

Commodore: Matt Richard  
Vice Commodore: Chuck Pennington  
Secretary: C.J. Volesky

October 2018



### From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore



As we head into October, it's time to think about the coming new year. It's right around the corner. And with that, RCLYC is seeking a young lady volunteer to step forward to become one of next year's Daughters of Neptune. A Daughter of Neptune is selected by the RCLYC Board as a representative of our Club's commitment to promoting boating recreation, friendship, and safety on the water.

A daughter (or granddaughter, or niece of an RCLYC member) is to be 14 to 17 years of age during the "year" served which begins at the Meet and Greet orientation November 18, 2018 (daughters must be selected by October 31), and ends December 31, 2019. Daughters will attend various yacht club sponsored events including, but not limited to, Commodore's Balls, Opening Day Ceremonies, Ladies Dinners, Closing Day

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*From music on the docks during the Coon Island Cruise to cooking classes at the Club, we know how to have fun!*

*French charcutier visiting from France and brother of RCLYC member Nathalie Mary, Alain taught members how to make pâté de campagne and tiramisu in the RCLYC galley September 15.*



### From the Rear

*Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore*

As Rear Commodore, it was my pleasure to convene the Nominating Committee that selected the nominees for the 2019 RCLYC Officers and Board Members. The Committee included Past Commodore Gary Whitney, JoNell McClary, and Jan Dees.

#### The 2019 Officer Nominees are:

- Commodore - Chuck Pennington
- Vice Commodore - C.J. Volesky
- Secretary - Mike Finch
- Matt Richard as the outgoing Commodore will become the Rear Commodore.
- Carl Corey and John Fallon will be rotating off of the Board.

#### Board Members for 2019

- Returning to the Board — Dennis Annotti and Gareth Tabor
- Additions to the Board — Carol Bobo, Julie Schumann, and Tod Bassham

Club bylaws provide that at the October General Meeting, the names selected by the Nominating Committee are to be placed in nomination. If there are no further nominations, a motion is to be made to elect the slate by acclamation. If there are further nominations, an election is to be held by secret ballot during the November General Meeting.

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Ceremonies, and the CRYA Awards Banquet. Non-yacht club events involving Daughters of Neptune to promote and educate the public about the importance of life jacket safety include Boaters Safety Education Class, KidFest NW, Hazel Dell Parade, Rose Festival Starlight Parade, and Christmas Ships. If you know of an interested candidate to represent RCYC as next year's Daughter of Neptune, please have that person contact an Officer before the October Board meeting.

Have you thought about being a chairperson in one of our many positions? We will have some opportunities next year. One position for sure is that of Fleet Captain, as Bill and Nina Kramer plan to begin their adventures on the high seas. Let Chuck or myself know if you are interested in this position, or any other position.

I'm really looking forward to the final cruise of the season and that is to Bartlett Landing on the weekend of October 6th and 7th. Hope to see you there.



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore*

Greetings from the Vice Commodore!

It is encouraging to see that Clubhouse use by members is on the upswing, and a special thanks to all who have rented or made use of the Clubhouse for cleaning up afterwards. Well done! Also, when reserving the Clubhouse for an event, it will soon be possible to program gate access for non-members to enter onto the Club premises for special RCYC functions without the need for a gate monitor.

This will have already taken place by press time, but here's a gentle reminder to RCYC members: September 22nd is the first work party for the fall season. It's a great way for newer members to get acquainted with other RCYC members while completing work hours at the same time.



## Your Future on the River

Retirement is good, but lately I've engaged in some "what if" fantasies of how life might be different had certain opportunities presented themselves while I was climbing the career ladder.

I enjoyed my administrative career, trying out such fields as training, civil rights, and contracting; and I enhanced my career prospects by taking on challenging assignments in outside organizations: I joined a Toastmasters club to develop presentation skills, rose through the leadership ranks of four organizations (including RCYC), and sought awards and designations that highlighted my management, organizational, and leadership skills.

