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March 2004

## COMMODORE'S LOG

**Club House, Club House and Club House.** That is the big news of the month. How is the remodeling coming and more importantly, when will it be finished? The short story is: We will have the March General meeting in the newly remodeled Club House (yaw)! I had the opportunity to be at the Club House after dark the other night and was pleased and surprised how well the place looked, even in its unfinished state. The new lights down the side aimed on the freshly painted walls add richness to the place that you can only imagine. It really looks sharp. The remodeling Committee has done a wonderful job organizing the project. The construction crew has been working every day consistently since the first of February making this dream come true. Pipes have been ripped out, new plumbing put in. The women's head now has two stalls and has moved. A wall was rebuilt and new windows installed along the North side. Not all too uncommon in a project of this magnitude is the unexpected. Well, we had ours. The east wall containing the two big windows was staying there by a wing and a prayer. The underlying supports were severely rotten. The windowsill was so rotten that the glass was sinking into the wood. Now we have four insulated windows in this space and all new pressure treated wood holding them in and the wall up. This has been one heck of a project and it is coming together. I'm told by Larry, the floor is the only piece of the puzzle that won't be completed by the meeting. This is a very large project and another week or so to wait is OK. The lunch crew took on the biggest job. Those men and women prepared lunch for the worker bees daily. And you can't imagine how much they can eat. The time saved by not traveling to the Deli for lunch was worth it. Lunch hour was reduced to a quick lunch break.

**The dredging** is now completed for the year. The river bottom has once again been picked up and put in the parking lot. Most of the moorage is at the desired depth for the seasonal low water and will not impact our boating activities. The dredge is put away for the season. The dredge pond is full. The dredge pipe is put away and my thanks to Bob, Fred, and the crew for cleaning up the corner where the dredge lives.

**The first work party is March 13<sup>th</sup>.** I have asked Jim to start cleaning up the west end of the Parking lot. Jim plans to mark everything with a dollop of paint that will be thrown away. That means that if you have anything that you have stored



there and still want to keep, you had better find a way to get it out of there. There is a mast that does not have a boat attached that is in jeopardy. There are trailer parts that appear to not be needed. These things will all be removed. The Chapel will be cleaned out and anything that does not have a use will be disposed of. Things that might be useful someday will in all likelihood go. There is no space available. The scrap metal, tires, flotation blocks, and any other thing which does not have a use, will all go. We will keep the fuel barrels.

The fire at Columbia River Yacht Club last winter has really piqued everybody's interest in insurance, especially fuel spill liability. We are relying on each individual member to provide coverage for this item. If they don't, we will all be liable. What can we do to correct this? Tye Yacht

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## MOORAGE MATTERS:

There's a memorable scene in the movie, Wizard of Oz, where Toto tugs aside the curtain and reveals the man who is actually the "Great Wizard" and he tells Dorothy and her pals to "Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain!"

Well, sometimes members make me feel a little bit like that character... Except there is no curtain and of course I'm not the Wizard. There are some influential members in the background, but I am not one of them. And, be assured that the Commodore is the only real "Wiz" around here (no curtain, either)!

Starting with the routine assigning of boats to empty slips and notifying the bookkeeper of the charges, the job of Moorage Chair has slowly grown to "maximizing the use of the moorage" by shifting boats to allow more members to moor here. And beyond that, I have progressed to petitioning the Board for continuing upgrades to our docks and slips. I also have been drawn closer into working with the Officers, the Work Party Chair, and the Residents in contributing input on needed repairs and upgrades to the docks.

It is sometimes uncomfortable asking someone to move to another slip, for the general good of the club. But since only Walk One has (mostly) uniform slip widths, I do have to occasionally ask members to change slips. There are very few uniform slip widths on the other walks, and that's the ongoing problem. With that in mind, I hope to complete a two-boat move that will open up a big and wide slip on walk one, later this spring.

Remember, we walk a thin line when recruiting new members -- between reassuring them of a slip within XX number of months or discouraging them with too long of a predicted wait to moor. In theory, their enthusiasm for being active members of such a fine yacht club should rise above their desire to moor their boat here, but human nature just doesn't work that way. In asking a family to orient (some of) their leisure time and labor around RCYC, they really need to, ultimately, have their boat inside the moorage.

