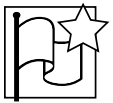


Commodore: Bob Phillips
Vice Commodore: Marili Green-Reilly
Secretary-Treasurer: Ben Mitchell

March 2006



COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

With gray skies and cloudy weather discouraging us from hitting the river, Leslie and I traveled to Astoria to attend the Fisher Poets Gathering. What an experience we had! Not only did we have great food and meet with friends, but we had an opportunity to listen to the music, poetry and stories of fishermen and fisherwomen from the Northwest and beyond. This all brought back memories to me of the summer of 1970 which I spent working on a salmon purse seiner out of Kodiak, Alaska.

My summer spent there as a "greenhorn" fisherman taught me many lessons and provided me with many memories that I treasure today. While we were driving home I began to recount in my mind the lessons that I learned during that summer.

Ocean passages often begin with sun and still water; but rarely remain that way. Never eat a lot of food during the time of sun and still water. When the calm disappears, keep your eyes on the horizon. Onshore winds with a dead engine are not good. Starter fluid can keep a diesel running. No matter how sick you are, you can always spray starter fluid. Don't celebrate going home till you are off the boat. Don't go looking for food in the fish



hold after celebrating. Don't climb in your sleeping bag headfirst after celebrating. Down sleeping bags sometimes cannot be salvaged after celebrating. No matter how sick you are, you can always sit on deck and pull a lever when asked.

While I sometimes forget, these lessons have continued to serve me today and have made me both a wiser and healthier person. I know that if I had been brave enough to return for another year of fishing that I would have done many things differently.

I still struggle with keeping my eyes on the horizon. Sometimes I get distracted by other concerns and find myself caught



Greetings, Lads and Laddies!

You are invited to the
"Wearin' o' the Green"
at the RCYC Irish Potluck
It will be held on Saturday,
March 18,
Social at 6 PM,
Potluck at 7 PM

Green beer provided, with
entertainment by
"Wild Thyme"
for a cost of \$5 per person at
the door.

Please bring a dish to share
with an Irish flair.

Anything from corned beef
to Irish stew,

A vegetable, salad or dessert
will do.

in situations where I wish I had taken a different tack. This last month I worked with the RCYC board on developing a plan for the sale of Jack Gainer's boat and boathouse. Our guiding light was what was best for the youth program. After discussion and input from club members and the board during the January board meeting, we decided to sell the boathouse to members within RCYC and keep the boathouse within the moorage. This is not

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what the majority of members attending the February general meeting wanted. I misjudged the intent of the membership and in retrospect, should have come before you for advice before we developed this plan. We will be discussing our plan at the February board meeting and bringing any possible revisions to you at the March general meeting.

I look forward to all interested members attending the meetings and providing a broad base of input to the board. I will learn from my mistakes and like the other lessons in my life try to keep my eyes on the horizon in the future.

Gainer Endowment

Unfortunately, there was not the required quorum of 20% of the membership at the February general meeting. Additional information and data will be presented at the March general meeting, with a further opportunity for discussion at that time. The matter will then be taken under advisement by the Board. After completing its review, the Board will place an announcement in the Forhorn summarizing its recommendations and place the issue before the membership for a vote.



Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly,
Vice Commodore

Brrrrrr; but it's good to be home (I think!) Dave and I just returned from a week cruising with Mike and Delphi Godsil aboard Trig, and the freezing weather took us by surprise after the sunshine and cooling winds of southern Baja California. What a treat it was to see that beautiful desert country near La Paz, to watch the pelicans and dolphins in pursuit of their meals, and to visit with our good friends again. What a jolt it was to come back home and have to pick our way over icy docks to make sure the newly-relaunched Tamara was still dry, snug, and secure at her moorings.

With any luck, that freezing weather is now behind us, just in time for our first work party.



Reillys and the Godsils
at dinner in La Paz, Mexico, 2/17/06

Mark your calendar so you can get your work hours in this spring. The spring work parties will be held March 4, March 11, April 1, April 22, and May 13. Work Party Chair John Flenniken is putting together a list of jobs to be tackled, and is in need of Lunch Leaders for April 1, April 22, and May 13, as well as some of the fall work parties. Contact John if you'd like to sign up to work on the moorage or to take a turn in the galley cooking up something tasty to warm the tummies of your fellow members.

