

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Log

The 2006 boating season is off to a great start. Under threatening skies we held our Opening Day ceremony and participated in the Opening Day boat parade. Rick Royce and Barb Dougherty worked hard with providing a wonderful brunch in a beautifully decorated clubhouse. In the parade, we gained first place awards in both seamanship and participation and followed up with the first RCYC open boat show.

Now that the weather is beginning to improve we must again be prepared for the arrival of unwelcome "guests". Club members and our port captain were faced with a group of belligerent intruders this past month who brought their boat into the moorage, tied up and proceeded up the ramp to brunch at Salty's. When informed that RCYC was a private moorage the boat captain replied that it was "no big deal" and proceeded on his way. Lynn then attempted to call the sheriff's patrol with no luck and eventually called for a patrol car. When the patrol car arrived the boat owner scrambled back from brunch, apologized and moved the boat. The members involved

did the right things. They talked to the visitors and told them the facts, did not physically confront the visitors and went through the proper legal channels to solve the problem keeping their tempers under control. Thanks to all involved for the job well done!

Our gate is also a security issue. As a reminder, we must all keep the gate closed unless someone will be supervising entry. While some members view this as an inconvenience, it is for the benefit of us all to have this security and know that the standard is not being compromised. This doesn't guarantee that your car or personal safety is insured because history has shown that people will come over or through our fence at all hours. Do not leave valuables in sight within your vehicle and, above all, remember that if you go to the parking lot late at night be observant and protect yourself. Safety and security are responsibilities we all share.

Bob Phillips, Commodore



Fire boat display on opening day.

Women's Dinner



First ladies of all the clubs line up.



Pre-dinner mingling from the RCYC table.



Men eagerly awaiting to serve!

A View from the Rear

If you read The Oregonian, you undoubtedly saw Steve Duin's May 11 column that discussed the latest turn of events in the January fire at CRYC. The Portland Fire Bureau boat rescued a \$2.3 million vessel from imminent danger and headed out to tie it up to a dock in the marina. Along the way, they encountered another boat that appeared willing to help. The fire boat tossed the lines to the waiting boat so it could tie up the rescued vessel and headed back to do what fire boats do – fight the fire. It turned out that the waiting boat was a Sea Tow salvage rig strategically parked at the edge of the action. That company is now seeking salvage reimbursement of 10% of the boat's value, claiming it extracted the vessel from a position of peril and in so doing, exposed their personnel, equipment, and vessels to significant risk. The entire matter appears destined for a court resolution. This leads to the subject of this month's column – **INSURANCE**.

Moorage rules mandate that all boats in the moorage must be insured. Such coverage must include liability, fuel and spill liability, and wreck removal. A copy of the declarations page must be furnished as proof of insurance. I've been busy updating insurance records and sending out reminder notices in order to assure everyone is in compliance. If you have questions about what to submit or how to get it to me, give me a call. **Those who are not in compliance with this rule will have their names referred to the Board for action.**

And, for RCYC members insured through **BoatUS**, there is even better news. Once you have provided me with the initial copy of your insurance declarations page, you won't have to do it again – provided you remain insured through BoatUS. With data taken from that declarations page, I can verify your continuing coverage on-line. The on-line verification provides a summary of your declarations page and lists all the information required to comply with moorage rules. Hopefully, other insurance companies will provide this same service to their clients in the future.

Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore

Cruising Matters

As I sit here writing this month's cruising article it is cold and rainy outside with snow forecast for up the road from us this weekend. I think about our brave members on the Memorial Day cruise to Hadley's and feel a bit guilty (but dry and warm) that Gail and I are not out there with them. My doc says "no-no" to anything until after I see him on June 23 and he releases my arm from this sling. Then I move from passive therapy to more aggressive strength building as I continue to heal from rotator cuff surgery. Sailing will have to wait a bit longer.

Last Thursday I watched Jim and Judy on Cats Paw leave the dock with Lynn and Connie on Eagle 3 not far behind, heading for the dock at Hadley's for the club's Memorial Day weekend cruise. I wondered about the long 2x10 on Cats Paw's deck and learned that it would be needed to get ashore as there were some temporary problems at Hadley's. The river is running pretty wild so that may have something to do with it. Chuck Fisher and Karen Jacobson on Ursa are the designated hosts for this cruise and perhaps stowed some extra umbrellas for all. There should be some good stories for next month's Foghorn.

