

Commodore: Bob Phillips  
Vice Commodore: Marili Green-Reilly  
Secretary-Treasurer: Ben Mitchell

## January 2006



## COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

**Welcome to 2006!** Leslie and I wish each of you a Happy New Year full of many great times at the club and on the water. Over the years RCYC has become a very special place for us. We enjoy the early morning or late night walks on the docks, seeing new members sworn in and groups of friends meeting at parties. As members of RCYC, we all share our common ties of a love for the water and the friendships that it brings.

In 2006, the board of directors will be focusing on a variety of goals. These include enhancing programs at the club such as youth sailing, racing and introducing club members to the Clean Marina Program. We have also set goals to enhance our recruitment of new members, foster leadership opportunities among all members, and improve both our mentoring program and member interaction. We set additional goals for our facilities. We plan on making improvements in the galley to include replacement of at least one new stove, refit the cabinets to allow room for the tray storage cart, explore the replacement of formica on the galley counters and provide fund raising events for the purpose of replacing the dining room chairs. Finally, the board decided to end the year with plans to complete

replacement of Walk 5, obtain our necessary dredge permits and develop a financial plan for future permits and address the need for a replacement of our tired old gate.

Our December general meeting was highlighted by the swearing in of new members Randy and Jennifer Hill. They sail Terrapin, a J. Benford designed Cape Scott 36 which is currently moored in slip 2 of Walk 1. They have an extensive list of sailing experiences which includes a recent Pacific coast, Mexico, Hawaii and return trip with their children. Randy has also raced extensively with Mike Finch. Be sure and greet them when you see them.

## 2006 Commodore's Ball

Please help inaugurate Commodore Bob Phillips and First Mate Leslie

- Saturday, February 4, 2006
- Columbia Edgewater Country Club  
2220 NE Marine Drive
- No host Cocktails at 1830
- Dinner at 1930
- Program at 2015
- Dancing to The Quartette Barbette at about 2100

RSVP to: Joyce Jensen  
503-231-9747  
joyceandbrad@msn.com

Choose: Prime Rib or Salmon  
for each attendee

\$30.00 per person

(Please send a check or pay at the door.)

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Judy for her work as the RCYC 2005 Commodore. She worked tirelessly to provide us with

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Here's to a healthy, fun filled year to you all!



## Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly, Vice Commodore

It's been a busy season at the Reilly household – if you've missed "Tamara" on the river this past year it's because we have had her up on "Mount Becker" getting a major facelift. The countdown to splashdown has commenced, with only 21 days to go as of this writing. In addition to my "day job," Dave and I are averaging 60-70 hours a week working on the boat -- we're away so much our cats have turned feral!

Events for the year at Rose City are already taking shape. As you'll see by our January and February calendar, we already have some activities lined up, including Thursday dance lessons with Kelly and Jeff Mucha (details elsewhere in this issue). Likewise, members are prolonging the holiday party season. We have several private parties lined up for January, so if you are thinking of using the clubhouse informally, be sure to check the calendar on the bulletin board before you drop in. Three weekend days are already booked.

If you'd like to reserve the clubhouse for your own event, you can find the reservation form on our website and in the drawer at the clubhouse. Or if you don't have access to the web, give me a call and I can mail you a copy.

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## Secretary's Salutations

Ben Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Rodney and Jennifer Hill were sworn in at the December meeting. They own Terrapin, the dark green mahogany boat currently moored on Walk 1. Terrapin is a Jay Benford designed Cape Scott 36, which Rodney says is one of only two he knows to exist. They have two children, Hunter, age 11, and Phoebe, age 9, and live in Mt. Angel.

Russ and Fran Perkins have submitted their resignation, effective December 31, 2005. They previously sailed the Coronado 25 "China Doll," but have recently relocated to Bay Center, Washington.