Today, having completed two years on the Executive Board of the Columbia River Yachting Association, my life in retirement is much richer. If I were still in the work force, however, I would also proudly add this leadership position to my résumé.

CRYA is in the process of re-inventing itself. No longer will officers need to commit their entire club to such volunteer-intensive events as Opening Day or the Awards Dinner. Instead, the people who step up and take an office this year will be instrumental in helping this 85-year-old organization discover ways to better serve member clubs.

CRYA is looking for just the right people: forward-thinking people with a fresh viewpoint who can lead the association along a new path; working people who will put existing skills to work outside of the workplace even as they develop new skills that will make them more desirable to that next employer or promotion panel; newly retired people, looking to expand the ways they can give back to the boating community they have so long enjoyed.

If you are a creative and involved person, there are opportunities available to you. Take your place on the CRYA Standing Committee or Executive Board. Make an impact on the boating community. Help chart the course of this historic organization.

Call or email me if you'd like to learn more. This could be just the opportunity you need to make a difference in your career and on the river, and I would love to have another RCYC member join our leadership team.

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### **FOGHORN GOING PAPERLESS!**

Just a reminder, the Foghorn will no longer be mailed out to members after the January 2019 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, and Don Eudaly.** Please contact [rcycfoghorn@gmail.com](mailto:rcycfoghorn@gmail.com) if you cannot download the Foghorn. We will be sure you receive your newsletter.



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

The water level is low in the river now, and it is lowest at low tide. Watch your depths inside the fairways. We are still a month away from the federally-permitted dredging season. The Dredge Chair will soon be doing soundings throughout the moorage. Anecdotal information is also good to have; we have already heard of groundings behind Walks 2 and 5.

Check the internet for local river levels. The nearest river gauge is just downstream from the railroad bridge, so the times may be off by a half hour or more for us.

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1>

Any nice day will bring some big powerboat wakes, so be sure that your fenders, snubbers, and lines are up to the task.

Security is always an issue; more so at low tide when it is possible for trespassers to jump from the bank onto our walks. Walk 1 is most vulnerable to this. We do have prominent signage facing east and south in this area. In the past, I have had to inform some “dock walkers” that they needed to leave immediately, and they did so. Dial 911 if any non-members are threatening you in any way. Next, call a Club officer to let them know what happened.

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Bernie Bacon and Sue Pennington, our RCYC delegation at DYC Ladies Dinner, Port of Camas-Washougal!



## BoatUS Foundation’s 4 Simple Steps To Prep Your Inflatable Life Jacket For The Fall Boating Season

The autumn boating season has arrived, and with it comes cooler water temperatures. A fall overboard can get serious quickly, and wearing a life jacket could give you extra time to survive.

While many boaters have traditional floatation-filled life jackets, an increasing number have switched to more modern inflatable life jackets, which require a little preparation each year. If you haven’t inspected your inflatable life jacket and it’s gone through a summer’s worth of hard boating, now is a good time to take a close look at it.

Here’s a quick four-step prep for your [inflatable life jacket](#) from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water:

- 1. Open it up and look.** Gently open the life jacket, usually by pulling apart any hook-and-loop tape covers or flaps and then unfolding. Pay close attention because repacking it is essentially the reverse of this process. Inside you will find a thin-walled bladder, which is what keeps your head above water when inflated, so take your time looking for any tears or abrasions. Are the waist strap and all buckles in working condition?
- 2. Remove the cartridge.** Unscrew the CO2 cartridge and ensure it hasn’t been discharged, sometimes indicated by a small puncture in the center of the threaded end. Some inflators will have a green ready-to-go indicator. Check the cartridge and inflation mechanism for corrosion. Some inflator mechanisms have a little “pill” or “bobbin” that dissolves in water allowing for automatic inflation. It should be in good shape. If not, purchase a rearming kit.
- 3. Test for leaks.** Using your mouth, blow up the life jacket using the manual-inflation tube found on the upper left front of the life jacket. This tube may also be used as a back up to fill the jacket with air in an emergency, so familiarize yourself with how it works. Leave the fully inflated life jacket alone for 24 hours to test for leaks.
- 4. Repack.** If, after the time is up and the life jacket still holds air, deflate it and repack according to the instructions, which usually can be found on an inside flap. Now you’re ready for fall boating season!