Commodore Bob and Leslie Phillips will be the hosts for the June 10-11 cruise to Coon Island. Look for information posted at the clubhouse and an email reminder shortly before the cruise. The weather has to improve, doesn't it?

Our Lazy Daze Down River Cruise is set for July with the following schedule:

Saturday, July 22: Raft up in Martin Pond
Sunday, July 23: Anchor behind Walker Island
Monday, July 24: Dock space reserved at Cathlamet
Tuesday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 26: Cruising Prarie Channel, Warren Slough, Astoria, your pleasure
Thursday, July 27: Back to Cathlamet for the big BBQ. Dock space and picnic area reserved
Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Up river and home, stop when and where you wish

Old salts will have to help guide, cajole and lead the way for some of us unfamiliar with much of the down river territory. Please contact me with your thoughts about the cruise and how we might make it one to remember.

I probably won't see you out on the water but I'll sure see you around the moorage!

Bob Gales (rlgales@verizon.net)

Moorage Matters

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Moorage is full up. River is high and fast, and extra care is required when maneuvering your boat. The new welded-steel depth gauges are on several piling, thanks to Pete Unger and Bob Fellman. The eddies in the current are causing all the boats on Walk 1 to move around nervously in their slips -- everyone moored on that Walk needs to check their lines and chafe gear. By July

we should be back to "low and slow" water flow.

We just had our first (that we know of) trespass incident this season -- four young boaters with a lot of attitude docked their ski boat behind the clubhouse and went to eat brunch at Salty's. They told off several of our members who tried to explain that this is a private (and posted) moorage. The Sheriff was not in the office that morning, but a call to the non-emergency number brought a Portland Police officer in relatively short order.

He had a "talk" with the boat driver, and the driver and boat soon went away. Be alert; watch out for each other and for our vehicles in the parking lot. Sometimes a stranger parked at the gate or arriving by boat might be a potential member wanting a tour and a brochure, or, maybe not.

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



Vice Commodore's Report



Spring is quickly winding down – and so are your opportunities to get in your work hours. I did a quick tally and found that less than a dozen members still need to get in some work hours. Check with Work Party Chair John Flenniken if you'd like a special assignment before the \$50/hour charge hits your June statement.

The up-side of the spring "work" season has been the work that's been accomplished. I tallied the "Top Ten," and found that some projects have garnered a lot of effort and some people have found some favorite projects. The three most "popular" projects this spring have been the installation of the T-slips (29 people logged 308 hours), general maintenance of our parking lot and other landscaping tasks (22 people have put in 114 hours) and work on the club boats (8 guys have made this their own pet project, accumulating 91.5 hours).

Pet projects and leadership positions have helped several members accumulate a lot of hours. In particular, 57 of those 308 T-slip hours were put in by Loren Beach as coordinator of that project. The club launch helped put Dave Hickman, Frank Noragon, and Bob Fellman into the next three places, with over 30 hours each, and earned Eric Rimkus the number 10 spot on the list with 24 hours

With the work parties and other work this spring, we have logged a total of 1,460.5 hours. Among those hard workers have been eight Life Members. Those are the folks that we recognize for having put so much into the club during twenty or more years of active membership that we tell them they don't need to put in any work hours! Yet two of them – Herm Fischer and Pete Unger – made the "Top Ten" list.

Rounding out the Top 10 – which is really 11, since there was a tie at 9th place – are two directors and our two membership chairs: Jim Douglass, Karl Quade, Dave Reilly, and Paul Glynn have contributed between 24 and 31 hours each.

Although I mention the "big" numbers, I don't want to overlook the others who have stepped forward to take on leadership roles, including this spring's work party leaders Tom Stringfield, Norm Gustafson, Alan Bergen, Chuck Pennington, and Chuck Silver, and the work party "lunch leaders" Susan Wilcox, the Stenders, the Reillys, Alan Bergen, and Jennifer Hill.

Thanks to all of you for making this spring's work parties a success, to John Flenniken for leading this effort and to 168 individuals who have followed his leadership, completing their hours for the first half of the year: we wouldn't have this great facility if it weren't for all of you.

Marili Green Reilly

Need Work Hours????

The last work party has been held. If you are short work hours, there are tasks around the club that need tending like lawn mowing, weed whacking, weed spraying, concrete sealing, concrete patching and floating debris clean-up around the moorage. For assignments, please contact Work Party Chair, John Flenniken, at 503-292-4319 or fjpenny@qwest.net.



