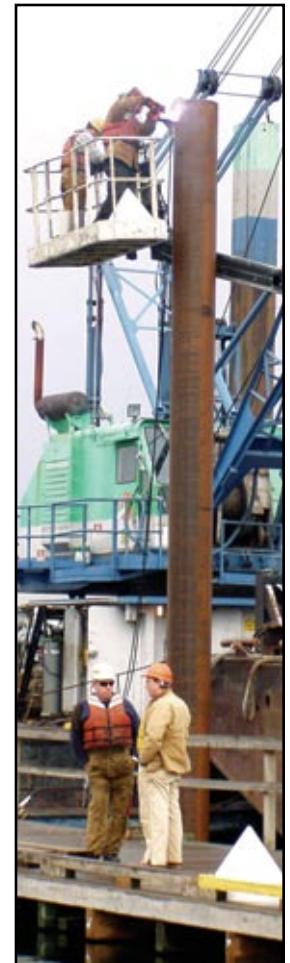


COMMODORE'S LOG

February was a busy month for projects and social events. The main project has been the replacement of the breakwater piling. The last piling was driven for the breakwater at approximately 10:30 a.m. on February 14. It was a great Valentine's Day present. I can now stop having nightmares about a failure of the breakwater piling on my watch. This was money well spent!! Elsewhere in the Foghorn there should be some pictures of the pilings that were removed. Parts above the waterline were rotted through. Parts below the waterline were worn down to a 6-inch diameter and one broke off while being hauled out. RCYC was extremely blessed in that we did not suffer a catastrophic piling failure on the breakwater. Steve Pape will be working on finishing the project over the next 2-3 weeks. The Board approved the expenditure of an additional \$3,200 to marry the 40 foot segment to one of the 200 foot segments. This will help stabilize the breakwater and make the end slip much more rentable. With the new piling aligned in a straight row, we were also able to remove the jog from the breakwater. Our line of credit has been approved by Key Bank, and by the time you read this, the official signing of papers should be accomplished. Although there were a number of individuals involved in the project, two individuals stand out by their efforts on behalf of the club. Members like Steve Barrett as Project Administrator and Tom Stringfield as on-site representative during the project. At the general meeting this month, I read a letter from Steve Barrett to the membership. It sheds light on some of the details of this project and Tom's work on behalf of the club. That letter is also published elsewhere in the Foghorn.

Social events have also kept us busy. The Commodore's Ball was fantastic! Larry Corderman and his committee did a wonderful job putting everything together for this event. This event was followed by the Bottoms Up Potluck. Once again, Bob Phillips and crew put together a fun event.



The year is off to a great start! Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day Potluck on March 12. The new refrigerator has been installed. The extra storage appears a hit with members! The tray rack will be installed as soon as Bob Phillips and Larry Corderman do their fine carpentry work.

We now have 100% compliance with the insurance requirements for boats in the moorage. During the year, postcards will be sent to members near the anniversary of their insurance renewals to remind them to update their insurance documentation. Those insurance records are being maintained in a secure file at the Commodore's residence and are not routinely available in the clubhouse. Also, as records are updated or removed from the file, they are shredded in a crosscut shredder to avoid any possibility of identity left.

A reminder to all members - If you park a boat and/or trailer in the club parking lot, **please contact both the Resident Members and Moorage Chair prior to doing so.** Club policy is to NOT allow the storage of boats and/or trailers. However, parking of boats and/or trailers for a few days has

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MOORAGE MATTERS:

The Moorage Lists have been re-formatted in a spreadsheet format and posted on the moorage cork board, west end hallway of the clubhouse. Positions of finger slips are now shown, along with member last name and boat name. Please let me know of any corrections.

A mild winter has so far kept the river clear and the levels low. Temperatures have been higher than normal, and raised our hopes for turning on the water to all the walks during the first work party. If you know of any docks needing repair, let me know right away.