For more information on the care of life jackets, go to [BoatUS.org/Life-Jackets/Care](https://BoatUS.org/Life-Jackets/Care). To find which life jacket is right for you, check out a video here: <https://youtu.be/iPdZVQ48fuE>.

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## Who are **our resident members** and what are their responsibilities?

First, our Resident Members are full-fledged members of Rose City Yacht Club and have all the rights and responsibilities of any other member. They pay the same dues/fees/moorage as all members. Resident Members must be approved by the Board and sign a lease clearly outlining their responsibilities to RCYC and the obligations of RCYC. As RCYC's part of that lease, the Club provides moorage for their floating home, electricity, water, and parking. However, we get so much more from them.

For the benefit of the many new members who joined the RCYC family over the past couple of years, let me introduce you to the Resident Members.

**Rick and Liz Samuels** have been members since 2013 and occupy the floating home at the end of Walk 5. Rick sails *Vaporware*, a Yamaha 33.



**Pam and Carl Corey** occupy the floating home at the end of the west ramp at Walk 4. They have been members since 2014. They sail *Ex Terra*, an Islander Freeport 38C and go north in the summer.



**So, what do Resident Members gain and what does RCYC gain by having Resident Members?** Our lease with the Resident Members requires them to coordinate schedules so that one Resident Member or Board approved house sitter is at the moorage from dusk to dawn every day. After the secured gates, they are our second line of defense against property damage, intruders, theft and/or vandalism. They know most members by sight. If they feel comfortable doing so, they may ask any person (member, non-member, or vendor) whether they have a legitimate reason for being on the property. If they determine necessary, they will dial 911 rather than risk a confrontation.

Weather permitting (and usually under any conditions except major snow/ice storms where safety is a factor), a Resident Member walks the entire moorage regularly. Resident Members make sure the Club and Clubhouse are secured at dusk, or after events at the Club. They check boat moorings, equipment, boats that appear to be in danger of sinking, walks, buildings, and note anything out of the ordinary. If there is a problem with a boat, mooring float, or boathouse, they notify the owner or the emergency contact and undertake emergency action if needed. If there is a major problem to the moorage, safety, or security (such as the winter of 1996), they notify the Commodore and Board. The Board has authorized Resident Members to maintain a supply of emergency mooring lines. If used, costs are billed to the boat owner.

Resident Members maintain the burgee and flags at the entrance to the Club. They coordinate with plumbers, electricians, and other service personnel making service calls to the Club. (They are not responsible for letting in people to work on member's boats.) They coordinate with responsible parties for turning on and turning water off at the end of the boating season, assuring the lines are properly drained to prevent problems. They note any maintenance work that needs to be addressed during work parties. They attend all Board meetings and report any incidents or concerns to the Board. All of these requirements are spelled out in their lease.

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However, like past Resident Members, they give back to the Club in many more ways than required by their lease. Pam and Carl serve as Maintenance Monitors, tracking the maintenance items on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis to assure the important Club maintenance is not overlooked. Carl is also currently serving as a Director on the Board. Pam maintains the emergency key box of keys for all member boats and emergency contacts list, coordinating updates in moorage changes with Moorage Chair Loren Beach and changes to the emergency contacts list with Insurance Chair Gary Whitney. For the past several years, Rick has served as Work Party Chair. As such, he has coordinated completion of all maintenance work, assured materials were purchased to accomplish the projects, tracked maintenance issues, and assured lunch was provided by and for members. Both families serve as a point of contact for people using our reciprocals, checking them in and providing them with keys. Rick helps maintain the database for key card access to the Club and serves as Webmaster for the website. Resident Members have assisted boats in trouble just outside the Club moorage. They have also been first responders on medical issues, major and minor.

