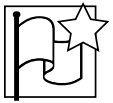


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## August 2006



## COMMODORE'S LOG

*Bob Phillips, Commodore*

I am sitting at the St. Helens public dock writing my tardy contribution to the August Foghorn. Leslie and I are in the final leg of our Lazy Days cruise as we return to Portland tomorrow. We were having so much fun that I forgot to send in the Foghorn article when it was due. My apologies to our fine editorial staff.

This was the first year that we have been able to take a full week for the Lazy Days cruise and we took full advantage of our time. What a great journey we had; a



*Osprey family from Walk 1*

hot afternoon in St. Helens where we watched Pirates of the Caribbean at the local theatre for \$4.00, anchoring in the Walker Island cove, enjoying the relative coolness of Cathlamet, riding the Astoria trolley, having a great 7 knot upriver sail from Astoria to Cathlamet, getting stuffed at the potluck and going out to dinner in Rainier. Most of all we enjoyed running into our RCYC boating family all along the way. We had 51 people from 18 boats and assorted cars at the potluck in Cathlamet on the Thursday night and at one time we had a group of 8 RCYC boats in Astoria. The beauty of Lazy Days is that our various paths weave a fabric of friendship as we sail and power our way along the river.

I look forward to getting home and getting a chance to read all of my e-mails and check phone messages.

Undoubtedly there is a lot of Club business to keep me busy for a few hours. As you probably know, there will be no August general meeting but you are all welcome to attend our August board meeting. If you have a particular concern, please send it on to the proper chairperson or give me a call and we can work together on a solution. If you see something around the Club that needs to be done, you

*All ye pirates and pirate parents that long to challenge an orienteering course on August 13th along the treasure laden sands of Government Island, be sure to bring a compass to the Pirates' Breakfast.*



are welcome to do it and write down the hours that you spend completing the task.

It is with regret that I am passing on a message we received while on the cruise. Lynn Easton, s mother, Betty Easton, a longtime RCYC member died at the age of 92. I only met Betty a few times, but if she had half the personality of Lynn then I am sure that she was a delightful person. Our condolences to the Easton family in their loss.

Keep working on getting the word out to prospective new members about joining RCYC. We know that it is a great place to keep a boat and share the love of boating with friends. We need to pass that word on to others. Get out on the water and sail.



## Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly, Vice Commodore

It's been all about business in this space for seven months, but at the height of summer, it's time to cool it a bit.

On July 4th weekend, Dave and I had the pleasure of cruising to Cathlamet to help celebrate the 75th birthday of RCYC's favorite curmudgeon. By late Saturday afternoon, the picnic shelter at the marina was abuzz with well wishers from throughout Cliff Stephens' life – from RCYC and PYC to neighbors from Cathlamet and Welcome Slough; from friends he's just made at the local watering hole all the way back to those he's had since GRADE school. Several people heeded Becky's call for a tall-tale or history about their time with Cliff, and I wish I could share some of the wit and insight of those stories. But there was only one poem I happened to have written down, and I have been urged to share it. Although slightly abridged for this space, it was penned with love for one of our favorite people. Just one proviso – if you don't know Cliff well, don't go by anything you read here. 

**A big thank you to Don Ferrell and Bill and Louise Redding for watching RCYC while the Eastons and the Billions took a couple days off in July.**

### Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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## Ode to Clifford

"The owl and the pussycat went to sea  
In a beautiful pea-green boat."  
This classic tale of a romantic sail  
Fired the dreams of one salty old goat.  
He'd a serpent's guile and a cherub's smile  
And two Zippos were his lucky charms  
But one thing he desired, before he retired  
Was a sweetheart to hold in his arms, his arms, his arms,  
A sweetheart to hold in his arms.

A scholarly owl with perpetual scowl,  
He pursued a good time without scruple  
'Til into his class there came a fair lass  
And he fell to his knees for a pupil.  
She had a quick wit – cared for him quite a bit –  
So he quoted the words of the poet:  
"Oh lovely pussy, oh pussy my love,  
What a beautiful pussy you are, you are, you are.  
"What a beautiful. . ."  
"Cliff," she said, "Stow it!"

He had no guitar, so he thrummed a cigar,  
Which in time came to make him quite pungent.  
But she had a tin ear and his words were sincere,  
So she fell for the crusty curmudgeon.  
At the bar down in Stella, they'd cluck, "Lucky Fella,"  
When they saw him with fair Becky B.  
Becky said with a wink (for she'd had her own drink),  
"Oh what a stud muffin he be, he be, he be,  
Oh what a stud muffin he be!"

