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September 2004

COMMODORE'S LOG

It is to be expected, all good things come to an end. Have you ever wondered what happens to the oil left next to the waste oil tank? The Club owes Roy Ciappini a big thank you because for years he has coordinated the disposal of the oil. He empties your containers into the waste tank about once a week or so, making sure only oil is added. When the tank is full, he calls the man to take the oil away. The Club pays for that. Now the process starts all over again. He is now ready to relinquish this responsibility. Here is your chance to earn work hours. Somebody needs to step up and accept this job. Talk to me if you are interested.

The August "wan'-a-bee meeting" (ice cream social) was a success. We went through a tub and half of ice cream and the fresh blackberries with whipped cream made a delicious topping. In addition, two families came to look us over. Who knows what will happen?



Barbara and Terry at Tongue Point, Lazy Days, July 2004.

The Dog Patch Days party shows what a little planning will do. Only twenty people signed up and by party time the number of people planning to come was up to sixty or so. As a result there was plenty to eat, Mike Finch really knows how to do them ribs. Seriously, when you make your intentions known, the committee can plan accordingly and everything goes much smoother with everybody benefiting.

All is not what it seems. We have two issues that need to be addressed. First, the fence is in very good repair and the gate works correctly. However, that did not stop a car thief from stealing the Billions Silver Anniversary Corvette from the parking lot late Sunday night or early Monday morning. The thieves hopped the fence, broke in, disabled the car alarm and drove it away. All the security in the world will not keep the crooks out. One lesson here is not to leave your collector car or any special car overnight in the parking lot.

The next issue is, what to do with the deposit bottles and cans? When nobody volunteered to take over this job last winter, the junior program volunteered to return the cans and bottles and keep the money. They are no longer interested in taking them to the store. We have something like 10 or 11 bags of cans, etc. stored in

various places around the club property. Not Cool. At the last Board Meeting several ideas were touched upon for the proper disposition of these cans. Should we give them to somebody like the Sea Scouts? Should we leave them outside the fence some night and see how many disappear. What should we do? Once that question is answered, what about the future? Possibly the club will no longer be a depository for your empty cans and bottles. Let me have your ideas.

Just because there is a little more dew on the lawn does not mean that summer is over. Yes, some of us have returned from our summer cruising grounds, some fall activities have started, but there is still a lot of time to enjoy our boats. Fall is one of the best times of the year to cruise. It is not yet time to put your boat away for the winter. See you on the water.

Terry Foren, Commodore



~ THE OLD SALTS ~ DINNER IS COMING

**Mark your calendar for
October 15th**

Sign up list will be started at the
September General Meeting &
Posted in the Clubhouse

or Call
Ron Moran @ 503-236-0430



CRUISE CORNER

Most of us are pretty much done with the season's cruising, at least to distant places, by the time we get into September. However, after the Labor Day Cruise to Beacon Rock, the month of September has plenty to offer at the club. The General Meeting on the

15th will be closely followed by Walk 4 BBQ & Fun Race on the 18th. There are two Work Parties, on the 18th and the 25th to help you get in your hours, but very importantly, to just plain help the club and have some fun getting to know other members. And on the 19th, the second annual Artisans and Crafts fair will again showcase the talents of our members.

With all that time at the club, you'll be able to stop at the boat and keep it ready for a few more cruises before calling it quits. Two options are easy ones, short runs up to East Dock at Government Island. On the weekend of October 2-3, boats will be going out to make note of the official end of the season, Closing Day, and we'll gather at East Dock for some dock visiting and a potluck on Saturday afternoon. And at the end of the month, October 30-31, some of us are going to go back up to East Dock with boats from SIYC for a casual Halloween Cruise. The weekend before that, October 23-24, is the big area-wide and kid-friendly Halloween Cruise to Sand Island. You can check what it was like in 2003, here:

<http://www.cdds.com/HalloweenCruise/>. I suggest you turn down your speakers first.

Another off-the-dock event to consider is the annual Sail for the Cure, on Saturday, September 25th. This is organized by the Oregon Women's Sailing Association, and is a fun family event to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Check out their website - [Sailforthecure@creativeabandon.com](http://www.sailforthecure.com) - or contact by phone for more information -- Elizabeth Vineyard, 503-249-2152, evineyard@peoplepc.com and Donna Krebsbach, 360-834-0615, donna_krebsbach@ml.com.