**Welcome New RCYC Members:  
Jennifer and Rodney Hill**

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excellent leadership and vision and will continue those efforts as Rear Commodore. Recognition also needs to be given to Bill Kramer, outgoing 2005 Director, for his participation on the board. Bill provided thoughtful insights to many issues with which we dealt. I also welcome new board members Karl Quade and Mike Moen. I have known them as friends and am very excited to get to work with them in service of RCYC this year. Along with Vice-Commodore Marili Reilly, Secretary/Treasurer Ben Mitchell, and continuing Directors Alverna Martin, Dave Hickman and Jim Douglass, I again extend to you our wishes for a Happy New Year in 2006. We will see you at the club or on the water.





## Moorage Matters

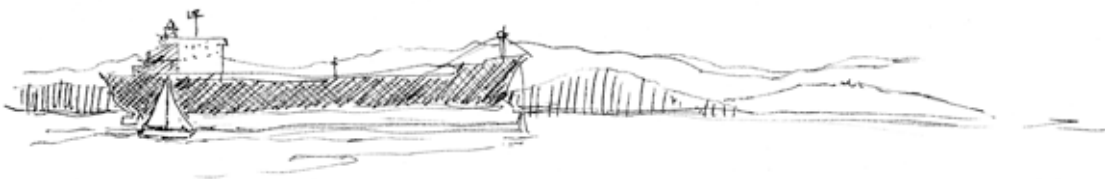
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The December wind storm was quite a learning experience around our moorage. As some of you heard at the general meeting, sustained winds of over 40 mph (and gusts to about 50) can really find any little weakness! I personally know of one bow line chafed through, a RF genoa blown to shreds, a metal radar reflector brought down from line chafe and another reflector whose harness almost chafed through, one dock box blown into the water (and subsequently salvaged), and another box lid torn off. The fabric cover over the clubhouse outside deck was torn up, as well.

Those of us that stopped by on one of the peak-wind days were pleased and gratified to see that every cent put into the engineering and heavy construction of Walk 1 was "a prudent investment." There was spray going back nearly to Walk 2, and slick ice on Walk 1 and many of its finger docks. That square chop slamming into the Walk 1 wall was really something to see, hear, and feel. I have no idea if any other dock boxes are now under the water or how many mooring lines are partly chafed through. You EACH need to inspect your boat and dock. Our members vary in age and health and mobility, so keep an eye on nearby boats and keep the Golden Rule in mind. Thank you so much.

As always, the Residents and Port Captain did their best to contact members whose boats needed attention. Your advance preparation and continuing attention really lessens their work load, and protects your wallet. Remember that they all have full-time day jobs, and have only limited hours to walk the docks.

May the New Year bring you fair winds.



## LAST CHANCE FOR CLUBHOUSE DUTY!

Does your schedule make the work parties problematic? Then the clubhouse option may be for you! Sign up as a Clubhouse Steward for month of December, the last remaining month available in 2006.

Meet your work hour commitment for the whole year by signing up for one month. You can do the clubhouse duties on your own schedule in a few hours and have the satisfaction of helping to maintain our wonderful clubhouse.

Don't delay: contact Clubhouse Chair Jas Adams directly for more. Telephone: 503-349-0840 or email: [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com).



## Do You Want to Dance?

RCYC will again host a series of dance lessons beginning on January 5th at 7:00pm for beginners, with more experienced dancers joining in at 7:30pm. This class will focus on swing dance. Additional classes with styles to be determined by the students are scheduled for Thursdays, January 12th, 19th and 26th. The cost for these lessons will be \$5.00 per couple or \$3.00 per single. Contact Karen Billion for more information.



