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COMMODORE'S LOG



Judy Oxborrow, Commodore

As the December issue of the Foghorn goes to press, Mike and I are in Kansas City, MO for a family Thanksgiving. It seems hard to believe that 2005 is almost history and that 2006 is looming just around the corner. And, like Past Commodores, I am relieved that no major catastrophes occurred on my watch.

On Monday, November 14, the Board met for a budget planning meeting. Both the 2005 and 2006 Boards attended the meeting. The Long-Range Planning Committee was also invited to attend. This provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to be on the same page when setting up the 2006 budget. The Long-Range Planning Committee had been tasked with reviewing our finances and addressing the unexpected increase in dredge permit costs. As noted in my column in the November Foghorn, it appeared obtaining the dredge permit was going to be both time consuming and much more expensive. Steve Barrett had indicated a worst case scenario of \$50,000. The Board has already approved the expenditure of \$7,100 for the biological assessment and another \$1,100 for a draft of a sampling and testing plan for dredge sediment analysis. And, until we work our way through the process, the final cost is a big unknown. The Long-Range Planning Committee recommended that the fees for dredging be increased for 2006. The fees for Active and Active Life members would increase from \$15.00 per

quarter to \$70.00 per quarter. The fees for Inactive members would increase from \$7.50 to \$35.00 per quarter. This would provide sufficient funding to pay for the new dredge permit. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation. It was presented to the membership at the November general meeting and was unanimously approved by the membership. The increase is for a one-year period only. If things proceed smoothly on the permit process, we should have the permit in hand by early summer. If the fees are less than the worst case scenario (and hopefully this will be the case), the Board will revisit the issue. One suggestion to be considered is that the dredging fees be reduced to provide sufficient funding for dredge operations and to amass the required fees to obtain the next permit in 2011.

Another item of business on the November general meeting agenda was a report from Tom Stringfield on the work of the Walk 5 Planning Committee. Before the committee can finalize design proposals, some important data is needed. First, we need to know for certain the condition

Welcome New RCYC Members:



Mark Reed and Vicki Bugbee-Reed

of the remaining wooden piling in the marina. We don't want or need any unpleasant surprises like the emergency replacement of piling on the breakwater. Testing to determine the condition of the piling in the club will cost \$2,000. The second item is that we need an engineering study for the design of the Walk 5 piling. In other words, will the piling in place support the cement walk, cement slips, a dredge float, shop floats, and boat houses? This part of the engineering report will cost \$3,000. The engineering report also needs to include a generic design for replacing the remaining wooden piles in the rest of the marina. This will cost another \$2,000. The engineering report would

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be needed sooner or later, before actual work could begin on Walk 5. We may be spending this money a little ahead of actual need, but the expenditure is prudent. With this data in hand, the Board will know if there are other piling that need immediate replacement. The Walk 5 Planning Committee can complete a design and provide an accurate projection of costs for the walk replacement. And, lastly the Long-Range Planning Committee can then project how soon we will amass sufficient capital to proceed with replacement of Walk 5. The membership unanimously approved the expenditure of funds for this purpose. It is expected that we will have a report from the engineer by the December Board meeting. And, a report from the piling inspection should be available by the January Board meeting. As soon as we receive these reports, we will inform you of the findings.

With all the major issues resolved at the November general meeting, Bob Phillips should have an easy November Board meeting to conduct in my absence. And, this being said, I wish to congratulate Bob, Marili, Ben and the directors on their election as 2006 officers and directors.

This being my final column for the Foghorn as Commodore, **I wish to thank the membership for their support during the year.** It was an honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore for the past year. I also wish to thank my committee chairs for their hard work that enabled this to be such a successful year.

Judy



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VICE COMM

Bob Phillips, Vice Commodore

Happy Holidays!! There is not much to report now that our work parties are finished. Some people continue to look for a few chores to get their hours completed, so give me a call. December is really loaded with activities at the club.

It appears that we are missing numerous kitchen towels. If you have a few sitting around the house that you intended to wash and bring back to the club, please do so soon. Jas is putting together the clubhouse cleaning crews for this next year and the available months are beginning to dwindle. Please give him a call soon if you want to earn your work hours as a Clubhouse Steward.