We are a member-run club. Unfortunately, many members consider the Resident Members as the first point of contact for any problem within the Club, instead of resolving minor problems themselves. Granted, Resident Members know who to call to get plumbing issues fixed, gate problems resolved, get the wi-fi working again, and get the lift pump working. However, they are not responsible for solving every problem within the Club. And, although not required, they keep an eagle eye on vehicles parked at the Club while members are off cruising, racing, or just traveling. They have been the ones stepping up to haul returnable bottles weekly to a local charity during the summer. And regrettably, because of member carelessness, they have also had to separate garbage from recyclable materials.

Members are required to perform 12 work hours a year; Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs put in more work hours. And, Resident Members put in even more work hours watching over our Club, Clubhouse, moorage, and boats. Our Resident Members are not staff to clean up after Club events, pick up

trash in the parking lot, or to let a member in when they forget their key card or gate key. They should not have to listen to our rattling halyards, flapping flags or burgees, and loud music. RCYC is their home, and as such, they are entitled to reasonable privacy and guests at their home. Many of you may have already met the exchange student staying with Rick and Liz this fall/winter. Oscar Hendriksen is a 16-year-old Danish High School student. He comes from a sailing family. He and his brothers are competitive dinghy racers. And, his father is a professional sailor and a Danish Olympic sailor. We encourage you to invite him over. If you can get him out on your boat, you are in for a treat. And, before you ask, Rick has called dibs on this ringer in his sailing/racing crew.

So the next time you see one of our Resident Members on the dock, stop and say a big "thank you" for all of their hard work to keep our Club secure and safe and protect our home away from home.

*Thanks for all you do.*



Don Belshaw and friend at Coon Island Cruise.

### Foghorn Contributing Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your articles and photos to: [RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com](mailto:RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com)

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## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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Please keep RCYSS in mind for your year-end giving. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [pamsesar@gmail.com](mailto:pamsesar@gmail.com). Thank you! Pam Sesar

### Save the Date for the Walk 5 BBQ



### "September Sunset"

- ◇ September 29th, 2018
- ◇ Happy Hour at 5:00pm - Grills on at 5:30pm - Dinner at 6:00pm
- ◇ Appetizers, Sides & Dessert Provided
- ◇ Bring Your Own Favorite Beverage & Entree to Grill
- ◇ Musical Entertainment by Todd & Mike



Well fed and very happy cooking class participants!

## RCYC HAPPENINGS

### October 2018

- 1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 5-7 Bartlett Landing Cruise
- 6 Work Party, 9:00am
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13 New Member Orientation, 9:00am
- 13 RCYC Open Party, Ormond trip to AK, 5:00pm
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 16 CRYA Meeting, 7:00pm
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Work Party, 9:00am
- 20 Happy Hour, 1:00pm

### November 2018

- 3 Work Party, 9:00am
  - 3 Walk 1 BBQ, 5:00pm (New date!)
  - 5 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
  - 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
  - 17 2019 Budget Meeting, 6:30am
  - 18 Foghorn Deadline
  - 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
  - 20 CRYA Meeting, 7:00pm
  - 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
  - 30 Christmas Ships Party, 5:00pm
- Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC. Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the website: [www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).

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## Could Those LED Lights on the Boat Be Causing Your VHF Radio or AIS to go on the Fritz?

### ***U.S. Coast Guard issues Marine Safety Alert on potential interference problem***

With their low battery draw, cooler operation, and sturdy construction, LED lights have been popular with recreational boaters. The lights may also be causing poor VHF radio and Automatic Identification System (AIS) reception, according to a [Marine Safety Alert](#) issued by the U.S. Coast Guard on August 15. The [BoatUS Foundation](#) for Boating Safety and Clean Water is urging boat owners to follow the Coast Guard's simple test procedures for LED interference and report any instances to the Coast Guard Navigation Center.

