

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB

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Vice Commodore: Judy Oxborrow
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Phillips

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Commodore's Log

I am very sad to advise that on Saturday, September 18th we lost Dave Walker. He died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 70. He had been a member since 1983, active on the dredge crew and an accomplished sailor. We will all miss him.

I know the year is winding down when I am asking for anyone interested in becoming an officer or director for next year to notify the nominating committee. As expected, the chairman of the committee will be Larry Corderman. The committee members are Dick Hewitt, Paul Glynn and Chuck Fisher. We will have their report at the next General meeting.

Along these same lines, it is time to select next year's Daughter of Neptune. Does your daughter or granddaughter wish to be considered for this prestigious honor? For details on what is expected, call Valerie Holzmann or Dorothy Glynn. Some of the activities in which they participate include: sitting in review of the parade of boats on Opening Day, participating in the Starlight Parade, and possibly the trip up the river on the navy ships.

This year we are the host club for CRYA, which gives us more responsibility. The first activity on the 2005 agenda is the 2004 awards banquet. The banquet will be held at PYC on December 4th, 2004. RCYC is responsible for the dinner, and announcements have been posted throughout the boating community. I strongly urge each and every one to consider attending this event - the more the merrier. It is also a good way to start the Christmas season.

Walk 5: The topic of the month at the Board meeting was Walk 5 and the related utility floats. The result of the discussion, which included suggestions from the members, is that more study is needed before any action is taken. We have some preliminary costs in hand, as follows:

The estimated cost of the dredge float is \$34,000 without any buildings, which includes the following:

Part 1 - \$18,000 for a float for the shower, shop and storage (without a deck)

Part 2 - \$15,000 for a float to house the dredge attached to the Part 1 float (without a deck)

Part 3 - \$7,000 for a concrete deck (for the ultimate in fire protection)

The cost of building the shower, shop and storage is unknown, as it will depend on how grand we want them to be.



Next is a cement dock to replace Walk 5. The base cost is estimated at \$87,000. Just like a car, extras are needed to make it operational, such as permits, electricity and new pilings for a start. These extra costs are yet to be determined. A more powerful concern was brought up, which also needs more study. Is it better to hang a first class utility float off a wood walk or to replace the walk before installing the utility float? In addition, hanging over all of this is how do we pay for it? The options here are many. A committee is being formed to listen to your ideas in a special meeting on November 3rd at 7:30 pm in the RCYC Clubhouse. At that time it is hoped that a consensus can be reached that can be approved by the membership.

Clubhouse: We have a very nice Clubhouse. We have spent a lot of time and money in remodeling it the way we want it, and we are not finished yet. In the past we had made it

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Moorage Matters

The good news is that as we go to press, the first part of the 2004 finger dock upgrade for Walks 2 and 4 is done. Within a few days we should have the four new 38 footers installed on Walk 2. Both of the September work parties have been well attended and productive. Thank you!

As to slip assignments, a slip has opened up and I am filling it from the waiting list right now. With a bit of luck and timing, an incoming new member will have a slip to occupy right away.

Used Wooden and Fiberglass Finger Docks: We have several to get rid of! Please help to get the word out around the River. They have to be out of our moorage right away, as they are now blocking the access to the dredge dock. "Free" is a very good price.

Security Concerns: A hole was recently cut through the west end fence. The "bad guys" are always around. The

club electrician is progressing toward getting the second light pole working again. We members need to be alert to strangers coming into the parking lot as well as those arriving by water. When we lock up our own vehicle and take off for a night on the boat, we should take the vehicle registration info and our garage door opener with us. They may still steal the car, but they will not get any other ID info or access to our house. Urban living does have its little complications!