Another way to get in your work hours is to volunteer to help with the on-going clubhouse upgrade. The Clubhouse improvement committee will be meeting March 20 to move forward with renovations and improvements in the galley. We will be looking into replacing one or both of the stoves, redesigning space to accommodate the tray rack, replacing countertops, refinishing cabinetry, and prioritizing other renovation topics that come up. Three or four of our core members are continuing from our last decorating efforts. If you have ideas that you think the committee should consider – or would like to help with product research, shopping, or future building and installation efforts -- please give me a call or drop me an email.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

Please send articles, announcements or any other Foghorn contributions to both of the Foghorn editors:

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

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And finally to the sailing!! The first race of the year as well as the first Portland sailing event of 2006 will be the RCYC Frostbite on March 25th. Racing will begin at 1100 and a social at the Sextant will conclude the day. As in the past and for all RCYC races this year, there will be a No-Fly-Sail (non-spinnaker) division and there is no charge to RCYC members to compete. Two weeks after the Frostbite we will be co-hosting the Opening Day Regatta. Racing will begin at 1400 on April 8th & 9th. For more information on either regatta, call or email your Race Captain, and do come out and join us for some fun days of sailing!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the Rose City members for their caring thoughts and kind words of support following the passing of my father. The flowers & cards meant a lot to Kim and me during this difficult time.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

During March we start preparing for the arrival of four new 38 foot concrete finger docks for walk two. Preparatory work will be done during the first and second work parties, with the first April party being used to move four existing 36 foot fingers off of walk two. This will displace a number of boats temporarily, until the new fingers are installed. Please attend one or all of these work parties. According to Bellingham Marine, the actual date of the truck arrival should occur during the first two weeks of April. The date of the special work party (mid week) should be nailed down by late March.

Note that the displaced boats cannot tie to the breakwater because we need maximum room to maneuver four massive 38-foot fingers up the fairway and then make the 90 degree turn into walk two. All the displaced boats will move off walk two on the morning of April first, if not during the week before, and owners will be notified in advance. When the new concrete fingers are bolted in place, the boats can go back home.

Similar to previous dock changes, there will be a sign on each existing finger dock telling where it goes. I will have extra copies of the master plan on hand at each party. We will be inserting most of our spare bolts and moving a bunch of existing bolts. Always (!) use a rubber-face hammer

on the threaded ends. Bring knee pads and gloves. Standard wrench size is 1-1/8 socket, if you want to bring one. Keep your handles tethered; very few steel tools have yet learned to swim.

So, look for some finger dock movement affecting walks four and three at the March 11 work party, and then all remaining moving of boats and finger docks at the April 1st party. After that will be the new finger dock arrival in early April.

PFD's are always in fashion when working on the docks. Stay safe.

Very special thanks go to Bob Fellman and Dick Hewitt for renewing the whole steering assembly on our main work boat.

Racing @ RCYC

*Your RCYC Race Captain(s),
Eric & Kim Rimkus*

RCYC.RaceCapt@comcast.net

The racing season is nearly upon us, and what a season we are going to have at RCYC! This year we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring five weekend regattas, at least three Friday night Beer Can or fun races, and a number of both on-the-water as well as classroom practice and training sessions. Although the RCYC/Sextant Frostbite, the first sailing event of the year, isn't until the end of March, this month is packed with off-the-water activities for both the hardcore as well as the not-so-serious racers around the club.

The first event on the calendar is the Dave Perry Rules Seminar; this is a great opportunity to brush-up on the tactical implications of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The seminar will be held at the former HIYC clubhouse (next to Zupan's) on Saturday March 4th and is being partially sponsored by Mount Gay Rum. Cost for the seminar is \$25 at the door. For more information contact Nancy Rander at Schooner Creek.