As to what is acceptable, "on the average", for a wait to get a slip, I sense that a year is almost too long. I see the change in the face of a prospective member when I tell them the vague but realistic truth about how soon we can find room for their boat. With our members always recruiting, coupled with our fine facility, we should continue to have more applicants than we have slips. I want you all to be aware that if the Moorage Chair were to \*only\* fill an empty slip with a boat that happened to fit that exact slip, we would have constant empty slips, a longer waiting list, and fewer active members.

So, when Moorage Rule A. I. a. is invoked to make a move "for the best interest of the Club," someone may dislike the change. Ditto for changes made under A. I. b. in the same section, which also authorizes moorage moves. Having said all that to explain one of the more stressful parts of my duties, I would regret asking anyone to make a change that turns out to be unneeded. I do appreciate your input in utilizing our moorage to: Benefit the Highest Number of Active Member Families Possible. That's the goal.

As to the moorage itself, by the time this hits print, the dredge will be put away, walk 5 slips and boats should be back in place, the pond will have a mountain of sand to be gotten rid of, and I can set about integrating some new member boats into our moorage.

Please note: between remodeling the clubhouse and operating the dredge, we now easily have over 40 members each with over 40 (or 80+) work hours already for this year. Please try to schedule yourself for several Saturday work parties to get our facility in shape for the summer. Many hands really do make light work.

Since you have been nagged, nearly every month, to have big fenders, strong lines, and your current registration stickers on, it seemed appropriate to take a short 'time out' to talk about moorage philosophy.

Thanks for your patience.





Loren Beach, Moorage Chair,  
(aka the Cowardly Lion)

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*Sign up now for ...*

### 2004 SPRING WORK PARTIES

-  March 13
-  March 27
-  April 10
-  April 24

Put your name on the list so we can plan the project and get a head count for lunch.

Contact Jim Douglass  
503-777-9030



# COMMODORE'S BALL 2004



L/R: Commodore Terry Foren, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Philips, Rear Commodore, Larry Corderman, and Directors; Alverna Martin, Rick Royce, Marili Reilly, and Gary Whitney;



Wade Cornwell leads the procession honoring all past Commodores, with Marianne Roberts.



2004 Daughter of Neptune, Katie Holzmann and 2003 Daughter of Neptune, Megan Royce.



Barb and the new Daughter of Neptune, Katie Holzmann



## COMMODORE'S BALL 2004



Ron and Dawn McClard



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### **Fred King, of Nautical Electric, LLC,**

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He has over 35 years in the business of dealing with electrical and electronic equipment and systems. His career began in the U. S. Navy as an electrician on submarines. It continued as an electrician and Registered Professional Electrical Engineer repairing, building and installing various industrial control equipment and systems. After building a 60 foot gaff rigged ketch in his front yard, he found that working on boats is more fun and an interesting challenge. Since RV's have many similar systems, he works on them as well.

Give Fred a call at 503-830-9072 for help with boat and RV electrical system questions.



## RCYC Youth Sailing Program

The March Youth Sailing Program will be held on Sunday, March 7. The starting time will be 1:30 pm. The place will be the RCYC clubhouse (done or not).

This month we will be continuing the Oregon Boater's Education Class and sorting cans. Call me if you have questions. We are still looking for more kids to attend.

Future meetings: April 4 & May 2

CJ Volesky,  
Youth Sailing Program  
503-668-9153



## Secretary Salutations

I am pleased to inform all of you that the year of 2004 finds Rose City Yacht Club in excellent financial shape. We finished the 2003 year with a surplus and did an excellent job in using our

financial resources to accomplish some remarkable improvements to the club in the form of the headwalk project and landscaping. I am looking forward to repeating the same message at the end of this year after we have finished another incredible club improvement with our remodeling project. Our remodel project should not only enhance our own enjoyment of the club, but should bring in even more opportunities to generate revenue through clubhouse rentals.

Jim Hackley has joined our elite group of "Life Members".. Congratulations to you Jim on your many years of dedicated membership to the club. New member Jim Calnon, representing the Corps of Engineers, provided an interesting and informative program at the last club meeting. It is great to see new members becoming active in club events and activities.