Some boats from RCYC have made the upriver trip to Oregon City and through the locks. The locks are very old, and the route is a long one. For recreational boaters, it's an adventure. For boats that spend time above the locks but need to come down river for business or inspection reasons, the locks are a necessity. Recently, we read that the Willamette Falls Locks will close at midnight on September 30.

You might want to learn more about this. The statements that follow are short excerpts from KATU's website. For the complete story, check here: <http://www.katu.com/news/story.asp?ID=70422>.

August 24, 2004

Money problems plaguing Willamette Falls Locks

Kevin Hays - Salem-News.com exclusive

Oregon City, Ore. - The Army Corps of Engineers announced recently that the Willamette Falls Locks on the Willamette River in Oregon City will close at midnight on September 30. An official with the Army Corps of Engineers, who did not want to be identified, said "we are closing the locks because of lack of federal funding."

Valley Business owners, farmers, and local officials from Oregon City to Albany that use the Willamette are working with Oregon Congresswoman Darlene Hooley to figure out a way to either get federal funds to keep the locks open, or to privatize the locks before the September 30 deadline.

Fair winds and following seas into Fall,

Anne Thompson, S/V Sun Star, Cruise Committee

CRUISE REMINDERS:



- September 11 Sail for the Cure, OWSA event
- October 02-03 Closing Day Cruise, 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

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all of the many, many RCYC members for their support, kind thoughts and prayers, and flowers received due to the recent passing of our son, Tim. He had expressed many times to his friends and family that one of his greatest joys was the time spent sailing on the River as a youngster. We know he'll have "fair winds and following seas" .

*Thanks again,
Fred and Sheila Whitfield.*



CALLING ALL DREDGE OPERATORS

That season is fast approaching – you know the one – dredge operating season!! I have again volunteered to put the schedule together. In an effort to simplify the scheduling process, a questionnaire is being released to all persons who have worked or expressed interest in working with the dredge this winter. If you want to join this dedicated crew, now is your chance. If you are interested in operating or learning to operate the dredge, please contact me by phone at (503)652-1549 or via e-mail at mikeox@qwest.net. Copies of the questionnaire will also be available at the September general meeting. In October (date TBA), Dredge Czars Fred Whitfield and Bob Fellman will hold a meeting with volunteers to discuss dredge operations, dredge procedures, and review the schedule.

Judy Oxborrow

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The RCYC Junior program will meet Sunday, September 12th at 3:00pm at **Vancouver Lake. This will be our first on the water lesson.** Please mark your calendars.

Also, we are in **need of a few sailing dinghies** for this event. If you can help us out with this and can be present during this event, please give me a call ASAP. Thanks.

CJ Volesky

RCYC EDUCATION

The second half of the **Diesel Engine Maintenance** class will begin, Thursday, October 7th at 7:30pm. The first class will be held at the RCYC clubhouse. The class project will be assembling a Yanmar two cylinder diesel with new rebuild parts.

For questions about the class or 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



Vice's Vagaries

By the time you read this, the Beacon Rock cruise will be history, and fall will be looming around the corner. Although as I write this, it looks like fall already as the rain is pouring down.

Fall work parties will be starting soon. Be sure to record your work hours. If you forget to record them at the club, give me a call or send me an e-mail to report hours worked. Beginning with the October general meeting, I will once again be posting a summary of work hours for all members. Check to make sure your hours were properly recorded.

The holiday season is also right around the corner. If you are planning on holding a holiday party at the club, you need to get your requests in now. Prime dates in November and December are going fast.

And, speaking of holidays, a perfect gift for that special someone could be an Alaska cruise in June 2005. Sailing information, costs, and itineraries are now coming out. We are looking at a date in mid-June. If you are looking for a cruise with a group rate and no group responsibilities, talk with Mike or me about Alaska in June 2005.

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore

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.

Louise Redding 503-774-2495,
wereddings@aol.com

Anita Fallon 360-892-1280,
jakbronk@easystreet.com



MOORAGE MATTERS:

The Third Priority waiting list is again empty, and the newest members are now being assigned to slips. A couple of members on the First Priority (upgrade) list have also moved. Updated lists are posted in the clubhouse by the west door.