Bolt Trivia for Concrete Finger Docks: Each steel triangle bolt must have a large flat washer on the open-water side. Where the triangles are attached, under the steel frame next to the walk, there must be a lock washer at the minimum, and preferably a smaller flat washer under the lock washer. There must always be a couple of threads showing past the end of the galvanized nut (on BOTH ends). What with movement from wakes, the finger attachments need to be looked at every year. The fill piece under your dock box must be easy to remove for

inspecting this vital attachment. Note that all the force from the end of the finger, 30 to 38 feet out there, is transferred through these bolts. The engineering from Bellingham Marine is superb, but it continues to function only if kept maintained and tight. *Registrations:* Only a very few boats do not have current Oregon stickers. If this describes you, please "get legal" right away. Note that documented vessels have a specific place for the Oregon stickers, which is on either side of the stern within a 12-inch square area.

See you on the docks,
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



A "Catch" by Ben Volesky

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Halloween Party 🦇

Saturday October 30, 2004 🦇

Cocktails at 5:00 PM 🦇

Potluck at 6:00 PM 🦇

Costumes are encouraged 🦇

Mixer & Soda Provided 🦇

BYOB 🦇

Check web site for further information

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a policy to rent the Clubhouse out to members and worthy organizations for a nominal sum. Over the years the availability of our facility has become popular to nonmembers, and we are finding that its availability for member use is being restricted. The amount of rent received, for the most part, is not significant but it does cover the costs. A more important concern, rather than just raising the rent to reduce the use and improving the availability to members, is the possibility of restricting the time of year the club house is available for non-RCYC activities. I'm told that many years ago we had a practice of not renting the Clubhouse during the sailing season - Opening Day to Closing Day. Do we want to go back to that or is there a better way to make the Clubhouse available to the members? Let me or Judy know what you think.

New Members: There are two more families to get to know. Lets all keep a heads up for our new members Boris and Jessica Dimitrov and Charles and Keola Morley. Be sure to welcome them when you see them.

Terry Foren, Commodore

Vice's Vagaries

Updated work hour summaries will be available at the October general meeting. Check your work hour postings to assure accuracy.

Clubhouse Reminders:

(1) When you reserve the clubhouse, you must complete the clubhouse reservation form and submit it with payment in a timely (as noted below) manner. A reservation is not considered as

confirmed until the form is received with payment in full. I allow two weeks for the form to be completed and returned. If the form is not received within that time frame, I do a follow-up to make sure the date is still wanted and to get the form. If the form is not received within 30 days, the date will be released if another party requests it.
 (2) You are responsible for cleaning of the clubhouse, including taking the garbage to the dumpster in the parking lot. Failure to do so will

result in a \$75 fine.
 (3) Do not use tape or tacks for decorations for your party. Hangers to use over the ceiling grids and from the oak trim molding can be found in the drawer to the immediate right of the ships stores display cabinet.

Judy Oxborrow, Vice Commodore



Time for relaxation



A little work.....

US Sailing Association Meeting Comes to Portland

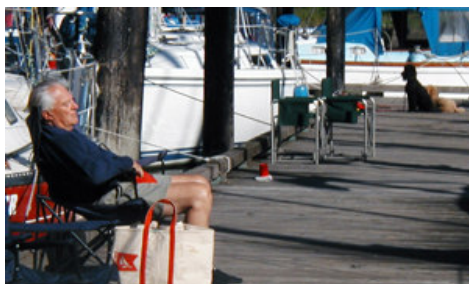
The US Sailing's Annual General meeting will be held in Portland this year at the Benson Hotel October 20-24, 2004. If you are interested, you can obtain more information on their website at: <http://www.ussailing.org/EVENTS/meet04fall/index.htm>



A little food.....



A little fishing.....



A little rest.....

Clubhouse Stewards Sought For 2005

It's not too early to sign up to be a clubhouse steward for the month of your choice during 2005. You can satisfy your work hour requirement for the year by signing up for any one of the months in 2005. (Of course, then you also have to actually perform the clubhouse duties that month!)

Clubhouse duty can be done on your own schedule at your convenience. If interested, contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair, Jas. Adams, at: 503-349-0840 (c) or jadams@teleport.com.