Some ongoing topics continue at our board meetings. Insurance, moorage safety and clubhouse improvements continue to dominate our discussions. In addition, the board has decided to create liaison connections with our various committees. Our intent is to provide a direct connection to the board without overloading our very busy Commodore. If you are a committee chair, you can expect a call from your liaison in the near future.

A big thank you to Willamette Yacht Club who graciously allowed us to have our February meeting in their sparkling new clubhouse. Be sure to come to our next general meeting

at our own "new" clubhouse. I will see you there!

Bob Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer



*Looking into the windowless east side of the clubhouse from Walk 2.*

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## Vice's Vagaries

The Clubhouse remodel has been a major undertaking by a dedicated crew. In addition, a number of members answered the call to prepare lunch for the crew. My thanks to all the volunteers: Elden and Marilyn Stender; Anita Fallon, Alice Royce, Rick Royce, Rosemary Barrett, Patti Fischer; Sheila Whitfield, Jerry and Lou Randall, Kathie Kneeland, Barbara Chabala, Delphi Godsil, and Sally Hewitt. Your lunches were greatly appreciated by all.

Membership cards were available at the February general meeting. They will also be available at the March general meeting. After the March general meeting, the box will be left at the front of the Clubhouse so members can pick up the cards at their convenience.

### Work hours are important to the successful operations of RCYC.

Work parties don't begin until this month; however, some members already have accumulated a significant number of work hours. Club By-Laws require member families to perform 12 hours of work during the year. A minimum of six hours must be performed during the first half of the year. Beginning with the March general meeting, a report summarizing work hours through February will be posted on the bulletin board. This report will be updated monthly throughout the year, with a new report being posted at each general meeting. This should allow everyone to check his work hours on a regular basis and help assure accurate billings.

Reservations for the use of the clubhouse may also be made through me. Forms to reserve the clubhouse can be picked up at RCYC or sent directly to you via e-mail. If you pick up the form at RCYC, it can be found in the third drawer down on the right side of the stereo/filing cabinet in a folder labeled "Clubhouse Reservations."

And, for those planning ahead for their summer cruising, Bald Eagle Days at

Cathlamet are scheduled for the weekend of July 17 and 18. A number of us are beginning Lazy Days early so we can enjoy this small town party. Someone with whom I am intimately acquainted will be part of the entertainment as the Miller Brothers Genuine Blues Band is scheduled to perform. For those of you whose plans aren't made that far ahead, a reminder that Sail Expo at Jack London Square in Oakland, CA runs from April 14-18. The number of RCYC members and persons from the Portland area attending this event increases every year!

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore

An old successful captain was retiring and turning over his ship to a young captain. The younger man asked the older, "What is the key to your success?"

The wise old sailor looked at the younger man and replied: "I can sum that up in two words lad, good decisions."

The younger man contemplated this for a moment and then asked the old captain: "Sir, how does one make good decisions?"

The old captain replied: "Experience, my boy, experience."

The young captain mulled that over in his brain and then asked the old sage: "Sir, how does one gain experience?"

The old captain looked him in the eyes and responded:

"Two words son, bad decisions."

Submitted by Loren Beach

club is requiring its members to have their insurance companies forward their proof of insurance. If we burn a boat or two we will not be dumping thousands of gallons of diesel in the water. It will, however, cost almost as much to clean up a little spill as it does to clean up a big one. Do we want to rely on ourselves to clean up any fuel spills? I'm told that is an option. Do we want members with a boat in the moorage to name RCYC as an additional named insured? It will protect the club but it is possible that this can turn around and bite you. Should the Club buy a policy to cover everybody for fuel spills? This type of insurance is currently not included in the Club's insurance package. We are seeking quotes from several sources for this type of insurance. The cost could be in the thousands of dollars.

**We are currently in the process of changing the Moorage Rules.** First the electrical cord leading to your boat will now be a marine grade cord. The orange extension cord will no longer be acceptable. Next the insurance coverage will be tightened. In addition to liability insurance, we will require fuel and other spill coverage and wreck removal. The responsibility for seeing that this requirement is met will be that of the Board. These changes will be published in the next issue of the Year Book.

Membership change – Larry McCagg petitioned the board for a membership change to inactive status. It seems he sold Takaroa.