I have been asked to mention that under-sized and non-conforming electrical cords need to be replaced right away, since this relates to fire safety in the moorage. Good news on the insurance front: in February every boat in our moorage was reported to be in compliance.

Oregon registration stickers: Please get them properly displayed this month. Note that the previous sticker needs to first be removed, glue residue and all. Otherwise the new sticker will slowly lift off.

I am still hoping for at least three new members with small boats that can use those inexpensive spaces on the east end of the clubhouse. I also have one opening for a boat, 32 to 36 feet, on walk two. Go ye forth and recruit.

The North Breakwater project is over half done, but you should continue to stay off of it for now. Many surface boards are removed for stringer work -- this is no place for a casual stroll.

Security is back in the news. Recently, one of the resident's vehicles was broken into in our parking lot, at night. Our fence was not breached, but remember that any determined

person can climb over it. Do NOT leave anything visible inside your vehicle. When you are out on your boat for a night or a week, take your vehicle ID (registration/ins. papers) and garage door transmitter with you.

Dinghies and Dock Boxes: If you moor on walks two through five, put a small name plate of some sort on the spot where you keep your dinghy. If you moor on walk one, your dinghy goes in front of your boat against the wall. If you have gear to store off of your boat, please put it inside your dock box. If the Board commands me to remove all loose "things and stuff" to the dumpster, I must do so... Pieces of warped wood, historic dodger frames, crab pot floats, questionable LPG tanks, etc. all need to go inside your dock box or in your boat or in your garage, or... in the dumpster. Thank You.

*Spring Greetings to you all,
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

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been allowed. Unfortunately, too often boats and/or trailers "appear" to take up residence without any prior notification. Officers, Board members, Resident Members and Moorage Chair have wasted considerable time trying to track down the owner. Even though we may allow short term parking of boats and/or trailers, we need to know who the owner is, when it will arrive and when it will be leaving. What would you do if someone parked on your property without your knowledge and/or permission?

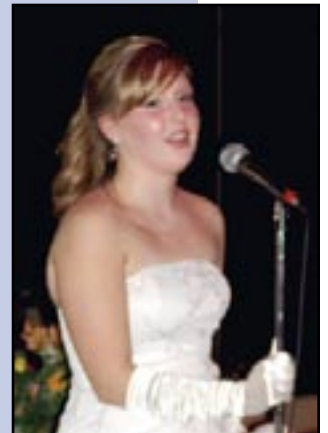
The next big items on our list are preparing for Opening Day and the Ladies Dinner. Four of the five spring work parties are scheduled prior to Opening Day. A good turnout for the spring work parties will assure that our club is ready for the festivities. The Ladies Dinner is planned for May 19 with our resident Chef Rick Royce handling food preparation. The theme will be "South of the Border." If you are available to help in the planning of this event, please give Mike Oxborrow, a call. The first planning meeting will probably be held early in March.

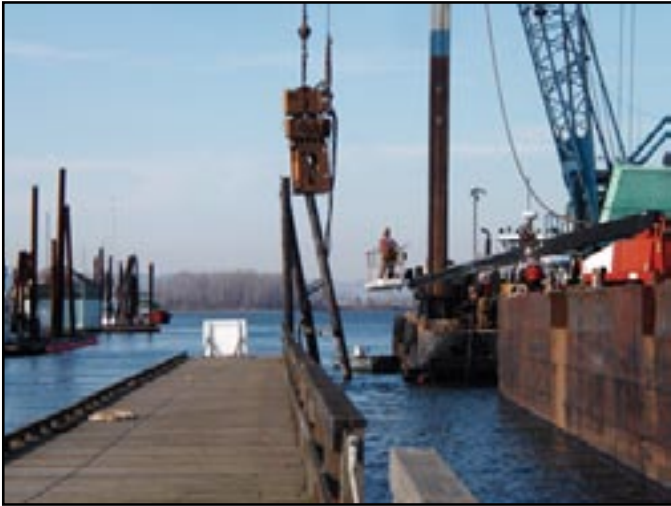
Judy Oxborrow, Commodore



Commodore's Ball

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An Open Letter to the Members of Rose City Yacht Club

