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Secretary: CJ Volesky

September 2018



From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable cruising and racing season. We had a real lazy Lazy Days cruise that allowed us to spend two whole weeks down river. We learned a few lessons along the way that I would like to share. Over time and inattention, the shrouds can get de-tensioned such that the mast will turn 15 degrees on a healthy jibe. I was quite concerned about that until brother-in-law Tom Becker came across to, once again, save the day and put everything right. One can forget completely about the proper operation of a 2 bank battery combiner, thinking instead that the regulator, or alternator, or even the entire house load battery banks, all 450 amp-hours worth of capacity, had failed mid cruise. An evening of reading through all the operating manuals was fruitful; and, by the end of the cruise, I had it all figured out with some more help from Tom. And lastly, it is simply amazing that our beautiful twenty-two month-old granddaughter could become so fascinated with the galley faucet that she could so easily run the entire potable water system completely dry. Fortunately, we had two 5 gallon sun showers and a couple of gallons of bottled water to get us the rest of the way back to the Club. I'm ready to go again and learn some more.

At the September General meeting, we hope to have a presentation and discussion about our Clubhouse Stringer Replacement Project. That will be the program for the evening. In other Board activities and actions, the Board decided to make no changes to our rates and conditions for Clubhouse rentals related to a request from OWSA. The Board approved a request to stop printing the Foghorn with a few exceptions, and is preparing to take action on changes to the Club's smoking policy, i.e. to ban smoking in the Clubhouse, the patio decks and adjacent walkways during organized events and meetings. If any Members have feelings or thoughts about this topic, or any other topic, please let your Board know.

September promises to be another busy month. Looking ahead at the calendar, the Labor Day cruise to Coon Island is very soon, followed by the cruise to River Place later in the month. The RCYC Long Distance race is on the 8th, and also on the 8th is a training event on electrical charging systems by Ethan VanMatre (which I really need to attend, and will). Later in the month will be our first work party of the fall on the 22nd, and finally the Walk 5 barbecue on the last Saturday of September. Have fun and be safe out there!



The Pirat's Cruise Secret Service dude on the end kept this pastel-wearing trio in line!



Secretary's Salutations

By CJ Volesky, Secretary

Since my last article, we have had a lot of membership changes. We will start with new members. Make sure to welcome them when you see them on the docks.

-Patrick Burns (Don Ferrell's grandson) is the new owner of Gavotte, Don's boat. Patrick is looking forward to continuing his grandfathers legacy.

-Richard Sandefur and Anita Melbo own Moon Shadow (Alajuela 38), they have circumnavigated, sailed and lived on board for 14 years. Richard has his 100 ton Masters License

-Monty and Julie Orlando own a Catalina 30 named Imagine. They have been sailing for 22 years on the Columbia River. They are recently retired and are looking to do more sailing.

In addition to these new members, Sue Rimkeit and Carl and Ellen Nielsen are now Inactive Life Members. Terry Thatcher/Mary James and Mark/Kelly Miller are now Life Members. Scott and Marie Griffin are now Inactive Members; and Lynn Easton is now an Active Life Member (welcome back, Lynn). Also, Bill Barnum and Romuald/Kathlynn Polkowski have resigned their memberships. Craig Alness and Russel Barnett have withdrawn their applications for membership.

Sadly, we have lost a few members, Don Ferrell passed away on April 22; Mike Godsil passed away on July 12; and Jim Hackley (Rosie) passed away on August 4. Keep these three wonderful members in your prayers as they will be missed by many.

2019 Daughter of Neptune

By Marili Green Reilly

The 2018 boating season is still in full swing, but it is already time to start thinking about 2019 and selecting our next Daughter of Neptune. If you have a young lady in your life who is 13-17 years old, she may be a candidate for RCYC's Daughter of Neptune. Eligible candidates may be the daughter, granddaughter, or niece of a member and must be turning 13-17 years old by the end of this year. The 2019 Daughters need to be identified by October 31, and their first activity is a Meet and Greet, scheduled for November 18, 4:00 p.m., at Tyee Yacht Club.