Secretary's Salutations

Marili Green Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer

A new member couple was sworn in at the November general meeting. Mark Reed and Vicki Bugbee-Reed have spent the past four years cruising in Pacific Northwest waters. Prior to that they spent several years cruising in Southern California. They have taken a number of Caribbean voyages with friends, and Mark has raced his Lido 14 and Hobie 16. They currently sail the Ericson 38, Southern Cross. Mark works in the Forestry Department at Oregon State and Vicki works for the School District in Corvallis where they live. They decided to visit RCYC after meeting some club members while cruising in the San Juans in 2002, and they have also become acquainted with Loren and Kathy Beach through the Ericson website.



MOORAGE MATTERS

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The moorage is quiet. Lines are doubled up, new chaffing gear fitted, and the interior systems and engines all winterized. Sails are home or at the loft getting the stitching renewed. The cat snoozes by the home stove. Past adventures are celebrated and new voyages are contemplated. The Captain and the Admiral have their travel and lodging booked for the upcoming boat show(s).

Winter Reality: When walking the ramps and the docks, watch out for ice. Be sure that all kids 12 and under have on a PFD and are under the direct supervision of an adult. When you walk down the docks to your boat on an icy day, wear "your" PFD, too!

Merry Christmas!

Walk 5 Barbeque and Auction

November 5th

Boating related, treasures were wrapped in a plain brown wrappers and auctioned off by FRED WHITFIELD. Dollar bills flew.



Commodore's Ball

Mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball, to be held on February 4, 2006 at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. Watch the Foghorn and Clubhouse for more information.

Plan ahead to cover your work hours for 2006!

Clubhouse Chair Jas Adams

Sign up as a Clubhouse Steward for one of the few remaining months in 2006. Does your schedule make the work parties problematic? Then the clubhouse option may be for you! Meet your work-hour commitment for the whole year by signing up for an available month. You can do the clubhouse duties on your own schedule in just a few hours, and have the satisfaction of helping to maintain our wonderful clubhouse.

Currently, only three months are available in 2006. Don't delay - contact the Clubhouse Chair, Jas Adams, directly for more information and to reserve your month. Telephone: 503-349-0840 or email: jadams@teleport.com. Jas Adams at 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com.

The
CHRISTMAS
SHIPS
are coming
December 16th!

Come one, come all to the annual Christmas party!

Enjoy the company of good friends while watching the Christmas ships.

This event is for the entire family.

Potluck starts at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share (salad, entrée or dessert) and your choice of drink.

If you would like to be a part of the gift exchange, please be creative and bring a wrapped new, or near new, gift - but spend no more than \$5. You can bring one for each person attending or one for the family.

See you at the clubhouse on December 16th!



2006 YEARBOOK UPDATES

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, it is also the time of year when we update membership listings for the 2006 Yearbook and the emergency contact list. In an effort to speed up the process and possibly have the yearbook done sooner, we are going to attempt this process by e-mail. Persons with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail with instructions and a pdf file with the yearbook form to update and return via e-mail. Those persons who do not have e-mail will receive a paper form as in years past. The sooner the forms are returned, the sooner we can finalize the yearbook listings for printing.

RCYC YEARBOOK ADVERTISING

If you or someone you know would benefit from placing an advertisement in the RCYC Yearbook for 2006, please contact Cathy or Tom Nelson at 503-284-4560.

The ad lasts 12 months and provides the opportunity to present your product or service at one of our monthly meetings. In addition, a brief article about your advertisement will be placed in one issue of the FOGHORN.

Tom and Cathy Nelson, Yearbook Advertising

Members: Stay updated on what's going on at the club. If you change your email address, please make sure I have your new one. I've received a few kick backs on email addresses that are no longer valid. So, when you change your e-mail address, remember to send one to me.

Thanks, Jim Himes, Webmaster RCYC

RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

December 2005



- 2 Portland Mountain Rescue, Private Party, 6:00 pm
- 3 First Aid Class
- 8 Cynthia Johnson, Private Party, 6:00 pm
- 9 Dawn McClard, Private Party, 6:00 pm
- 10 Bob Gales, Private Party 6:00 pm
- 11 Bob Phillips, Private Party 6:00 pm
- 12 Leslie Phillips, Private Party 6:00 pm

- 14 OWSA Meeting, 6:00 - 9:30 pm
- 15 Marili Reilly, Private Party 6:00 pm
- 16 Christmas Potluck & Christmas Ships, 6:00 pm
- 19 Mike Finch, Private Party 6:00 pm
- 21 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 26 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 31 Informal New Year's Eve Party, TBA

January 2006

- 1 Soup & Sail, 12:00 noon
- 18 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 30 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm



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