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Vice Commodore: Judy Oxborrow
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Phillips

July 2004

COMMODORE'S LOG

Congratulations to one and all. At this time I can tell you that there are no uninsured boats in the moorage. Everybody who was a little slow in getting their insurance policies up to date have gotten it done. We are now a 100% insured Club. Don't forget when your policy renews, the moorage rules require you to send a copy of the declaration page to the Vice Commodore.

Mike and Delphi Godsil asked and were reluctantly granted a membership status change from Active to Inactive effective September 1st.

We are on budget for the dredge. The dredge season starts in October and it is reassuring to know that there is money in the kitty for dredging. In prior years it has been sort of hand to mouth. We have spent a lot of money on rebuilding and modernizing the machinery and it looks like it is paying off. Our thanks go to those few farsighted members who envisioned rebuilding the dredge in lieu of replacing it. The rebuild started with a new power plant, converting the controls from mechanical to hydraulic, and numerous safety improvements were added. Our thanks go to everybody in the crew for keeping the costs down, especially Bob Fellman and Pete Unger.

The Long Range Planning Committee reported, "We have money". All kidding aside, what this means is that Walk 5 replacement is back on the table for the foreseeable future. More data needs to be obtained; however, it could be replaced as early as 2006. My concern is whether we want to increase our debt or pay cash. Perhaps

someplace in-between is better. Loren Beach is ordering four more T-Slips for fall delivery, and the shower, storage, and shop float is out for bid.

We can't do much about the bird droppings on the docks, but we can surely do something about our dogs. We can keep them under control, properly leashed and out of the clubhouse.

Gate security is again an issue. Recently the thunder and lightning storms caused a power surge, which fried the electronics for the automatic gate opener. The plan was to leave the swing gate open during the day and closed at night. Unfortunately it did not work that way. Members either left or arrived via the swing gate and did not take the time to relock it. The result was an attempted car break in. Fortunately it was not successful. Please remember to treat our club as your second home.

The major cruise of the year is about to happen, LAZY DAYS is upon us. The Cruise Chairman has prepared a list of proposed stops and activities, starting with the Potluck (what would we do without a potluck) in Cathlamet on Monday, July 26. Remember to

enter the Cathlamet channel up stream of the green buoy and call Jim Mast, Harbor Master, on Channel 16 for a moorage assignment when you get close. The potluck is the place to make plans for the rest of the week, if that is what you want to do.

I was reading the definition of a rough bar in "Oregon Boating Underway". They define a rough bar as any one of the following: wave height of four feet or greater; wave height is greater than the length of the boat divided by 10, plus the freeboard; or the surface current is four knots or greater. I included this information only because some of us may cross the bar on Lazy Days. **Good sailing.**

Terry Foren, Commodore

Welcome NEW Members:

Janice Choy, Joshua, and Tom Weber



CRUISE CORNER

Our Cruise to Coon Island was a good way to ease back onto the boat. The weather wasn't too hot and the Westside dock was peaceful. Two boats were there (Breakers and Sun Star), and by consensus we ate dinner on our own and did the boat visiting in the morning before heading up the channel and back to RCYC. Breakfast at St. Helens Café will have to wait until we're down river again in July.

After the July 4th Land Cruise at the club, some of us will be getting ready for a longer trip, down river for Lazy Days. Another reason to cruise is the Bald Eagle Days festival in Cathlamet, a week before the start of our Lazy Days. Some club boats are heading up north for the summer. We wish them well, and look forward to stories when they get back.

Lazy Days Cruise runs July 24th – August 1st this year. One planned potluck is on Monday, July 26th. Informational flyers with more details will be available at the clubhouse. You can also pick up a copy of the very helpful **Gunk Hole Summary**, or get it via email from Judy Oxborrow or Anne Thompson.

Don't forget the **Pirates Cruise & Breakfast, August 14th – 15th**. Come up to Government Island's nice new East Dock, for a good Potluck on Saturday, and a tremendous breakfast on Sunday, put on by our hard-working Past Commodores. New members are especially welcome and encouraged to attend the weekend's events. Bring along any "pirate" garb and gear you have around the house or on the boat.