There have been big changes in CRYA operations. We are also recruiting Chaperones for the program, as well as someone to fill the position of Director. These positions may be filled by the member who sponsors the Daughter of Neptune (parent, grandparent, etc.) or by any other member who enjoys working with teenagers. The Director helps to coordinate activities, purchase supplies, and oversee the Daughters at their events, and the Chaperones attend all the events and help with transportation.

Although there are changes in the program, we hope it will continue to be as strong and as popular as it has been since the tradition began in 1955.

Those interested in participating should contact Marili Reilly before the September Board Meeting, September 10th: cascademarili@gmail.com.

From the Rear

By Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

If you missed this year's Pirate's Cruise and breakfast, you missed a great time! There are a lot of Thank Yous I need acknowledge: First, Julie Schumann put together an outstanding collection of kid activities. I think I saw Janice Choy-Weber giving her a hand. Thanks go out to all the Past Commodores who helped put the breakfast together.

Thanks also go to Chris Richard, Alan Bergen, Bob Phillips, Pat O'Bryant, Gary Whitney, Paul Glynn, Kevin Stenberg, Dennis Stewart, and Jan Stewart who helped with loading, unloading, and moving the mountain of sometimes heavy pirate and breakfast gear. Thank You to Larry Beck, Barb Hutchinson, John and Jan Dees for loaning dinghies and oars to the Club. Finally, a Thank You to the new members that were "welcomed" into the Club for being good sports.

Lastly a hold that date reminder – The 2019 Commodore's Ball will be held February 2, 2019 at the Riverside Golf and Country Club. Plenty of time to worry about that one – lots of fun on the water remaining in this summer.





Thanks Tom Weber made the kids a swim ladder



PIRATE'S CRUISE



Nice evening for a potluck!



Our past commodores about to prepare breakfast



David and Karen Shepherdson



Which boat hides the rum supplies?



Jonell McClary and Joyce Jensen



Leslie Phillips & Janice Choy-Webber



Blindfolding the Tyrants!



Pat and Fran O'Bryant



Janice Choy-Weber ties a pennant



Julie Schumann



Phoenix, daughter of Sherry Buchanan



Treasure is found!

Cruising Corner

By Ally and Chris Richard

Hello from your co-cruising chairs! We've been having some great cruising weather and adventures these past few months. While a few boats went to Beacon Rock this year, a majority stayed behind on the short weekend and had a gathering at the club. We requested to move the Beacon Rock Cruise to Labor Day for next year, as it is a longer weekend. We hope to learn our CRYA approved cruising schedule in the coming months.

Next up we had Lazy days! We had a great turnout this year in Cathlamet for our annual Thursday night potluck. Thankfully, the weather was pleasant as Portland was in the 100's. Thank you again to John Dees for calling ahead to have the brewery open in the late afternoon as it created a great meeting place over several days.

Pirates' Cruise had a very large turn out! This year, lots of kids were playing on the beach and hunting for treasure while the "adults" enjoyed each others' company on the docks.

Up ahead, we have Coon Island (East Dock) for our Labor Day Cruise running from August 31 to September 4. This is a lovely spot with easy access to land. Be sure to bring your small watercraft to tool around and explore the area! Ally and I will not be able to attend this cruise so that Ally can prepare her new classroom. But, we will be available for questions as well as your fellow club mates.

Next up is River Place on the Willamette just above the Hawthorne Bridge. This cruise is September 14-16. Because the Breakwater is open to the public, we will not have a potluck. If you want to leave the Club as a group, plan on getting underway Saturday at 0930 hours. On Sunday, if possible, let's all leave River Place at 1030 hours to minimize bridge openings. Our "checkout" time is 1100.

The Club has paid to reserve the Breakwater; however, we also need to pre-pay Portland Parks and Recreation for each boat. The charge per boat is \$20, which will be collected that weekend. We will announce the collector closer to the cruise. Please do not put it in the pay station on the breakwater. To reserve your spot, please contact Ally and I at ally.chris2012@gmail.com by September 7, so we can get an accurate count.

CRYA Golf Tournament

By Marili Green Reilly

If you haven't already signed up, there may still be time to put together a foursome for the Columbia River Yachting Association's Annual Golf Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Wildwood Golf Course. Although the deadline may have already passed (September 1), I'm betting they will allow late-arrivals to sign up if you do so within the first week of September.

