta sharing the joy of model yacht sailing with a new generation!

Freesail Squadron Report

by Bernard Price, FSO

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September was a disappointing month for Freesailing with the X Class Lyons Cup and 36R Race 5 both seeing cancellations due to lack of participation. I take responsibility for this. I should have fully thought through the implications of our conducting the September General Meeting on Zoom and its inevitable impact on participation in the Lyons Cup.

Regarding the 36Rs, there was a timing issue involving bringing the minimum number of participants together, among those available on the day of the scheduled race that led to its cancellation.

To those who made the trip to San Francisco to participate in or simply observe these Freesail races, I offer my sincere apology. I know the time and driving involved is a real commitment in itself. Should similar circumstances arise in the future, better effort with respect to planning and communication will be made.

As we are late in the season, there are no plans to resail these missed days. This means that there will be no more than five season championship races for the X and 36R fleets for 2025 and with that, there will be no throw-outs for either of these fleets in final scoring.

October will see the final races of the Freesail season with the X boats sailing for the Doyle-Ferrari Cup on Saturday the 11th. On Saturday the 18th we'll be sailing M boats, and wrapping up the season, the 36Rs will sail the last race on Saturday the 25th. Hope to see you there!

36R-CLASS RACE 4, Aug. 30, 2025

Text and Photos by Mike Stobbe, Fleet Captain

After the 36R Class's race 4 was cancelled on August 2nd, due to the park department springing a park closure on us for a rock concert, a rushed rescheduling was done for the only open dates on the calendar: the Labor Day holiday. Holidays are usually avoided, as people have other plans, but desperate times require desperate measures. Thus, it wasn't surprising that only four sailors could make it.

Dan McCormick's *Frisco Flyer* sails away from Mike Stobbe's *Judy*. It was a beautiful sunny warm day.



It was a rare day at Spreckels, sunny and warm, almost too warm. No trace of fog. The winds were light to very light, generally southwesterly.



Mary Rose Cassa did well on the runs, but binding in the tiller ruined her beats

With only four boats, we sailed in pairs, and decided upon two complete rounds. However, halfway through,

with the winds becoming even lighter still, we realized that we would never get through two complete rounds and shortened the regatta to one. Points in the two races completed were divided by two. Jason Spiller queried what was zero divided by two.

The racing was rather lopsided, with Dan McCormick and Mike Stobbe scarfing up nearly all the points, while Mary Rose Cassa and Jason Spiller picked up only a few crumbs. Mary Rose was plagued by a slight binding between her vane and tiller. This was not noticeable earlier in the season, when winds were brisk. But this was the first race in very light air, when the slightest friction was enough to send her boat into tight 360s.

Jason Spiller watches as Mike Stobbe is about to pass him. The breezes were patchy, with sizable dead areas.



Jason Spiller had bad luck too. His boat was going well, but the lake had invisible vortices well out from shore, and he managed to find more than his share, usually at critical points in the race. Unfortunately, he had won all of his points in the first two races, so halving the points hit him hardest. Mike Stobbe edged out Dan McCormick by two points. Mary Rose Cassa took a distant third, and Jason Spiller collected the screw.

1 st Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, <i>Judy</i>	3 rd Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, <i>Manzanita</i>
2 nd Dan McCormick, 36R-16, <i>Frisco Flyer</i>	4 th Jason Spiller, 36R-55, <i>Warp Speed</i>

RC Sailing

ODOM Series, Race # 7

by Tom MacDonald, Race results & standings by Bob Gallagher & Dick Hunter

Race # 7 of the 2025 SFMYC ODOM points series was held on Tuesday, September 16, with sixteen club ODOM sailors competing. Dick Hunter continued to display his mastery of club ODOM racing, with six victories in the eight races held. Jim Wondolleck garnered one race win and claimed second place on the day, while Dave Misunas was the third place finisher. With just one race remaining, Dick Hunter appears on the verge of claiming his fourth straight season championship in the SFMYC ODOM series. Dave Misunas has all but wrapped up second place for the season, while at least five sailors still have a shot at claiming third place.



Race # 8, the final race of the 2025 ODOM series is scheduled for Tuesday October 14. Meanwhile, ODOM practice racing continues on all other Tuesdays. First race is always at noon.