## Memories of Jack Gainer – by Marili Green Reilly

*RCYC recently lost one of its long-time members: Jack Gainer, a member since 1953, passed away on November 27. He was 77. I have had the pleasure over the last couple of years with talking to Jack about his past, as we put together a personal history for his children. Long known around the club as a gregarious story-teller, Jack talked to me about many of his sailing experiences and even gave me a personal rendition of his story (based on a piece by Robert Service) of River Jim and the woman known as Lou “ahem” Lou.*



*Jack began sailing in the 1950's, graduating from a hand-me-down boat he'd bought from a school pal to a Lightning – the Tally Ho – which he built in his garage. As a member of the Lightning fleet, he helped bring the Pacific Coast Championships to the Columbia.*

*Jack was one of the first to sign on for a Cascade 29 when Yacht Constructors launched that design. He worked at the shop to build the hulls and help pay for his own boat, then finished it in his garage. After launching Tenderly, Cascade 29 No. 2, one of his first races was the Long Distance Race. In Rain Drop, his Cascade 36, he raced the Swiftsure many times.*

*Jack was instrumental in starting several of the big races we still have today, including the Six Pac and the Oregon Offshore. He won the first SixPac, he told me, because “you get out there and invent races that you think you can do well in.” His racing efforts were usually successful, and he proudly displayed his trophies with a separate trophy case for each of his boats.*

*I grew up with Jack's kids – Lynne, John, and Elise – and he used to drop us off at Sunday school every week, then go have coffee with my folks until it was time to pick us up again. I remember his pride in racing from the early days and saw in later years how fiercely he held onto his independence and his ability to keep sailing for as long as possible. Two years ago, I worked with several other members to put together a special presentation for Fourth of July, recalling some club history in honor of some of our long-term members. It was a packed house – but Jack wasn't there. He had gone out sailing with his friend, Jean, who has provided some support and assistance these last few years and also happens to be a double amputee. You just couldn't stop that man.*

*Dave and I have a favorite memory of one of our first afternoon cruises to East Dock. We had pulled into the nearly empty dock, making a rather rugged landing. Not long after, we saw a sail approaching and recognized Rain Drop. Someone leapt onto the dock with a line and the boat crunched along the dock for a ways. They seemed to have some trouble getting it tied up, so we walked down there, preparing to lend assistance. The crew had it secure before we got there, and the skipper stepped off a little unsteadily, proclaiming, “Well, that went pretty well.” It's a phrase we now use liberally when we make it through a similarly rough landing, whether it's in the boat or any other activity. It seems to sum up the attitude of a guy who has had a tremendous impact on the Columbia River sailing community over the past 52 years – no matter what the occasion, things usually did seem to “go pretty well” for a sometimes larger than life sailor.*





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## A View from the Rear

*Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore*

Now that I have successfully navigated the chairs and achieved the illustrious status of Rear Commodore, I have a few thoughts for 2006. The New Year is usually a time for reflection and those New Year's resolutions. Dave Letterman always does his top ten, so here's my top ten resolution suggestions for RCYC members to consider:

10. Resolve that your boat will leave the dock at least once each quarter, or better yet, at least once each month during the summer.
  9. Resolve to have current registration stickers on your boat, the boat bathed and ready for the season by the end of April. Check your dock lines, snubbers, and police your area.
  8. Resolve to participate in Opening Day. Make Opening Day a celebration of your boat and your Club.
  7. Resolve to participate in one new RCYC event this year. If you've never been to the Commodore's Ball, make this the year. If you have never attended a meeting, go to one. If you've never gone to one of the walk sponsored barbecues, try one. Who knows, you may just discover how truly pleasant such activities are.
  6. Resolve to do at least one cruise during the year. Spending time on your boat and with friends is truly a relaxing and enjoyable way to spend a weekend. If you don't like "group activities," take the boat out for an overnighter.
  5. Resolve to participate in at least one RCYC racing event this year. Racing is a great way to learn how to sail your boat well. The Beer Can Races on Friday nights are an excellent way for a new racer to begin. Talk with Race Chair Eric Rimkus or any RCYC racer. Racing puts you in tune with your boat, the wind and the water. Mike and I don't "campaign" our boat in a quest for trophies, we do it for the sailing.
4. Resolve to do more than the minimum work hours this year. There are a number of RCYC members who consistently put in many work hours each year. Work parties account for some of those hours. However, other hours are earned when they see something minor that needs fixing and just do it. Or, they volunteer to tackle a project approved by the Board. If you can't attend regular work parties, contact the Work Party Chair. There is always work that can be done at your own pace and on your own schedule.
  3. Resolve to help put on at least one social event during the year. Volunteer to help with your walk's barbecue. Volunteer to help with any club event. Many hands do make light work, and many workers make more friends.
  2. Resolve to get to know new members and to renew your friendships with members who have been part of the club for several years.
  1. Resolve to recruit a new member for RCYC. We are only as strong as our members. I'd love to see a year where we swore in a new member or two every month. Put a couple membership packets on your boat for use when cruising. Keep a couple in your car for handing out to prospects at boat shows, post race functions, etc. We are all, each and every one of us, on the membership committee.
- If each of us kept only half of the above resolutions, RCYC would be a bigger and better family.