A NorthU Weather Seminar is being held at the RCYC Clubhouse on Sunday March 12th; this is a great opportunity for racers as well as cruisers to improve their weather recognition skills for inshore & offshore sailing. Kerry Poe will also be sponsoring a weekly sail trim seminar on Tuesday nights starting on March 14. These three classes are a great opportunity to improve your sail trim skills and are not limited to racers alone. For more information on either event, costs for participation, and to register, contact Kerry or Amy Poe at the Portland North Sails Loft at 503-282-4282.

A PHRF Measurement Party will be held on Sunday 19 March from 1000 to 1600 at the PYC clubhouse. This is a change from the original announcement, but we couldn't pass on the opportunity to accommodate even the largest sails. Those interested in racing are reminded that a current PHRF Rating certificate is required unless racing one-design or in a no-fly-sails division. All current PHRF members are strongly encouraged to bring their largest jib, main & spinnaker to PYC for assistance in measuring to the new for 2007 PHRF protocol. PHRF raters and directors will be on hand to answer questions about PHRF, sail measuring, and the new protocol.

On Thursday, 23 March starting at 1830, we will be hosting a "Racing 101" seminar at the RCYC Clubhouse. This is a great opportunity for those new to racing, or those thinking about getting out there again after a long absence to get a quick refresher course. There will be a review of the starting procedures, the new courses and race mark designations as well as many other important topics. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

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RCYC Education

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 PM:

De-winterizing/Summerizing your boat for a troublefree Spring.

Hans Geerling

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM:

Nobeltec Navigation Software.

Crystal Friedman, Nobeltec

There will be upcoming classes for May and June. Stay tuned.

David Johnson, RCYC Education

A View from the Rear

Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore

A View From the Rear – RCYC is blessed with a wealth of talent and people willing to do more than their share of the work. At the Commodore's Ball, the contributions of a number of members were recognized. First, the Board voted to recognize both Steve Barrett and Tom Stringfield for their work on the breakwater piling replacement. Tom Stringfield was also awarded the 2005 Golden Hammer Award. And, I paid tribute to the other "unsung heroes" of the club.

Vickie Nissen, Joyce Jensen, Dawn McClard, Wade Cornwell, and Hans Geerling – A newsletter is vital to any thriving organization. And, we have a great newsletter team.

Rick Royce – As chef for many a Ladies Dinner, he has done a superb job, and our dinners have been sold out for several years.

Dorothy Glynn and Valerie Holzmann – As Chaperones for the Daughters of Neptune, they have been wonderful mentors for the girls and have helped develop the public service aspects of the program.

Jim Martin – Father Neptune was a great mentor for the girls and a wonderful representative of the Club.

Carl Nielsen – Carl has quietly handled insurance matters for the club for several years, making sure the policies were updated, tackling the liability insurance issues, and keeping the Board advised of both status and actions needed.

Olga Moen – I talked her into being Activities Chair last year and she did a marvelous job. The treasure hunt for the pirates' cruise was a masterpiece!

Bob Fellman and Pete Unger

– These two individuals are among the hardest working people in the club, and unfortunately, not all the hours they put in are ever recorded. They have kept the dredging equipment, club boats and motors running smoothly.

Loren Beach – Besides doing a great job as Moorage Chair, Loren makes most of the work parties. He is always around to lend a hand and works hard to make room for boats in the club. His keeping me apprised of changes in the moorage has really helped make tracking insurance matters much easier.

Jim Himes – Thanks to Jim, the club has a great website that is updated regularly.

Carol Bobo – Carol works with the Vice Commodore and Work Party Chair to get members out for work parties. She has spent hours on the telephone calling members and getting them out for work parties. Through these efforts, fewer members were billed for work hours in 2005 than in previous years.

John Tichenor – His work hours don't permit him to attend many club functions. However, he has taken on the Fire Prevention duties for the club. Each month he walks the docks, checks and certifies each of the fire extinguishers on the property and replaces them as needed. And considering the weather over the last two months, this was anything but a fun job

For these unsung heroes, I offer my thanks for a job well done and a bottle of wine. If you haven't received your award yet, please contact me to arrange for delivery.



Ladies Dinner News!