September marks the start of the fall work party season, and there is much to be done. Do not wait until the last cold and rainy day to get your work hours in. Contact Jim Douglass to let him know when you will be there.

By October the new concrete slips should be in town. If you want to help install them, please let me know. The exact date will be posted as soon as I know when it is. This particular installation will involve moving four existing slips to different locations and replacing the worst of the wood slips on Walk 4. Members affected will be given notice of when and where to move their boats while the work is being done. This "project" will involve assembly of the new slips and steel triangles at the launching place, towing to RCYC, and bolting them in place with the long bolts through the concrete walks. Remember, you can only drive the bolts in with a "soft" rubber dead-blow mallet. No steel-on-steel, ever.

As a result of all this dock work, the tie-ups on portions of Walks 2 and 4 will be much improved.

I sat in on the review of the proposed changes to the Moorage Rules. Look for a presentation from the Board soon. I saw nothing radical; just codifying some changes that are already in effect, such as proving insurance coverage. I noted that dogs must now have snubbers and all boats are to be leashed (or was it the other way around?).

Safety: I observed a member hoisting a person up with the "mast puller" on Walk 5 to do some masthead repairs. While it is true that the club has a "blanket insurance policy," in my mind this is nonetheless Dangerous and Foolish. You are depending on equipment that was never intended to support a person, and sometimes only marginally supports a mast. Note that it was only at a recent work party that the main winch was actually bolted down to the dock properly, or so we cheerfully assume.

In July, a member narrowly avoided an incapacitating injury when falling on a slick place on a wooden slip. The concrete ones are much more "non skid," but please be careful on all the docks. The buns you save may be your own.

There was a recent incident involving a skiff with some guys motoring in and casing our moorage -- they used a whole bunch of curse words when asked why they were there, and fled when a member called the Sheriff. Keep your eyes open when on the docks and keep the gate shut in the parking lot. The local number for the River Patrol is on the fridge door in the clubhouse.

Regards,

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



Entertainment Books

I will again be selling ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS, for \$30 each, for the Lake Grove Lions Club. If you would like to purchase one, please call me at 503-636-7224.

George Kent

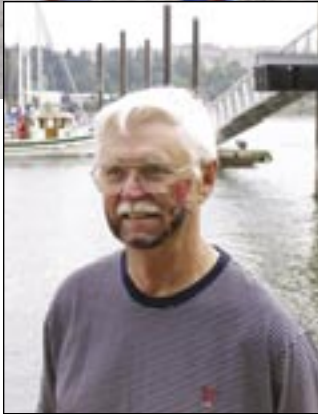
Pirates Cruise at East Dock



Pirates Cruise and Breakfast at East Dock



John Tishenor



Terry Foren, Commodore



Norm and Jan Gustafson



Pirate Lairds



Janice Choy and Tom Weber



Larry Corderman, Rear Commodore

**WALK 4 BBQ,
September 18th**

Hope you can come to the Walk 4 BBQ, coming up on September 18. Bring your meat of choice to barbeque yourself along with your favorite drink. Your Walk 4 committee will provide the rest of the meal.

**Come have a good time.
See you there.**

Walk 4 people: This is your party to throw. Get together and make your plans now, put up posters and get the food lined up, etc. If you have any questions, call Linda Belshaw who will be glad to help you. It's up to you to make your plans and follow through.

Linda Belshaw, Activities

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 2

Come join the fun for the annual Oktoberfest, starting around 1700 hours. Dinner will be served at 1800 hours. The menu will include three different kinds of sausages, German potato salad, sauerkraut, rolls, chocolate cake, beer and wine. Cost of the dinner will be \$12 to \$15, depending on entertainment.

Please make reservations soon so we know how much food to order.

There is a sign up sheet at the Club, or contact the Bittners at: ossloki@earthlink.net or call us, 503-246-0338.

The Bittners

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Pirates at Sunset, see you next year!



RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

September

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

October

- 2 Octoberfest
- 2 CRYA Closing Day Cruise - East Dock
- 9 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Old Salts Dinner
- 20 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Halloween Party

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



Pirates!