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Vice Commodore: Judy Oxborrow
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Phillips

January 2004

COMMODORE'S LOG

First, some left over business from the desk of the Vice Commodore.

Work hours. As you know, the ledger has closed and the few of you who, for whatever reason, did not fulfill your work hour requirements have been billed. It is interesting to note that the total work hours recorded were 3358. That is a lot of time spent maintaining our club.

Just think of how much it would cost if we had to pay for it. Not only do those of you who worked these hours deserve my thanks, but the thanks of everyone else.

I was taken aback by the reception I received at the Christmas Ships Potluck. I hope that I will be that well received during the ensuing twelve months. With a start like that I can only hope to finish stronger than I started. Thank you.

Committees run this Club. The officers and the board only provide guidance. This year will be no exception. The major committee changes for 2004 are:

Activities – Delphi Godsil and Linda Belshaw

Clubhouse – Mary Tichenor

Foghorn – Joyce Jensen and Dawn McClard have joined Wade Cornwell and Vickie Nissen

Daughter of Neptune – Valerie Holzmann will be the Daughter of Neptune's Chaperon this year and next. Dorothy Glynn will assist her.

Randy Webster is getting his strength back; in fact he was at the Club one Sunday recently winterizing his boat. Carolyn Douglass is recovering from surgery and resting comfortably at home. Beth Anderson is slowly recovering from her series of strokes and the prognosis is positive. Our best wishes go out to each and every one of them along with our wish for speedy recoveries.

A couple of new faces to look for around the Club are those of new members Kevin and Penny Robinson who became members at the December meeting.



Kevin is another second generation sailor to join RCYC. His father owned Sea Call, an Erickson 26-1 and the Robinson's currently sail Bar Code a Hunter 31. In other membership items, Tom and Sally Green have resigned their membership after many years and will be missed. Don and Beverly Smith changed their membership from life mem-

bers to inactive life members. Don sold Seaward Side, his Cascade 036.

Insurance is still on my hot list. Reflecting back on how close we came to a major fire last summer and the Columbia River Yacht Club fire in October, it's no wonder that it is on my hot list. In your billing statement you received a separate request for your insurance information. Please complete it and return it to Wes Davis with your payment. We must know that each and every boat in the moorage is properly insured. Carl Neilson and John Kneeland are meeting with the Club's insurance agent with the goal of seeing that the Club is protected from a catastrophe. There will be more on this later.

At the next General Meeting I will be asking you to support the Club House remodeling committee's request for funds to complete the remodeling. Several months ago you approved \$3500 for new cabinets with the proviso that we would be back later for more money. The committee has now prepared a detailed estimate of what it will take to finish the job and needs your approval. Hopefully, the next General Meeting will be the last one in the clubhouse as it appears now.

Commodore's Ball

Make Plans now to attend the RCYC Commodore's Ball to be held on the evening of:

February 7, 2004, Beginning at 6:30 PM, \$30 per person

Columbia Edgewater Country Club, 2220 NE Marine Drive

A festive formal/semi-formal evening of dining and dancing honoring our Commodore.

Please RSVP: Joyce Jensen at 503-231-9747 or b-j-jensen@comcast.net.

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MOORAGE MATTERS:

We are in the process of filling a large-boat slip on walk one. As stated last month, I will fill an open slip on walk three only after dredging of that area is finished, maybe in another couple of weeks.

- * Thanks to those who have sent me their insurance information. I will forward these to the keeper of the database when this gets organized. For now, please do fill out and return the form that was in your January billing letter. One thing that has come out of this insurance discussion is that we ALL need to read our policies and be sure of what we have for protection. Note that a clause covering "wreck removal and pollution abatement" is just as important for small trailerable boats as it is for larger craft. They all can sink or swamp and put fuel into the water when this happens.
- * The re-write of portions of the Moorage Rules is progressing, but cautiously, with valuable input and historical perspective from members attending the Board meeting. The subject of private slips and houses caused some good discussion. Like most issues in life that seem simple on the surface, it has layers of complexity underneath. It is good and helpful to have input from many members on this -- I am sometimes too focused on the slips ("trees") to get a good perspective on the whole moorage philosophy ("forest"). Or, is it the other way around?
- * Last night I attended my last Board meeting as a Director, having been requested to step down. I remain Moorage Chair at the Commodore's request. The newly-selected Directors seem eager and knowledgeable. This meeting was the annual budget planning meeting with "old" and "new" Board members, and was quite productive.