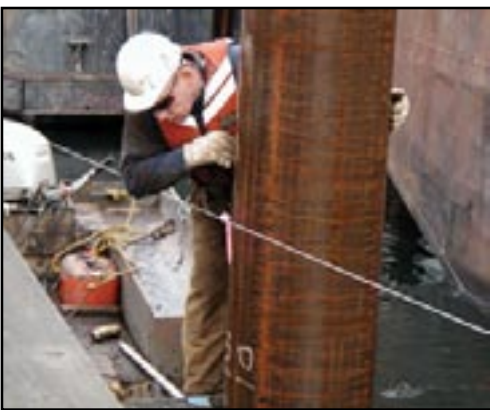
from Steve Barrett

Rose City Yacht Club members pride themselves, justifiably, as being a do-it-yourself organization. It says so right in our oath of membership. To make that work, there are times when members that have special and unique talents step forward to carry more than their fair share of the work for projects that are of vital importance to the safety and continuation of the functionality of the Club. That has happened again with the Breakwater Piling Replacement Project. There was a group of folks that made this Project go: Judy Oxborough, our Commodore; Terry Foren, our Rear Commodore;

John Kneeland to do the legal stuff; Randy Webster, Karen Jacobson and the Long Range Planning Committee to do the money part; myself to do the Project Management part and others who did several miscellaneous pieces to get the whole thing to work. I may have left someone out from this list and if so, my apologies. But the point here is that there was one person who did more, much more to actually get this thing built the right way and that was Tom Stringfield.



Tom offered to help me out, and not being a complete fool, I took him up on it. To give you an idea of what he did, here is a partial list: He helped with the contract language, reviewing what John provided. He volunteered to come down on a Sunday to help me lay out the piling positions. During that visit, I suggested that we consider straightening out the alignment of the breakwater, eliminating the jog in the first 40 feet. That meant we would need to figure out a way to accurately spot the piling at varying distances from the existing dock. He devised a method of locating the piling using a wire cable, cable clamps and a pulley and weight system to keep it tensioned. He attended the meeting with Hickey Marine where we talked about schedules and how to construct the project. He welded up the lighting brackets and spent some more weekend time assembling lighting fixtures. He worked with Steve Pape to design the new piling attachments and helped Steve move material around. He knows the personnel at Hickey Marine (our piling contractor) and has enough construction knowledge that the crew doing the work were more than willing to work with him to produce the results we wanted. Thanks to Tom's preparation for Hickey's arrival, they didn't have to waste any time and did a few "extras" for us. Thanks to Tom's set up for them and his willingness to work hard and long with them (6 AM to 5PM on a Friday), Hickey wound up driving all the piling in just two days and have them placed within one inch of alignment and center. Although Tom has already spent a bunch of hours on this Project, he isn't done yet. He plans on wiring the lights and continuing to check in with Steve Pape as he constructs the pile attachments.



The point here is that Tom deserves heartfelt thanks from all of us at the Club for the tremendous effort he made to get this project done and done right. When you see him on the docks, cruising or wherever, please be sure to stop and let him know that we are aware of how much effort he made and that we all really appreciate it.

BoatUS Membership

Did you know that Rose City Yacht Club is a cooperating group member of BoatUS? 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 BoatUS dues of \$19.00 – only \$9.50 a year! If you are already a BoatUS member, you can renew your membership at the low \$9.50 rate. For information about BoatUS benefits, check out their web site: www.BoatUS.com.

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

This is not to be construed as an endorsement of BoatUS by RCYC or its officers; however, twenty-five RCYC members have already taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator
Email: tryalan@alumni.usc.edu, Phone: 503-636-0151

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

This year we need many boats checked under the VSC Program.

Checks on All Saturdays in APRIL by USCG Auxiliaries

Sign Up in the Club House for best Saturday and Time.

