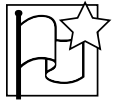


Commodore: Bob Phillips
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July 2006



COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

One thing that is great about the members of Rose City is their spontaneity. What began as a plan for Leslie and me to get away from town for a few days quickly blossomed into a full fledged cruise to East Dock. As I write this I count 12 boats among our floating community as we enjoy the first hot weekend of summer. The friendliness and sense of community we experience at RCYC is what makes it such a welcome refuge for both of us. We welcomed 2 new members into the club this last month, long-time river sailor and friend of many RCYC members, Bill Farr and Cascade owner, Jill Otey. We look forward to them becoming part of our group so please welcome them as you see them around the club.

At the June general meeting I spoke briefly about our process of nominating candidates for next year's directors and officers. If you are a person who would like to serve the club in a short term position as a nominating committee member with the task of recruiting candidates or if you are a member who feels that your ideas and leadership would be of value to the club as an officer, director or committee chair, we ask that you contact Rear-Commodore Judy Oxborrow. An organization such as ours is only as good as the people who make its operation possible and we all share that responsibility.

I know that it is an inconvenience to our regular clubhouse and deck users to share the space with our various events which get scheduled in the summer. What is great is that we can provide the opportunity for club members and the sailing community to use the clubhouse and count on our members to flex with this usage. We encourage those planning events and those needing access to the clubhouse to respect the needs of each other. Remember that everyone is welcome to host their own non-exclusive events at the club with family and friends. Just remember to check the schedule to see if others are planning any events or check with Vice-Commdore Marili Green Reilly.

The summer is packed with opportunities for parties, events and cruises so get down to the water and have some fun.

Welcome New Members



Jill Otey



Bill Farr



Ron McClard and crew on Great Shearwater sailing up the Washington Coast--wind 10 knots NW and sunny, June 30, 2006.

"We're having a great time getting up the coast. Now the sun is about to set. We're on our way past Grays Harbor to Cape Elizabeth. Here is a full sail photo."

The Crew



"Patriot's" voyage from Split, Croatia to Rome, Italy

May 2006

Tom setting the anchor at Hvar town, Hvar Island, Croatia



Another phase of Craig Mortensen's trip around the world. Craig gave a presentation at our March General Meeting.

Amalfi town, Amalfi Coast, Italy



"Patriot" and captain Craig at the helm, Capri town, Island of Capri.



Rome, captain Craig, Vickie and Tom Stringfield on Palatine Hill.

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Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly, Vice Commodore

Following publication of the June Board Meeting minutes, I received some feedback on a topic I raised that we begin awarding "work" hours for some of the "social" things we do. Commodore Phillips and I had reasoned that a lot of hard hours go into planning some events, and that that work should be appropriately rewarded.

One member who provided feedback, however, drew a distinction between "the **requirement** for work hours (which) substitutes for greater dues and fees which would otherwise be assessed to cover hired maintenance workers," and the rewards intrinsic to pulling together a successful social event. We were reminded that "members should work on and attend social events because they want to. If an event doesn't attract committee workers, or attendees, maybe it's time for it to end." Or, to look at it from another angle, "when a person wants to make sure that an RCYC event they enjoy is well done, and when they derive pleasure from working with certain other members, a committee coalesces," and the event can be successfully pulled off.

I admit that having heard the other side of the argument, I'm inclined to agree. And, since work hours are defined in our Bylaws as being for "the development and maintenance of club facilities," I would like to know if there are other members with strong feelings on either side of this question before we undertake a Bylaws change.

Ideally, I'd like to hear from a member or group of members who'd be willing to take the pulse of membership on the topic. If you'd rather communicate your opinions via telephone or email directly to me, that would be okay too. In the meantime, we'll delay further action until we've gotten a better indication for how membership feels about the subject.

Walk 2 BarBQ





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

River current and height is slowing and falling to summer levels and members are starting to leave for cruises north. Sometimes it can get lonely around here. Keep your eye on the gate, parking lot, and of course the docks. Security is every member's business. Please "police up" the grounds of any trash and keep those kid's PFD's tidy in their storage box at the top o' the ramp. Lock all three door of the clubhouse and the ramp gate at sunset.