- * Thanks to earnest efforts by our Membership chairman and all of YOU members of the "extended new member recruitment committee" we have about as much income as is possible from our slips. You should all take a bow, and then thank Marili and Dave Reilly for their constant attention to what is really a wellspring of strength for our club.
- * Speaking of recruitment, I recently hosted a local boat owner who was taking notes on some upgrades on our boat, and he was really impressed with our facility and our volunteer work to maintain it -- he is mooring in Puget Sound but said if/when he returns to PDX he may want to join. He is an civil engineer... and kept eyeing our dredge with interest...
- * Our dredging Boat Move Coordinator Roy tells me that he is still finding a few boats with unsafe cords or 20 amp plugs crammed into the 30 amp outlets. If you have one of these, change it to a "marine quality" 30 amp plug and cord. Now. Our electricians keep threatening to cut off the illegal plugs and send 'em to the boat owner -- "a la The Godfather" -- and I wonder if I should stop pleading for leniency.

It may be snowy and cold outside, but inside there's a hot stove and fast 'net connection. Boatshow season is here -- we can soon be on deck and warm, inside a big ol' building!

Happy New Year!

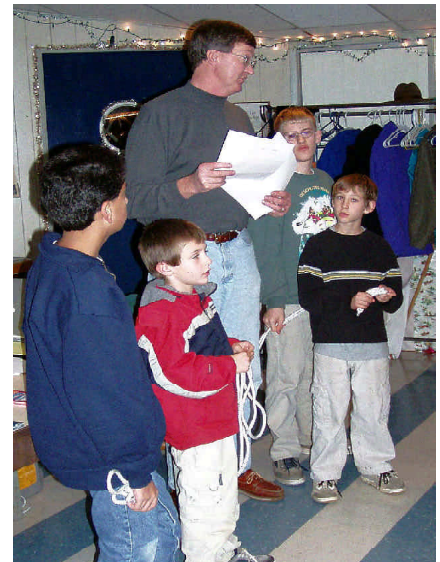
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The 2004 budget has been worked out and approved. The long and short of it is that we will operate at a surplus again this year. Our total receipts are budgeted at \$160,800 and our total expenses are budgeted at \$151,869 leaving a surplus of \$8,940. This is good.

The Calendar for 2004 is fairly complete. The social events are scheduled and Delphi and Linda have some very exciting events planned. The planned events range from an empty pockets party in April to a Spaghetti feed in November. Work Parties are scheduled to start in March. The Cruise Schedule is set with the major change being the moving of the Lazy Days potluck from Thursday to Monday in Cathlamet. All in all it looks like a very exciting year.

Terry

BOB PHILLIPS - TYING THE KNOTS



The knot tying students are: Jordan Tichenor, Ben, Dakota and Andy Volesky.

Ships Store Lighted Display Case is FOR SALE

Due to the remodeling of our club house, the Ships Store is selling the lighted display case.

Contact Anita Fallon
360-892-1280 or jakbronc@easystreet.com

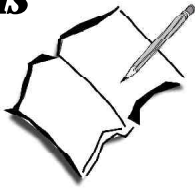
Secretary's Salutations

At the December General Meeting, the membership nominated the following individuals for **Gwinner Awards:** (1) Dave Kibby for his repair efforts on the potty pump and (2) Bob Fellman for his efforts in repairing the dredge pump.

At its meeting on December 29, the Board approved the membership application of John and Michelle Bigalow. They will be sworn in at the January General Meeting.

Randy Webster was spotted at the club on Sunday, December 28, when he came down to visit his boat. He is still undergoing chemotherapy, but things are looking promising. Also continuing to recover at home are Beth Anderson and Carolyn Douglass.

