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Vice Commodore: Chuck Pennington
Secretary: CJ Volesky

March 2018



From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore



Your Commodore and First Mate, and I dare say, everyone else who attended, had a delightful time at this year's RCYC Commodore's Ball. I want to thank Gary Whitney, Linda Shaw, and each of their crew for all their hard work that went into making this year's Ball such a wonderful and delightful evening.

February has been a very busy month at the Club with several projects continuing unimpeded. The Clubhouse remodel headed up by Ron Moran has made good progress. The women's head has come back together with its new flooring and countertop. The galley has received new facings for the cabinet doors and the new ceiling panels are in. Ron, everything looks terrific. Thanks to you and your crew for all your hard work. Gary Whitney is driving the Keypad project, aided closely by Dave Kibby and several volunteers, and of this writing all of the conduit has been laid in the parking lot and led down to the Electrical Room. The conduit trench has been recovered after a successful inspection, and all the detail work lies ahead. Mike Oxborrow and his launch committee presented to the Board their solution for the Club Launch, which the Board accepted. As of this writing, our existing launch is being fitted with a new Honda 90hp outboard and further outfitting is taking place. And finally, the Vice Commodore and I led up a special team of terrific volunteers to repair a decoupled sewer discharge line at the top of the riprap near the ramp. So, a special thanks to everyone who stepped forward and lent a hand in February; you accomplished a lot!

I am so looking forward to March. This winter, though not so bad, has dragged on quite long enough. In March we begin and end with Club work parties, on the 3rd and 31st. There is not a better time to meet and get to know your fellow Club members than being on a team, working towards a common goal to complete the tasks at hand of the work party day.

St. Paddy's Day Potluck and Party will be held on Saturday, March 17th, and on March 24th is the RCYC Frostbite Regatta with its social after the event. Ladies, it's also time to prepare for the RCYC Ladies Dinner. First Mate



Commodores Past and Present and their winning team tackle the Sewer System on Sewer Bowl Sunday

Laura will be holding the first planning meeting for that on March 15th at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse.





Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore

Greetings,

The Clubhouse remodel is still ongoing, resulting in limited use of the Clubhouse facilities. Ron Moran estimates that the remodel should continue into March. Check your email for progress updates from Ron. There should also be some photos of the remodel in this issue of the Foghorn.

When making reservations for use of the Clubhouse, please ensure:

- 1) Time and date availability of the Clubhouse by looking at the calendar listed on the RCYC website.
- 2) Properly fill out and submit the Clubhouse rental agreement, making sure to include the rental agreement fee along with the \$200.00 cleaning deposit. Clubhouse rental fees are listed in the yearbook. Appertain the appropriate rental fees as they apply to your specific situation.
- 3) The \$200.00 cleaning deposit is refundable, providing the Clubhouse is left in a clean condition upon completion of the function. (Vice Commodore makes assessment as to whether the Clubhouse was left in a 'clean condition'.)

Work Parties

The work party season is fast approaching. Please let Rick Samuels (Work Party Chair) know if you will be in attendance so that he can plan the day's activities accordingly and to allow the lunch crew adequate time to prepare lunch.

Upon completing work activities, please log your work hours so that you can receive credit for work hours performed.

From the Rear

Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

As I write this note, it is shaping up to be a snowy day, one of the coldest this winter. Here we are, past Valentine's Day and facing real wintry weather. I can't help but think of warmer days and RCYC cruises. All that is by way of a lead-in to a reminder for a "save the date". As Rear Commodore, I will be planning our annual Pirates' Breakfast Cruise, which will be held August 10-12. This is a fun, family oriented cruise to Government Island at Schwitter Landing. Past Commodores prepare a pancake breakfast, and there are lots of kid activities. Mark your calendar!

While you are marking your calendars, make sure you reserve February 2, 2019 for our Commodore's Ball. We will be returning to the Riverside Golf & Country Club.

Finally, if you are looking for something to do right now, the Clubhouse Galley and Head remodel and the keypad installation projects are continuing and helpers are always needed. To get involved, contact Ron Moran for the Clubhouse project, and Gary Whitney for the keypad project.

CRYA Needs You!

