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COMMODORE'S LOG

Judy Oxborrow, Commodore

As you read this, summer has finally arrived and the moorage is rapidly becoming empty, as boats head north or prepare to depart on the Lazy Days Cruise. We all hope the good weather carries over into the fall so we can continue cruising and sailing.

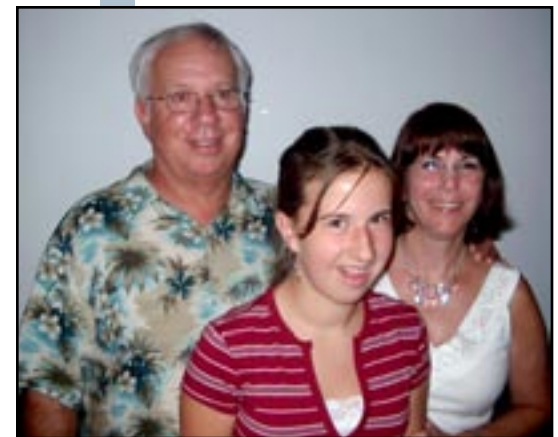
Mike and I had a first this month. We started down to Bald Eagle Days via boat on Wednesday, July 13. We stayed at St. Helens that evening and visited the St. Helens Yacht Club. The next morning we awoke to 15-20 knots of wind. We decided to go to breakfast at the St. Helens Café and await the morning lull in the wind. Upon returning to the boat, we noted that the morning lull had not kicked in. About 11 a.m., we decided to head down to Walker Island, as the winds didn't appear to be getting worse. However, the wind gods proved very fickle. Winds that had been about 15-20 knots kept building. Within an hour, we had winds consistently in the upper 20s and gusts to mid-30s. After an hour of fighting the winds and the waves head on and making relatively little progress motoring, we decided to turn around and head back to St. Helens. We listened to the weather report and learned that the conditions were to continue for the next 2-3 days so our new destination became RCYC. We didn't relish having an offshore experience on the river or going around Cape Horn. We had a FANTASTIC sail home. Winds were consistently in the 20s, with higher gusts. Under jib only, we actually surfed our boat – hitting better than 9 knots on the meter several times.

Because of the Lazy Days Cruise, this month's Board meeting was held on July 18. The Board continues to study gate issues. Bob Fellman hopes to have a final report for the Board in August. However, damage continues to occur to the gate. This damage is not caused by vehicle traffic, but by individuals climbing over the top of the gate. Whether you are racing, just going for a sail with friends or having friends down for an informal BBQ, you are responsible for meeting your guests at the gate and letting them into the club. All guests are expected to respect club property and club rules.

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Phillips and Carol Bobo, fewer people paid for work hours during the first half of the year. There are no work parties scheduled until fall. However, problems should not be ignored. If you encounter or notice a problem with the club launch, workboats, walkways, clubhouse, deck, etc., please notify the Port Captain, Resident Members or me so that the matter can be handled. A telephone call or an e-mail to all parties describing the problem would suffice.

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Welcome New RCYC Members: Simeon and Ann Hyde



**Mike and Debbie Salituro
and their daughter, Serena.**

*Pirates Breakfast Cruise
Government Island East Dock
August 13th & 14th*

20th Anniversary of the Annual Ladies Cruise

by Gail O'Neill, OWSA Vice Commodore

The 2005 Ladies Cruise is the 6th that I've attended, which usually occurs the third weekend in May. Mo Corderman and other women sailors from Rose City Yacht Club started the cruise back in 1986 with just a few boats participating. Each year it has grown to include women from yacht clubs from as far away as Astoria. Marlene Himes was the cruise coordinator in 1995 and reports a record 45 boats and over 90 women attended that year. Marianne Roberts attended the first ten Ladies Cruises and has told me of the fun they had and of the sing alongs with Mo's ukelele accompaniment. All women sailors and boaters are welcome to come, as long as they bring their boats on their own, as opposed to having their husbands drive the boats to the cruise destination for them.