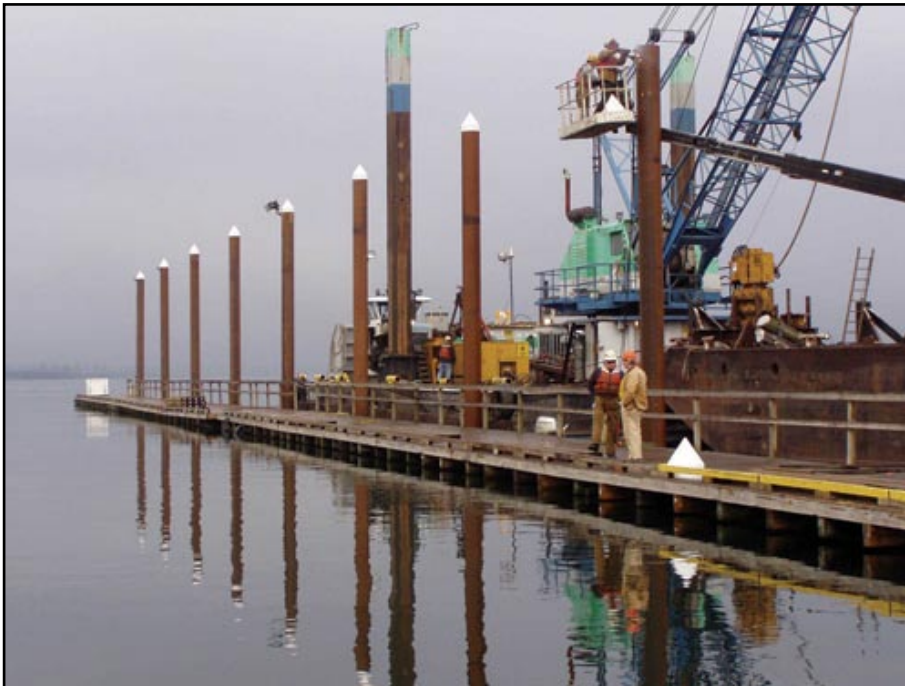
A workshop will be held on March 17 to explain requirements. See also education by Norm.

ITEMS FOR ISSUING VSC DECAL:

- Display of Numbers
- Registration/Documentation Papers
- Personal Flotation (PFD)
- Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire Flame Control (Gas Engines)
- Sound Producing Devices/Bell
- Navigation Lights
- Pollution Placard
- MARPOL, Trash Placard
- Marine Sanitation Devices
- Navigation Rules (Larger 40ft)
- State and Local Requirements
- Overall Vessel Condition: as applies
 - Deck Free of Hazards, Clean Bilge
 - Electrical – Fuel Systems
 - Galley – Heating Systems

For more info:

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RCYC Junior Sailing

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming summer season. In anticipation, come and party with us

on Sunday, March 13th at 1:00pm at RCYC. We'll look back at last year, look forward to this year, and watch a short video. Bring your pictures and your appetite. Pizza and Beer (Root) will be served. Please email me if you are coming, otherwise there won't be enough pizza. PLEASE RSVP to wind.runner@verizon.net as soon as possible but no later than Friday the 11th. See you there (if you RSVP' d)!

CJ Volesky, 503-668-9153

Secretary's Salutations

Congratulations to Jack and Lucy Mitchem who were recently granted a change in membership status to "Active Life" members.

Jack and Lucy sail the Cal 2-34 "Wy'East" and through their leadership and activities have been contributing to Rose City's growth and development since 1985.

RCYC bids farewell to four member families whose resignations were granted at the January 31 Board meeting. Sven and Naomi Nylund, Ranger 26 "Black Swede," joined RCYC in 1977. Loren and Martha Hotchkiss, who sail the Catalina 36 "Blue Suede Shoes," joined RCYC in 1991. They have moved their boat to the Warrenton/Hammond area, so keep a look-out for them when you're cruising near the mouth of the Columbia.

