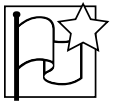


Commodore: Bob Phillips
Vice Commodore: Marili Green-Reilly
Secretary-Treasurer: Ben Mitchell

September 2006



COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

Albert Pine wrote, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." At RCYC we have many acts of giving which will last in the hearts and minds of our club and its members. We found examples of this with our recent Pirate's Cruise to East Dock. Olga Moen again stepped forward and with the assistance of her granddaughter, niece and husband Mike put together a Treasure Hunt which captivated the attention of our young pirates. Ron and Karen Billion created a compass course treasure hunt for the older kids and members and our past commodores provided us with a wonderful breakfast. None of these people had to do what they did, but they all stepped forward at a time when they were needed and made the 2006 Pirate's Cruise an event to remember. With 34 boats and close to 90 people in attendance, East Dock was packed to capacity. New members Mike and Debbie Salituro, Kent and Brenda Kimball, Chris and Lori Murphy joined Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill in being initiated into the RCYC family. Leslie and I are already looking for ways



Our Commodore is rescued by Jacob, a mighty pirate!



to make the 2007 cruise as good as this year's. If you would like to take a part in making it a success, let us know.

Though the summer is winding down, there are still many opportunities to get the boat out and go for an afternoon or evening sail or a weekend cruise. If your boat is still a little dirty from a summer of neglect, get down to the club, scrub it up and get out on the water. Active club members add to the dynamics of our club and provide opportunities for club members to meet each other. As you are out cruising or day sailing, be

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RCYC Racing

What are you doing the weekend of September 9th? If you said "sailing in the best regatta of the year," then you are correct!

The RCYC Long Distance Race will be held on September 9th & 10th. If you are feeling racy there is of course the two day One-Design & PHRF regatta starting on Saturday at 1045 hours and proceeding down river to St. Helens/Sand Island for a great party and returning on Sunday to where it all began. And, if you are feeling cruizy then there is of course the one day, No-Fly-Sail event concluding in St. Helens on Saturday, then leisurely returning at your own pace on Sunday.

Just as last year, there will be a great party on Saturday night on the Sand Island docks with trophies for the "half-way" winners, a bonfire, and, of course, the obligatory keg of beer!

Racing or cruising? Either way, if you are an RCYC Member you should certainly plan to attend this event! No fees for members, but you **MUST** register with the Race Captain before the event. For more information contact:



Eric Rimkus RCYC.
RaceCapt@comcast.net
503-285-8295



GOT MILK?

We like to keep long life milk on the boat so we don't have to worry about refrigerator shelf life, and at home, so we're not out of it for cooking. It's difficult to find in the stores, so I've tracked it down to Pacific Ship Supply. They will only sell in case lots, 12 liters/quarts for \$13. Comes in 2% and whole and tastes really good to us. Comes from Gossner Dairy, Logan, Utah. Anyway, since I'm going to pick up at least a case, I'd be willing to sell at cost to whoever wants it.

If you don't know what I'm talking about, this is cow's milk packaged in boxes like soy milk and chicken broth. No need to refrigerate until it's opened, because it's ultra pasteurized. Newer packages usually marked as good for 9-12 months.

Let me know if you're interested. I'll try to make a buy of each kind prior to Labor Day.

Karen S. Jacobson

Octoberfest

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...
Sign up at the clubhouse.

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.

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

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

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"Bottom's Up" Plan Dredging, 2006

I know many dredgers have been anxiously awaiting news on dredging; they just can't wait to get started! Here's the "scoop". We've now completed a survey of the soundings in the moorage. Two areas will need to be dredged this fall. They are located in part of the fairways of Walks 1 and 2. The areas begin near the dogleg in Walk 2 and extend out about half way toward the River. The slips checked out pretty well, so I don't anticipate moving any boats around. I'm estimating that the total time required to dredge these combined areas will be about one month. All other fairways appear to be okay for this year. In 2007, we'll probably do some work again on Walk 5, and maybe some select areas on Walks 3 and 4.

Here's the plan for this year: I've asked the Work Party Chair to have tasks scheduled for the first November work party that will include moving the dredge and dredge pipe to Walk 1, and installing the pipe from the dredge pond down to Walk 2. So, we'll need to make sure a few extra folks with some experience in these tasks are at this work party to help.