After many a day with Miss Belangy  
He saw that their love was true  
So he whisked her away to the Ile de Puget  
To a home on the Welcome Slough.  
Too long had they tarried, they finally married,  
(Though it happened not any too soon!)  
And hand in hand on the edge of the sand,  
They danced by the light of the moon, the moon, the moon,  
They danced by the light of the moon.



## Garrison Bay on San Juan Island

Picture from Dawn and Ron McClard's summer sailing trip.



Autumn's sailing buddy.



Counting of the crabs.

## The **Pirate Cruise** is quickly approaching

You can contact me at (503) 936-2330 or [olga\\_moen@yahoo.com](mailto:olga_moen@yahoo.com).

### **Attention!**

**Octoberfest is coming  
Saturday, September 23, 2006**

Please contact Renate Bittner if you would like to volunteer to help for this lively evening with a European-style beer garden, brats, pretzels, and more...

*It is good to have an end to  
journey towards, but it is the  
journey that matters in the end.*

Ursula K. Le Guin

## A View from the Rear

*Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore*

A View from the Rear – Bald Eagle Days at Cathlamet was a huge success! John and Jan Dees hosted a wonderful barbecue for RCYC attendees. The view from their deck is fantastic. The band has already been asked to return to Cathlamet for next year's event.

Upon leaving Cathlamet, we continued down river. The Bittners and Kneelands headed for the Prairie Channel and Devils Elbow and haven't been heard from since. We spent two nights anchored out in Tongue Point. Then we went into Astoria for a two day visit. There we found Jim Hackley and Judy Brandon. And, wow, have things changed in Astoria. The fuel dock should be operational shortly after this newsletter goes to press. It will now be to the west of the marina. The west side of the marina also has several new docks/slips in the previously-unused west riverside corner. The marina office will be relocating late this year to a two-toned blue-painted building on the west side of the marina. Supposedly, there will be new ramps installed so guests won't have to walk completely around the hotel to get to the new office. The new office building will also house new showers, rest rooms and a laundry. We also visited the new Englund's Marine Supply store to the west of the marina. It has 40,000 square feet covering both recreational and commercial boating! The door handles alone make it worthy of a visit!

Just east of the marina is the new Cannery Pier Hotel. As the name implies, it sits out on the end of the pier. All the rooms have a river view and ships literally pass almost close enough to touch. We visited the hotel out of curiosity. The desk staff was most gracious, offering us a tour of the facilities including a standard king room. They even let me park in their lobby to check my e-mail via wi-fi. Unfortunately, Sean Penn and Robert Duvall were not staying at this hotel! Immediately behind the hotel is another red building that is being renovated for a restaurant and shops, including a chocolate shop.

The trolley runs daily during the summer – from noon until 7:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and from noon until 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There are several new restaurants in town. We celebrated our anniversary by dining out at the Silver Salmon Grill. Prices are comparable to Stanfords, Newport Bay, and other

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nice restaurants in Portland. We had a fabulous meal and highly recommend it.

We also checked out the Rainier docks (very nice) and visited El Tapatio, a Mexican restaurant about 1-1/2 blocks east of the docks. The Beaches, Glynn and Oxborrows thoroughly enjoyed the air conditioning – and the food was very good too. We know that Waking, Sierra, and Fresh Air were headed from Rainier to Cathlamet. We saw Osprey, Crystal Swan and two other boats headed down river from St. Helens.

Unfortunately, the good times came to a halt as we motored home in the heat. Coming back we waited over 90 minutes to get through the railroad bridge.

When our radio call to the bridge went unanswered, we used the cell phone to telephone. We learned the bridge had a mechanical failure. After waiting for over 40 minutes, we finally saw three guys walk out onto the bridge and spend 15-20 minutes checking things out. Then they disappeared and we waited some more. Chatter between a couple of other boats led us to believe that the failure had happened a couple of hours BEFORE we arrived on the scene. Upon arrival back at RCYC, we were surprised at the number of boats still in the moorage.



We have one word of caution to Club members. When out sailing this summer, maintain a lookout. There is a much larger than normal amount of debris in the water. We have seen branches, logs, tree stumps, firewood sized pieces of wood, and even a tire during our travels. And, some of this stuff is floating just below the surface making it almost impossible to see until you are right on top of it. Mike fished an extremely heavy large limb out of the water by our slip.