RCYC Pictures

Any pictures taken by Hans Geerling can be ordered, at no cost, for 4 x 6" or smaller sizes. There is an Opening Day picture book in the clubhouse with an order list in the back. In addition there is a set of prints for you to take.

Ladies Dinner Called a Success!

The month of May brought forth a beautiful and wonderfully floral event at Rose City. The annual Ladies Dinner entertained 110 ladies from our club as well as ten other clubs from around the area. We enjoyed a very delicious meal prepared by Chef Rick Royce, listened to beautiful music by Jas. Adams and John Mery, and competed for a plethora of raffle prizes that were donated by very generous RCYC members and local businesses. The waiters worked efficiently in a slightly too warm flower garden and the entire Ladies Dinner Committee seamlessly provided a splendid night for all.

Special recognition and sincere thanks go to the following folks who worked so hard to create a garden atmosphere and who made this event a success. Thank you Jeanne Becker, Dave Reilly, Marili Reilly, Nancy Mitchell, Alverna Martin, Dorothy Glynn, Anne Roehm, Sally Hickman, Janet Bradley, Barb Chabala, Judy Oxborrow, Mike Oxborrow, Renate Bittner, Carolyn Douglas, Terry Foren, John Dees, Bob Phillips, Larry Corderman, Brad Jensen, Joyce Jensen, Delphi Godsil and all the waiters and Board members who helped set-up and clean-up the clubhouse. More to come at the next club meeting!

The following list of prizes were donated and collected over the past year for this event. Through the efforts of the Ladies Dinner committee, we were able to raffle away about 70 prizes which led to earnings of over \$1000.00.

Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Leslie Phillips

Donations for the 2006 RCYC Ladies Dinner

Rose City Yacht Club Donors:

Jeanne & Tommy Becker for Becker Enterprises
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 John and Jan Dees
 Dave and Sally Hickman
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 Gift basket and Wine
 Handwoven Cotton Rag Rug
 Umbrella
 The Cat's Meow Treasure Bag
 Lincoln City Beach Getaway
 Boating Outing Basket in Blue
 Nautical Visor
 Garden Basket
 China Cookbook, Shipwreck Book, Lewis & Clark Cookbook and a B/W Original Etching
 Two Baskets with Mr. Wonderful, and a Wine Carrier Set
 Nautigear Bag and West Marine Boat Products, Nautigear Tote Bag
 A Day at the SPA bag
 "Lady of Life" Art Piece
 Two tickets to Oregon Symphony



Local Business Donors to the Ladies Dinner:

The American Winery	Two Bottles of Wine
Arrivederci! Wine and Gifts	\$25 Gift Certificate
Banks Sales SW	Gear bag
Beaches Restaurant & Bar	Three \$16 Gift Certificates
Carol's Custom Canvas & Upholstery	Mesh Bag
Cascade Yachts, Inc.	Dorad
Courtyard Marriott	One Night free stay
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center	Four Guest Passes
Hayden Island Canvas	Tote Bag, \$50 Gift Certificate
Huber's Restaurant	\$40 Gift Certificate
Image & Market Measurement	Red, White and Blue Picnic Fun
Iron Horse Restaurant	\$25 Gift Certificate
Japanese Gardens	Two Free Passes
Julie's Travel Desk	Offshore Crew Bag & Travel Towel
Kuhnhausen Furniture	Lighthouse Candle Holder & Fish Design Pewter Platter
Lee Sails of Oregon	Certificate for Spinnaker Dousing Sock
Marineland @ Pier 99	30 days free moorage
North Winds Canvas	Duffle Bag
Oregon Maritime Center & Museum	Eight Free Admissions
Oregon Symphony	Two Free Performance Passes
Oregon Zoo	Two adult and Two Children Admissions
Parkrose Hardware	3/8" Electric Drill
Perry's On Fremont	\$25 Gift Certificate
Pittcock Mansion	Four Guest Passes
Pizza Mia	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Portland Classical Chinese Gardens	Two Free Admissions
Rocky Pointe Marina	Haul Out and Pressure Wash or \$100 toward Bottom Paint Job
Rogers Marine Electronics	Umbrella and 6 Coffee Tumblers, 2 Hats, 2 Shirts
Safeway, Jantzen Beach	\$100 Safeway Basket
Salty's On The Columbia	\$40 Lunch Gift Certificate for Two
Sextant Tavern	\$50 Gift Certificate
Sexton's Chandlery	Hand-bearing Compass
Shilo Inn's Hotels	Two Nights at Shilo Inn's Hotel
Sportcraft Landing	Kayak Paddle
Sternwheeler Rose	\$60 Brunch Cruise for Two
The Sailing Life	Travel Basket
Vancouver Symphony	Two Season Pass-General Admissions
West Marine	West Marine Jacket and cooler
Who Song and Larry's	Four \$16 Gift Certificates
Zupan's Market-Hayden Island	\$100 Floral Arrangement