Note that we have issued all of our springtime reminders about having current registration stickers displayed -- so when the River Patrol Sheriff deputy walks the docks and tickets you, just pay up cheerfully and do not whine.

If you see something around the docks that needs repairs, call the work party chair or me or any flag officer. The port captain and residents will try to keep an eye on things but are not full (or even part) time maintenance staff. Being an all-volunteer club, we all must stand ready to fix stuff when it breaks. We will be very glad to help you and work with you, but we are not employees.

Speaking of "upkeep" please put away all shop tools when done and then sweep up. And, if needed we could have a special ed class on installing a new roll of toilet paper... Additionally, you could master the technique of installing a new paper towel roll by the galley sink.

Moorage status is "full up" and we presently have no waiting list.

Fair Winds!



A View from the Rear

Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore

A View From The Rear – Life becomes difficult when one has so many events on their calendars that one must choose which event to attend. Mike and I missed the Walk 2 BBQ (and the unveiling of the keg) because we were in Sidney BC for the Ericson Rendezvous. The Beaches and Picks also made the cruise via land craft to Sidney. It was a great opportunity to meet people we have chatted with via e-mail and to look at other Ericson boats. Each boat had been updated with some great ideas and reflected the love of its owner. We came back with some nifty ideas.

With a little planning, we were able to turn this trip into another mini-vacation covering territory we had not seen. After the rendezvous, we took the ferry across to Anacortes and drove the North Cascades Highway to Winthrop. Then we turned south to Lake Chelan for a couple of days. We spent one entire day doing the Lady of the Lake Cruise and toured Rainbow Falls. We even saw mountain goats and deer. The Chelan area is also sprouting wineries, many of which have a fantastic view of the lake. We came home via Snoqualmie Pass and Renton so we could do the Spirit of Washington dinner train, a 50 mile round trip along Lake Washington while dining in style. During the week we were gone, we drove less than 900 miles, (plus about 150 miles via various boats/ferries, and 50 miles by train) and had some new adventures.

This prompts me to offer a couple of ideas for RCYC to consider. Let's have another open boat day. There are a number of boats in the club that I would love to tour. This time, let's assign times for each walk so we all get to see all the boats. The July 4 land cruise is rapidly approaching and maybe this could be one of the activities for the day.

Another thought – How about changing the dates for the Lazy Days Cruise to coincide with Cathlamet's Bald Eagle Days? A lot of RCYC members go to this event – some by boat and others by car – as evidenced by the numbers who attend the Dees' open house and parade viewing party. Mike and the band are playing a pre-fireworks program at the marina on Saturday night. We (and several other RCYC members)

are planning on going by boat and staying down river for several days. Thus, we will be headed home when other RCYC members are just starting their cruise. By changing the dates, we can (1) support an event that many at RCYC enjoy, (2) include more RCYC members in the Lazy Days Cruise, (3) eliminate any conflicts with the SYSCO cruise, Six-Pac, and/or Banks Gold Rush Race (4) and eliminate the annual conflict with the July Board meeting. Just food for thought.

My thanks to all who are sending copies of their insurance declarations page to me without prompting. Please keep in mind I need the declarations page from your policy – not a copy of the bill you receive.



RCYC Summer Regatta

Two words will pretty much sum up the RCYC Summer Regatta this year: Sunshine - wind!! And if you missed it, you missed one of the best conditions for a regatta that we have seen on this river in a very long time. Saturday started with a perfect West-Northwesterly wind at 8 knots and building. With the starting area just off the RCYC breakwater and the finish just to the south of buoy "14", there were ample opportunities for some fine spectating from the moorage. Races started promptly at 1400 with starboard tack slightly favored to the weather mark as the wind began to oscillate to the Northwest. The Melges 24s were the first around the course in a scant 20-some minutes with breakneck planning downwind speed. Once the fourth start Cal 20s were off on their first race, the Melgi were promptly rolled into a second start sequence. They were followed a short time later by the Club Rated Mixed 24 footer fleet. This was an interesting fleet to watch with four J/24s and a lone Martin 242 owing them each 9 seconds/mile.