The Ladies Cruise provides the opportunity for women sailors to socialize together without their husbands/partners and is a great female bonding experience. Women who attend year after year look forward to seeing the sailing friends they've made on previous cruises. Most importantly, the Cruise is empowering, inspiring women to become skippers themselves. I first attended as a guest on Vicki Sanborn's (SYSCO) boat and was then motivated

to learn to be a competent skipper on my own boat so that I could take my friends on the next Ladies Cruise.

This year my friends Mary Cornwell Jacob, Lana Miller, Tonya Drayden, Elaine Bock, Beth Traphagen, and Judi Davis crewed on Imagine with me. Twenty-four boats were accounted for and upwards of 70 participants at East Dock on Government Island. About half the boats participated in the boat decorating and talent show, which was started

about 5 years ago by a group of Portland Yacht Club women. At last year's Cruise, their Sonny and Cher and Diana Ross and the Supremes acts were the hit of the talent show. The talent show is more about having fun, than about talent and my crew and I felt an obligation to participate this year. At noon on Saturday my boat was the last to arrive making a grand entrance as 'Cleopatra's Dhow', (dhows are the ancient sailing vessels of the Mediterranean.) My crew of six and I were dressed in full ancient Egyptian splendor, with our Queen Cleopatra astride her throne on Imagine's

foredeck, being fanned by her handmaidens. Exotic music was blaring from the boat's speakers and the women on the docks commented later what a stunning entrance it was! During the talent show we danced (after weeks of rehearsing!) to "Walk Like An Egyptian", which wasn't nearly as successful as our entrance. The TyeYC women swept



the talent show awards with the Village Queens doing "YMCA" and the California Raisins doing "Heard It On the Grapevine". The best decorated boat award went to Susan Arnold and crew on the 52' ketch, Valparaiso, which looked like Jimmy Buffet heaven as Margaritaville. The best costume award went to, you guessed it..... me and my crew on Imagine!

The other highlights of the cruise are the Happy Hour and hors d'ouvres tables that each boat puts out on the dock. Some generous groups actually set up bars, like the Voodoo Bar and the 12 Volt Bar! The awards get handed out at the dessert potluck on Saturday night and raffle gifts are given away. On Sunday morning there are more raffle gifts after the breakfast potluck and then cleanup and saying farewell until the next year's Ladies Cruise.

The '06 Cruise will be chaired by Susan Arnold and will be on Coon Island in Multnomah channel, or possibly downtown at Riverplace Marina! A skippers meeting will be held in March at RCYC. It is such a fun event, not to be missed. Contact me if you're interested in attending, gailejog@gbronline.com.

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MOORAGE MATTERS

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Dinghies: As stated many times in this column, you may put your tender in any unnamed or unclaimed spot on either dinghy float. Next, be sure that you have installed a nameplate for your little boat's home out of the water. In short, "No nameplate, no space guarantee!" Members who assume that an unmarked place on the float will still be there when they return from a cruise may:

- 1) be disappointed, and
- 2) have to wait for another spot to open up.

Walk 1 boats must use the area against the wave fence in front of their boat, and not use either dinghy float. For the rest of us, the alternative is to store it on our deck, until space opens on the dinghy float.

We still have openings for two boats (34 feet or more in length, and no more than ten foot beam) on Walk 1, and we have a couple of small boat openings on top of Walk 2 ("2A"). Let's really promote RCYC and recruit some new member families.

Fall work parties will start next month. If you know of a problem or a place that needs repair anywhere on the docks, please e-mail me or the work party chairman and describe the problem and the desired solution. We need to plan for parts to purchase, tool requirements, and number of workers needed

Happy cruising,

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Another important season is also rapidly approaching – dredge season!! Our Dredge Czar, Fred Whitfield, and crew will begin assessing the dredging needs late this month, and planning work will be undertaken once November finally rolls around. Also, late this month a questionnaire will be sent to all dredge crew members to assist in putting the schedule together. If you are interested in being on the dredge crew, contact me and we'll see that you get a questionnaire form.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer. We hope to see you at the Pirates Breakfast in mid-August.

