

# **Coyote Point Marina**

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### **Starting Young**

When I was 12 years old, I went out on my first sailboat race. It was a club race out of Bellingham (WA) Yacht Club aboard "Quixote", a Cal 3-30 owned by a friend of my father. My duties were to sit on the cabin top and move to the high side of the boat each time we tacked. I was fascinated by the activity on the boat, the way she responded to the wind, the communication between the captain and crew (not always g-rated!) and the feeling of moving through the water driven only by the wind. When the spinnaker opened like a huge brightly colored parachute billowing above my head I was transfixed. I had never encountered anything like this before, and the image stuck in my mind for days afterwards. It was the beginning of a lifelong love of sailing, racing, and boats in general. In the following days I bugged my dad relentlessly for more sailing, so he took me out to "Lakewood", Western Washington University's sailing center on Lake Whatcom. Because of his faculty status I was given access to their fleet of lasers, 420's and eventually their 21-foot keelboat. I was taught how to rig and sail each vessel, and after three years of bicycling the 8 miles from our house to Lakewood almost every weekend I earned the coveted "Skipper Card" that allowed me to single-hand any of the boats the University had. This introduction to sailing at a young age set me on course for a lifetime of boating. Now as I watch the kids in small boats participating in Coyote Point Yacht Club's youth sailing program, I am gratified that a new generation of sailors is getting a similar introduction to what could become a lifelong passion. It's a great program!

- Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

## **More Youth Sailing!**

Coyote Point Yacht Club is pleased to announce a new class for youth sailing. The FJ series boats are ideal for young sailors, ages 12-14, who are ready to move on to a bigger boat. Sessions begin June 21; each session runs for 2 weeks from 9-4, Monday through Friday, and is limited to 6 campers per session. The Cost is \$1600. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.cpyc.com/youth-sailing">http://www.cpyc.com/youth-sailing</a>

#### Flown the Coop (again)



For the third straight year our resident bachelor Osprey appears to have departed Coyote Point for other shores. We will keep our eyes out for his return and continue to hope that a beautiful lady osprey will finally "swipe right" for our longtime friend. I suggest he might try the dating site "Plenty of Fish" for the best fit. Let's all wish him a great summer and best of luck on his voyages!

#### California Boater Card Classes

As of now anyone aged 40 or under needs to have a California Boater Card to operate a motorized vessel on California waterways. The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA/state-approved boater safety education examination. Coyote Point Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Peralta chapter of the US Power Squadron, will be offering classes for the California Boater Card. Classes will meet every Thursday from 6-7:30, beginning May 13 and ending June 10. Cost per student is \$35. Additional household members sharing the same book will cost an additional \$5 per person. more information, please contact commodore@cpyc.com or boatsafe@sbcglobal.net



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