As the second set of races progressed, the wind began to kick it up a notch and the puffs began to steadily work their way to the North. The waves also started to pitch up a little steeper and at times it was like being in a giant washing machine - great for surfing and planning downwind in a race boat but not so great for sitting on the Club launch at anchor. By the time two sprint races were in the books for the little boats and the big PHRF boats had made their way around the "long" course the wind had definitely settled in from the Northwest-by-North. An adjustment to the location of the weather mark was in order and the racers had a brief break while it was reset to the Washington shoreline near Ryan Point. Racing was off again in the

steady 14-knot breeze. Two more sprint races for the little boats and another distance race for the big boats were quickly completed. Racing was tight in all of the fleets and the race committee got quite a show at the leeward mark and finish with boats trading positions frequently at both locations. Four races were in the books and everyone was off the water by 1700. An informal party at "The Deck" at McCuddy's Marina brought many of the racers together for a beer and some great food after racing. By the end of day one, not a single fleet was seeing a run-away in the standings. The Melges 24s were separated by one point as were the Cal 20s and the PHRF boats; the Mixed 24 fleet saw Phil Campagna's "Bite Me" working on a lead, but second place was tied and fourth was only a point behind.

Sunday started out with a perfect Westerly as the marks were being deployed for the second day of racing. But with predictions for a strong Easterly from all of the usual sources, it was a nervous time on the mark boat. As we dropped the weather mark the wind took a definite shift to the North. Time to pick-up the marks and re-orient the course. Little did we know this would be the beginning of some interesting conditions. By 1400 the wind had settled into a nice 6 to 8 knots from the North and the Melges 24s were off, but not for long. Shortly after the start, the wind became quite fickle. Racing was postponed and the Melges 24s were recalled. Shortly after the recall, we found that at "upper airport", the wind was blowing a steady 8+ knots from the East, at the committee boat near buoy "14" the wind was blowing 8+ knots from the North with not a thing between the two. Even more bizarre, a mere 40 feet to the South of the committee boat the wind was out of the Southwest at 6 knots or so!! All that we could think was "stick a fork in us, we are done!" Fortunately, the convergence

zone soon began moving to the East and the predictions of a strong easterly never materialized. As quickly as the wind had turned off, it came up from the North steady and consistent, almost like someone found the cord and plugged the wind machine back in.

Racing resumed by 1450 in the building Northerly that was here to stay this time around. The good breeze and rolling chop made for some great downwind rides, and downwind spills, from the Ryan boat ramp back to the leeward mark in front of the RC boat. With the short legs running back and forth across the river, tactics and good gear shifting made all the difference between making a position on a leg and keeping it at the mark. In nearly every race, boats traded-up and traded-down at the mark roundings. Finishes were tight and separated in many cases by only a few seconds. Two more races in the books for everyone and three for the Melgi, and racing was over just after 1600 - plenty of time for an awards presentation and a great party at the Club.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped out with this regatta!! It means so much to Kim and I to have people around the Club who can pitch in and make RCYC look so good! Patti and Herm, we certainly couldn't have done it without you, and thanks to the Belshaw's who were out for the fun on Sunday. My buddy JP who seems to spend more time around the Club than a few of the members and is the one responsible for dropping (and don't forget pulling) nearly every mark for every race that we have run at RCYC over the past two years! And to all those that pitched in at the awards party and social on Sunday: Alan Bergen; Jeanette Busse; Stan and Anita Reynolds and everyone else that I am forgetting, you made our lives so much less stressful for this event. The party was great!!

Eric Rimkus



Hadley's Landing

Do these bring back memories?

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT
Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING
Burma Shave

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING NURSE
Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT
Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE
Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
ITS A BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU
Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'
Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT ITS HARD TO PLAY
Burma Shave

Burma Shave continued on page 7.

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 milepost 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.

Hope to see you at our house,

Jan and John Dees, 360-795-0550

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The **Pirate Cruise** is quickly approaching

so we need to start getting "goodies" for the various events that are planned for the weekend. For tiny tots we're planning a small hunt, for the older kids a treasure hunt with lots of clues and running amok! And, an orienteering sort of thing for the much older kids and maybe even the adults.

We would like to collect as many items as possible and hope that you kind folks would like to donate whatever you think would be appropriate. Last year, lots of the stuff came from the Oriental Trading Company at www.orientaltrading.com, The Dollar Store, thrift stores, and stuff you donated. We had plenty for everybody.