VICE COMM

Bob Phillips, Vice Commodore

You may have noticed that the weather is finally heating up around RCYC. Thanks to Anne, Sue, Dorothy and Janet, the flowers in the planters are looking wonderful. Thanks, ladies, for the great work that you have done. To maintain this look it is necessary for the plants to get water. The drip system works great until something like a moving float causes hoses or fittings to become disconnected. It would be most helpful if members who get showered by a disconnected fitting either fix it or contact me so that I can take care of the problem. To plug the leak or cover it with a plastic bag just creates a situation where the only way I can tell it is not working is by discovering a dead or distressed plant.

Opportunities for work hours, mowing the lawn or doing weed control, continue to abound. If you would like to get a head start on your fall work hours, pitch in and we will be most grateful. Thanks to Chris Steinbrecher for his efforts at mowing the lawn the past two months.

Secretary's Salutations

Marily Reilly, Secretary

Two member couples were granted changes to their membership status this month:

- Dick and Alice Royce met their "Life" membership requirements and were also granted "Inactive" status. Dick and Alice sailed a Balboa 26, the "Dusty B," when they joined RCYC in 1976. They soon moved up to a Catalina 30, "My Porsche," and recently sold their cruiser "Wonderland."
- Al Harrison and Barb Stickley have decided to forgo purchasing another boat for the time being, having recently sold "Born Free" to fellow member Mike Moen. Al and Barb had been sailing their Catalina 30 ever since joining RCYC in 1980. They were granted inactive life member status.

If you're headed north and are interested in some additional information from US Customs and Border Protection, our June speaker has provided a document for distribution at the club. A "Fact Sheet for Washington State Only" covers reporting requirements for all private boat operators. Copies are available on the front counter of the clubhouse.



4th of July

Celebration at RCYC





New RCYC Video Library

RCYC is beginning to develop a video library that is available to members. We prefer that you watch these at the clubhouse, but if this is not possible, please give me a call so that I know of their whereabouts.

DVD's

Learn to Sail - Though somewhat dated, this program reviews everything from parts of a boat to setting a spinnaker. It has some good content, although some of the clothing styles and language are humorous.

The Art of Racing - This is a good quality production covering rig tuning, sail trim and handling, tacks, gybes, spinnaker sets and dousing, maneuvers and electronics. A good way to learn a few things about racing.

Seattle and the San Juan Islands - While the story line is a bit hokey, the scenery is good and there is some valuable info for novices to cruising in the Sound.

VCR

Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance -

A good primer for those who want some good basic info on diesel engine maintenance. This video does a great job demonstrating techniques such as bleeding fuel lines and winterizing.

Sail Trim - This video does an excellent job of demonstrating the proper techniques of trimming genoas, mainsails and spinnakers as well as providing an understanding of the science behind how a sail works.

Cosmetic Gelcoat & Fiberglass Repair -

Volume I, Basic Gelcoat Damage Repair & Finishing - While the videography is very poor with numerous scenes out of focus, the information is very good. It demonstrates techniques for finishing scratches, gouges and chips in gelcoat and a technique for matching the gelcoat finish to the original. Good information, poor camera work, but it is worth watching.

EDUCATION

*Norm Gustafson,
RCYC Education*

All we need is two more people to sign up for the First Aid and CPR class to reach our minimum of ten students. We can then start the process of scheduling the class, which will be presented by The Red Cross. The sign up sheet is still posted in the clubhouse, or contact me to sign up.