CRUISE REMINDERS:

July 24- August 1	Lazy Days Cruise	Down River (Cathlamet Potluck Monday, July 26th)
August 14-15	Pirates Cruise & Breakfast, Gov't. Is., East Dock	– New members esp. invited
September 04-06	Labor Day Cruise	Beacon Rock
October 02-03	Closing Weekend	Gov't. Is., East Dock
October 23-24	Halloween Cruise	Sand Island – kid-friendly, non-club event
October 30-31	Club Halloween Cruise	Gov't. Is., East Dock (after season, not on CRYA list)
October 31	Daylight Saving Time Ends	



MOORAGE MATTERS:

A number of members have notified me that they have sold their boats. Some are holding on to their slip while they make up their mind what to buy next and some have already succumbed to "two foot-itis." It does appear that another boat on the waiting list will get a slip this month.

We still need a 35 or 36 foot boat from Walk 1 to offer to move over to slip 27 on Walk 2; this will allow another member's 38 footer to come into the moorage. Thank you.

Your Board just voted unanimously to purchase four more concrete slips for fall delivery. It is likely that the installation will take place at a special work party sometime in September.

A few of you still do not have current Oregon tags. With increasing sheriff and USCG presence on the river this summer, you need to "get legal" to avoid an expensive ticket.

Clanging halyards: Complaints are increasing -- to the point of threats of duct taping them to the mast. Even if you do not care about the chafing on your own mast, please tie them off to a pulpit or toe rail so that they will not disturb the neighbors and residents.

Security: A member locked the gate open recently, inadvertently allowing a thief to enter and try to break into a member's car. This week some tourists walked in (actually sneaked in) during a gate opening for a member car. They were asked to leave and they did. If you see activity like this, talk to them. If they refuse to leave or get belligerent, call the Sheriff. Our gate and all fenced sections do have new "no trespassing" signs.

Let's all look out for each other. You can even hold hands when crossing the street, if you wish...

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

**CORRECTION
to Board Liaisons
as reported in the
June Foghorn:**

The Clubhouse Chair
is Jas. Adams

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JUNIOR SAILING

Our June meeting was a blast. We met at the Dyer's swimming pool and had fun capsizing boats and floating in life jackets. This month we will have our first lesson on sailing. Watch your email for time and date.



If you are new to RCYC or have never attended our meeting but are interested in joining us, call me and I will fill you in on all the fun we have. See you at the club.

CJ Volesky

LAZY DAYS CRUISE 2004

Down River Cruise
Saturday, JULY 24 - Sunday, AUGUST 1

NOTE: Potluck is Monday, July 26th,
in Cathlamet up at the picnic shelter.

Happy Hour - - - - 1700
Potluck - - - - 1830

Not going this year? Drive down to join us for the potluck.

Get inspired:

Fred's - Hadley's - Rocky Point - McCuddy's - Coon Island - Gilbert River - Sand Island -
St. Helens City Docks - Martin Slough - Kalama - Sandy Island - Goble - Cowlitz River -
Carrolls Channel - Rainier - Walker Island - Fisher Island Slough - Gull Island - Crims Island/Bradbury Slough
- Willow Island - Clatskanie - Cathlamet - Steamboat Slough - Blind Slough/Grizzly
Slough - Warren Slough - Tongue Point - East Basin - West Basin - Warrenton - Ilwaco

**The "Gunk Hole Summary" for summer cruising will be available in July at the club
and via e-mail from Judy Oxborrow or Anne Thompson**

Check clubhouse bulletin board for more information.
Questions? Contact Anne Thompson, Cruise Committee

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NOTES:

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

Get your card this year. Even if you're too old to need a card yet, you need it now to supervise junior skippers you might have on board. Among the many options is to take a course & test at home online.

The BoatU.S. Foundation Oregon Boating Test is back online. It's a good at-home way to brush up on the rules and pass the test. This is the Oregon-Specific 75 question test that is accepted by the Oregon Marine Board. Done through BoatU.S., the course & test are free. The Oregon Boater Card costs \$10.00. Check on it: <http://www.marinebd.osmb.state.or.us/Education/BoatUSLink.html>

Cruise Committee: Anne Thompson, S/V *Sun Star*

Clubhouse Stewards for 2004

The following folks have agreed to serve as Clubhouse Stewards for 2004 in the months indicated. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to maintain our beautifully remodeled clubhouse!