By Marili Reilly, CRYA President

Are you a good organizer? Or a good sales person? Would you like to expand your field of influence beyond RCYC and into the rest of the boating community? Then you may find some great opportunities within the Columbia River Yachting Association. CRYA is looking for two or three people to fulfill some vital roles:

Golf Tournament Chair/Co-Chair. This could easily be filled by two people: an organized, administrative type who can manage the logistics of a big event, and an outgoing, sales-savvy individual who would be willing to contact past sponsors and sign them up for another round. You don't even need to know anything about golf, as the current on-site coordinator will continue to handle all the event-day tasks. The planning work can commence any time for the Saturday, September 15, tournament.

Standing Committee Member. This is an important and influential position with a four-year commitment. You would be expected to attend one or two meetings per month and would lead a key committee to produce the Cruise Schedule, Opening Day awards, Golf Tournament (working with, or as one of the individuals noted above), or another project. As a part of the team that is critically examining the organization's mission, you would have a chance to influence how CRYA will remake itself.

That organizational "make-over" will be based on input from the survey we recently asked you to complete. It will be discussed further at the February CRYA meeting, and I'll give you the details of upcoming changes in next month's Foghorn or at the General Meeting.

If you're curious about CRYA and the various roles within the organization, feel free to drop in and check out a meeting. They are held in our own RCYC Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and often feature interesting speakers.



The Key Pad Project Underway!



Richard Gicking asking "how deep does the conduit need to be?"



Gary Whitney and Dave Kibby hard at work on the gate project.



300 feet of trench, from the gate all the way to the ramp.



Ladies, are you ready for a warm, tropical spring event?

This year's annual RCYC Ladies' Dinner

will be themed the

"Barefoot Caribbean Getaway"

Thursday, May 10th



Please come and join the planning committee to have this big affair be a huge success! Planning meetings will start on Thursday, March 15th and March 29th from 10:00am to noon, and another on Friday, April 20 from 10:30am to 12:30pm, with additional meetings following at the Clubhouse.

Men - your help will be needed as waiters and kitchen staff for Chef Rick!

Donate a raffle item for our fabulous fundraiser!

If you are interested in participating in any part of the Ladies' Dinner, please drop me an email at laurarichard@me.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Laura Richard, RCYC First Lady





2018 RCYC Commodore's Ball



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

March

3	Work Party	6:00am
4	NIA Exercise	1:30pm
5	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
10	Private Party	5:00pm
12	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00pm
15	Ladies Dinner Planning	10:00am
17	St. Patrick's Day Party	5:00pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
20	CRYA Meeting	7:00pm
21	RCYC General Meeting	7:00pm
24	RCYC Frostbite Regatta	
31	Work Party	Time TBA

April

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
7	Walk 2 Barbecue	
9	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00pm
12	SYSCO Race Clinic (T)	6:00pm
14	New Member Orientation	9:00am
14	Chuck Stuckey, RiversWest	6:00pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
17	CRYA Meeting	7:00pm
18	RCYC General Meeting	7:00pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
21	Work Party	Time TBA
27-29	Bartlett Landing Cruise	

• Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC. Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.



Secretary's Salutations

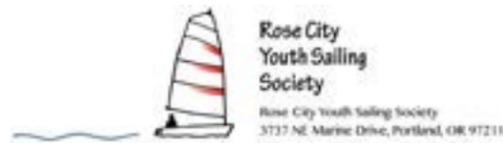
CJ Volesky, Secretary

Spring is coming quickly and so are the new member applications. We had three applicants come before the Board at the February Board meeting. First, we had James and DeAnn VanNess who own a 29' Chaparral. DeAnn has some history with RCYC as her grandfather (Clyde Brown) was Commodore in 1966. Next, we had Peter Pommer and Mariko Fujinaka. They own Strickeen, a 32' Cape Dory, and are looking to take part in Club cruises. Finally, Guy Rodrigue and Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser are looking forward to being members. With many years experience power boating they are trying their hand at sailing with Wy'East, their Catalina 25.

Congratulations go out to new members Larry and Janie Smith, Romuald and Kathlynn Polkowski, David and Karen Shepherdson, and Tyson and Quinn Keever. In addition, Ron McClard is now an inactive member and Penny Robertson has resigned her membership.

