

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

February 2006



COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

During January, Leslie and I have had the honor and privilege of attending Commodore's Balls of some of our neighboring yacht clubs. It has been fun to see groups of people who also share a love for boating.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our own Ball on February 4th. While it may seem like an activity that is not that appealing to everyone, over the years, we have found it to be a great way to reconnect with club members during the gray months of winter, and January has certainly been a gray month this year.

I am a person who works best when I have goals in front of me. During my days of mountain climbing, the goal was sometimes the summit, but more

often it was just getting one foot in front of the other and going 10 more steps before I took a rest. This year, the RCYC officers and board of directors developed a list of goals for 2006. You will find these posted in the clubhouse as well as included in the general meeting minutes for January. I am working to identify the key people responsible for these goals and developing a realistic timeline for achieving them. While these are the goals of the board, the involvement of the membership of RCYC is important for success.



Of major importance to me this year is to increase the involvement of new and longtime club members in the activities and projects ahead of us. I continue to notice the same faces volunteering for committees and projects and taking roles of leadership in the club. It is

important that we develop a deeper pool of members for leadership roles, and find better ways to engage our new members in activities. If you have been reluctant to step forward, now might be the time as opportunities for involvement in leadership, the activities and projects of RCYC abound.

I have had difficulty finding a member or group of members to take a lead role in the Youth Sailing Program. On February 10th I will be facilitating a meeting of interested members to develop both short and long term goals for our youth program. Your attendance at the meeting will assure that we have a broad base of input for developing these plans. I hope you can make it to the meeting.

Remember, you can call me anytime with your questions or concerns and I will be glad to get you involved in the solution.

Stay dry!



January 19th at RCYC. Due to high water the ramps are nearly horizontal.



Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly, Vice Commodore

Once again, Rose City Yacht Club upheld its longstanding tradition of a New Year's Day "parade," albeit without the Commodore! While Bob & Leslie enjoyed their winter respite, Dave and I were the appointed leaders of this year's parade. With *Tamara* still up at Becker's, we accepted Tom & Jeanne's hospitality and led the parade aboard *Crystal Swan*. A medley of four boats made the trip down to Tomahawk Bay and took a turn around their broad basin. The weather was, shall we say, not totally cooperative! Let's just say I was comfortable in my foul weather gear. Thanks to Pam Sesar and Ken Park, Ben and Nancy Mitchell, and Gary Whitney, and all their crew members for joining us for the parade.

Back at the clubhouse, a warming repast of clam chowder and warm buns awaited us, along with a warm welcome back from of at least twice as many members who had come down for the "Soup" as opposed to the "Sail." A special thanks to those who stayed to tend the soup kettles and the shared holiday leftovers, including Alverna Martin, Colleen Moran, Dorothy Glynn, Barbara Dougherty, and the others who helped cook, serve, and clean up. Once again we showed that there's as much fun in volunteering to help as there is in the celebration itself.

On a more official note, clubhouse reservations continue to come in, and I will be passing the word to Webmaster Jim Himes to post on our website calendar as soon as they are confirmed. Periodically, through the month, I'll also post a new calendar at the clubhouse.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

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If you are interested in being a part of the Foghorn team, please contact anyone listed above.



Secretary's Salutations

Ben Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Nancy and I are the proud new owners of a '78 Pearson 31 named *Caution*. We bought her from Mike and Laurie Blair who live in Prescott. *Caution* was previously moored at St. Helens Marina. Mike and Laurie bought Dave Walker's Pearson 31 *Swamp Yankee*. That's a good reference for Pearson; they bought a second one.

I have a history with *Caution*. Probably ten years ago I signed on as crew on *Caution* on a St. Helens Sail Club cruise to Victoria. We left Hammond with small craft warnings at 4:00am and hit our first squall about daybreak. That was the beginning of an eventful day that landed us in Westport at 3:00pm, with only half the boats that started. It was a wet, cold ride and I learned that I do get seasick especially when I'm not driving. We laid over the rest of the week until conditions improved, and then most sailed back to Astoria. Two boats went on. I took a bus back to Olympia.

It was a momentous event for me. It was my first offshore experience and my last for a long time and for Mike and Laurie as well. Then last year Alan Bergen invited me to crew on *Thirsty* to bring her back from Friday Harbor. I was prepared this time with most seasick medications known to science, including many items containing ginger. I had a wonderful trip.

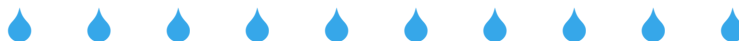
Talking about our adventure on *Caution*, Mike said, with a wistful look in his eyes, that it was one of the best times he has ever had. I think he remembers mostly the sail back. All I remember is the churning cauldron of huge gray waves and the occasional glimpses of the pitching boat behind us with which we had lost radio contact.