January: John Runyan
(partial duty)
February: (remodel project)
March: Ethan Vanmatre
April: Kevan Kendrick &
Brenda Cloutier
May: Chuck Fisher
June: John Runyan
July: Covert Bailey
August: Anne Campbell
September: Janet & Lee Tapper
October: Jim & Pat List
November: Barb Hutchinson &
Larry Beck
December: Chuck Stuckey &
Katie Pool

Jas. Adams,
2004 Clubhouse Chair

Reciprocal Moorage Update

The following clubs no longer have reciprocal moorage:

Echo Bay YC, Simoon Sound, BC, Canada

St Helens YC, St Helens, OR

The following clubs have reinstated our reciprocal moorage:

Maple Bay YC, Maple Bay, BC, Canada

Nanaimo YC, Nanaimo, BC, Canada

The following clubs have not responded to our mailings and probably will not honor our reciprocal moorage:

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA:

Gibsons YC, Gibsons

Ladysmith YC, Ladysmith

Sidney North Saanich, Sidney

Tsawassen YC, Tsawassen

Kitsilano YC, Vancouver

Eagle Harbor YC, West Vancouver

CALIFORNIA:

The Newport Harbor YC, Balboa

San Diego Naval Sailing Club, Coronado

Half Moon Bay YC, El Granada

Lake Arrowhead YC, Lake Arrowhead

Marina YC, Marina Del Rey

Venice YC, Marina Del Rey

Shark Island YC, Newport Beach

The Peninsula YC, Redwood City

Southwestern YC, San Diego

The Cabrillo Beach YC, San Pedro

Santa Barbara Sailing Club, Santa Barbara

Seal Beach YC, Seal Beach

Oyster Point YC, South San Francisco

HAWAII:

Waikiki YC, Honolulu

OREGON:

Eugene YC, Eugene

Yaquina Bay YC, Newport

WASHINGTON:

Fidalgo YC, Anacortes

Three Point YC, Des Moines

Everett YC, Everett

Milltown Sailing Association, Everett

Port Hadlock YC, Port Hadlock

Poulsbo YC, Poulsbo

Duwamish YC, Seattle

Newport YC, Seattle

Yarrow Bay YC, Seattle

Eagle Harbor YC, Winslow

George Kent, Reciprocals



Secretary Salutations

The promise of warm weather and beautiful seas was too much for the Godsils. Mike & Delphi recently sent the board a letter expressing their intent to become inactive members and pursue their goal of cruising to warmer waters in September. They are unsure of how long they will be away, but I am sure that we will hear of their many adventures. Good luck to the two of you!

Good news on the financial side. We ended our second quarter billing cycle with no past due accounts. Our third quarter billings will be out by the time you receive this newsletter. Remember that this billing will reflect an increase due to the higher payments for club insurance.

We continue to add to our capital improvement fund and our dredge fund is on the positive side. Later this year we should have a report to you on the recommendations of the long range planning committee and further improvements to the club property.

Recently Lyn Easton took a fall, broke his ankle and injured his Achilles' tendon. After spending some time in a wheel chair, his leg is in an immobilizer and we are glad he is now able to get around on crutches. We're all hoping for a speedy recovery.

Bob Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer

Need Propeller Protection?



Contact Pete Unger or Bob Fellman for more information.

MEXICAN FIESTA



Vice's Vagaries

The following information is to answer a number of questions raised by members regarding the handling of the declarations pages they submit to the Board as required by the moorage rules. First, the declarations pages are not being stored at the club or available for "public" information. The pages are currently in a secured file at our residence while records are being set up. Secondly, data (member name, boat, slip number, insurance company, policy number, renewal date, whether the policy includes spill liability, and whether declarations page has been received) is summarized into a spreadsheet for use by the Board. Thirdly, when the renewal copy of the declarations page is received, the old one is shredded. Given this day and age, we shred everything that has any identifying information on it. The information can be submitted by snail mail to either the club or my home address, via fax to 503/652-1549 or scanned and e-mailed to me (mikeox@qwest.net). As renewals become due, members are receiving a letter advising them of the changes in moorage rules and requesting submission of the declarations page.

The books closed on spring work hours on June 15. A final report was sent to Wes Davis for third quarter billings. A total of 12 people will be billed either fully or partially for unperformed work hours. A total of 4,800 hours were worked this spring. Of this, 2,300 were on the clubhouse remodel and 747 were from work parties. A lot of hard work was accomplished by many hands!!

