



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Terry Foren
Vice Commodore: Judy Oxborrow
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Phillips

February 2004

COMMODORE'S LOG

What do you expect from your Commodore this year? Well, I have never been one to accept the status quos; however I do not propose any major undertakings, nor do I plan to be a caretaker commodore. I'm not interested in spending tons of money. What I do want is to finish the little things left undone on the Head walk. Most important is cleaning up the place. I do not live with this kind of a mess at home and I don't want a mess here either. The base of Walk 5 where the dredge lives is one area of concern. The shower and storage rooms are in the parking lot. The tool room is stuffed full. I would restart the dredge float project. This will put all of these things in one place. Next, I would like to tackle the west end of the parking lot. There is no excuse for this accumulation of junk.

The Club paid its dues to the weather gods last month. The water system was frozen leaving everybody, including the resident members, without water for five days. The thaw came and the place was crawling with helping hands. The walks were being cleared. The water system was repaired and a little freeze damage to the dredge was fixed. Now you would never know there was a snow and ice storm.

And now, a current update of the fire aftermath at Columbia River Yacht Club. Of the three boats and houses destroyed, their insurance companies compensated the owners of the boathouses at either end for the loss of their boat and house. The house in the middle where the fire originated was not insured. The environmental cleanup cost was not paid by anybody's insurance. The cleanup company billed CRYC for the cost. Barring any litigation, this means that each member has the potential of being liable for the entire cleanup cost. You can see why we are hot on properly insuring our boats. If you have a boat in the moorage and have not returned your insurance information

with your first quarter payment, you will receive a personal call from me.

The Clubhouse remodeling project was given the official go ahead by the membership: *Thank You!*

Larry Corderman, past commodore, will lead this project and has indicated that it will be mostly completed by March. On February 2nd the demolition crew began their work. They had more fun tearing up the clubhouse than anybody has a right to have. Once it is done, we will not recognize the place. The March regular monthly meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (no change there) but we will be holding our February meeting at Willamette Yacht Club's new clubhouse. They are located on Hayden Island at the most easterly end of the Tomahawk moorage.

More new members. Nice to see the club growing. In my wanderings I noticed invitations by two yacht clubs for new members. Last month we were introduced to John and Michelle Bigelow who, along with their sixteen-year-old daughter,

Welcome New Members



John and Michelle Bigelow

became members. They sail *Panacea* a Newport 30. Additional membership changes: Terry Wilson resigned his membership. You can sure tell when people turn 65 around here. Besides signing up for Medicare they apply for a member status change. This month Jim (aka Rosy) Hackley applied and was granted a membership status change from Active to Life Member.

Every year the board looks at the amount of electricity used on the docks with the idea to see if the amount charged each member is close to what the club pays. This comparison is done annually in January. The results of the usage study were compared with the annual cost. To make a long story short, there will be a modest rate increase. This increase will be reflected in the second quarter billing. The electricity charge for Walk 1, Walk 2, Walk 3, and

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MOORAGE MATTERS:

After a week's delay for draining and sand removal from the pond, and a lost week due to the storm, walk three dredging is (finally!) almost done. I have a couple of vacant slips on that walk to fill as soon as the boats are all back in their assigned slips. What with several days of temps under 20 and a howling East wind, I am glad I finally winterized my engine for this season. I hope that no one has any cracked fittings as a result of the intense cold. The dredge now moves to walk five.

Warnings that members should winterize engines and ventilate their boat interior were right on target. Sure enough, the moorage did indeed lose all power for about six hours, proving once again that you cannot depend on electricity to "protect" your boat's interior. The club suffered extensive freeze damage to the water system, but the residents got their pipes rebuilt after five days, with a lot of help from other members. The dredge had two valves cracked apart in the primer system, and accumulated water in the bilge froze and immobilized the float switches on the pumps until a member made it out to the dredge on the ice-covered walkways and got them working again.