Judy



RCYC - Radio Controlled Sailboats

All the r/c sailboat kits have arrived and been distributed to the new skippers. I have reserved the clubhouse for January 24, 2004 for a day to assemble these kits. We should have the lead and resin for the keels and rudders available that day. We will try to assemble the hulls and decks on this day and get as far as time will allow. Work on the boats will begin at 10:00 am. There will be other adhesives like M.K.E. and C/A available for assembly.

Bring a brown bag lunch or we can all go to the deli. Anyone who does not have a kit and would like to see how these are assembled is welcome to join us. Also, if you are interested in getting a kit, you can contact me. To view this model look at this website: www.victor-model.com. Our models are the Soling I meter with options of IV radio w/ sail winch and ni-cad battery packs.

Any questions - call Dick Royce at 503-654-3112.

RCYC Education 2004



The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering - - boating safety, boating skills/seamanship, and advanced coastal navigation classes during January. Call or e-mail Karl Quade 503-645-4521, karldq@yahoo.com or Hans Geerling 503-287-5794, cascadey@aol.com for dates, time and location.

The US Power Squadron is also offering "Boat Smart" safety classes during January. Contact Joanne Larsell 503-650-0991 for class dates, times and locations.

Future classes being offered at RCYC include Electronic Navigation and Diesel Engine Repair. Dates and times will be announced in the next issue of the Foghorn.

Norm Gustafson,
RCYC Education
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YEARBOOK UPDATES and INSURANCE INFORMATION

The Yearbook 2004 Committee has already begun to receive forms, emails, and calls from those members with something to change in their listing. We appreciate the quick response very much. If you've not yet checked the form that was sent to you with the club's quarterly billing statement, please do it as soon as possible. The faster we get the files corrected for the member listings, the sooner we can put the new Yearbook together for this year's printing.

Check your listing in last year's Yearbook. Do you still have the same house, phones, and jobs? Are any emails listed still correct? Do you want to add a DSC number for that new radio you got for Christmas? And also important - If you want a new photo, please let Hans Geerling know.

Please don't forget to send in the very important marine insurance information. This will not be published, but held by the board with other important club data in case there is a problem at the club. Commodore Terry Foren and the Board want to make sure the club has all needed information.

Some have asked what sort of emergency contact number the club wants. A good way to explain it is like this: If you left home to go somewhere or on a vacation and left your child or pet at home under the care of someone, who would you have the care-giver call if something happened? Assuming you couldn't be reached by cell phone, and you are not at your home number, what contact would be best? Now replace kids or cats with favorite boat, and come up with an emergency number.

Thank you - Yearbook 2004 Committee

Questions? Contact Ray Brown and Anne Thompson, 503-699-2926, annie@cybcon.com

Welcome New Members



Penny & Kevin Robinson

MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| January | 21 | GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm |
| | 24 | Model Sailboat Building (TBA) |
| | 26 | Board Meeting - 7:00 pm |
| February | 7 | Commodore's Bal I |
| | 18 | GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm
(TBA - Due to clubhouse renovation,
meeting location may change.) |
| | 23 | Board Meeting - 7:00 pm |

▶ Please check the Web site for updated club dates.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Commodore's Bal I

Make Plans now to attend the

(formal/semi-formal)

to be held on

February 7, 2004

an evening of dining and dancing
honoring our Commodore.

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 26th of each month.

Please send articles, announcements or any other Foghorn contributions to the Foghorn editors:

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Foghorn images can be sent to Vickie directly at:

Vickie Nissen: vknissen@aol.com

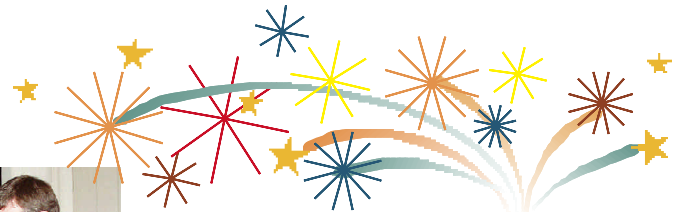
Bob Phillips is moving onto other RCYC responsibilities.

Thank you Bob for all your hard work on the Foghorn.

Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events.



Bob Phillips:
RCYC Secretary-Treasurer 2004



*Happy
New Year!*



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