Many thanks to the Clubhouse Stewards for 2004: John Runyan, Ethan & Natasha Vanmatre, Kevan Kendrick & Brenda Cloutier, Chuck Fisher & Karen Jacobsen, Covert Bailey & Lea, Anne & Jim Campbell, Janet & Lee Tapper, Jim & Pat List, Barb Hutchinson & Larry Beck, and Chuck Stuckey & Katie Pool.

Youth Sailing Program

RCYC Youth Sailing

The end of the summer has come and the youth want to party! Watch the e-mail for an announcement and the date.

On another note, Wade Cornwell has graciously purchased a sailing dingy and donated it to the RCYC youth program. Next time you see Wade make sure you thank him for helping

RCYC get our youth sailing program off the ground.

Also, I am in need of any pictures you may have of RCYC youth this past year. We are trying to put together a slideshow for an upcoming meeting. Please get them to me if you have any. Digital or paper are fine.
CJ Volesky, Youth Sailing
(503) 668-9153

Update on TRIG's Progress

September 16: Quick update on TRIG and crew. The boat with crew of three left Astoria on 9/12. Evidently made good time, as today, 9/16, they were passing San Francisco and the Farallon Islands headed for Monterey, where they plan to put in and off-load Chuck Fisher. Chuck has to be back to work on 9/20. I will be flying down to Monterey to join the cruise for the remainder of the trip to San Diego. Boat and crew have been performing well. It paid off to haul out and re-pitch the prop before leaving Portland, as they've been moving along at 7 knots - something TRIG only used to do in a gale!!!

We'll send updates as we can.

September 22: Mike Godsil aboard TRIG, with a crew of one, arrived in San Diego on 9/22, 10:30 a.m. after a very speedy trip from Monterey (9/19). Reported having 35 knot winds rounding Point Conception. Boat performed well, every-thing is OK.

Delphi Godsil
S/V Trig
RCYC

Reciprocals Update

We have received a new reciprocal from Pleasant Harbor Yacht Club located at Brinnon, WA on Hood's Canal.

We have been reinstated by the Three Points Yacht Club in Des Moines, WA and by Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club in Sidney, British Columbia.



The top of the Waterfalls



Tom Stringfield and Vickie Nissen

RCYC Education

The Diesel Engine Maintenance class will continue, starting Thursday, October 7 at 7:30pm. The class will initially be held at the RCYC Clubhouse.

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education



The Kayakers at the starting gate.



Exiting Neah Bay in the fog. Glad we had our radar!

Cruise Corner

By press time for this month's issue, most of the club boats will be planning their last cruises of the season. Some of us will have done a few – or more than a few – cruises, and “Let's get up to East Dock one more time!” end-of-season runs are on some boats' agendas.

CRYA St. Helens/Sand Island Halloween Cruise, October 22nd – 24th. All Boaters are welcome to join in on the fun for the annual Halloween Cruise. From the minutes of the September 21st meeting of CRYA – by Janet Huck, Secretary: “Jon Bake announced that the Halloween Cruise is on schedule. St. Helens will have Saturday Lunch. Jon would like the clubs to do booths for the Spook Walk. There will be no boat docking help after 2 PM on Saturday, as this is when the activities start. The cruise is open to all boaters. It is a family event. There will be prizes for all children, a costume contest, pumpkin carving, boat decorations and trick or treat for the kids. This the 8th year the cruise has been held on Sand Island. The Spook Cruise started sometime before 1980 and is a tradition worth continuing. There will be no shuttle service. The permit and insurance problems of last year have been taken care of. Boat docking requests should be made on Channel 72.” To learn more about this event, go to the Columbia River Yachting Association's website: <http://www.cdds.com/CRYA/homeindex.htm>, click on “Boating Links”, and then on “St. Helens Halloween Cruise” for more information.