Eagle Days In Cathlamet

We again want to invite all of RCYC to a burger and dog lunch with all the trimmings. Soft drinks and salads provided. Bring a chair if you can. The truly small town Eagle Days parade starts at 11:00am on Saturday the 15th of July, but come earlier to eat and just hang out.

We are located at 380 Columbia Street overlooking the Puget Island Bridge. If you are coming via Longview, take exit 36 and follow the signs to "Long Beach." After about 25 miles, take a left on to Columbia Street just past the Shell service station which is just after mile-post 38. Or from downtown (yes even Cathlamet has a downtown), go up the hill past the fire station about three blocks. If you drive up highway 30 on the Oregon side, catch the ferry (leaves at 15 minutes past every hour) at Westport and follow the road across the bridge to Cathlamet and do a hairpin right at the first intersection. Park on a side street.

After the parade, the festivities move down to the center of town and feature music, antique cars, a birds of prey exhibit (that's where the Bald Eagle comes in), stuff for kids, a Coast Guard helicopter rescue demonstration, more food (including buffalo burgers) and crafts for sale.

You can still make it to the Walk 3 BBQ if you head back to Portland by 4:00pm, as it only takes 1:15 to get to RCYC going through Longview and down I-5. However, you may wish to stay for more music (Mike Oxborrow and band) in the evening and a fireworks show almost right over your head. There will be more events at the marina on Sunday, expanding on the traditional wooden boat show.



Hope to see you at our house,

Jan and John Dees

New River Gauges

Pete Unger and I have placed the first (top) halves of two new river depth gauges in the club. They are located on the headwalk pile, just down river from the ramp, to the up-river headwalk ramp and on the pile just up stream from the end of the down stream ramp. When the river level gets low enough, we will add the bottom halves. The welded numbers are done with stainless steel rod with the hope they will stay bright. The hash marks at each inch are done with standard welding rod and will soon rust.

Please carefully note: the reading point for these two gauges is at the top of the pile hoop extending from the dock, not at water level, as with the wooden gauges on walks two and five. (The numbers painted on the steel piles will remain partially visible for some time, and they measure from water level.

Bob Fellman and Pete Unger

Walk 1 Chili-Cook-Off Chefs



Karen Jacobsen wins the Great RCYC Chili Cook Off by using an internet found recipe including cocoa powder.



Memorial Day Hadley's Landing
Taking a break from the rain for the pot luck.



Bill Campbell on the Santana 20 *Mistral* wondering if there will ever be enough wind to get up river before time runs out.

Although the above picture pretty much says it all for the inaugural running of the RCYC Medium Distance Race, I would like to think that the event turned out to be a big success. With 30 boats registered for racing, this was the largest weekend regatta of the season based upon participation. This was the first local regatta in many years (ever?) to attract a multihull to the competition; a trend that we hope to see continue. And, although the wind didn't exactly cooperate for a downwind start or for a 12NM race, this was the first time in many years that we have had an "up-river" event. But best of all, it didn't rain! With a forecast of light winds and rain, we were very happy to get through the day

The fleet of 30 boats, including 9 from RCYC and 3 Sea Scout 29s, struggle in a light easterly and big current to get to the start line.



After two postponements, racing finally got started at 1136 hrs in a building easterly; at least it was temporarily building. The Martin 241 *Gladiator*, sailed by Jeff Causey, made it over the line quickly and made a course directly behind the first wing dam in search of current relief. With nearly 3 knots of current running in the opposite direction of the course, it was very easy for boats to be quickly swept down river in the periodic lulls. While many boats suffered this fate, the two Melges 24s in the race, *Merlin & Bandit*, managed to pick their way through the fleet and begin their long chase of *Gladiator* up the Oregon shoreline. Ducking behind each wing dam the three boats finally converged at the Airport wing dam as Jeff & crew struggled to get around the end dolphin in the fickle winds. The race started fresh for the three boats as they rounded the end of the wing dam together and they worked their way up river to the shortened course mark near Buoy "18".