The debris we've seen can do serious damage to the boat or a prop.

## Sad news:

One of our former members, Glenn Cook passed away July 10 at age 79. Glenn and his wife, Dawn provided refreshments at the club meetings for several years and recently dropped their membership after moving downriver:

Glenn served in the Navy in the Korean War. He was a technician for Pacific Northwest Bell for 30 years and most recently was a shop assistant for Sport Copter International. He moved to Kalama, Wash., in 2001. Survivors include his wife; son, Michael; daughter, Terry Wegner; stepdaughter, Darlene Richardson; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## Thank you to the July 4th Committee

The social committee would like to thank the following Club members who so very graciously and willingly gave hours of their time and talents to make the 4th of July a great holiday for us all.

From cleaning floors to washing dishes, piloting dinghies to hanging banners and bows,

cooking hotdogs

to buying propane, setting up tables to managing food, calling bingo to racing small yachts, this truly was a team effort much appreciated.

Many thanks to Bob & Leslie Phillips, Mike Pick, Jim Douglass, Herm & Patti Fischer, Frank & Sandy Noragon, Werner & Renate Bittner, Chuck Fisher, Tom Weber, Jessica Dimitrov, and to the small sailboat group that raced: Larry Corderman, Lynn Easton, Dick Royce, Bill Redding, Bob Phillips, Bob Gales, Ron Billyon, & Herm Fischer.

*Carolyn Douglass & Carol Pick, Chairs*



*Our Vice at July 4th*

# July 4th BarBQ



Karen with grand daughter at RCYC



Plenty of Desserts



**Earn work hours – editing and layout help needed for the Foghorn:** Contact the Commodore, Ben Mitchell, or any of the newsletter staff for more details: Joyce Jensen, Dawn McClard, Vickie Nissen.

## Clean Marina Information

Dick Dyer, our Clean Marina Coordinator is working on an action plan for our Clean Marina Project. He will be looking for a few people to help him implement various parts of the program. One piece of the project will be to educate our membership on practices that need to be adopted by moorages that participate. To that end I will be providing monthly articles with suggestions related to clean boating.

This month I am focusing on waste disposal. While on the downriver Lazy Days cruise, we went to the movie RV while in Astoria. There were hilarious scenes regarding disposal of solid waste. While this was laughable in the movie the ugly truth is that this practice on the river is just the same as dumping a load of it on the road from an RV. I know that there are members who have strong opinions about the practice of dumping solid waste into the river and justify their opinion by noting that the City of Portland does this all the time. By law, this is an unacceptable practice by both boaters and the City of Portland. Personally, I like to think that if I have to touch mooring lines, anchor lines or dip into the water for any reason that I will at least not have to be in the water with waste in our own moorage. Dumping waste both in the moorage and outside the moorage violates federal regulations and is a practice that cannot continue if we are to be certified as a Clean Marina. The river has a network of functional pumpout stations that make it easy for each of us to use the river without dumping waste overboard.

The following locations provide pumpout facilities:

- James Gleason - boat ramp
- Donaldson,s - Fuel Dock
- Tomahawk Bay
- Hayden Bay
- RiverPlace Marina
- St. Helens - Public Dock
- Rainier - Public Dock
- Cathlamet
- East Basin - Astoria

With the voluntary participation of all of our members, we can make small, but lasting contribution to the health of our river and those who use it.

*Bob Phillips*



Sunset overlooking RCYC from Walk 1

## RCYC Walk 4 Barbeque

**This evening of relaxation & fun arrives  
in early September!**

Saturday, September 9, 2006

Social hour 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm

Just bring yourself, your favorite drink, and an item to grill. The rest of the dinner will be provided by the club. *Please come.*

(If you are on Walk 4, this is OUR event to sponsor. Contact Carol Pick if you have any ideas or inventive cleaning tools – volunteer - be involved.)

## RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS Meetings, and Functions:

### August 2006

- 2 Clubhouse Informal Reservation
- 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

### September 2006

- 1-4 Labor Day Cruise, Beacon Rock
- 7 New Member Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Walk 4 Barbecue, 6:00 pm
- 9-10 Race/Cruise ^ RCYC Long Distance Race
- 16 Work Party
- 20 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 23 Oktoberfest, 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner
- 25 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 28 Education (tentative) 7:00 pm

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