Last year's event was such a "hit" that we anticipate we will have more children of all ages, so anything you would like to donate would be great.

We have also heard from folks who have terrific ideas about what they would like to see happen. The Phillip's are planning a movie. The Gale's like the idea of making pirate flags. The point is, if you have something you would like to do that you know the kids will get a real hoot, then please let us know and just bring it! You folks have wonderful ideas, so don't be shy.

Also, it would be helpful to know the number and ages of the children you plan to bring, that way we can gear activities accordingly.

You can contact me at (503) 936-2330 or olga_moen@yahoo.com.

Burma Shave continued from page 6.

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE
Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON THE CAR
TO DO HIS THINKING
Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.
Burma Shave

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW
Burma Shave

DEADLY THOUGHTS
ABOUT LIGHTS THAT SHINE
IF HE WON'T DIM HIS
THEN I WON'T DIM MINE
Burma Shave

And the all time favorite:

DON'T STICK YOUR ARM
OUT THE WINDOW TOO FAR
IT MIGHT GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR
Burma Shave

RCYC Youth Sailing Program

Thanks to the efforts of Pam Sesar, Dave Hickman, Karl Quade and Erik Rimkus in launching our 2006 Youth Sailing Program. Through Pam's direction and the efforts of the others we were able to successfully provide 4 class sessions for RCYC children, grandchildren and friends to learn about sailing and safe boating.

The efforts of our committee are now focussed on providing sailing classes and social events for the children. Our previously arranged lessons with Willamette Sailing Club have hit a snag due to their need to dredge. We are now exploring opportunities with Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and will soon get our own dinghies in the water as the water level drops and the moorage becomes safer.

Our party for the 3 to 7 year old group was a success. Organized by Dawn McClard and Lucy Mitchem, it provided games, face painting, food and dinghy rides. The kids and the adults had a great time. Our next events are currently being planned, but they include 4th of July, an 8 to 12 year old water safety and pool party at the home of Dick and Judy Dyer, a club teenage barbecue with race boat rides and music and our always popular Pirate's Cruise to East Dock. Look for future announcements regarding these

events or feel free to call Commodore Phillips with an offer to assist.

Bob Phillips

Have a great day!
Stay young at heart!

RCYC Kids' PARTY



Face painting, fishing with nets, and dingy riding at the kids party.

RCYC 4th of July Land Cruise

Schedule of Activities

- 3 PM Small Yacht Regatta (Radio-controlled sailboats)
- 4 PM Youth Activities
- Fishing, dinghy rides, games
- 5 PM Social Hour
- 6 PM Potluck Dinner
- 10 PM Fireworks

The club is providing hot dogs, condiments, mixers & sodas. Please bring a salad, casserole, or desert to share.

Ahoy RCYC Members!

Here's your chance to host some OWSA SAILORS on Wednesday Night through September 27!! There are many OWSA member looking for a chance to practice their skills.

Those interested in Skippering email OWSANews-owner@owsa.net by Monday midnight. By Tuesday afternoon, I will email Skipper/Crew lists for all those participating along with Skipper contact information and directions to the boat.

You must be at the boat by 5:45 pm. Boats sail from 6:00 pm to dusk.

Crew will be responsible to provide their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Also recommended are sailing gloves and snacks to share with other Crew members and the Skipper.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your skills with others, meet new friends, and participate in this fabulous sport!

Happy Sailing, Julie Rouzee
2006 WNS Chair

RCYC WALK 3 Barbeque

Please note date/time change

Friday, July 14, 2006

Social hour 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Bring your favorite drink and an item to grill. The rest of the barbeque will be provided by the club.

Enjoy an evening of relaxation & fun!

RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS Meetings, and Functions:

July 2006

- 4 4th of July Land Cruise
- 14 Walk 3 BBQ, 6:00 pm (Note: date change to Friday)
- 16 Tentative Reservation – Private Party, 12:00-6:00 pm
- 19 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 21 Beer Can Rice
- 22-30 Lazy Days Cruise
- 31 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

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- 6 Clubhouse Reserved - Private Party, 12:00-4:00 pm
- 12-13 Pirates' Breakfast and Cruise, East Dock
- 25 Beer Can Race
- 26 Clubhouse Reserved - Private Party, 4:00-9:00 pm
- 28 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



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