Now that we've worked hard, it's time to think about playing. Are you interested in an Alaskan cruise on a Holland America ship in early June 2005? This is considered the "off season" so rates are lower than at high summer. How about such a cruise at a group rate and where you have no obligation to any "group" activities? We started out putting together a family and friends cruise and it mushroomed. From a nicely discounted rate as repeat customers of Holland America, it looks like we will have enough people to get a better group rate and are willing to extend this offer to RCYC members who would be interested in joining other sailors on this trip. If interested, give Mike or myself a call at 503/652-1549.

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore

All having fun at the Mexican Fiesta



YEAR BOOK ADVERTISEMENTS

Remember to patronize the businesses that advertise in our Year Book, and be sure to let them know you are from RCYC.

Ron Karls, Advertising

Eagle Days In Cathlamet

In the spirit of Normal Rockwell, Cathlamet (and all of Wahkiakum County for that matter) is sharing their small town spirit for all those who wish to enjoy. It starts with Jan and John Dees' picnic lunch featuring a parade in front of their house. Everyone is invited. Sandwiches, soft drinks and salads provided. Bring a chair. The parade starts at noon on Saturday the 17th of July, but come earlier to build your sandwich and just hang out.

We are located at 380 Columbia Street, overlooking the Puget Island Bridge. If you are coming from Longview take a left on to Columbia Street just past the Shell service station around milepost 38. Or from downtown go up the hill past the fire station about three blocks. Park on a side street.

After the parade, the festivities move down to the center of town and feature music (**Mike Oxborrow's band is on at 8 to 10 PM at the marina**), antique cars, a birds of prey exhibit (that's where the Bald Eagle comes in), stuff for kids, a Coast Guard helicopter rescue demonstration, more food (including buffalo burgers) and crafts for sale. In the evening down at the marina there will be more music and a fireworks show almost right over your head. There will be more events at the marina on Sunday, expanding on the traditional wooden boat show and offering kayak rides.

Hope to see you at our house,
Jan and John Dees

Memorial Day Cruise – Hadley’s Landing

The weather held when it counted and 36 boats from RCYC enjoyed much to do about nothing. No major break downs (boring). We celebrated Ron Moran getting older. Good thing he knows a lot about fires because his cake was on fire! He seemed to have a hard time putting all those candles out. The potluck had more food than people to gobble it up (as usual). Kids (of all ages) enjoyed two nights of bon fires. And Jan Dees, a retiring teacher, felt the need to grade papers so she again had multiple choice quizzes that proved to be not all that trivial. There were separate quizzes for real kids, want-a-be kids, and those kids over 60. And prizes for those who either know a lot of worthless information or are really lucky.

*John Dees,
Fill-in Cruise Chair*



Patty Wins a Plate



Laurel's A Winner



'Da Boats At Hadley's



Jan and Her Many Prizes



Ron's Birthday

THE SOAPBOX

'Twas a typical late spring evening at RCYC. I was killing time on the patio float when a member dropped by to deposit some returnable cans in the designated depository. Darn thing was so full, no more could be stuffed in! I remembered at the last general meeting that CJ Volesky noted that the youth members were behind on beverage container returns and could use a hand to move the returnables to the old shower space up in the parking lot. With difficulty, the liner full of cans was extracted, toted to the old shower, and a new liner installed. Several cardboard beer cases had been stuffed into the container, and several more stacked alongside. This required more time and effort to sort out. I decided to also take care of the other two returnable depositories. First thing I discovered is that you cannot lift a trash can liner full of bottles! So, I got another liner and laboriously picked out about half the slimy, sticky bottles into another liner and toted both (a heavy load) to the shower. I also toted the three or four full trash-can liners lined up on the walkway full of cans and bottles. Lastly, I addressed the third trash container – the one with a very distinct label and found GARBAGE! I was not about to sort out whatever minor part of the contents that might have been returnable – the whole thing went into the dumpster. After an hour's work, all three "depositories" were empty and ready for more deposits.

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It is with deep sorrow to report that Fred and Sheila Whitfield were notified on June 25th that their son Tim, while working in Kuwait, had a heart attack and passed away. Tim, 37, was a graduate of Portland State University. He and his wife and their two children have been living in the Cleveland area. Fred and Sheila also have one daughter. Memorial services will be held in the Cleveland area.

We are also sad to report that Theresa Volesky's father passed away on June 26.

Please keep the Whitfield and Volesky families in your thoughts and prayers.

Beulah Cowan

Long time members may remember Louis and Beulah Cowan who had the 31-foot powerboat, "Playmate". Beulah passed away June 7, 2004 at the age of 91. Services were held June 14. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Associates.