The main water supply piping along the headwalk is shattered, and will be rebuilt and reformatted this spring. There was no known damage of the piping on the walks, as they were dried out by the last work party in preparation for the winter.

Insurance: If you have not returned the insurance information form that was enclosed in your January billing

statement, the Club will be demanding it soon. This is a Moorage Rules requirement.

Speaking of requirements, we all need to be up-to-date on our Oregon registration stickers by opening day, to pick an arbitrary date. Remove all of the old sticker residue before applying the new one. Documented vessels must attach theirs on both sides of the stern, as required by law.

Anti-chafing, docklines, snubbers, and fenders are in need of checking and replacement after the high winds and ice. Now is a good time to visit your boat. Give that family yacht a big hug...

I am starting to put together my contribution to the "fix it" list for spring work parties. If you see something deteriorating or broken, write it down and email it to Jim Douglass or to me.

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair,
loren@pmug.org

RCYC Resignations 2003 – 2004

Grafton, Bill and Joy
Hanson, Allen and Louise
Hooten, Alan and Spangler, Lynice
Paulsen, Joel and Lea'Ann
Shanklin, Steve and Robinson, Sherry
Wilson, Terry and Michelle

Walk 4 will increase \$2.00 per quarter. There will be no increase for Walk 5. This electricity charge adjustment was approved by the membership when we first started doing this in 2000.

The Soling Fleet had a work party last month. Dick Royce brought most of his model building tools and all of his knowledge and shortcuts for putting these boats together. With his help we will see the boats in the water soon.

Terry Foren,
Commodore



Radio Controlled Sailboats



Dick Royce

NEW LOCATION: February 18, GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm at the Willamette Yacht Club.

RCYC Youth Sailing Program

The February Youth Sailing Program will be held on Sunday, February 8. Due to clubhouse remodeling, it will be held at Bill and Nina Kramers, 3838 NE 75th Ave. in Portland. The starting time will be 1:30 pm. Contact the Kramers at 503-287-6248 for directions.

This month we will be starting the Oregon Boater's Education Class and sorting cans. Call me if you have questions.

Future meetings: March 7 & April 4.

CJ Volesky,
Youth Sailing Program
503- 668-9153



Secretary Salutations

January greeted the club with cold snowy weather, but the business of keeping our club operating continued. Many people showed up to help repair the thawing/leaking water lines and shovel snow from the walkways. The spirit of RCYC as a

do-it-yourself club is an ongoing venture.

Club business continued at the general meeting on January 21st where new members John and Michelle Bigelow were sworn in and introduced themselves to the club. Please welcome them when you get the chance. Various reports were given and the sound of announcements about the Commodore's Ball and Opening Day activities brought hope that spring is coming soon.

Additional funding was approved for the ongoing clubhouse remodeling project, which is projected to cost a total of \$15,132 and should be near completion by the end of February. Club events will be postponed or relocated during the reconstruction. Please check online for notices about special events.

Members nominated for the **Gwinner Award** were **Fred Whitfield for plugging the leak in the dredge, Ron & Karen Billion for sending out the pictures during the Big Freeze and Larry Corderman for the countless hours he has spent working on the cabinets and plans for the clubhouse remodel.**

L to R: Smoke Fischer, Mike Oxborrow,
and Dick Royce



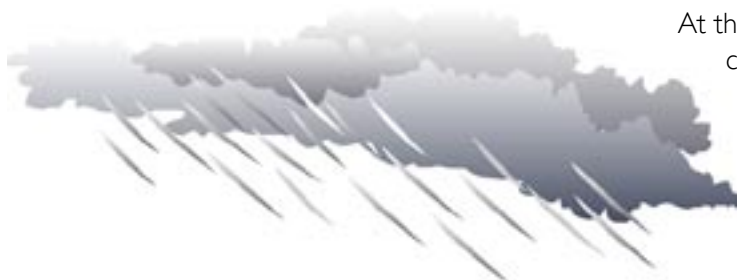
January's board meeting had the board approving Jim Hackley's request for Life Membership. In addition the board voted to approve the resignation of Terry & Michele Wilson, owners of Conch. The RCYC Moorage Rules & Regulations continue to be reviewed and revised with the intent of simplifying them.