Don't forget the **Electronic Navigation Class on March 23<sup>rd</sup> @7:00.**

Terry Foren,  
Commodore

## Dredging Report

We have wrapped up dredging for this cycle. We were able to finish most of what was planned, certainly those areas of greatest concern. Much thanks goes to the crews who helped make this project a success. We will start again in fall for another round. I would appreciate hearing from any member who experiences grounding between now and next November. Summer projects will involve maintenance and additional updates on the dredge. The new cutter head has worked very well, though we will be making a few changes. Again this year, a special thanks to the folks who facilitated operations by taking charge of moving boats and docks.

Bob Fellman

## RCYC Education



The one night class “Exploring Electronic Navigation” will be presented Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM. The presenters are Hans Geerling and Tom Stringfield.

The “Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance” class will start on Thursday, April 1st at 7:30 PM. This is normally a five-week class.

Both classes will be held at the Clubhouse.

If you have any questions, call or e-mail

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education  
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## RCYC Tour of Evergreen Air Museum

Jim List (retired Air Force pilot and Museum volunteer) will lead RCYC special tours of the Evergreen Air Museum on March 12 (Friday) and March 14 (Sunday). Tour groups are limited to 30 people. See your e-mail for details. Make reservations with Tom Stringfield by phone: 503/643-4493 or e-mail: [tastringfield@comcast.net](mailto:tastringfield@comcast.net).

## RCYC asking for your help creating our year of fun.

As you know, RCYC has lots of activities planned for 2004--every month of the year! And a newly renovated clubhouse, too!! As this year's Activities Chairperson, I am asking your help in heading up and/or helping with these activities. Please let me know which you would be interested in (see list below). Thank you.

Delphi Godsil, 2004 Co-Chairperson  
503-643-6139 or e-mail: [delphig@earthlink.net](mailto:delphig@earthlink.net)

<b>March</b>	20	-----	St. Patrick's Day Potluck
<b>April</b>	09	-----	Bottom's Up party
	16	-----	Empty Pocket Potluck (sign up)
<b>May</b>	1	-----	Opening Day
	15	-----	Mexican Fiesta
	22	-----	Fun Race and Walk 1 BBQ
<b>June</b>	19	-----	Hawaii/South Pacific Luau (sign up)
	26	-----	Fun Race and Walk 2 BBQ
<b>July</b>	4	-----	Independence Day Land Cruise BBQ
	17	-----	Fun Race & Walk 3 BBQ
	24	-----	Lazy Days Cruise starts
	26	-----	Lazy Days New Member Potluck (Cathlamet)
<b>August</b>	14	-----	Potluck and Pirates Breakfast
	18	-----	Ice Cream Social
	28	-----	Dog Patch Days of August
<b>September</b>	4-6	-----	Beacon Rock Cruise
	11	-----	Fun Race & Walk 4 BBQ
	18	-----	Octoberfest (sign up)
<b>October</b>	2	-----	Closing Day Cruise to East Dock
	15	-----	Old Salts dinner
	30	-----	Heavy hors d'oeuvres Halloween Party
<b>November</b>	13	-----	BBQ and Walk 5 Auction
	20	-----	Spaghetti Dinner (sign up)
<b>December</b>	TBA	-----	Christmas Ship Potluck with White elephant gift exchange
<b>January</b>	1	-----	Soup and Sail
<b>February</b>	5	-----	Commodore's Ball - 2005



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### COMMODORE'S BALL 2004



## RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

### March

- 7 Youth Program Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 17 GENERAL MEETING, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 St. Patrick's Day potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Education – Exploring Electronic Navigation, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

► *Please check the Web site for updated club dates.*

### April

- 1 Education – Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 RCYC/Sextant Tavern Frostbite Race  
*Vessel Safety Checks – all day activity*
- 4 Youth Program Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8 Education – Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Bottoms Up Party
- 10 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.  
*Vessel Safety Checks – all day activity*
- 15 Education – Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Empty Pockets Party, 5:30 p.m.
- 17-18 RCYC/CYC Opening Day Regatta
- 17-18 Spring Cruise – East Dock
- 17 *Vessel Safety Checks – all day activity*
- 21 GENERAL MEETING, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.  
*Vessel Safety Checks – all day activity*
- 26 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Education – Diesel Engine Repair and Maintenance, 7:00 p.m.



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