



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2004

Commodore's Log

Those of you who did not make the April Meeting, you missed the ultimate compliment from the Fire Department's Harbor Master. Dick Royce arranged for Chris Payne, Harbor Master with Portland Fire and Rescue to speak to us about the role of the Harbor Master and the role of the Fire Department in keeping our facilities safe. He was particularly pleased with our state of the art standpipe system. Plastic pipe mounted under water is the way to go. He outlined the Department's plan for regulating construction of floating structures. Electrical problems are the most single cause of fires. Stray electrical currents in the water are another cause of drowning.

With the start of the 2004 boating season, I feel it's time to remind everybody of a few housekeeping things. First, used oil belongs in the used oil recycle area across from the Chapel, that little green building in the West end of the parking lot. It DOES NOT belong in a used milk jug neatly stored along the side of the garbage dumpster. Secondly, Club policy is the gate is NOT to be locked open. If the gate is to be left open for a club function, use the swing gate side. It can be blocked open without any damage to the automatic side of the gate. Please don't forget to close it. We don't want it open for an extended length of time.

I have been told that the Multnomah County Sheriff is patrolling the moorages up and down the river looking for boats without a current license. They are on a revenue enhancement program and are working their way up the river. It is now time to have a current license on your boat as this is also part of our moorage rules.

Have you seen the West end of the parking lot? My thanks goes to Jim Douglass, and his work party crews for the job of cleaning up and getting rid of the mess. The area is cleaned up and looks like a yacht club should look. Neat and tidy. Now the goal is to keep it that way. Thank you, work parties.

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Dredge Crew at the "Bottoms Up" Party

Moorage Matters

Insurance Proof and current Oregon registration stickers are the BIG issues this month. You need to have current stickers to avoid a fine from the Sheriff and comply with Moorage Rules.

As to insurance, I sat in the audience at the April Board meeting and noted that a real deadline to provide proof of insurance is in the offing. Only about 20 boats have not yet provided this information. Since this has been a condition of moorage for at least a decade, I am (reasonably) sure that no one has been deceiving the Club about their status in this regard. Perhaps the last small group of owners just needs a deadline to focus on, to turn in their policy information. Formal warning letters are going out soon, with a final deadline of June 30 to get proof of insurance submitted. After that, it is possible that we will have some empty slips to fill....

Note that we do have a waiting list of newer members who cheerfully meet RCYC moorage qualifications.

Thank You All for rebuilding several slip tops and walk/deck sections in the last several work parties! After replacing most of the surface of a single slip with \$400. worth of wood and a day's labor for three people, it may be apparent why we need to get back on track to replace our remaining (and rotting) wood slips with concrete, on a regular schedule.

If there were an emergency at your boat and the Residents or Port Captain needed to get aboard, have you provided them with a current key with your name and phone number's on it and short instructions on how to start the engine and engage the bilge pump?

Security Reminder: do not lock open the sliding gate for your social functions. Use the swing gate and have a "greeter" there to watch the entry. We are not

unfriendly, but we are private. An open gate compromises security of the parking lot and all the boats and houses.

After seeing 25 to 35 members at EVERY work party this spring, busy repairing and upgrading stuff all over the docks and grounds, I want to reiterate that this is one of the nicest bunch of people I could ever want to include in an "extended family."

In closing, here's a great line from "Wind In The Willows": 'Nice? It's the only thing,' said the Water Rat solemnly. 'Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.'

Loren Beach, Moorage Chairman/Rat

See you on the River.
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



The Maple Bay Yacht Club in Maple Bay, BC, Canada has reinstated our reciprocal moorage.
George Kent
Recip Moorage Chair



Secretary Salutations

Our April General Meeting featured a presentation by the Portland Harbor Master, Chris Paine. Chris spoke to us about fire hazards and complimented us on our new fire standpipe system. He urged us to continue to be vigilant in our safety efforts because he said "realistically, every moorage is going to have a fire some day".

Please join us at the May 19th General Meeting to greet our new members, Tom Weber and Jean Gritter/John Kennickie. In another membership matter, George Kent has requested a change to inactive life membership. We have had two changes in committee chairs with Larry

Wintermeyer taking on the duties of Ships Stores and Jas Adams volunteering to be our new Clubhouse chair.

The main topic in our board meeting continues to be insurance, but now it has shifted from the club's insurance policy to those of individual member boats. Stay tuned for more information. Now that the clubhouse remodel is nearing an end we will be focusing our attention on replacing our shower/shop/storage facility. Ron Moran is heading a committee developing the plan. It will surely be nice to get this project off the ground and back on the water.

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Bob Phillips
RCYC Secretary/Treasurer



R/C Boating on opening day.