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I deliberately waited several days before composing this "soapbox" diatribe because at the time a whole bunch of less-than-kind thoughts were going through my mind about my fellow members. Then I remembered that in the past I, too, have thoughtlessly dropped off my beverage containers even when the depository was overflowing. I remember thinking: "Golly, why doesn't somebody take care of this mess." Somewhere along the way, I realized that "somebody" could be anybody, including me and/or you. The official RCYC mantra: "This is a DO IT YOURSELF yacht club." Even the unpleasant jobs must be done! The moral and, hopefully, point to this diatribe is that since "we" is who does the dirty jobs, maybe a little more thought and consideration would be in order when you dump your cans and bottles (NOT GARBAGE). If the depository is overflowing, don't ignore it; take action.

Mike Oxborrow

Lazy Days Cruise - Lewis and Clark/Corps of Discovery Bicentennial

Want to follow the Corps of Discovery on your Lazy Days Cruise? Many who attended the June meeting expressed their appreciation of the presentation by Pete Field of the Federal Highway Administration. Pete talked about Astoria area events linked to the Lewis and Clark/Corps of Discovery Bicentennial. He referred us to several websites for more information about historic Fort Clatsop, the Explorer Bus, the Lewis and Clark Train, and a Washington Map with notes on the Corps' stops along the river. Here are those web sites:

1. <http://www.nps.gov/focl/index.htm>

The Fort Clatsop web site of the National Park Service has information about this National Memorial, Lewis and Clark facts, and Bicentennial events. A link on the left side of the page takes you to the Explorer shuttle service, which connects the area's communities to the historic sites and events. Another link lists details on the Fort's summer hours. Tickets to the Fort are "timed entry", so you will need to make sure to arrive in plenty of time to make your reservation.

2. <http://www.ridethebus.org>

Even if you don't make it to Fort Clatsop, your \$5 three-day pass provides access to transit throughout Astoria and to neighboring communities of Warrenton, Ilwaco, and even Seaside. Tickets are also good for the trolley, which now runs all the way to the NEW Safeway store near the East Mooring Basin – just in case you need to re-provision while in Astoria. The Explorer link from the NPS site takes you to the transit schedules or you can take the above link to a more comprehensive map and time schedule.

3. <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/communications/Map/LewisClark.htm>

Washington State DOT commemorates the Corps of Discovery on their most recent highway map. From this site you can download just the parts of the map you need or order your own copy. The map is notated with the dates the Corps stopped at various points along the river. The map also includes photos or related quotes from the journals for each stop, and these are duplicated on the web site.

4. www.amtrak.com

If you're not going to Astoria by boat, you may want to get there by train. Amtrak has instituted train service between Portland and Astoria every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, through September 20, 2004. Tickets will be available through Amtrak's web site, above, or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL.

5. http://www.nwsourc.com/travel/scr/tf_story.cfm?st=43541

If you still haven't had your fill of Lewis and Clark, this web site is a link to a comprehensive article about Fort Clatsop, which ran in the Seattle Times.

Marili Reilly

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 20th 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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An Old Fashioned 4th of July Barbeque & Picnic Sunday, July 4th at the RCYC

Please come and Enjoy the FUN!

Activity Schedule

3 pm - Games for kids

4 pm - Program

5 pm - RCYC hosted picnic: Hot dogs, burgers, beer, and chips provided by the club.

6 pm - Racing events

Dusk - Fireworks

RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

July

- 4 Independence Day Land Cruise, 3 PM
- 17 Walk 3 BBQ/Fun Race, 5:30 PM
- 17-18 Bald Eagle Days (Cathlamet)
- 21 GENERAL MEETING, 7:30 PM
- 22 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 23 RCYC Beer Can Race - Flag Night, 6:30 PM
- 24 Lazy Days Cruise - through August 1 or longer
- 26 Lazy Days Potluck at Cathlamet

August

- 14-15 Pirates Cruise, East Dock
- 15 Pirates Breakfast
- 18 Ice Cream Social
- 20 RCYC Beer Can Race - Reggae Night, 6:30 PM.
- 28 Dog Patch Days of August
- 28-29 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 30 RCYC Board Meeting

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

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 that purpose, forward right side at the bow.** Special care needs to be taken at work parties. Don't forget to put the key back. Many thanks.

Bob Fellman, Dredging Advisor