Nancy and I have a New Year's resolution to cruise our new boat. And in that spirit we were one of the four boats who went out to brave the Soup and Sail. Every outing is a learning experience, and we learned that "prop walk" is a reality on our boat. So, as we backed her out and wound up pointing towards Marine Drive, we also learned that she will back up all the way to the breakwater, unlike our Columbia 29 *Chuparosa*, which, by the way, is hopefully heading south to the Bay area.

Caution's shiny yellow hull is easy to spot on Walk 3.

I have enjoyed writing this article so much. Just thinking about the trip reminded me that it was not all bad and that Mike is right: It was one of the best times of our lives. From this experience I would like to propose a column for the Foghorn. We could call it the Cruiser's Log or something similar. It would be a space for us to tell each other our sea stories; to share with each other what we have learned in our cruising experiences, and to reconnect ourselves with those experiences, good and bad. It could be a place to relive our history on the water. What do you think?

See you soon on the river!





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

With spring getting closer and the start of a new boating season, be sure that you have your "06" or "07" registration stickers on. For documented vessels, they go on both sides of the transom, inside an area 12 inches down and 12 inches forward of the stern corners. Remove the old sticker completely, first.

Note that as your insurance is renewed you MUST forward a copy of the declarations page to the designated person. This is required to moor a boat within the Club, and is part of the Moorage Rules.

The multiple-boat fire on January 25 at CRYC (yes, again!) with the resulting fuel spill indicates that we are wise to have a quality standpipe system, extinguishers regularly serviced, and solid insurance requirements in place for our boats. Note that boathouses are not allowed to store jugs of fuel inside. Also, check your marine-grade 30 amp power cord for movement and arcing around the prongs where it plugs in.

On the more mundane subject of electrical power usage, be sure that you do not have a heater left on all the time at any thermostat setting above 35 degrees. Better yet, have the boat well-ventilated and no artificial heat on at all.

Controlling costs and reducing risks around our fine facility benefits all the membership.

Speaking of minor expenses, I know how one of the light bulbs over the ramp gate was shattered recently. A very large bird was sitting on it and when he (she?) pushed off to take wing, the recoil smacked the fixture against the screen and the bulb shattered. As they say: "You had to be there!"

ANNOUNCEMENT - Gainer Endowment

At the January 30 Board meeting, the Board approved a motion to accept the donation of Jack Gainer's boathouse and sailboat. His will requires that the property be used for the youth program. The Board then approved a motion to sell the property and endow a trust to be used by the youth program. Property sale will be first offered for sealed bid by Rose City Yacht Club members. The provisions of the sealed bid are to be finalized by the next Board meeting. After that bidding forms will be made available to club members with the sale to be conducted at a date and time to be announced. If you are interested in bidding on either of these items, please provide your name to Judy Oxborrow so that bidding forms can be made available to you when ready. A show of interest can be sent via e-mail to mikeox@qwest.net or via telephone to (503) 652-1549.

A View from the Rear

Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore

A View from the Rear – Moorage rules require that all members must maintain liability, fuel and other spill liability and wreck removal insurance on boats moored at the Club. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Board ANNUALLY. A number of members haven't updated their insurance recently, and now that I have finally obtained (by mail order) \$0.01 stamps, reminder postcards will be mailed. By the time you read this column, you may have already received your notice. Copies of the declarations page from your insurance policy may be scanned and e-mailed to me at mikeox@qwest.net or sent via snail mail to 14001 SE Celeste Court, Milwaukie, OR 97267 or faxed to 503-652-1549.

Some members have questioned the need for this action on an annual basis, and reluctantly submit the documentation after several reminders and/or calls. The Board mandated this change after a fire at CRYC left the club with a huge spill cleanup liability. At that time, the Board felt the issue was serious enough to warrant the club purchase a supplemental liability insurance policy to make sure the club would never face a similar situation. The wisdom of this action and mandate by the Board was again driven home this morning. As I was working on my column, I learned CRYC suffered another fire this morning to at least three boathouses that resulted in a reported 2,400 gallons of diesel in the river. Granted, a spill from our boats would not dump this much into the river; however, any spill is a serious matter and can result in a significant cleanup bill.

The 2006 Yearbook is being edited and readied for press. If you have not done so, please return your e-mail or snail mail update form. And, during the year, if you change your e-mail address, please be sure that Jim Himes, Anne Thompson, Karen Finch and I all receive a notice of the change. If you didn't receive a form, it may be because your e-mail address isn't current on any club listing. You do not have to have an e-mail address listed in the yearbook. However, having a current e-mail address on record would assure you receive timely notification of special club notices and/or events.