You may invite non-members to play on your team, as long as one of the four is an RCYC member. Registration is \$90/person and \$360/foursome, which covers all greens fees, the use of a golf cart for each team, and lunch at Wildwood golf course. In addition, you will receive a swag bag with water, snacks, and assorted gifts, plus a raffle ticket for a variety of prizes. It's a scramble format, so you don't need to be a pro to play.

Contact Marili Reilly (cascademarili@gmail.com) for a registration form and to confirm space availability.



Willamette River Cruise

September 14 - 16

Where: River Place Breakwater on the Willamette.

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**To reserve your spot please contact me before Sept. 7th
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Racing Report

By Tod Bassham

We're heading into the cooler fall season, but the racing is still hot. Let's review some past races before diving into upcoming races.

RCYC Beer Cans. Members Rick Samuels, Ken Stephens and Steve Moshofsky stepped up to run RCYC beer cans on June 30, and July 14 and 28. Many thanks, guys! Each race was a success, with 10-15 boats participating on glorious summer Saturday evenings.

First RCYC Club Race. August 4, 2018 marked a return of an old tradition of hosting casual Club races before the summer Walk BBQs. Eight member boats hoisted their storm sails and ventured out into the raging Force 2 winds. After the gale moderated slightly to Force 0, the race organizer abandoned the race so that the survivors could limp back in time for cold beer and BBQ. Despite the carnage inflicted on boats and crew, a good time was reportedly had by all.

Second RCYC Club Race. Editor's note: we realize the event has occurred before press time. On August 25 is the next Walk BBQ, and we hope to take advantage of the festivities to hold the second Club race. Same drill: Meet at 3:00 for a brief skippers' meeting, 4:00 start the race near the Club docks, and home again in time for great food and friends.

RCYC Long Distance Race September 10-11. This is the culmination of the summer racing season, an exciting two-day race, starting Saturday upwind 15 miles to St. Helens, overnight at the Sand Island docks, and Sunday racing downwind (usually) 15 miles back to Portland. Registration is free for Club members at sailpdx.org and open to all one-design, PHRF or cruising class boats.

Stop The Press

The Board has approved a motion by the Foghorn staff requesting approval to stop the printing of the Foghorn for the following reasons:

1. The majority of our members are able to receive the Foghorn electronically;
2. We are presently only printing 53 copies of the newsletter; most of these members are able to download the Foghorn;
3. The average cost to print the newsletter is approximately \$2,800/year. The money saved from not printing the Foghorn could be put to other use;
4. The electronic version will allow full color and more photos without extra cost, and should enhance the newsletter for all readers;
5. Electronic copies are more environmentally sustainable than paper copies.

At this time, we feel that this is a reasonable request and one that will benefit the Club. The newsletter will no longer be mailed out to members after the January 2019th issue, with the exception of the few members who have no other means of receiving the Foghorn. Our list to date includes: Wade Cornwell, Marianne E Roberts, Don Belshaw and Don Eudaly and a few printed copies will be available for viewing at the Clubhouse. The only option for all other members will be to download the newsletter electronically by accessing the RCYC website. The Foghorn staff who do the graphics & layout have agreed to taking on the task of getting the few copies made and will fold, address and mail these copies to those members who cannot receive the newsletter electronically. A last note: If you do not have email and your name is not listed as such, please contact Judy Oxborrow.

Thank you, The Foggers

Sheri Lee, Judy Oxborrow, Janice Choy-Weber, Joyce Jensen, Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski, Cathy Skach, and Vickie Nissen Stringfield

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your titled articles and photos to: rcycfoghorn@gmail.com

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PHOTOGRAPHERS: All Club Members with cameras!

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September

- 8/31-9/3 Coon Island Labor Day Cruise
- 8-9 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 8 Charging Systems, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14-16 River Place Marina cruise
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Walk 5 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.

October

- 10 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 5-7 Bartlett Landing Cruise
- 6 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 New Member Orientation, 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Happy Hour, 1:00 p.m.

• 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.

Alternators and Batteries, Oh My!