John and Michelle Miller joined RCYC in 1997. Their Ericson 33 "Moulin Rouge" is already in California and will next be seen sailing San Francisco Bay. Andrew and Connie Murphy along with daughter Madeleine have been very active since joining RCYC in 2002. The Murphy's, are moving to the Jacksonville area to pursue other interests, and they sailed a Fuji 32 Ketch "Sensible Shoes."

If you're considering selling your boat, you may want to check the By-Laws. By becoming an Inactive Member, you can still participate in parties and other land-based activities, but pay only half the dues. If you are a Life Member or meet the qualifications to become one, (20 consecutive years of Active Membership and 65 years of age), you could apply for status as an Inactive Life Member. This allows you to stay in touch with friends at our social functions, but you would not pay club fees.

Now here's the answer to last month's trivia question. When Jack and MaryAnn Cairns joined, they owned "Honey Bee." From which RCYC member did they buy that boat? Hint: This member is still active in the club and has been seen cutting the carpet at Thursday evening dance lessons: Wade Cornwell. Wade related to me that though the Bee boat design was popular at the club, they had a "terrible weather helm." The bee could be recognized by either a letter B on the sail or by a bumble bee in a circle, a logo, Wade tells me, which was created by Walt Disney.

Marili Green-Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer



RCYC EDUCATION

PASS THE SAFETY VESSEL CHECK THE FIRST TIME; Learn how!!



Attend a one night class presented by Hans Geerling on Thursday, March 17th, at 7:00 PM. Hans will review the items covered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary during the annual inspections.

We still have a couple months before the sailing season gets into full swing. I'm looking for suggestions or requests for spring time class offerings.

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education

503-805-1213, or e-mail: normnjan@sprynet.com



St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 12, 2005

Happy Hour 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

Faith and Begorra, come join in the festivities--a potluck, live music and friendship. Feelin' the Irish in ye? Then please bring an Irish stew, a shepherd's pie, corned beef, any main dish, vegetables, salad or dessert to share with the other sprites who will be there.

Bring your favorite beverage - Irish if you wish. Ice, mixers, coffee, etc., will be provided.

Hope to see you all for a great evening of fun, laughter, great food, and good friends. May the luck o' the Irish be with you! Wear green lest you get pinched!



NEED WORK HOURS?

By taking care of our oak-paneled clubhouse for one month, you can satisfy your RCYC work hour requirement for the entire year. Clubhouse duty is easy and can be done on your own schedule at your convenience. Bonus feature for 2005: you don't have to set the chairs up for the general meeting!

Don't put it off -- sign up today! Just add your name to the roster posted by the galley door in the clubhouse; or contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair, Jas. Adams, at 503-349-0840 (c) or e-mail jadams@teleport.com to choose an available month--there are only four months left to choose from!

Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair

Volunteer Opportunities Galore!

Sign up now for your choice of one or more events. No experience necessary.
A good sense of humor and a huge smile helpful!