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One thing that makes this Club what it is: Is the way everybody pitches in to get the job done. On work party days there have been 20 to 25 people showing up to tackle all sorts of tasks and enjoying a fine lunch.

The next stage of the clean-up is starting. We are in the process of finding a home for the dredge. The goal is to locate the dredge some

place in the moorage and still maximize our income. We are planning to build a float to support the shower, tool room and storage building. Plans were presented to the Board for approval and the committee is soliciting bids for the float. Old unused finger slips are finding new homes, which is helping the looks of the West end of the moorage.

Commodore Terry Foren

Vice's Vagaries

Sail Expo at Jack London Square was a great success. The Rose City contingent to this event grows each year. Where else can you see only sailing oriented equipment and gear, lots of sailboats, and five days of great sailing seminars!! In addition, Mike and I, the following were also spotted cruising the show: Mike and Carol Pick, Loren and Kathy Beach, Fred Whitfield, Ron Karls, Hans Geerling, Bob and Leslie Phillips, Cliff Hunter, Steve Rander, and Marv and Ardy Dunn (inactive members who presently live in Berkely, CA). And, as for any land or sea cruise, the RCYC contingent had its own party at TGIF on Thursday evening! Loren and Kathy Beach even managed a sail on the Bay on a Hunter 45! All of the above would be happy to discuss this event with you. Whether you go by auto, plane or train, a good time will be had by all!

The last work party for the spring is on May 8. If you haven't put in your work hours, now is the time to do it. As of April 21, the Club has logged 3,824 work hours this year. Updated work hour summaries are being provided monthly at each general meeting and left on the front table of the club for final review. Check your work hours. The final report for the first half of the year will be submitted to Joyce and Wes Davis in early June. If you need work hours, now is the time to get them in. Remember, at least 6 of the 12 work hours required from each membership family must be performed during the first half of the

year. Carol Bobo has been doing an excellent job in calling individuals for work parties. Several people indicated to her an "inability" to do their work hours or note plans to do them in the second half of the year. **According to the By-laws (Art. IV, Section 3), any waiver of work hours or plans to perform all work hours in the second half must be approved by the Board.** So far this year, no such requests have been received for Board action. Such requests should be sent in writing or by e-mail to me (mikeox@qwest.net) so the matter can be handled by the Board. The last chance for the Board to act on such requests will be May 24. Otherwise, you will be billed for work hours not performed. As of this writing, 34 members had performed no work hours this half. Another 16 members have only partially met their work hour requirement.

Work hours are important to the Club. Our do-it-yourself philosophy keeps moorage costs and dues low. If we had to pay professionals to do the work accomplished by the membership, our dues and moorage costs would be much higher. As an example, the clubhouse remodel project has 2,034 work hours invested in it to date, and the flooring is yet to be laid. Using a minimum of \$30 an hour for labor costs, the club has saved \$61,020 in labor costs alone. In logging the work hours, some interesting statistics were noted. As of April 21, Loren Beach, Jim Douglass, and Chuck Silver have worked all work parties held this year. The following have worked two out of three of the work parties: Janet Bradley, Ron Billion, Roy Ciappini, Hugh Lovell, Jean Morrison, Karl

Quade and Gareth Tabor. In addition, Life Members have no obligation to perform work hours. However, a total of 321.5 hours of work had been contributed by the following Life Members: Roy Ciappini, Don Farrell, Herman and Patti Fischer, Jim Hackley and Judy Brandon, Dick and Sally Hewitt, George Kent, Jim and Alverna Martin, Carl Nielsen, Jerry and Lou Randall, Stan and Anita Reynolds, Larry Roberts, Vic Smith, Pete Unger, Dave Walker and Roy Whitman. A big thank you to all!!

The Board has approved a revision to the clubhouse request form. The change states that, "Decorations shall not be tacked to the walls or taped to the ceiling tiles or grids." Apparently, there are special hooks that fit over the grids and on the crown molding for hanging decorations. A supply will be obtained for the clubhouse. When the work is completed and things get re-organized, we will advise you where these hooks will be stored. A copy of the clubhouse request form are available at the clubhouse or can be obtained from me via e-mail. If you are planning an informal get together with friends on the deck or at the clubhouse, please check with me. We have a number of private parties scheduled for the clubhouse. A calendar of clubhouse events is posted on the bulletin board each month. In the event I am out of town for several days, a copy of the most recent revision of the calendar is e-mailed to the Resident Members prior to my departure.

Judy Oxborrow
Vice-Commodore



OPENING DAY AWARDS

2ND PLACE FOR PARTICIPATION

2ND PLACE FOR MEETING THE PATRIOTIC THEME

CONGRATULATIONS RCYC PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR EFFORTS!