Bob Phillips,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Vice's Vagaries

The 2004 membership cards should be available at the February general meeting.



At the request of Larry Corderman, the calendar for using the clubhouse has been cleared for the month of February to allow for clubhouse renovations. The February general meeting has been moved to Willamette Yacht Club. And, speaking of clubhouse use, contact me if you wish to reserve the clubhouse for an activity, private party, or other event. Reservation forms may be found at the clubhouse third drawer of the entertainment center, labeled "Clubhouse" or can be forwarded to you via e-mail. Believe it or not, we already have two pending requests for reservations in December 2004.

Do you have a PDA that uses Palm OS software? Would you like a RCYC membership address listing for your PDA? If so, contact me.

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore



Betcha didn't know this...

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon, but they had to find a way to prevent them from rolling about the deck.

The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. But, if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls quickly would rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey".





At the general meeting:

Jack Gainer presented a great sales pitch for self-inflating life preservers using his inadvertent field testing experience falling into the water from the ramp while using his cell phone. He said: "Don't walk and talk on the dock without your life jacket."

RCYC Education 2004

Due to the extensive renovation of the clubhouse during February; the two classes



"Exploring Electronic Navigation" and "Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance" have been postponed until March. The dates and times will be announced at the next general meeting and will be posted in the March Foghorn. Any questions regarding the classes can be directed to me at normnjan@sprynet.com or call me during the day at 503-280-1527.

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education
normnjan@sprynet.com

Mark your calendars – listed below are the



RCYC 2004 Activities. If you want to help out, have some fun and get to know other club members, contact Delphi Godsil by phone: 503-643-6139 or e-mail: delphig@earthlink.net to help organize one or more of the events.

March	20	----- St. Patrick's Day Potluck
April	16	----- Empty Pocket Potluck (sign up)
May	1	----- Opening Day
	15	----- Mexican Fiesta
	22	----- Fun Race and Walk 1 BBQ
June	19	----- Hawaii/South Pacific Luau (sign up)
	26	----- Fun Race and Walk 2 BBQ
July	4	----- Old Fashion BBQ
	17	----- Fun Race & Walk 3 BBQ
	24	----- Lazy Days Cruise starts
	26	----- Lazy Days New Member Potluck (Cathlamet)
August	14	----- Potluck and Pirates Breakfast
	18	----- RCYC Ice Cream Social
	28	----- RCYC Dog (Patch) Days
September	18	----- RCYC Octoberfest (sign up)
October	2	----- RCYC Closing Day Cruise to East Dock
	30	----- Heavy hors d'oeuvres Halloween Party
November	13	----- BBQ and Walk 5 Auction
	20	----- RCYC Spaghetti Dinner (sign up)
December	TBA	----- Christmas Ship Potluck w/White elephant gift exchange
January	1	----- Soup and Sail

2004 RCYC Activities – Volunteers Needed

Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation for the cards and phone calls I have received since my health took a nasty turn in the middle of November. The good news is that the medication I am taking is working very well and I am feeling like my old self again.

Thank you for your concern, Beth Anderson

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Yacht Club.



MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February**
- 7 **COMMODORE'S BALL**
 - 8 Youth Program Meeting - 1:30 pm
Location: Bill & Nina Kramer's
 - 18 GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm
Location: Willamette Yacht Club
 - 23 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

- March**
- 7 Youth Program Meeting
 - 13 Work Party (Begins 9:00 am)
 - 17 GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm
 - 20 St. Patrick's Day Party (Potluck)
 - 27 Work Party (Begins 9:00 am)
 - 29 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

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