ODOM NCR ON 9/5/25 – 9/7/25

by Rob Weaver, photos by Rob Weaver & as noted

For the first time in the last 7-8 years, SFMYC hosted the ODOM Class National Championship. We had a crowded starting line with eighteen participants. Eleven were from the San Francisco fleet, complimented with boats from Los Angeles, Sacramento, Foster City, Marin and San Diego. Weather was perfect in the mid to high 60's and wind was moderate with no overpowering conditions and only a few areas with light whispers.



Dick Hunter gives the first place award to Jess Atkinson.

On Friday boats were measured and weighed. Most, if not all, of the boats weighed in at the class minimum weight of 7 lbs. 6 oz. The few “overweight” boats were only an ounce over minimum weight. No one needed corrector weights. Likewise with sails. Older sails were grandfathered in with the old measurements standards and all newer sails met current class standards. Thanks to Jim Wondolleck for serving as our official technical officer who was busy measuring and weighing boats on both Friday and Saturday.



Always crowded at the first mark. photo by Dave Misunas

Dick Hunter, our Principal Race Officer, moved marks on Friday before formal racing to set a true offset mark on the windward end and also set two marks provided by the Northbay RC Sailing Club as a dedicated finish line. The configuration worked so well that the race committee has decided to make the changes permanent. You can look forward to a better course in the very near future.

Dick was helped in his race duties by a very capable staff of volunteers. Ed Abiram and David Green handled all food and drink responsibilities and are largely responsible for cleaning up after the final races. Jim Wondolleck and Dave Misunas were assigned to operate the rescue boat – but had little to do when everyone competed without the need for assistance. Ron Saxon handled scoring with Dick. Mike Kelly and Bob Hyde spotted boats for contact at marks and for starting line fouls.

Sadly, Bob Hyde was probably the most disliked person at the regatta since it was his duty to yell “MARK CONTACT” at the windward marks – which was a frequent occurrence. Although necessary, Bob seemed to take a little too much pleasure in spotting poor mark roundings. Luckily, almost everyone accepted fouls called by the race committee or other competitors, but when a dispute arose that could not be resolved on the water, Don Wieneke, a US Sailing Judge, stepped in and adjudicated fouls. Don was kept pretty busy, but his determinations were always final and accepted with good grace. Thanks Don.



Another large crowd at the leeward mark. photo by Edgar Gilbert

Racing was dominated by Jess Atkinson, who finished with an astounding score of only 36 points over 23 races. His consistency at the top of the fleet in each race was no surprise to anyone who has sailed with Jess in the past. Jess was gracious in his dominance and helpful to anyone who asked for assistance. George Pedrick was not far behind Jess with a total of 70 points. George is a member of both Foster City and SFMYC – so for this regatta we are claiming him as our member and happy to see him carry the SFMYC banner. The third place finisher was also a familiar face, Larry Grant, from Los Angeles, followed closely by Chris Davidson and Kerim Baran, both from San Diego. First place finishes were enjoyed by each of the first five finishers.

Larry Grant (85) is worried about being overtaken by Jess Atkinson (56), Rich Ludt (580)



The next four finishers, Jim Harrold, Rob Weaver, Al Finley and Bob Gallagher all managed second place finishes, but were never able to hold off the “peloton” through the finish line (even though some of their second place finishes were less than a boat length behind the eventual race winner).

One of the most impressive showings was from our own Bernard Price. Bernard has not sailed his ODOM for close to a decade, but decided to dig out his boat from his garage (stored for many years behind his Christmas decorations, old tax files and assorted boxes) to join us on Saturday. His main problem in scoring well was that with so many seasons in the Freesail fleet he had trouble tacking or jibing without a long bamboo pole. His rustiness showed in most of his race scores. But, in the final race of Saturday, his old prowess as a radio sailor came back. In that race he finished in fifth place out of eighteen starters. Not an easy thing for any of the competitors to pull off.

Overall, the event was a success. Plans are already in discussion to make a regular circuit of ODOM NCR competitions with all ODOM fleets in the US, and include SFMYC in the circuit. More on this later.