Youth Sailing Program

The May Youth Sailing Program will be held on Saturday, May 8th. The starting time will be 6:00pm. The place will be announced at a later date. We are trying to set up a swimming pool for basic

water safety and small boat boarding/capsizing.

We will also be picking another day in May to start the work on RCYC's sailing dingy. If you are interested in helping with this or can provide a place for this work, please contact me ASAP. CJ Volesky



Just hanging out at the boat.....

RCYC EDUCATION

The first half of the Diesel engine repair and maintenance is completed as of Thursday 22nd. I will announce the start

date of the second half of the class in approximately 2 months.

Norm Gustafson
RCYC Education

MEXICAN FIESTA

SATURDAY, June 19
5:30 P.M.

Are you ready for some delicious Mexican food and lively Mexican music? Would you enjoy visiting with your friends in an exciting place? Will you satisfy your innermost feelings by hitting that

pinata? Well, then, YOU are ready to come to the Mexican Fiesta!

Your committee will be preparing a wonderful Mexican meal for you. All you have to bring is your favorite beverage. Ice and mixers as well as coffee will be provided.

This is an occasion for which we must charge to pay for the dinner. When

we know how much the cost will be, we'll add this information for your convenience. If you sign up to attend, you will be asked to pay for it to cover expected costs.

Remember to sign up for this party so your committee will know how many to feed!

Get ready for some delicious Mexican food!

Sterilization of Water Tanks

Requires 50 parts per million chlorine ions,

Achieved by adding 100 mills of 5% sodium hypochlorite solution (that is regular laundry bleach) to each 100 liters water. Allow to stand for four hours then drain and flush.

Sterilization of suspect water:

Requires approx 0.3 to 0.4 ppm of residual chlorine. Achieved by adding 1 ml of 5% sodium hypochlorite solution (that is regular laundry bleach) to each 100 liters of water(=26.5 gallons)

If residual chlorine tastes unpleasant, add a small quantity of citric acid or sodium thiosulfate to tank.

WALK ONE BBQ

Saturday, May 22
5:30 PM

Join everyone as the walk one folks host this BBQ with a Greek theme. All walk oners break out their Greek salad, baklava and Gyros!

LAST WORK PARTY OF THE SPRING

MAY 8th

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR HOURS IN!

Call Jim Douglass at 503-777-9030 to sign up..

Ladies Dinner

Mark your **calendar** for May 13th – this is the evening for “CAFÉ BISTRO” - The annual RCYC Ladies Dinner. Aperitifs at 1800 and dinner at 1900. For reservations call Carolyn Douglass, (503) 777-9030 before May 5th. The dinner, prepared by chef Rick Royce and Crew. Chilled Shrimp with Cajun Sauce, Braised Roast Sirloin Medallions in Burgundy Sauce, Confetti Rice Pilaf, Bourbon Street Salad, Asparagus New Orleans, Bayou Buns and dessert, Mississippi Tiramisu. The cost is \$18.00

Gentlemen and ladies – in conjunction with the dinner we will have our famous “Raffle” We would appreciate contributions from our talented members. Please call Carol Pick (360) 887-3188 to inform her of any items you wish to contribute.

Barb Chabala

CRUISE CORNER

We've been noticing a lot of activity around the club and clubhouse this spring. People have been working hard to get the club and clubhouse ready for Opening Day and their boats ready for racing and cruising on the rivers and up north. Some folks are all set, and spend time relaxing on board in the sunshine – imagine that! Try it sometime. The grass-cutting can wait another day, and that remodel job you've planned can be done in the dark or on a rainy day. We have friends, now off long-term cruising, who used to do yard work in the rain so they could spend sunny days on the boat.

The Spring Cruise to the new docks up at Bartlett's Landing (East Dock) was a success and a good shakedown cruise to start us off ahead of the season. Some boats came up Saturday morning after a night on board at the club. A special thank you to Old Salt for carrying up two big tables from the club patio float. The potluck included more of those good beans we had at the Empty Pockets party, plus many tasty contributions from – *Trig, Forever, Sun Star, Nite Cap II, Old Salt, Tamara, and Ursa*.

After the May Day kick-off to the season, and Ladies Cruise to Coon Island, the club will do the annual **Memorial Day Cruise to Hadley's Landing**. The weekend of **May 29-31** will see us tied and side-tied to the dock on the Multnomah Channel. Remember, a short 15 minute hike from a trailhead parking lot on Sauvie Island Drive means you can attend this cruise/potluck on foot if you can't bring your boat. Pick up your wildlife area parking permit at the little store at the island side of the Sauvie Island Bridge. With just one planned potluck, on Sunday afternoon, the weekend will give us plenty of time for walking on Sauvie Island or visiting on the dock. Bring portable chairs and tables, and a sun awning if you're feeling lucky.