Join us Saturday, September 10 at 1000 hours at the RCYC clubhouse for a 2 hour look into your boat's 12 volt charging system. The goal is to understand the basics of alternators, regulators, batteries and how they interact. With an understanding of the basics, we will move on to ways to increase the performance of our boat's 12 volt charging system

Ethan VanMatre
Education Chair



By Pam Sesar, President RCYSS

To date, RCYSS supported six children and provided discounts for sailing classes. Thank you RCYC. These children needed support and all but one are repeats! They love it!!

The swim test is a challenge for some. I have been amazed at how many children do not know how to swim! I mean really swim. I remember my swimming lessons. I learned the dog paddle in upstate New York in a lake. I had to swim in waves and pass tests. I learned more swimming styles and became proficient at the Parkrose H.S. pool. Think about how you learned?

Two sailors from Willamette Sailing Club, the Sailing Foundation and RCYSS qualified for the U.S. Junior Championship 420's in Michigan. These regattas are expensive. They started and finished all 10 races. They received 4th in the second race finishing 17th overall. This was a huge trip and commitment. Congratulations!

Please keep RCYSS in mind for your giving. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Best email for me is pamsesar@gmail.com.



Flag Etiquette For Sailing Yachts

By Carl Nielsen

Summer is not yet over, so there is still time to bring our flag etiquette up to snuff. Let's not embarrass our fellow RCYC members by incorrectly flying flags and burgees on our boats. Here is a summary of proper flag etiquette for sailboats prepared by Carl Nielsen about ten years ago.

The Short Version - Fly your American flag from a staff on the stern from 0800 to sunset. Fly your RCYC burgee from the starboard spreader. Power boats fly the burgee on a short staff on the bow of the vessel. Slightly Longer Version - Traditionally, the national flag was flown from the peak of the aftermost gaff while under way and from a staff on the stern when anchored. Since none of us have gaff-rigged boats, the acceptable compromise is to fly the American flag (that's the one with 50 stars) from a staff on the stern both when under way or at anchor. The stern is traditionally the most honored location on a ship, and therefore the appropriate place for the national flag. The yacht ensign (that's the one with a circle of white stars around a fouled anchor instead of 50 stars in the blue field) should only be flown by documented yachts (registered with the Coast Guard instead of with the state and not displaying state numbers) and then not while sailing in foreign countries.

Traditionally the yacht club burgee was flown from the masthead of the tallest mast. This has been made impractical by the amazing collection of wind instruments, antennas, etc., found on modern mastheads. Again, there is an acceptable compromise, which is to fly it from the starboard spreader. The reason is that the starboard spreader is the "owner's spreader" because it is on the "owner's side" of the boat and therefore the correct location for the burgee which represents the owner, while the port spreader is the "crew's spreader" since it is on the crew's side. On large yachts with crews, the owner and guests always boarded on the starboard side and the crew boarded on the port side so as to avoid co-mingling with the quality.

Incidentally, when visiting a foreign country, the flag of that country must be flown as a courtesy flag from the starboard spreader. Technically, the yellow "Q" flag (for quarantine) is flown upon entry and then replaced with the courtesy flag after clearing customs. It should be flown above any other flags at that location. The best practice is to fly only the courtesy flag at the spreader when sailing in other countries. Some
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countries, especially in the "third world", even levy fines or refuse admission if a courtesy flag is not flown properly. Sometimes the harbormaster's brother-in-law just happens to be a flag merchant with an ample stock of expensive local flags.

This about exhausts the possibilities of how to fly flags on a sailboat with only one mast. Proper flag flying clearly sets the experienced sailor apart from the crowd.

FIJI CRUISE REPORT

Randy and Ruth Webster were in Fiji at the time of the 8.2 earthquake. Here's a brief report from them.

Hi everyone, You may have heard or read about a magnitude 8.2 earthquake in Fiji. Yes, there was an earthquake, and a second of 6.2 magnitude, today. It was centered in the Lau group of Fiji islands, southeast of our location.

We did not feel anything. We are safe and sound and very happy to be moored off the Paradise Resort on the island of Taveuni. In fact we had a beautiful sail from Savusavu to Taveuni today at the time of the first quake. Fiji and New Zealand report that there is no risk of tsunami. If you're curious, here are the local reports:

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12109731

<http://fijisun.com.fj/2018/08/19/7-7-magnitude-earthquake-occurred-in-the-lau-region/>

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