Lastly, wish Bob Phillips and John Dees a hardy Get Well when you see them as they deal with knee issues.

Happy healing.



By PamSesar, President RCYSS

What a cold Sunday sail. I got cold AND wet. At least there was wind!

I worked today on getting my tax papers organized. It's a good feeling getting them ready to give to the accountant.

We are still working on getting our silent auction planned. Details will be announced in a future edition of the Foghorn.

Youth racing schedules are posted at Willamette Sailing Club, or you can check out all the great options on their website. Go to <http://willamettesailingclub.com/>

Please let me know if you have any concerns, and please feel free to contact me with all your great ideas.

Pam Sesar pamsesar@gmail.com

March General Meeting Program:

By Julie Schumann, Programs Chair

Pilot boat, Oceanographic Research Vessel, Airbnb, Charters in the San Juans, Chasing Submarines, and Department of Defense Contractor.

What do these all have in common? An 86' steel boat named ZEPHYR!

Captain Ron and Ashley will share with us their adventures of owning this unique ocean-going vessel.

Here is a link to Zephyr's adventures in their YouTube videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkYJPboKuK4>

Please feel free to subscribe to their link.

Also, here's an update on Nancy Cockrell's presentation at the January General Meeting: Nancy thanks the generosity of RCYC members donating to the nonprofit SIDCA. Between RCYC donations and speaking fees she earned at the K-8 Portland Public School where Julie teaches, she is able to send three Wounaan children to school for an entire year!



A Photo of Zephyr

J. Randall

Dredge Update

Brad Jensen reports he spoke with Jackie at Elochoman Marina recently. They are very happy with the old dredge they bought from Rose City Yacht Club. After buying 1200 feet of 6-inch dredge pipe and doing a few improvements to the inside equipment, they put the old J. Randall to work. They pushed dredge spoils to the old water treatment pond, from the buoy at the entrance of the marina and down the channel, around the corner by the gas dock, and all other shallow areas within the marina. As of the middle of February they were about out of work. The old J. Randall lives on to keep channels clear for boaters.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

It's been quiet around our moorage for the last month. With the advent of spring, every boat should have current registration stickers on. They must be displayed correctly and not just laying around the inside of the boat somewhere.

We still have a few dinghies without nameplates. At some point the orphans will be marked for removal to the upper parking lot and free up those spaces for newer members.

Water is scheduled to be turned back on soon, allowing us all to wash off the winter dirt and mold.

We regularly get days with gusting winds over 30, but so far we have avoided continuous "blizzard" conditions this season. Please continue to monitor your dock lines and power connection.

The current "who is where" moorage lists are posted in the west hallway of the Clubhouse, and if you want one, just email Loren and it will be sent formatted in PDF or other file flavor.

Days are getting longer; life is good at our little yacht club.

Racing Report

By Tod Bassham, 2018 Race Captain

Lots happening in local racing right here in River City. Let's get into it.

WSC Portlandia Cup, February 17-18. I just learned about this cool event run by our sister club, Willamette Sailing Club. The Portlandia Cup is a combined dinghy/keelboat regatta on the Columbia launched from the Gleason boat ramp right next to our very own Club. One goal of the regatta is to get junior sailors into keelboats, and one of the race rules is that the crew of each keelboat must include at least one junior sailor under the age of 18. The local Merit 25 fleet entered four boats and hopes to have at least a 50/50 ratio of adult to youth sailors on each boat. In fact, two generous Merit 25 owners who are out of town loaned their boats to guest skippers and crews, in one case to a team coming all the way from Newport Bay. Now that's Corinthian spirit! The Portlandia Cup will be over by the time this goes to press, but I will report next month on how it went. RCYC and Rose City Youth Sailing Society have been very supportive of youth sailing, and I hope next year the Club can find a way to support this innovative regatta. For example, maybe we can host the awards ceremony at our Clubhouse.

SYSCO Fleet Night at the Clubhouse, February 27. Kick off the local racing season with a pizza party. Also a great opportunity to learn about local racing and decide which fleet to join. Details at sailpdx.org.

