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August 2004

COMMODORE'S LOG

It's Friday morning after the Board meeting, and I am writing this while Barb is packing the food for Lazy Days. We are leaving this afternoon.

Life is good. It is the height of the sailing season and a lot of folks are gone. We will have just returned from Lazy Days when you read this. I hope to be able to tell you about the big one that got away, the reach from Astoria to Martin Island, the Lewis and Clark anniversary celebration and of course breakfast at Dirty Jake's in St. Helens. Whatever happens will be of my own design, which is what Lazy Days is all about.

There will be no formal Club meeting in August. In its place, on the third Wednesday of the month, there will be an Ice Cream Social. Not only will there be ice cream but our resident chef has promised some exciting tidbits to satisfy the palate. If you know anybody who is considering joining and would like to look us over, this would be a good time to invite them.

The water line on Walk 2 split, and thanks to the quick action of several members, the water was turned off and the pipe fixed the next day. Without member involvement, the leak would have allowed many gallons of water to flow into the river. There was no apparent reason for the leak. I hope this was an isolated case and will not happen anyplace else.

We are in the middle of what to do about the shower, storage and tool rooms. Do we build a structure to house them all? Do we split them up and locate them throughout the moorage or parking lot? We feel it best to keep them close to the dredge. This means that the dredge will not be moved. It will stay where it is. A float is being designed to support all three buildings and the dredge. It will be located at the base of Walk 5 where the dredge is currently located.

Barb called; it's time to load the truck and leave.

Terry Foren, Commodore

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Some fun events are planned for August, so mark them on your calendar.

August 14

Potluck and Pirates Breakfast at East Dock

August 18

**Ice Cream Social at RCYC
(no general meeting in August)**

August 28

Dogpatch Days Party

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the Dogpatch Party. Please contact Delphi Godsil or Linda Belshaw if you can help out. Watch for more information on the RCYC website and postings at the Clubhouse, and save those old clothes – you may need them as attire for either Daisy Mae or Lil Abner at Dogpatch Days.

Delphi Godsil, Activities



Wade and Beth's Birthdays celebrated at the 4th of July gathering.



CRUISE CORNER

RCYC boats and their crews are well into enjoying their summer. In July, many members have taken part in activities at the Club – land cruise, walk party, beer can race and the general meeting. On top of all of this activity, some boats

have ventured out to go cruising. Several boats headed north, some cruised or drove to Cathlamet for Bald Eagle Days, and others will do Lazy Days Cruise for a week or even two. As we cruise on through summer, send boating pictures to the Webmaster for posting on the website. Share the good time.

Next up for cruising is the annual **Pirates Cruise and Breakfast, August 14-15 at East Dock on Government Island**. Provision for Saturday evening's potluck, and dig out some pirate's duds. Breakfast on Sunday will be provided by the Club and will be prepared and served by a team of our esteemed past Commodores, led by this year's Rear Commodore. New members are especially welcome to this event. If you have never been to a Pirates Cruise, try to come to this event.

Plan ahead for the Club's cruise up river to **Beacon Rock on Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7**. Some boats get away a couple of days early and go straight up there. Others stop along the way at East Dock for Friday evening. The potluck is on Sunday, September 5. Join the dock party by car if you are not bringing your boat this year. Remember, Beacon Rock is a Washington State Park and they charge for use of the dock, even when you are tied to a boat that is dockside.

More details on the pirates Cruise and the Beacon Rock Cruise will be posted soon on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board and on RCYC'S website.

At Foghorn deadline time, Sun Star was sitting next to Born Free in Astoria's West Basin after a few very warm days coming down river. On one side of us was a big fishing boat, just in after tuna fishing. On the other side was our sister ship, a PYC/SIYC boat. Friends on board took off down the coast, beginning a trip to Mexico and across the Pacific. We bid them a goodbye with a water blaster across their bow. The beautifully restored junk-rigged Flying Dragon followed us up river, leaving Astoria, red sails flying.

Safe times on the water to all, and fair winds and following seas everywhere.