Summary of 2025 ODOM NCR, Gold Chevrons

Date: September 5, 2025 – September 7, 2025

Location: Spreckels Lake, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Host Club: San Francisco Model Yacht Club

No. of Entries: 18

Winds: 8 – 12 mph, with typical Spreckels lulls, gusts and radical shifts

Races Completed: 23

Scoring System: Low Point System

Regatta Committee and Valuable Assistants: Dick Hunter (PRO and trophies), Rob Weaver (Regatta Chairman and trophies), Ron Saxon (Scorer), Jim Wondolleck (Technical Officer and Rescue), Dave Misunas (Rescue and Photographs), Mike Kelly and Bob Hyde (Observers), Don Wieneke (Protest Chairman), David Znidarsic (trophies), and Ed Abriam and David Green (lunches, beverages and clean-up).



2025 ODOM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

9/6/25 - 9/7/25

Golden Gate Park - San Francisco, Ca.



Position	Skipper	Sail No	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23
1	Jess Atkinson	56	36.0	1.0	7.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	George Pedrick	57	70.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	12.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	7.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
3	Larry Grant	85	80.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	2.0	3.0	19.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	19.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
4	Chris Davidson	69	88.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	8.0	14.0	11.0	2.0	6.0	2.0	13.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	8.0	10.0
5	Kerim Baran	714	113.0	16.0	13.0	4.0	12.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	8.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	5.0	12.0	8.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
6	Jim Harrold	28	141.0	4.0	6.0	14.0	17.0	3.0	10.0	4.0	3.0	10.0	2.0	5.0	12.0	15.0	7.0	13.0	5.0	14.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	12.0	6.0
7	Rob Weaver	122	145.0	7.0	11.0	12.0	11.0	2.0	7.0	6.0	13.0	7.0	14.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	11.0	5.0	3.0	15.0	8.0	5.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	5.0
8	Al Finley	377	148.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	6.0	13.0	15.0	7.0	11.0	15.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	9.0	16.0	14.0	8.0	5.0	9.0
9	Bob Gallagher	798	158.8	5.0	9.0	7.0	2.0	5.8	11.0	7.0	11.0	14.0	4.0	7.0	15.0	13.0	9.0	14.0	6.0	13.0	12.0	15.0	6.0	11.0	2.0	4.0
10	Rich Ludt	580	163.0	10.0	5.0	11.0	8.0	8.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	14.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
11	Andy Lincoff	17	201.0	13.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	13.0	6.0	14.0	14.0	11.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	17.0	7.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	11.0	3.0	12.0	7.0	11.0
12	Eric Saxon	782	215.0	12.0	15.0	16.0	10.0	10.0	17.0	10.0	7.0	15.0	17.0	16.0	9.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	13.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	9.0	8.0
13	Charles Witcher	659	217.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	14.0	9.0	9.0	13.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	14.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	9.0	15.0	10.0	15.0	9.0	10.0	12.0
14	Bob Pinotti	650	225.0	11.0	14.0	9.0	13.0	12.0	14.0	8.0	5.0	12.0	15.0	11.0	8.0	10.0	16.0	11.0	16.0	12.0	14.0	9.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
15	Tom MacDonald	64	235.0	15.0	8.0	15.0	15.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	10.0	16.0	11.0	17.0	10.0	8.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
16	Jon Ely	2	259.0	17.0	16.0	17.0	9.0	16.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	13.0	13.0	17.0	14.0	19.0	8.0	4.0	11.0	17.0	12.0	15.0	6.0	7.0
17	Rob Yohai	369	295.0	14.0	17.0	13.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	9.0	17.0	11.0	17.0	19.0	19.0	8.0	10.0	17.0	16.0	17.0	13.0	16.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
18	Bernard Price	677	354.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.0	18.0	16.0	5.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

Results through 9/7/25 2:58 PM

Number of races held: 23

Number of discards: 3

Victoria Fleet – September 3rd Sailing Photos

by Michael Fischer



Light winds make for a close practice race



Some of the captains.