The alert, issued for informational purposes, outlines reports received from mariners concerning radio frequency interference caused by LED lamps that "were found to create potential safety hazards." In some cases, the Coast Guard says, the interference may cause problems if mariners need to call for help. The interference can affect VHF voice communications as well as Digital Selective Calling (DSC) messages, and it may also affect AIS because they also use VHF radio. In particular, masthead LED navigation lights on sailboats may cause problems due to their close proximity to antennas.

The Coast Guard advises that it is possible to test for the presence of LED interference by using the following procedures:

1. Turn off LED light(s).
2. Tune the VHF radio to a quiet channel (for example, channel 13).
3. Adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the radio outputs audio noise.
4. Re-adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the audio noise is quiet, only slightly above the noise threshold.
5. Turn on the LED light(s).

If the radio now outputs audio noise, then the LED lights are causing interference and it is likely that both shipboard VHF marine radio and AIS reception are being degraded by LED lighting. Potential solutions include contacting an electronics repair facility to address the problem, changing the LED bulb to incandescent bulb or fixture, or increasing the separation between the LED light and antenna.

The Coast Guard also requests those experiencing this problem to report their experiences to the [Coast Guard Navigation Center](#) by selecting "Maritime Telecommunications" on the subject drop-down list, then briefly describing the make and model of LED lighting and radios affected, the distance from lighting to any antennas and radios affected, and any other information that may help them understand the scope of the problem.

If you'd like to learn more about VHF DSC radio or AIS operation, BoatUS Foundation has online courses and a free DSC VHF tutorial at [BoatUS.org](#).

## Racing Report

*by Tod Bassham*

Late summer racing is the best—cool clear evenings and hot competition. Let's recap before turning with anticipation to the fall races.

**SYSCO Summer Twilight Series** ended August 30. This popular series (almost 100 boats and several hundred sailors) is the culmination of a series of weeknight races that started way back in April. Nights of passion, no regrets.

**RCYC Harry Brault Memorial Long Distance Race**, September 8-9, drew 44 entries for this popular end-of-the-season distance race to Sand Island. Unfortunately, the wind was absent this year. Saturday was a drift-a-thon downriver, which became an agonizing crawl when the tide shifted. Still, 29 boats finished before time expired, and all had a great time at the dock party afterward. Sunday morning was utterly beautiful, and unutterably calm. Race committee led the fleet upriver in search of enough wind to beat the current, but somewhere around daymark 12 abandoned all races. One J-105 stubbornly tried to sail, just to show that there was enough wind to race, but the fleet motored off, leaving the J far behind. They are probably still out there somewhere.

**PYC Fall Regattas**, September 22-23, and October 6-7. This year PYC is starting the regattas later in the day due to low water conditions. In fact, PYC has asked if some of their deeper keel boats can moor on the RCYC breakwater during the regattas. So if you see a boat flying the PYC burgee on our breakwater, wander over and say "welcome". Another change is that PYC is allowing boats to opt to do only one day of racing, without being penalized if other boats in their class choose to do both days.

**CYC Sail on Sunday Series** starts October 14 and continues through March. Great chance to blow away the winter funk by participating in this free, casual Sunday series, then come back to the Clubhouse to warm up and maybe listen to some live music from the RCYC song circle, or grab your harmonica and join in.



**Welcome new members Monty and Julie Orlando.** They are looking forward to more time sailing on *Imagine* and joining in on all the events and work parties at the Club.



**Oscar Hendriksen.** Oscar talked about sailing in Denmark at this month's General Meeting. He recently participated in the Nordic Youth Championships in Sweden. Oscar is currently an exchange student living with Rick and Liz Samuels.



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