



All it takes is interest ... the University Sailing Club is for any hardy soul who likes a spray in the face and the competition that

only a regatta can provide. Team members take part in races from fall term through the spring.

A boat, the breeze and a lake

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Virtually unknown to the vast majority of University members, the Oregon sailing team nevertheless floats on week after week at Dexter Reservoir, tuning up for the competitive regattas that run from fall term through spring.

So who are these University windjammers? "Well, basically," says returning team member Sara Izenberg, "the only requirement is that you must be a University student. Other than that, all you need is the desire for both sailing and having fun."

All the equipment for the sailing team is housed at Dexter, about 20 miles south of Eugene, near the small community of Lowell. About six boats, complete with sails, numerous lifejackets, a few buoys, and other sailing odds and ends make up the paraphernalia.

First on the list after the team's arrival is draining the boats, which usually have taken on water from being capsized as part of a P.E. classes' instruction. Then all able sailors, both male and female, plus non-sailors such as reporters, photographers and spectators pitch in to help lift and carry the vessels onto the bank so they can dry properly. Then the boats must be carried back down to the water.

Rigging of the boat's sails comes next. After the mainsail and jib are securely in place, the craft is ready to set sail. Sunday October 17 was the day for sail-offs for the three spots in this weekend's regatta in Vancouver, B.C.

Overseeing the sail-offs was businessman Charles Howard, who serves as volunteer coach of the unit. Students Frank Coale and Mike Coon act as assistants.

"A sail-off consists of a number of races around a set course," explains Coon. "So many points are awarded for first, second, etc. from low to high. After all the competitors have had an equal amount of races, the points are totaled. The person with the lowest amount wins, next lowest is second, and so on."

Representing Oregon at the Vancouver regatta will be Andrew Freeman, Guy Ciappini, Skip Tarr and their crews, according to Howard.

"These are our three skippers for this weekend," Howard said. "Freeman, with three victories, had the lowest total of all those attempting to qualify this week."

"For those not acquainted with two-man sailing," he went on, "the skipper constitutes the person in charge. He mans the sails, while the job of the crew, which in this case is only one person, is to feed the skipper information as to how the race is going and help plan tactical maneuvers."

"Sailing certainly does not discriminate by sex," said the coach. "Both men and women have the same chances. Many boats will have members of both sexes on it because that's just how their team is. The skippers (Freeman, Ciappini, and Tarr) have total freedom in choosing who their crew will be. They pick whoever they feel they can work best with."

Howard says the sport is very demanding timewise, as the regattas, including travel, usually take up the entire weekend. There is generally a fall-off in the number of people during winter, with interest again perking up come spring. Around 20 people are competing now which is up a little from last year.

Most sailors can't attend all the regattas, which go pretty steadily from week to week, so sometimes a person may decide against trying on one week in lieu of hoping to gain a spot the following weekend.

"We had three of our best sailors in Seattle this last weekend, competing in a three-man race up there. They were Peter Powell, Scott Danielson, and Ted Krabs," said Howard.

He went on to say that he'd heard they were doing quite well, though they were in a boat from the University of Washington, which was headed by one of the top ten skippers in the world.

The University sailing team competes in the Northwest Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association, known to those involved as simply the NWICYRA. Oregon ranks as the southern-most member of the circuit, which extends up through Washington and into British Columbia, where both the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia field teams.

Sportfolio

Rugby club whips Reed

The Oregon Rugby Club B-side defeated visiting Reed College 7-0 Saturday, Oct. 16. Paul Hribnick scored a try, and Butch Parrott scored a penalty kick for Oregon.

This Saturday, the A-side hosts the Longview Rugby Club at 12:30 with the B-side playing Oregon State immediately following.

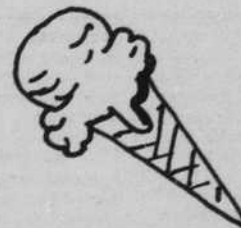
Karate demonstration tonight

The Oregon Karate Club will sponsor a karate demonstration at 7:30 p.m. tonight in MacArthur Court.

Featured will be Sensei Teruo Chinen, Chief Instructor of Gojo-Ryu Karate-Do for North America, who will perform Kata and weapon demonstrations. Karate Club members will also be appearing in an exhibition of free-sparring and other techniques of karate training.

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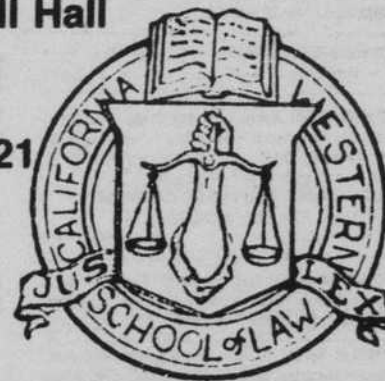
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