CYC Pray for Wind Party, March 10. Have old expired flares you want to get rid of? This party invokes the sea gods for fair winds, and culminates in a parking lot conflagration with dozens of sailors lighting off expired flares. Quite a spectacle, but perhaps not for the faint of heart.

RCYC Frostbite Race, March 24. This is the first official regatta of the race season, and one of RCYC's flagship events. Members Rock and Dena Kent are the principal race officers. Please thank them next time you see them, or even better, enter your boat in the race and thank them on the water, or at the post-race BBQ. Registration is free for members at sailpdx.org. If your boat is not ready to race, but you'd like to help, we could use a couple of cooks to grill up burgers and brats for 60 or so hungry racers. Contact Tod at basshamfam@hotmail.com if you have skill with the grill.



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Cruising Corner

Chris and Ally Richard, Cruising Co-chairs

Hello from your new Cruising Chairs! We are Chris and Ally Richard, captains of Sierra, a Cascade 27 on Walk 3. You may know us from such events as Lazy Days; cooking for Work Parties; seeing our amazing daughter, Taylor Lynn, running around with her grandparents; or seeing Riker, our handsome dog, chilling on the docks.



We are excited to be your Cruising Chairs for the foreseeable future because WE LOVE CRUISING! For the past five years, we have been tagging along on the Lazy Days and Beacon Rock cruises, as well as many others. As Cruising Chairs, we are excited to assist all Club members with their cruising needs and help new members further develop a love of cruising on the Columbia River.

Anyways, onto business! Next month is our first cruise of 2018 to Bartlett Landing, on Government Island (East Dock), from April 27th through the 29th. That means you have a little over a month to de-winterize and get your boat up and running! Here are a few things to check after the winter break:

- Check your safety supplies, such as first aid kit, fire extinguishers, and PFDs.
- For your boat, flush the fresh water system; check your bilges, check coolant levels on your engine, and the water level in your batteries.
- Make sure that your fuel and water filters are clean and ready to go. And, just in case, do you have spare fuel and water filters?
- Have you checked your fresh water impeller?
- Also, make sure those fenders are pumped up and ready to go. And while we're thinking about docking, how are those mooring lines?

For a late April cruise, we can expect some rain and maybe some cold weather, but who knows? It's April.

For cruising the rest of the year, please take a peek at the schedule to see where RCYC members will be headed each month. NOTE: the Beacon Rock Cruise moved to June this year due to scheduling through CRYA. With this change, we hopefully won't have any members melting from the heat!

If you have questions about anything related to cruising, please call or email us anytime (we're in the yearbook)! We will do our absolute best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Clubhouse Remodeling Underway!



The rusted "T" bars and water spotted ceiling panels have been removed.



The rotten flooring has been removed and waiting for new pressure tread plywood to be installed.



The upper cabinets have new face frames and are ready for the new doors.



ALL MEMBERS - REPLY REQUIRED

By Judy Oxborrow, RCYC Treasurer

We are in the process of installing a keypad at the entry gate to the parking lot. This keypad will allow members to access the Club by entering an assigned gate code. In addition, it will allow us to generate a special one-time use code for special events, race nights, Clubhouse rentals, etc. The access codes will be assigned based on key numbers. Your gate opener will also work to access the Club. Your actual key will still be needed to open the gate at the top of the ramp and Clubhouse, access the shower, and access out buildings.

Over the years, some keys have been lost. And, when a member passes, the family is often unable to find and/or return a key. So, we are using this as an opportunity to verify all active keys assigned. Please dig out your gate keys and look at the back of the key. You should see the letters YCI. Then there should be a number (1-3 digits) either above the YCI or to the upper right. This is the number you need to report.

Your gate opener also has a five-digit number on the back. It can be found on the small white tag. If the number has worn off the tag, then open the device. You will find the number written down inside.

Report this information as follows: 123 John Smith, 124 Susan Smith, or 13579 John Smith. Please provide the information via email to judy87807@centurylink.net or call (503) 652-1549. If necessary, please leave a message on the answering machine.

As soon as installation is complete and the database of numbers established, you will receive instructions on keypad use and operation.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Taken in January: Lea Sanders-Wilcox's daughter (Susan Jones) with a regatta off RCYC in the background



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