## Activities

*Olga Moen, 2005 Activities Chair*

I would like to thank all of the wonderful folks who volunteered to lead, and those who helped the leaders, make the RCYC events and Walk BBQ's fun and successful events.

It was both a challenging and rewarding experience to chair the activities. The challenge was trying to figure out who everybody is! You have to admit some of those photos are 20+ years old, so it was really tough matching your faces to those in the Foghorn. Believe me, you're all better looking now! I found that the best time to get your photo updated is at the Commodore's Ball. The men look so suave and distinguished and the women, absolutely beautiful and stunning!

The reward, of course, was meeting most of you by phone or in person and working with you--what an honor and pleasure.

Those of you who lead, I can't thank you enough for so generously planning and coordinating successful events. I asked for help, and you and your teams showed up and made it happen. Admittedly, it was crazy to try and chair activities, but when Judy asked, I used it to push myself to the place where I felt the fear and did it anyway. Now the year is just about over, there is one more event and that leader said, "Sure, no problem." "Sure, no problem" is what you all said, not in those words exactly, but you did. And for that, I thank you all.

Mike will be serving RCYC on the 2006 Board, so we're involved! We look forward to doing our best at RCYC and encourage everybody to get involved even when you're afraid or think you can't do it. Go ahead, feel the fear and do it anyway!

Have a happy and safe holiday season and we'll see you all soon.

## “Red sky in morning...

Is there any truth to the "Red sky in morning, sailors take warning" weather proverb?

Because weather systems in the midlatitudes typically move from west to east, a red morning sky indicates clear skies on the eastern horizon, but cloud cover from an advancing storm overhead and to the west. This can mean that stormy weather is imminent.

A red sky at night ("a sailor's delight") can occur when the western sky is clear and clouds from a departing storm are overhead or to the east.

*October 6, 2005, USA Today*



*RCYC Pirates Breakfast, 2004.*

## RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

### January 2006

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| 1  | Soup & Sail, 11:00am              | 26 | Dance Lessons 7:00pm  |
| 5  | Dance Lessons 7:00pm              | 30 | Board Meeting, 7:00pm |
| 12 | Dance Lessons 7:00pm              |    |                       |
| 14 | Private Party, Clubhouse reserved |    |                       |
| 18 | General Meeting, 7:30pm           |    |                       |
| 19 | Dance Lessons 7:00pm              |    |                       |
| 20 | Private Party, Clubhouse reserved |    |                       |
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### February 2006

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| 4  | SYSCO Educational Program – “Introduction to the New OCSA Race Courses” at the RCYC Clubhouse |
| 4  | Commodore’s Ball, 6pm, at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club                                 |
| 8  | OWSA Meeting, Clubhouse reserved  |
| 15 | General Meeting, 7:30pm   |
| 27 | Board Meeting, 7:00pm   |



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