

Sports

The forecast is nothing but smooth sailing for club team

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The sport connotes sun, sea and fun. And that's what sailing is all about, according to one member of the University's sailing team.

As a member of the Northwest Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association, the University club sport competes with co-members of 12 other colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington and Canada.

Team member Eric Marking says, competitively, the team is in the middle of the NIYRA pack. "We're not at the top — yet," he said.

Last weekend, the club participated in the four-team Whiskeytown Regatta. Results were not available because they are mailed back following the competition. The Ducks also captured second at Oregon State University's Ski and Sail Regatta in March.

Nicholas Spycher, coordinator of this year's team, says he would like the team to work hard and be more competitive this fall.

During competition, individual team members compete against team members from other schools, as well as against themselves, in a sport with very detailed regulations to ensure safe sailing.

And while the rules are complicated, costs for the sport are clear and simple. "Sailing is the most expensive sport known to man," Marking said. As a club sport, the University budgets some financial support to help with moorage costs and traveling expenses. But the big expense — the

boats themselves — is left mostly for the team to finance.

To meet the high cost of their equipment, the 30-member club schedules cleanups and sales. But the major money-maker for the team is the sailing lessons put on by the club during spring and summer terms.

With approximately 36 students enrolled this term, instruction is given each week both in the classroom and on the water. According to Spycher, upon completion of the beginning course, students will be able to rig, launch, sail and dock a small sailboat, which is the hardest to handle.

Tiffany Smith, a sailing student, says the classes are "fantastic."

"The instructors really know their stuff. . . I'm surprised I haven't done it sooner," Smith intends to stay with the classes and eventually join the team.

Intermediate classes are also available, where more advanced techniques are learned.

For both classes and competition, the team uses four Laser-2 sailing dinghys and a larger Santana-20 purchased in March with a loan from the Incidental Fee Committee. The new boat enables the team to compete in the new Santana-20 fleet races this summer. The club also owns a 1957 Chris Craft power boat, used as a race official's boat, which was donated by a Coos Bay doctor.



Photo by Sherlyn Bjorkgren

Oregon's sailing team has to overcome huge expenses before it even puts a boat in the water.

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Chi Psi Dave & Bill

It was so great, to have you as dates. My what men you are. We drop to our knees & aim to please - psych - not that far! Aloha, Katie & Patty 5-27

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TO GUMBY, GIRTH, the 2 lonely Beasies, Chick, Fro, Bob Marlo, and the rest of the crew - SHASTA was a LITTLE BIT OF UH-HUH and a whole lot of OH-YEAH! Thanks for the great weekend. A.F.S.B. and Flusie 5-27

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Kevin (A.K.A. Buddha, Fire Keeper, Basketbull, Native, Chef-vin, and TYWEE):

THANKS

for sun, lake, a chug, red face, big-u prize!, dance, shopping, tubes, gourmet food, roof, zippy's ten-chicken, ram the!... and all the rest it dat! Shasta was a blast! Love & Mahalo. MOOSHI! 5-27

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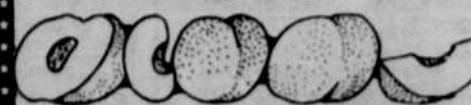
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