

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Larry Corderman
Vice Commodore: Terry Foren
Secretary-Treasurer: Judy Oxborrow

December 2003

COMMODORE'S LOG

And lo, there was presented to the membership the names of three ladies and five gentlemen, wise and sage each one of them, willing to be elected to offices of responsibility within The Club. A Commodore, Terry Foren, wise and with much hair; a Vice Commodore, Judy Oxborrow, bearing great humor and no small degree of efficiency and organization. Then cometh a Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Phillips, of great height and many skills. Also, there came forth to be elected Directors, some experienced in the ways of the Club; Marili Green Reilly, youthful in her visage but wise for her years; Phil Lewis, quiet, yet thoughtful; and new Directors, yet to be anointed; Alverna Martin, our lady of the parties; Gary Whitney, winner of sailing sportsman's awards, and Bill Kramer, keeper of the clubhouse. And yea, by unanimous agreement, the membership did place them into bondage. And the current Commodore, and the Rear Commodore having discourse over a beverage of golden hue agreed and were heard to exclaim "It is done and it is good! - and we're outa here!"

Seriously. Congratulations to the new officers and directors and a special thanks to those who have served so faithfully the past few years as directors, Loren Beach and Rick Royce. And I thank all of you for the opportunity to have served as the commodore.

The Holiday Season is really upon us...Thanksgiving now a memory and a burp, with Christmas less than a month away. You really don't want to miss the Christmas Ships Potluck and Gift Exchange on the 19th of December. This is a great time of good fun and fellowship with friends at the club during this most festive of holidays. I'll be there and hope to see all of you.

Katie Holzmann, daughter of Mark and Valerie Holzmann, presented herself to the board for consideration as our 2004 Daughter of Neptune. Katie is 15 and currently a sophomore at Grant High

School. She is very much into art and her high school theater group. She is active in soccer, fencing, track and horseback riding. She averages A's and B's in school and she's learning to sail. She is also awesome in a water fight, as I learned at Beacon Rock during the Labor day cruise! Having met and exceeded all of the qualifications, the board unanimously voted Katie as our 2004 Daughter of Neptune. Congratulations, Katie! I hope you have a great year.

The fire at Columbia River Yacht Club was a major topic of discussion at the Board meeting. John Kneeland was present to help us understand the legal and insurance issues that would confront us should we ever suffer the same misfortune. Some questions asked but not adequately answered were; is the club insurance policy adequate to cover the liabilities of such an event? Is control and cleanup of spilled fuel and oil covered adequately? If a boat

catches fire and the fire migrates to other boats, who is responsible and how does the boat owner's insurance work with the club's insurance? What do we do about a boat that is uninsured?



The fire was determined to have started in the electrical system of one of the boats. This seems to be a major source for boat fires according to Alison Mazon, the surveyor who spoke to the club a number of months ago. If you recall, she had quite a collection of power cord plugs that had been way hotter than they were supposed to be. During the next couple of months presentations will be made to the membership regarding our insurance coverage, who is liable in the event of a fire, and how the club can best protect its members and itself from disastrous events such as happened at CRYC. This is an issue that will require the willing and active participation of all of us to best insure that our boats and the club are safe.

I wish all of you the very best of the Holiday Season and hope that no coal finds its way into your stocking. And guys, tools are not, repeat, NOT a girl's best friend. They're also difficult to wrap. And ladies, you might keep in mind the old saw "What do naughty girls get for Christmas?" "Anything they want!!"

Wishing you all the best. See ya on the docks!

Larry

MOORAGE MATTERS:

Dredging continues with the mass movement of boats, in groups of 4 to 6, from their slips in the outer portion of walk 4. Next will be walk 3. If you moor on either walk, be sure to visit and check on your lines and fenders. Some boats on the southern part of walk four are back in their slips after dredging was completed, and owners should check on their lines, etc.

Registrations and Insurance . As we approach the new year, be sure to get your 2004 or 2005 Oregon sticker attached in the prescribed place. Note that you **MUST** remove all prior stickers or the new one will fall off. Adhesives just aren't what they used to be, it seems. Our Moorage Rules require you to provide me with the name of your insurance company (not just the agent) and the current policy number. This information needs to start coming in for the new year. I would like this in the form of a simple declarative statement with you certifying that your insurance is indeed in force now, and stating the expiration date.

Note that your Board is presently discussing the whole issue of members' insurance policies, in the wake of the expensive recent fire at another YC moorage. We understand that, in that recent fire, the boat at the center of the conflagration was uninsured. In the near future you will hear about "wreck removal" and "pollution abatement" clauses being required in your policies. I have always had these in my own boat insurance since my Ranger 20 days, when I bought a "true marine policy" from (RCYC member!) Gene Patrick. Stay tuned for more on this subject at a general meeting.

Slip Assignments. I am trying to negotiate a way to bring another large boat into a large slip on walk one. This involves moving a 36 foot boat to one of the 36 foot slips on walk two. And, this involves moving one of the short boats on walk two to walk 3 where we do have an open slip. Asking

anyone to get used to a new slip location, even when it is a good location and is for the general good of the membership is difficult. This has come up once or twice a year so far, and everyone concerned has been reasonably gracious. I sincerely hope that all members try to understand that sometimes such changes are needed to allow the greatest number of active participating members to have their boats in the Club moorage. If we cannot accommodate new members and their boats, we will, albeit slowly, atrophy. To those who have moved to another slip in the last several years to help accommodate other members, I fervently thank you on behalf of all of us here at RCYC.