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Work Parties.....	John Flenniken
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CRUISING SEASON IS NOT SO FAR OFF

Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill, Cruise Directors

Being it is the middle of winter and the weather is not very conducive to standing out in the rain, it might be hard to think about cruising. Then again, what could be better than dreaming about a relaxing sail, socializing with friends, and swapping sea stories? Visualize maneuvering your boat toward the welcoming crowds on the dock in such exotic locations as East Dock, Hadleys, Coon Island, or Beacon Rock. In just a few short months your dreams will become reality as RCYC members begin the 2006 Cruising Season!

Gail and I are looking forward to spending this season in Portland instead of up north in Canada as we usually do. We will be able to take advantage of the Club's scheduled cruises to see a few new spots and, more importantly,

get to know other members better. Each cruise should have a designated host and Gail and I ask that you consider signing up to be the leader for that weekend. The Lazy Days Down River Cruise could have multiple hosts for different activities.

Here is the schedule for 2006:

April 29-30	East Dock, Government Island
May 26-29	Hadley's Landing
June 10-11	Coon Island, West
July 22-30	Lazy Days Down River; Potluck at Cathlamet July 27
Sept. 1-3	Beacon Rock
Oct. 7-8	East Dock, Government Island

First come, first served, so give us a call or email rlgales@verizon.net to choose your hosting venue!

Youth Sailing Program

As you probably know by now, we have received a number of generous donations to our Youth Sailing Program. We were informed by the children of Jack Gainer, that his wishes were that the RCYC Youth Sailing Program receive his Cascade 36 sailboat, his boathouse and its contents to benefit development of the program. The board of directors is currently developing a plan to sell these items and develop an endowment fund for the Youth Sailing Program. In addition, the club received a donation of a custom Gig Harbor rowing/sailing boat from our member Dick Dyer. Dick wanted this boat to be used by the Youth Sailing Program for developing basic boating and sailing skills among our youth. These, along with the three other sailing dinghies that the club owns, form the core of our fleet.

I would like to invite any interested parents and grandparents to participate in an open forum planning session for the Youth Sailing Program on Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm at RCYC. The purpose of this meeting is to provide input for both the short term and long term use of these assets and to explore the scope of the youth program that RCYC will support. We currently do not have a chairperson for this group, so I will facilitate this meeting and hopefully develop a core group of people who can help implement a program for this year.

I am very excited about the possibilities and look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

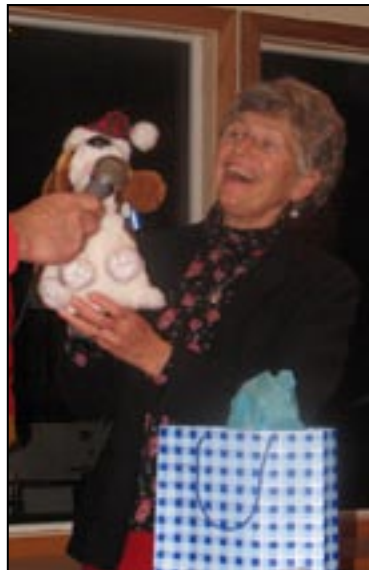
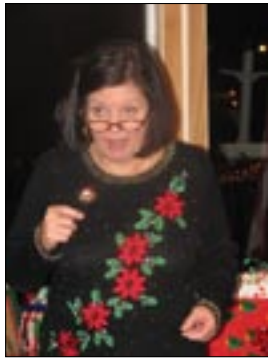
Bob Phillips, Commodore



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2005 Christmas Gathering ❄️







Ladies Dinner Committee Meeting

The first 2006 RCYC Ladies Dinner planning session is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at RCYC.

If you would like to join this committee and help plan a fun Ladies Dinner, please contact Leslie Phillips at lasphillips@web-ster.com or call 503-263-6474 and leave a message. This year's RCYC Ladies Dinner is scheduled for May 18, 2006.

Leslie Phillips



2006 Year Book Pictures

Any one who still needs to have their picture taken for the 2006 Year Book, please send picture(s) to Hollyhilltreefarm@yahoo.com; or for arrangements, call Hans Geerling at 503-628-0202.

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RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

February 2006

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| 2 Dance Lessons, 7:00 p.m. | 11 Clubhouse reserved (Tentative) |
| 4 SYSCO Educational Program - "Introduction to the New OCSA Race Courses" at the RCYC Clubhouse | 14 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. |
| 4 Commodore's Ball, 6:00 p.m., Columbia Edgewater Country Club | 15 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. | 21 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. |
| 8 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Meeting | 23 Ladies Dinner Committee Meeting RCYC Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m. |
| 10 Youth Sailing Planning Meeting RCYC Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m. | 27 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 28 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. |

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

March 2006

- 4 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m.
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- 11 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 SYSCO Introduction to Racing Clinic, 5:00 p.m.
- 25 Frost-Bite Race
- 27 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.