Mike Kelly, Jon Ely, & David Green, Fleet Captain

Victoria Fleet – Race Day 7 & Year-to-Date Results

from Michael Fischer



SAN FRANCISCO MODEL YACHT CLUB 2025 VICTORIA FLEET



Race Day # 7
9/16/25

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
1	12	Mike Kelly	9	1	3	3	1	3	1
1	75	David Green	9	2	2	2	3	1	2
3	59	Wally Wahlander	14	3	1	4	2	4	4
3	189	Jon Ely	14	4	4	1	4	2	3
5	0	David Powell	25	5	5	5	5	5	5

Number of races held: 6
Number of discards: 1
Discards highlighted in gray



SFMYC 2025 VICTORIA RACING SERIES



Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23	R24
1	189	Jon Ely	63	1	1	6	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	7dnf	1	2	2
2	75	David Green	69	2	2	4	3	5	1	2	1	4	2	1	2	3	4	2	2	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	1
3	12	Mike Kelly	83	4	4	1	4	3	5	3	4	2	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	3
4	59	Wally Wahlander	103	3	3	5	5	1	4	4	2	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	2	3	2	1	5	4	4
5	0	David Powell	186	6	6	3	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	4	6	5
6	50	Mac Lowry	188	5	7	8dnf	2	4	3	7	5	5	5	6	5	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	5	6	4	6	5	6
7	2	David Znidarsic	213	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf
8	505	David Klinger	221	8dnf	5	2	8dnf	6	7	5	6	6	6	7	7	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R25	R26	R27	R28	R29	R30	R31	R32	R33	R34	R35	R36	R37	R38	R39	R40	R41	R42
1	189	Jon Ely	63	1	1	5	3	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	3	4	4	1	4	2	3
2	75	David Green	69	3	2	1	2	4	1	2	1	4	6	3	4	2	2	2	3	1	2
3	12	Mike Kelly	83	2	5	2	4	2	4	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	3	1
4	59	Wally Wahlander	103	5	4	3	1	1	2	4	3	3	2	8dnf	6	3	1	4	2	4	4
5	0	David Powell	186	6	6	6	5	6	6	7	5	5	7	6	7	5dnf	5	5	5	5	5
6	50	Mac Lowry	188	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	6	8dnf	6	5	4	2	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf	6dnf
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8	505	David Klinger	221	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	7dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf	8dnf

Results through: 09/17/25
Number of races held: 42
Number of discards: 7

Bamboo Breeze

text & photos (uno) by Jeff Stobbe

Shipmates,

A few weeks ago Colleen and I took a driving vacation to British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. The admiral has asked me to report on our visit to the maritime museum in Astoria, Oregon. It is truly a world class museum devoted to the lower Columbia River with a large portion of the museum recording the overwhelming danger of large waves, generated by the shifting bars.



Columbia River Maritime Museum. Photo by Colleen Stobbe

One of the exhibits is the original lightship that was anchored 12 miles out to provide guidance and safety to ships. The lighthouse ship was retired in 1979 being replaced by more modern technology for navigation. Coincidentally, I passed westward of that very lightship in 1978 in my homebuilt 28' sailboat with my Mom and a friend as crew. At that time I deliberately put miles between us and the dangerous mouth of the Columbia River. I had already been terrified by the Humboldt Bay bar and entrance; having to retreat in mid-crossing while attempting to go out.

The Astoria Columbia Maritime Museum speaks to the commercial importance of the Columbia River from early days of Native American fishing for salmon to modern canning of salmon. A detailed display of Native American life on the Columbia River showed how they used the natural rhythms of salmon and other fish to provide a sustainable livelihood for the tribes.

The museum has a very nice Navy display that touched me. It featured a wonderful model of a Fletcher Class destroyer. My father spent WWII on one in the Pacific. The history of passenger ships plying between Portland, Astoria, and San Francisco was also included. As well, an exhibit was featured on the steamboats that traversed the ever-changing Columbia. Another area in the museum was devoted to shipping on the river. Grain was and is a key commodity shipped in barges that can reach as far upstream as Idaho.

The museum has excellent displays of the Coast Guard and the essential work they do on the Columbia. Exhibits demonstrated how the Coast Guard uses the Columbia Bar for rescue training and boat handling under extreme conditions. There were many first hand reports, so you got the feel of the intensity and danger that the boats and crews could be in.



The museum also included three full-sized fishing boats on display. I was really taken by an early 30' gill netter using only oars and sail. It had the sweet lines of a double ender, but still could carry a heavy load of fish under oar.

As if the Astoria Maritime Museum isn't great enough, now they are building a 2,500 square foot addition and a 50'x100' pond to be completed in 2026. If you have an opportunity to visit, plan to spend a good portion of your day there because there is so much to see and appreciate.

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