Jeff Causey and crew on *Gladiator* put the peddle down and develop an early lead on the two faster Melges 24s.

Meanwhile, back at the starting area, the remainder of the fleet continued their struggle to just get over the start line. Periodic increases in wind pressure and an occasional shift to the north allowed a fortunate few in the right place at the right time to get over the start line. What proved to be the only successful strategy of the day was to cross the start and immediately dive behind the submerged wing dam directly above the RCYC moorage. Once clear of that wing dam the few boats that had started were able to work their way up as far as the Airport wing dam by short tacking along the Oregon shoreline, but none were able to catch the breakaway pack.



Tony Humpage's Melges 24 *Merlin* takes line honors as First to Finish and would go on to secure PHRF Overall as well.



Making good speed at the finish, but it was a little too late for Jeff Causey on *Gladiator* to beat the 74 sec/mile spread for top honors in PHRF Overall.

By 1400 hours, the starting area, which was still crowded with boats sailing on the east wind "treadmill" attempting to start the race, began to turn into a finishing area. First to finish the shortened race was Tony Humpage's Melges 24 *Merlin*. Although they were followed closely by *Gladiator*, it was enough to beat the 74 sec/mile PHRF spread between the two boats and *Merlin* would gain top honors in PHRF overall. Soon after *Gladiator's* finish came Paul Teveliet's Melges 24 *Bandit*; the last boat to finish the race. Congratulations to the crews of *Merlin*, *Gladiator* and *Bandit* for completing what turned out to be a very difficult 4.61NM course!

After a few long and hard fought hours, and no doubt prompted by the finish of the three lead boats, the majority of the fleet realized the futility in their pursuit and retired. As competitors began to join the Race Committee & spectators around the keg and bar-b-que at the end of the RCYC breakwater, it wasn't long before the remaining diehards retired as well. A steady stream of burgers was cooked up and the beer flowed for all of the racers who stopped by for the party. Even though the race didn't turn out ideally, we had good weather, great give away items from our race sponsors, and a fun party on the dock.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to race in this new event, and many thanks to West Marine, Walgreens, Schooner Creek & North Sails for providing great items to give out to all of the competitors. Hope to see you all next year; I'll start putting quarters in the wind machine a little earlier next time.

RCYC Kids party (ages 3-7) Saturday, June 3

Bring your kids, your grandkids and their friends. Lunch will be provided! (Children must stay with a responsible adult and have a life jacket.) Come get together for some fun. Dingy rides, weather permitting. Hot Dogs, punch and fun. Please RSVP to Dawn McClard at dimclard@comcast.net or Lucy Mitchem at 503-297-3814.



RCYC is number One at Openings Day Parade by following the leaders



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

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Walk 2 Barbecue

Saturday, June 17, 2006

Happy Hour (BYOB) 5:30 PM

Dinner (bring your favorite food to grill) 6 PM

Salad and mixers will be provided.

**Hope to see you all there for a fun & festive time
with friends!**

**A pony keg of beer will be
available as long as it last!**



RCYC UPCOMING MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

June 2006

- 6/3 RCYC Kids' Party Noon
- 6/8-9 Clubhouse reserved: OWSA Spinnaker Class, 6:00 pm
- 6/10-11 Cruise: Coon Island
- 6/14 Clubhouse reserved: OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 6/15 New Member Orientation, 7:00 pm
- 6/16 Clubhouse reserved: private party, 4:00 pm
- 6/16 Beer Can Race
- 6/17 Short Course Practice Race, 4:00 pm
- 6/17 Clubhouse reserved: private party, 1:00-4:30
- 6/17 Walk 2 Barbecue, 5:30 pm
- 6/21 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 6/24-25 RCYC Regatta
- 6/26 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 6/29 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm

July 2006

- 7/4 4th of July Land Cruise
- 7/15 Walk 3 BBQ, 6:00 pm
- 7/19 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 7/21 Beer Can Rice
- 7/22-30 Lazy Days Cruise
- 7/31 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.