Electrical Plugs. Now that all our docks have 30 amp outlets, everyone should have one heavy-duty "marine certified" 30 amp power cord, with no adapters. Use a piece of light line to secure the plug to the eye on the post to provide strain relief. If you have a smaller boat with no AC inlet, just lead the 30 amp cord below decks and plug in your 15 amp adapter for your charger. We have had a prior "extension cord" burn up on a dock. Please do not have adapters and light duty extension cords out on the docks. I know that those "big yellow" cords cost \$40., on sale, but they really are much safer.

Thanksgiving. A good time for me to thank so many of you for sharing work parties, dredge repairing, happy hours at cruising raftups, parties in our clubhouse, and those educational lunches at the local deli. "Good friends are the bookends of our lives" as a song once stated.

BEST FISHES!

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

YEARBOOK UPDATE TIME

Listing Information Update –

The Yearbook Committee is getting ready to put together Yearbook 2004. We need everyone's help with this. The club needs correct information for its records, and we all want correct information in the book so we can contact each other. And this year we want to add the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) numbers for those with the newer radios.

Boat Insurance Information

Update – In addition to the information which will be printed in the Yearbook, we'll be asking for any updates to your boat insurance information. This is not for publication, but for internal use only, per RCYC rules. (Moorage Rules and Procedures, section 3, Liability and Emergencies) Take a look at page 70 in Yearbook 2003 to see what's required.

The club needs the name of the Company, your policy number & expiration date, and an emergency phone contact in case the club can't reach you. Vice-Commodore Terry says, "The Board is attempting to get a better handle on the members' insurance information in light of the fire at CRYC last month."

Update Form – An update form with a copy of your listing will be mailed with your January billing statement. When you get your bill and the form, please check your current listing and return the form with your payment. If we don't receive any corrections, we'll assume there are no changes.

Thank you for your help – Yearbook Committee

Questions?

Contact Ray Brown and
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CRUISE CORNER

It's about two months since the official ending of the normal cruising season in our area, but some boats keep on cruisin' into the colder weather. We recently had our offshore exposure suits laundered so they'd be ready for boat-driving in the winter. Our water tanks are winter-empty, but a jerry jug can be filled in the clubhouse galley, and water-by-the-gallon is cheap at the grocery store. Before Thanksgiving, we had a cozy boat-weekend thanks to the heater on board, and remembered to layer up ourselves by day and the berth by night. If you do take your boat out during this cooler season, it's especially important to wear a PFD when on the boat or working lines. Some folks like wearing a life vest for the warmth, and the safety is a good bonus. Give yourself and your rescuers a bit more time to recover you.

While you're working this winter on those boat jobs that are still on your list (you do have a "boat jobs" list, don't you?), think about being a Cruise Host when it's warmer and we're out on the river. Next season, each cruise will have a host boat. Important duties include helping coordinate any club equipment or food that needs to go along on the cruise, keeping your radio on to help docking boats, and deciding when to start the potluck! From April to October, the RCYC club cruises need your help. We'll be finalizing the cruising schedule early next year, but plan on the club having eight cruises, with five up river and three down.



Happy Holidays

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RCYC Yearbook Advertising

If you or someone you know could benefit from placing an ad in the RCYC Yearbook for 2004, now is the time to act. Contact Chuck Fisher (503-977-3691) or Ron Karls (503-622-1355) with information, ideas and proposals.

Thanks, Ron Karls

Secretary's Salutations

At the November General Meeting, the membership nominated the following individuals for Gwinner Awards: (1) Louise Redding for all the work she did to make the 2003 Artisans and Crafts Fair a success; (2) Tom Stringfield for all the long days and sleepless nights spent installing the fire standpipe; and (3) Mike and Judy Oxborrow for all the work tracking down the Club's tickets (from the Walk 5 BBQ) to the special premier of "Master and Commander."

At its meeting on November 24, the Board approved the membership application of Kevin and Penny Robertson. The Board also approved the "petition" submitted by Dave Walker for life membership. And, the Board interviewed John Bigalow. He and wife Michelle have submitted an application for membership.

And, wait until you see the fleet of radio controlled sailboats that appear at the Club in the spring. So far, several members (like a baker's dozen) have signed up to buy one of the boats. The July 4th party at the Club next year could be most entertaining as we sip wine (or drink beer) and watch the "boys" play.

Judy Oxborrow, Secretary/Treasurer

Welcome New Members

Jim Calnon-Rachel Groot ▶

C&C 34
"Katzenjammer"



◀ Patti and Ralph Jones
(Ralph was not available for photo)
Ericson 29 - "Mariah"

MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

December
2003

17 GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm

19 Christmas Ships Party -

Happy hour -- 5:00 PM

Potluck Dinner -- 6:00 pm

Gift Exchange -- 7:30

29 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

31 New Year's Eve Party - Informal - TBA



January
2004

1 Soup and Sail - 11:00 a.m.

21 GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm

26 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

▶ Please check the Web site for updated club dates.
<http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/news/DECEMBER%202003.htm>

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Make Plans now to attend the
COMMODORE'S BALL

to be held on
February 7, 2004
an evening of dining and dancing
honoring our Commodore.



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HOLIDAY'S
AND A SAFE,
HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!**

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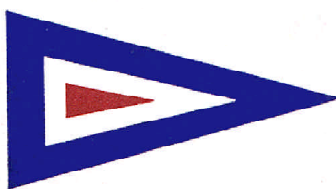
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