The RCYC Ladies Dinner is scheduled for May 18. Planning for the dinner has begun in earnest. RCYC's Ladies Dinner is a very popular event and you should mark your calendars now so you don't miss it. There are many reasons the dinner is so very popular. First and foremost would be Chef Rick Royce's wonderful culinary creations. Another reason is the gift raffle that is held during the dinner. The dinner planning committee is in the process of soliciting gifts to be raffled off. We will be contacting businesses and community institutions to ask for donations. In the past, RCYC members have donated some of our most popular gifts. We would like to continue that tradition. If you would like to donate a gift – handicraft, business item, purchased gift, etc. – we would love to receive it. Additionally, if you have any community or business contacts you think you can "tap" for gifts we would welcome your help.

This year a significant portion of the profit we make from the Ladies Dinner will be donated to a charity benefiting women's health.

Please contact Dave Reilly 503.281.9350 (reilly@aracnet.com) if you have a gift donation for the dinner or if you have an idea about a community or business contact.



Dick Dyer rowing around in the dinghy he donated to the Club for the youth program. Thanks, Dick!



◀ Our 2006 Commodore Bob Phillips and First Lady, Leslie.

2006 Commodore's Ball

2006 Daughter of Neptune
Samantha Baxter, her grandparents
are Alverna and Jim Martin



Larry Corderman, our MC ▼



▲ Presentation of the 2006 RCYC Board



▲ Thanks Judy Oxborrow, Commodore 2005

Our 2005 Daughter of Neptune,
Hannah Bigelow ▲

RCYC Youth Sailing— Looking for a few good young sailors!

Motivated by the Gainer Endowment and our need to promote sailing as a viable alternative for youth, the club is planning a Rose City Youth Sailing Program. In order to plan more kid-friendly events and get the youth sailing program off to a good start, we need to know how many children are associated with the club either as children or grandchildren of members. If you have children or grandchildren under the age of 18, please email me back the information listed below for each child before the end of March.

We're also interested in expanding the love of sailing beyond the RCYC group of kids and grandkids, so please spread the word. If you have young friends who would be interested in being a part of a youth sailing program, please include his/her name and their contact info as well.

Thanks in advance. With your help we can make the RCYC as great a club for kids as it is for the adults.

Nina Kramer,
ninakramer@yahoo.com

Sign 'em up!

Child's name: _____

Age: _____ RCYC (yes or no): _____

Adult contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

HELP WANTED!!

We're looking for a few good well written and /or creative people to assist with the newsletter for this year and for years to come. This is your chance to use your flare in creativity and earn work hours in your own home.

Contact the Commodore, Ben Mitchell, or any of the newsletter staff for more details.

Dawn/Joyce/Vickie and Wade

Your help will keep us all on the water.

Yearbook Notice

The 2006 yearbook has gone to press. It is hoped that copies will be available for members to pick up beginning at the March 15 general meeting. One copy will be mailed to inactive members and inactive life members who do not regularly visit the clubhouse. If you are an ACTIVE member (especially one with a boat at the club), please plan on picking up your yearbook at the clubhouse -- either at a general meeting or when you come down to check on and/or work on your boat.

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RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS Meetings, and Functions:

March 2006

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| 4 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. | 18 St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 6:00 p.m. |
| 7 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. | 19 PHRF Sail Measuring Workshop |
| 9 New Member Orientation, 7:00 p.m. | 20 Clubhouse Redecoration Committee meeting |
| 11 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. | 21 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Education: Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. |
| 12 Public Educational Event: North U/Weather for Sailors (Tentative) | 23 SYSCO Introduction to Racing Clinic, 5:00 p.m. |
| 14 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Basic Sailing, 6:00 p.m. | 25 Frost-Bite Race |
| 15 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. | 27 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| 16 Education: De-winterizing/Summerizing (Tentative; alternate date March 22nd) | |

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

April 2006

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| 1 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. |
| 6 Education: NobelTech |
| 8-9 OCSA Opening Day races |
| 11 Ladies Cruise Skippers' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| 12 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| 19 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| 22 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. |
| 24 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| 26-27 Clubhouse Reserved - OWSA Education: On-the-Water Basics, 6:30-9:30 p.m. |
| 29 Clubhouse Reserved - Private Party, 6:00 p.m. |
| 29-30 Cruise, East Dock Government Island |