This is not a club cruise, but is open to all area boats, both club and non-club, and is a fun one to do with the kids. Please note from the CRYA meeting minutes that there is “no shuttle service” meaning that they're will be no organized rides from the mainland side to Sand Island. You'll have to get there early to get dock space at Sand Island, or plan to use your own dinghy to ferry drive-in guests and to cross the channel from the City Docks or the Marina. Sun Star has never done this cruise, but we always hear great stories of the fun times others have had there. We've been told it's very crowded, but well organized.

Closing Day Cruise October 2nd – 3rd doesn't have to be your last time away from the dock. Our club **Halloween Cruise October 30th – 31st** to East Dock is an option. It didn't get on the CRYA schedule, being after Closing Weekend, and do note it happens on the same day as the Halloween Party at the club. To keep things simple this year and so we won't need to decide ahead of time, sign up or count boats, we'll go with the plan to have each RCYC boat carry their own provisions for the joint gathering with SIYC (those cruising boats that go out all winter with heaters).

The drill is this: On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 30th, the large pots will come out for hot-dogs, hot cider and mulled wine, and chili. If you decide to go up river, stow dogs and buns and fixings, bring a can of chili to add to the pot, and take along some cider and wine to add to the mix. All these are good wintertime things to have around the house or on the boat anyway. This is not a potluck dinner; there is no need to pack food-to-impress. Just take dogs, etc., something



The McClards' "Great Shearwater" at Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Victoria, B.C.

LIVING WITH WILD WATERFOWL

Urban populations of Canada geese and ducks are an increasing problem for marinas everywhere, and RCYC is no exception. As a bulletin of the Berryman Institute and the International Association of Wildlife Agencies has pointed out, “Large flocks leave behind a large amount of fecal material, especially if the geese routinely use the same sites.” *Managing Problems Caused by Urban Canada Geese* (1997). This material not only contaminates the water (one bird dropping can contaminate 10,000 gallons of water) but is tracked into boats. The City of Vancouver recently warned that “Duck droppings contain bacteria that can be harmful to your health.” <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/vandis/CityFlyer2004/july-aug.shtm>.

It’s thus a good practice for us to hose off regularly the duck and goose droppings on RCYC docks. But the single most important step to discourage geese and ducks from frequenting a site is not to feed them. As the Berryman bulletin notes, “Elimination of food handouts for urban geese is essential if geese are to be dissuaded from using a site. If people continue to feed geese on the property, the geese will be difficult to remove.” Feeding waterfowl can cause them not to migrate. The Audubon Society of Portland agrees about *not* feeding waterfowl:

“Feeding waterfowl can create many problems for the birds as well as for the environment. This practice is discouraged by Audubon Society of Portland. The notion that waterfowl cannot survive without human intervention is false. Ducks and geese have survived for thousands of years without handouts. Waterfowl habituated to human handouts are more likely to take up residence and less likely to be successfully driven away from locations such as golf courses where they may not be welcomed by the human occupants.”

<http://www.audubonportland.org/living/prevent/feeding.php>.

Further, feeding waterfowl is not good for the birds. The Audubon Society of Portland lists several reasons not to feed waterfowl, which can quickly lead to overpopulation problems, severe habitat degradation, loss of natural fear of humans, dietary and nutritional problems for the birds, and diseases among waterfowl populations.



The moral of the story: don’t feed ducks and geese!

-- Jas. Adams



Alan rushing to be first in line at the Beacon Rock Potluck!



Leslie, Bob, Lynn, and Tom



Lucy Mitchum in their dingy.



Andy and Leslie in the morning..



Leslie and CJ at Beacon Rock

Beacon Rock Cruise



Hans taking time out to cuddle.



Chuck & Karen

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***Welcome our new member when you see them-
Boris Dimitrov (L) and Charles Morley***

Meetings, Functions and Upcoming Events:

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

November

- 6 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Walk 5 BBQ and Auction, 5:30 p.m.
- 17 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Spaghetti Feed, 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

- *Please check the web site for updated club dates.
www.rosecityyachtclub.org*

-THE OLD SALTS DINNER-

Friday, October 15
Sign up in the clubhouse

Or contact Ron Moran @ 503-236-0430