Cruise Committee: Anne Thompson, S/V Sun Star

RCYC EDUCATION

The **Diesel Engine Maintenance** class will resume the latter part of September. Dates and time will be posted in the September Foghorn and announcements will be made at the Club meetings.



Any members desiring a class on a particular subject matter during the 2004 and 2005 winter months, please contact me via e-mail at -- normnjan@sprynet .com, or call me at 503-805-1213.

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education



Do you know who this mystery RCYC member is?

Answer (sort of): See page 4.



What is wrong with this boat?

Answer: It took a short cut over a wingdam at St. Helens. Two days later a crane came to lift them off.

RCYC meets NYYC

Jim and Anne Campbell recently presented a Rose City Yacht Club burgee to the manager of the New York Yacht Club. We were visiting New York and Mystic, Connecticut to attend the 75th anniversary celebration of the Sparkman & Stephens Yacht Design Firm. Jim is the northwest representative for the Sparkman, Stephens Association, for owners of S & S designed boats. Our 37 ft Tartan, "Highlander", was designed by Olin Stephens, who has been the premier America's Cup Yacht Designer for over 70 years,



We visited the offices of the Sparkman & Stephens firm in Manhattan. Mitch Neff, the firm's President, gave us a tour of the office and Jim was introduced to Olin Stephens, who is 95 years old.

From there we walked to the nearby New York Yacht Club to present the RCYC Burgee and a letter from Commodore Terry Foren commemorating the 200th anniversary of the discovery and exploration of the Columbia River by Lewis and Clark, and congratulating NYYC on the occasion of their 150th anniversary as a club. We were then taken on a tour of this impressive facility, including its model room and library. The model room contains hundreds of scale models of America's Cup Yachts, many of which were designed by Sparkman & Stevens.

The next day we took the train from Penn Station to Mystic, Connecticut where the Sparkman & Stephens celebration was held. Many yachts designed by S&S were moored at the Mystic Seaport Museum dock, and were open for inspection. A dinner was held that evening in a large tent at the Museum. The annual general meeting of the S&S Association was held on Sunday, and was presided over by the association president, Rob Snoeks, from Netherlands, and the secretary, Patrick Matthieson, from England. The next annual meeting was set for Finland.

Jim and Anne Campbell



Secretary Salutations

We completed our July business on the 21st and 22nd with back to back RCYC General and Board meetings so that all members had a chance to get off on time for Lazy Days.

A word of caution to all. Being a member of RCYC can be hazardous to your health and it appears that a broken ankle virus has swept the club. Joining Lynn Easton in hobbling around are Barb Dougherty, Vickie Nissen, Roy Ciappini and the non-conformist - Pete Unger who injured his back instead of his ankle. Be careful! It is dangerous out there.

Our July financial statement provided us with some good news. There were no past due accounts! Everyone paid on time. Since the bulletin boards are now installed I will make sure that general and board meeting minutes as well as monthly and quarterly financial reports are posted.

Those who attended the July General meeting had the opportunity to meet two sets of prospective members, Boris & Jessica Dimitrov and Charles & Keola Morely. They met with the Board at the July meeting and submitted their applications for membership. We hope to welcome them into the Club at the September meeting.

Bob Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer

ARTISANS FAIR

Coming Sunday, September 19th

If you would like to participate to show your things or to help please contact the people listed below. We all had a good time last year and we would like to make it a great event again this year.

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Anita Fallon 360-892-1280,
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Vice's Vagaries

My thanks to the members who have been submitting their insurance declarations page as requested and as required by the moorage rules. All members have reported having insurance, and the Board has been working diligently towards securing the declarations page as proof of insurance. The Board intends to maintain current insurance data on all boats within the moorage. The spreadsheet summarizing this data will be used to send postcards to members as their insurance becomes due next year, reminding them to provide a copy of the new declarations page and to update their emergency contact information. A special thank you to Moorage Chair Loren Beach for his cooperation in providing updated information on moorage changes.