Just two weeks later, come back down to the Channel for the **Coon Island East & St. Helens Cruise**, with a side trip to St. Helens on Sunday morning on the way back. Fathers Day weekend **June 12-13** we'll have potluck on Saturday at Coon Island and breakfast out Sunday at St. Helens Café.

In July, do come to the club for the "Land Cruise" and potluck on July 4th. Then get ready for the Lazy Days Cruise down river July 24th – August 1st. How about leaving early for Lazy Days, and hitting Bald Eagle Days & Wooden Boat Fest in Cathlamet WA, the weekend of July 16-18?

~Anne Thompson Cruise chair~

Spring Cruises 2004

May	21-23	Ladies Cruise	Coon Island
May	29-31	Memorial Day Cruise	Hadley's Landing
June	12-13	Coon Island, East (Breakfast at St. Helens Café)	
July	04	Dock Party at RCYC	Potluck & Games
July 24- Aug 1		Lazy Days Cruise	Down River Cruise (Potluck in Cathlamet Monday, July 26 th)
August	14-15	Pirates Cruise & Breakfast, Gov't. Is., East Dock – New members esp. invited	
Sept	04-06	Labor Day Cruise	Beacon Rock
October	02-03	Closing Weekend	Gov't. Is., East Dock
October	23-24	Halloween Cruise	Sand Island – all area boaters, kid-friendly, non-club event
October	30-31	Club Halloween Cruise	Gov't. Is., East Dock (after closing wknd, not on CRYA list)
October	31	Daylight Saving Time Ends	

NOTES:

Check RCYC website for updates & changes: <http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/>

Read about the Oregon Boater Card: <http://www.marinebd.osmb.state.or.us/>

Take the FREE test at: <http://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/oregoncourse.htm>

See RCYC Yearbook, CRYA Cruise Schedule & CRYA website for details on cruise destinations.

Note these changes from the March CRYA meeting –

LYC is moving its 11/6 – 11/7 Sand Island cruise to 11/20 – 11/21 at St. Helens City Dock.



Spring Cruise to the new docks at Bartlett's Landing (East Dock)

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

Please send articles, announcements or any other

Foghorn contributions to both of the Foghorn editors:

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Vickie for placement in the newsletter.

Foghorn images can be sent directly to Vickie.

If you are interested in working on the Foghorn, please contact anyone listed above.

Meetings, Functions and Upcoming Events:

May

- 1 Opening Day
- 8 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. (LAST CHANCE)
- 13 Ladies Dinner
- 19 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Walk 1 Fun Race/BBQ
- 21-23 Ladies Cruise
- 24 Board Meeting, 7:00 p. m.
- 28-31 Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing

June

- 4 RCYC Beer Can Race
- 11-13 Coon Island Cruise
- 16 General Meeting
- 17 RCYC Beer Can Race "Flag Night"
- 18 Luau (pig roast)
- 19 Mexican Fiesta (change from May 15)
- 26 Walk 2 Fun Race/BBQ
- 26-27 RCYC Summer Regatta
- 27 RCYC Board Meeting

BE A STEWARD OF OUR CLUBHOUSE FOR A MONTH --

-- and earn your work hours for the whole year!

RCYC excels at cooperative projects, including the wonderful remodel of the RCYC clubhouse, with its rich oak paneling and cabinets. Plus, we boaters in general are largely self-sufficient, doing much of our boat maintenance ourselves. And what is our clubhouse but our community "ark"?

We will all take pleasure this summer and fall in using our beautifully revamped clubhouse. But to keep it in tip-top shape, we need YOUR help. Email or call me to sign up to be a "steward" of the clubhouse for a month this year (June, July, September and October are currently unspoken for).

The clubhouse duties can be done in 2-3 hours a week on your own schedule. And keeping it up has never been easier: no more worn carpet to vacuum, the floor tiles are spanking new, and the heads have been completely redone. The routine is pretty simple, and you'll be making a real contribution as a clubhouse steward.

Give me a call or send me an email today.

-- Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair, 503-349-0840 (c);

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!!

The club recently spent about 4K for a new engine for the work boat (and I won't say how much time Pete and I have in the rebuilding). We would like to discourage anyone from an unauthorized borrowing. If you are the last to use it, **please make certain that the chain at the boat's moorage is re-locked to the tab provided for the purpose forward left side at the bow.**

Many thanks. Bob Fellman-Dredging Advisor