St. Patrick's Day: Saturday, March 12, 2005



Oktoberfest: Saturday, September 24, 2005



Empty Pockets: Friday, April 15, 2005



Spaghetti Feed: Saturday, November 19, 2005

Land Cruise: Monday, July 4, 2005

Christmas Ships: Friday, December 16, 2005

Luau: Saturday, August 27, 2005



Soup & Sail: Sunday, January 1, 2006



Food * Decorations * Publicity * Music * Set-up * Clean-up

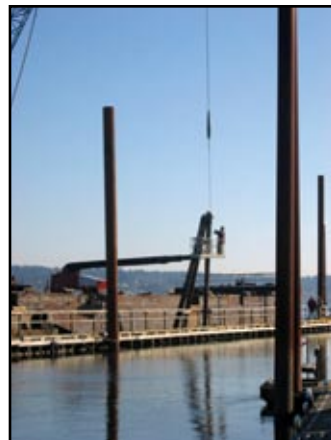
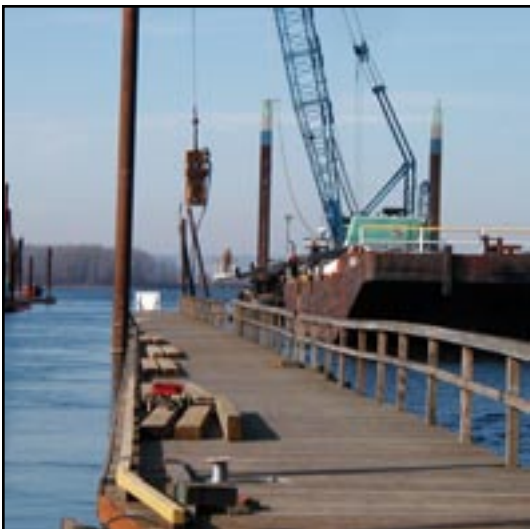
Contact: Olga Ginez: 503-772-5099, 503-936-2330 cell, or e-mail Dancer97206us@yahoo.com

VICE COMM

Spring is almost here or at least the unseasonably warm weather would lead us to that conclusion. Be part of the push to spruce up the club during the next few months prior to opening day by joining in on a work party. Our Work Party chairperson, John Flenniken has a lot of projects for us to do and we hope to have a great turnout this year.

A recent walk through the moorage brought to my attention the fact that we still have some members who are out of compliance with our electrical connection policy. Each boat needs to have an approved 30 amp shore power connection leading onto their boat. I will be sending out notices to those boat owners who are out of compliance and then disconnecting the boats from shorepower if no action is taken. This is a safety measure that all members need to respect.

Our moorage rules state that each boat may have a dock box no larger than 24 cubic feet for storage at its slip. There are some boats, primarily on walk 1, which are out of compliance with this rule. Items such as fuel jugs, propane tanks, dodger parts, spare boat parts, etc, litter walk 1. If this describes your storage area, please take the time to clean up your debris. I will be sending out reminders to offending owners and following up by removing these items at a spring work party, but you can save us the time and effort by cleaning up your own area. Keeping RCYC an attractive, safe environment is the responsibility of us all.



There are a few RCYC members who are devoted to our beloved Macintosh computers. While we love our computers we have long been disappointed that there were no available navigation software programs. This past year, both Loren Beach and I have purchased GPSNavX software and hardware for our computers. If you are interested in attending an "educational class" on using this software let us know and we will work with Norm Gufstason to arrange this. Like all Mac programs it is very simple to use and less expensive than most navigational software found for other computers.

Bob Phillips, Vice Commodore

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

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RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

March 2005

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| 1 OWSA Basic Ed Class
6:00 - 9:30 pm | 12 St. Patrick's Party 6:00 pm |
| 3 Swing Dance Class 7:00 pm | 15 OWSA Basic Ed Class
6:00 - 9:30 pm |
| 5 Work Party 9:00 am | 16 RCYC General Meeting 7:30 pm |
| 8 OWSA Basic Ed Class
6:00 - 9:30 pm | 19 Foren Private Party
Noon 8:00 pm |
| 10 Swing Dance Class 7:00 pm | 23 Women's Cruise Skippers
Meeting 7:00 pm |
| 12 Work Party 9:00 am | 28 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm |

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

April 2005

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| 2 RCYC Frostbite Race | 20 RCYC General Meeting 7:30 pm |
| 2 CME (Vessel Safety Check) | 23 CME (Vessel Safety Check) |
| 9 Work Party 9:00 am | 25 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
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6:00 - 9:30 pm |
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6:00 - 9:30 pm |
| 15 Empty Pockets Party
Time TBA | 30 Work Party 9:00 am |
| 16-17 Cruise -
Government Island East Dock | 30 CME (Vessel Safety Check) |
| 16 CME (Vessel Safety Check) | |