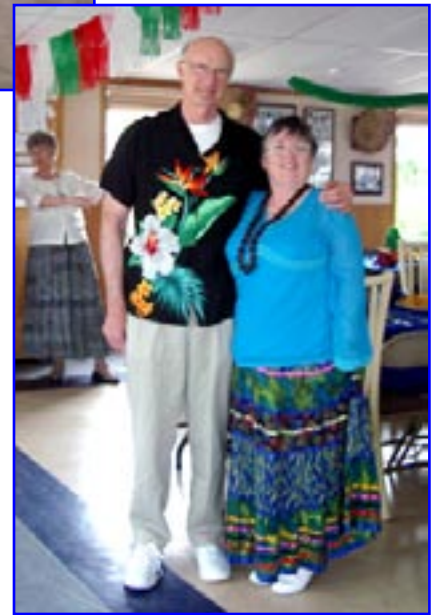
Watch for future notices about the Marine Electric Class that is scheduled for the fall season.



Photo's from last May's Ladies Dinner



SOUTH OF THE BORDER



pirate cruise and treasure hunt

Pirates Breakfast Cruise

Government Island
East Dock

August 13th & 14th

- X Saturday afternoon activities for the kids
- X Saturday potluck dinner at 1800hrs
- X Sunday morning breakfast, cooked by the Past Commodores of RCYC
- X Sunday after breakfast special activities to welcome new members to the club

If you have any questions, contact
Ron Moran, Cruising Chairman



Pirates' Treasures Needed

Olga is still collecting stuff to fill the treasure chest for the Pirates Cruise. There is a box in the clubhouse for donations.

If you have any suggestions for clues, games or activities that kids would enjoy or if you have a cardboard or plastic Halloween skeleton, please advise Olga. RCYC members' input is encouraged!

You can reach Olga at
(503) 936-2330 or (503)
869-7804, or mail at
dancer97206us@yahoo.com



Ahoy there mateys!

It is rumored that Billy Bones' lost treasure lies far to the east of an island called Government on the raging waters of a river called Columbia. The Columbia River divides the territories of Washington and Oregon as it winds ferociously through the land and reaching the Pacific Ocean.

Many pirates' lives have been lost and ships carrying treasure have been wrecked on the rugged shores and islands along the Columbia River. Remains of ships have been seen, but the treasures have never been found. Until now! Maybe. A map to the island was found, where it is said that Billy Bones' ship was marooned.

The sailing vessel, *Revenge* (aka *Born Free*) will set its sails and begin the perilous voyage to the east in search of Billy Bones' lost treasure on the 13th day of the eighth month of the year 2005.

Captain Mad Mike and his crew will have clues that will lead you to Billy Bones' lost treasure, but you must also brave the dangerous waters of the river and make the voyage to the island and be prepared to run into other pirates. All pirates shall gather on the beach at 14:00 hours to meet each other and get their first clue. Bring some grub and grog and be ready to have some spine-tingling and swash-buckling fun!

The hunt for Billy Bones' treasure will begin on the following morning after the sun has risen and all pirates' bellies are filled.

Contact Captain Mad Mike (503) 869-7804 or Olga (503) 936-2330 or at
dancer97206us@yahoo.com

I would like to thank the members of Rose City Yacht Club for sending me the Gloxinia plant in memory of my Mother, Lois, who passed away July 9th. Your kindness is much appreciated. This has been a hard time and it helps to know that I have the support of friends. ❤️

Larry Roberts



RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

August 2005

- 3 Bergen, Private Party, 3-8 p.m.
- 13-14 Pirates Breakfast, East Dock
- 17 General Meeting
- 20 OWSA Trophy Presentation 4-8 p.m.
- 22 Holzmann, Private Party, 5-10 p.m.
- 26 RCYC Beer Can Race, 6:30 p.m.
- 27-28 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 28 Weber, private party, 4-10 p.m.
- 29 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 2005

- 3-5 Cruise Beacon Rock
- 10 Work Party
- 10 Walk 4 BBQ
- 17 Work Party
- 18 Artisans Fair
- 21 General Meeting
- 24 Octoberfest
- 26 Board Meeting

Please note: We are sorry to announce that due to lack of interest the Luau has been cancel this year.

- ▶ Check the Web site for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
www.rosecityyachtclub.org



July Fourth party at RCYC. Wade as our special member at 91 years.