There is no charge to members for informal get-togethers at the Club, on the deck, or using the barbecues. However, such informal get-togethers should not occur on a night the Club is booked for a private party. If you want the Club reserved, you should book a private party. Copies of the monthly Club calendar are posted in the clubhouse. Please call me to verify that no last minute changes have been made to the calendar and that the Club is still available for use. I will also note your plans in event other inquiries are received for the same night. The Port Captain and Resident Members are notified of any changes to the calendar and could probably answer your question if I am unavailable. Along this same line, a couple of recent intrusions at the Club have raised the issue of gate security. (In one instance, non-members walked through the gate after a member's car conveniently opened it.) If you are expecting guests at the Club, please make arrangements to meet them at the gate. If you are having a large party, please secure the gate after allowing a reasonable time for your guests to arrive. Our racing crew has our cell phone number so they can call the boat for access upon arrival. You might consider providing your guests with the Club telephone number or your cell phone number for use by late arrivals. The gate should not be left open for the evening.

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore



Don and Donna Eudaly on "Sargasso" heading for Astoria.



Now do you know who this is?

Yup, Don Eudaly with Donna at the Pendleton Roundup a couple years ago.

Bob Green on "Unplugged", leaving Astoria.



BoatU.S.

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Group Program has proven so popular with members that we have renewed our "partnership" for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00 – only \$9.50 a year!

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Membership applications are available in the clubhouse, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your BoatU.S. Membership, be sure to mention RCYC and our Co-op group # GA84669Y to get the special \$9.50 rate.

This is not be construed as an endorsement of BoatU.S. by RCYC or its officers. However, more than twenty RCYC members have taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.

Alan Bergen, BoatU.S. Coordinator



MOORAGE MATTERS:

Thanks to several members who sold their boats and let their slips go, I recently assigned slips to all of the new members on the waiting list. The waiting list will start growing again, as new prospective members are coming to the next board meeting. There are also still members on the Improvement List.

Weed Whacker Needed! NOW. Work Party Chair, Jim Douglass, has agreed that I should solicit some immediate help to cut down the rampant weed and vine growth on the rip rap. It is so tall that the residents can no longer see parts of the parking lot. This just adds to our regular summer security problems. There is a gas-powered weed whacker in the "chapel" (SW corner of parking lot), and you could also bring your own. Start at the top and work your way down. Note that the rip rap is hard to walk on, so wear your work boots.

The sand is going away, one load at a time. You might want to keep the south side of the parking lot open to give the hauler more room to back and turn.

On Walk 5, watch out for popped nails, due to drying out of the boards.

I am still looking for a 35 or 36 footer from Walk 1 to move to a wide slip on Walk 2 where I currently have a 38 footer parked. (I suppose one of the Cascade 36's from Walk 5 could volunteer for this, but many of the slips on Walk 5 are too narrow for the width of the newer hulls.)

Finally, watch your step on docks, both foreign and domestic. I see that another member has, to coin a phrase, 'followed in my footsteps' by injuring his ankle while hopping off a boat. Those plastic "immobilizing casts" are sprouting everywhere... I still have mine, if anyone wants to borrow it. Yeah, right.

As Sgt. Phil Esterhaus used to say on TV: "And, hey - let's be careful out there."

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



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CRUISE REMINDERS:

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	

RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

August

- 14-15 Pirates Cruise, East Dock
- 15 Pirates Breakfast
- 18 Ice Cream Social, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 RCYC Beer Can Race - Reggae Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Dog Patch Days of August
- 28-29 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 30 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September

- 3-6 Labor Day Cruise to Beacon Rock
- 11 Walk 4 BBQ and Fun Race, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Artisans and Crafts Fair, 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 27 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

► Please check the Web site for updated club dates.
www.rosecityyachtclub.org

Octoberfest

This year's **Octoberfest** will be held on **October 2**, not on September 12. Mark your calendars for this fun event, and watch the next issues of the Foghorn and the Club Bulletin Board for more information.

Renate Bittner