



Columbia River
Yachting Association
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Dear CRYA members,

As you may know, your yacht club is a member club of the Columbia River Yachting Association, which also makes you a member. The Standing Committee and Executive Board of CRYA have decided to send out the following survey to get your thoughts about your association. Since CRYA is your association, we want to find out if CRYA is fulfilling our obligations and needs as you see them. I ask you to please fill out the survey and send it back, either electronically or mailed to the address provided below. The more surveys we receive back, the more responsive CRYA can be. Please return this survey no later than January 15. For the Standing Committee and Executive Board, I thank each of you ahead of time for supporting us in this endeavor.

Happy and Safe Boating,

Andy Meyer

Executive Vice President

Columbia River Yachting Association

Please email completed survey to Andy Meyer, cryaexecvp@gmail.com

Or mail to:

CRYA

c/o Portland Yacht Club

1241 N.E. Marine Drive

Portland Oregon 97211

CRYA Background Info Sheet

CRYA has been around for nearly 85 years, during which time the face of recreational boating has grown and changed in many ways.

The CRYA mission statement is: *“The Columbia River Yachting Association shall promote recreational boating and boating safety. Work with state and local entities to promote the best interests of yachting and recreational boating. Encourage, promote, and coordinate boating activities upon the Columbia River and its tributaries.”*

Some of the facilities CRYA has been involved in building, maintaining, or upgrading have included Schwitter Landing, Bartlett Landing/East Dock, the original docks at Gilbert River, Hadley’s Landing, Coon Island, Sand Island, St. Helens City Dock, and Rainier Dock.

CRYA’s programs and boating facilities upgrades are supported in part by member club annual dues. Additional funds are raised through some sort of fund-raising event in which all clubs participate. For the past three years that fundraiser has been a Golf Tournament. Prior to that, we held a raffle and each club was asked to sell tickets within their clubs.

The CRYA organizational structure includes:

- An Executive Committee: four Officers appointed from the member clubs on an established rotation, including a President and Vice President (together, a two-year appointment), and a Secretary and Treasurer (both of whom serve four years).
- A Standing Committee: four persons from different member clubs who each serve a four-year term on a staggered basis.
- An Executive Vice President: an individual appointed by the officers and Standing Committee for an open-ended term. The Executive Vice President serves as chairperson of the Standing Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Vice President acts as liaison between the clubs and the organization.

The Daughters of Neptune is a separate, non-profit corporation under the CRYA. Its mission includes “promoting water safety through educating the public on the fitting and use of Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), also known as life jackets.” The President of the Daughters of Neptune Corporation is appointed by the Standing Committee. Member clubs may each appoint their own Daughters of Neptune and the clubs provide chaperones on an established rotation. When appointing their Daughters of Neptune, the clubs also provide a specified sum to help defray expenses.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer in CRYA, please contact Andy Meyer, Executive Vice President, at cryaexecvp@gmail.com.

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SURVEY

1. Indicate how important the following CRYA Activities are to your club by rating each one **from 1 to 5**, with 1 being more important and 5 being less important (a number may be used more than once):

- Create annual Cruise Schedule
 Organize and Manage Opening Day Parade
 Daughters of Neptune/life jacket safety program
 Raise money to put toward building, upgrading, or maintaining docks and other facilities
 Advocate for boaters' interests before state legislature and local government agencies
 CRYA Website (<http://www.crya.us/>) listing club contacts, CRYA activities, Commodores' Balls, Ladies' Dinners, and club-hosted activities which welcome other clubs.
 Other _____

2. Does your club have a CRYA delegate? Yes No Don't know

Does your Delegate attend CRYA meetings? Yes No Don't know

How does your Delegate report back to your club members?

- At the General Membership Meetings
 At the Board Meetings
 Via the club newsletter
 Via e-mail
 No reports are made
 Don't know
 Other _____
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3. What prevents your club and/or club members from participating in CRYA Activities?

Rate each answer **from 1 to 5**, with 1 being more important and 5 being less important (a number may be used more than once):

- Not enough member interest
 Not enough members to participate
 Time requirements are too great
 Lack of information
 We are already very active (if your club is already very active, thank you!)
 Other _____

4. It is getting more difficult to fill volunteer positions in the CRYA organization. Rate the factors that stand in the way of your club participating **from 1 to 5**, with 1 being more important and 5 being less important (a number may be used more than once):

- Not enough member interest
 Not enough members to participate
 Time requirements are too great

___ Lack of information

___ We are already very active (if your club is already very active, thank you!

___ Other _____

5. The clubs serve as Host Club for Opening Day in an established rotation. If your club does not participate in this rotation, rate the factors that stand in the way of your club hosting Opening Day **from 1 to 5**, with 1 being more important and 5 being less important (a number may be used more than once):

___ Not enough member interest

___ Not enough members to participate

___ Time requirements are too great

___ Lack of information

___ We are already very active (if your club is already very active, thank you!

___ Other _____

6. Does your club regularly have a Daughter of Neptune? Yes ___ No ___ Don't Know ___

If not, rate the factors that stand in the way of your club having a Daughter of Neptune

from 1 to 5, with 1 being more important and 5 being less important (a number may be used more than once):

___ We don't have enough girls of the right age

___ Cost to support a Daughter of Neptune

___ Lack of information

___ Other _____

7. The CRYA Golf Tournament has generated more revenue than past fundraising methods. Does your club feel the Golf Tournament is an appropriate fundraiser? Yes ___ No ___ Don't Know ___

Do you have a suggestion for an alternate or additional method of fund raising?

8. Optional: please indicate what Yacht Club(s) you belong to: _____