



Ladies, Gentleman and Sailors of all ages, let me introduce myself: my name is David Paligo and I'm asking for your vote for Governor.

I've been a boater for 35 years and started off with a powerboat to pull my two sons for knee boarding and skiing. About 24 years ago a co-worker asked me if I'd like to join his J30 sailboat race crew. I'd never sailed before. I basically learned how to race before I learned how to sail. After a few years of sailing, my wife and I traded in the powerboat and bought a Ranger 20 sailboat. There were other Ranger 20s on the Columbia River, where we sailed, but there was no organized fleet. I went searching up and down the river for other Ranger 20's and left an invitation to join me in forming a fleet. That first year there were 3 of us who raced together. From that simple start, I rebuilt the Ranger 20 fleet which has introduced many people to sailing and racing. Yet today, that fleet puts 15 boats to the start line.

After a few years, my wife and I got five-foot-itis and we purchased a Merit 25. Again, there was not a Merit 25 fleet and I started all over again in building a one-design fleet. Today they are going strong and continue to put 10 Merit's to the start line. I was honored in 2010 by the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon (SYSCO) with the Sailor of the Year award as a result of my efforts in building two competitive yet extremely welcoming and fun racing fleets.

While fleet captain for the Merit 25 fleet, I created two new races: a Merit Mayhem Madness (3M) fun race where skippers stay with their boats and crew draw lots to see what boat they crew on; and a Duel Bridge Duel (DBD) regatta where boats race between 2 bridges and boats can start from either direction. I've participated in several Pacific Ocean offshore races, a NOOD (National Offshore One-Design) where we entered 6 Merits, Whidbey Island race week and 4 Swiftsure races in the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Upon our move here in 2016, we joined the yacht club and I quickly got engaged in helping to bring back sailing and racing to Buckeye Lake by promoting introductory cruises with Chuck Bendig and by promoting Sail-On-Sunday (SOS) fun racing.

Professionally, I'm now retired but spent my career as a mechanical engineer, with the last experience with Daimler Trucks (Freightliner) for 24 years. As an engineer I applied attention to detail, a focus on quality, operating to budget with on-time delivery, teamwork, and mentoring others.

With the completion of the dam reconstruction and the subsequent planned return of deeper water levels next year, it is an exciting time to renew the fun of sailing and the friendly competition of racing to Buckeye Lake. With my years of sailing, fleet development, racing (both as a sailor and as race committee), and coaching, I would be honored to serve as your Governor.

Please Vote for me for the BLYC Board of Governors.

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Fellow BLYC Members,

One of the most enjoyable opportunities one has as a Past Commodore is that of sponsoring a member to run for the Board of Governors. Governors of the Club are a hard working, dedicated group who have the Club's best interests at heart and work tirelessly to help our Club succeed. I am pleased to introduce you to David Paligo who exemplifies these great qualities.

As you are all aware, sailing is not only a hobby but a passion of mine. When the dam remediation project was announced 3 ½ years ago, I worried that it represented the death knell of sailing activity on the lake we all love. It has certainly been difficult these past four seasons. After several years of virtually no sailing activity, I, among others I am sure, was ready to give up on ever having competitive sailing at BLYC again. It was very difficult to remain optimistic. Enter David Paligo...

Dave and his wife, Jane, relocated to Buckeye Lake from the Portland, Oregon area in 2016. Soon after, they joined BLYC and Dave immediately began to involve himself in the Club. Dave had been very active in the sailing community in Portland and has a strong history in fleet building and running sailing programs. He brought a new energy and new perspective to our programs at BLYC this past year and his "cheerleading," enthusiasm, and never-give-up attitude has brought us newfound levels of participation, activity, and success. I know that Dave will continue this drive and help us to keep boating, and sailing in particular, a focus of the Club as we move into what appears to be a bright future for our lake.

Dave's qualifications, however, are not limited to sailing. As a now retired mechanical engineer, Dave exhibits a high level of organization and attention to detail that will serve him well in all aspects of Board service. His volunteer service throughout the years, not just in sailing but also as a little league coach and Boy Scout leader, speaks to his willingness and desire to work to serve others.

It is my great pleasure to sponsor David Paligo for the Board of Governors and I strongly encourage you to support him with your vote on Sunday, September 16th.

Commodore Steve Harris, 2005