Since we took last year off, I'm going to reestablish the Operator/Helper list, so if you're interested, please give me a call or send an e-mail to me at fnswhitfield@verizon.net by October 1 so I can make up a schedule and crews list. Please indicate the day of the week you prefer (or don't prefer) to work, and any crew preference. If you are new to the wonders of dredging, let me know that as well. We'll also need a volunteer to make sure we have fuel on hand, and a volunteer to keep the dredge lubed and engine oil changed. So, don't hesitate, get in line quickly for the best positions! Also, sing out if you feel that I've missed an area that needs some work.

Fred Whitfield, Dredge Chair

Are you interested in Getting a Little Dinghy? "Free to a good home."

Eight foot El Toro fiberglass sailing pram. The wood mast & boom need to be repaired or replaced. All other sailing gear is there. If you want a dinghy for your kid next summer, restore this one this winter. If more than one member is interested, we could all meet at the clubhouse and have a rock/paper/scissors contest to settle it...

Loren Beach



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Our moorage is full with a short waiting list. The Commodore and I have been shifting new member boats around while some members were out cruising, but that must end this month. If you are going to remove your boat for some or all of the winter, please let me know right away so another boat can be parked there. When we "double fill" a spot for over a month or two, you do get a moorage credit on the next billing.

This month starts the fall repair cycle throughout our facility, and the Work Party Chair or I need to know anything additional that needs fixing before "the gales of November" (and December and January) come calling. I just walked all the docks with the Work Party Chair and there is an impressive list of chores to do -- from leveling docks to re-tensioning cables. There are planks to replace and sealant to apply to thousands of square feet of concrete and wood decking. There will be NO lack of ways to put in your 12 (minimum) work hours this year!

Please remember: we have no paid staff.

We recently had a very large wake come through and two boats suffered some masthead damage on walk one. Be sure that your neighbor on either side does not have their mast in direct alignment with yours.

Check your fenders for integrity and your lines for chafe. You need snubbers on the bow and stern lines. Put a five-gallon "ballast" bucket of sand inside your dock box or secure it to the triangle with a tether. (Last winter members had to fish for two boxes, but only caught one.)

A caution about maneuvering inside the moorage: with typical fall low river levels you will find either slack water or even some upstream flow at the peak of flood tide. Do not assume that the current force against keel and rudder will always assist a turn.

A View from the Rear

Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore

Labor Day is fast approaching. With the passage of that holiday, we begin fall activities at the Club. Work parties, walk barbecues, Oktoberfest and Old Salts' Dinner are all "just around the corner." Also fast approaching is the election of officers for 2007. The Nominating Committee is working to prepare a slate of officers to put before the membership. Rose City Yacht Club is a small community. And, as Ibsen once said, "A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." We're not asking everyone to prepare to take the helm but we would like to see all members actively involved and participating in our community and its activities. We will be asking a few people to step up and serve the club as Directors and Officers. The newly elected Commodore will also be asking a few more people to serve as Committee Chairs. When approached by the Nominating Committee or Commodore to serve, please seriously consider the requests and don't let the ship sail without you.

Thank you to all members who have gotten the declarations pages of their boat and/or boat house insurance policies to me without the reminder being sent. I would like to clarify a couple of issues. My insurance spreadsheet is established based on the moorage listings maintained by the Moorage Chair and updates as to temporary slip assignments. An insurance reminder is sent to members during the month of their insurance renewals (except for those members renewing insurance with Boat US). If I don't receive the information timely after the reminders are sent, a second notice is sent. At the direction of the Board, after 60 days of non-compliance, a letter is sent advising that if the documentation isn't forthcoming, the member will have to remove his boat from the moorage. So, if you get a second notice, please don't throw it away because you "sent the information." A second notice indicates I haven't received anything. If you relied upon your insurance agent to send the information and you get a second notice that means it wasn't done. If you mail the information to the club accountants, the club or the Commodore, it doesn't always get to me in a timely manner. So, if you have submitted the documentation to a person or address other than specified on the address card, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail and let me know where you sent the information so I can follow up on it.

Calling all ladies -- Do you do needlework? Are you often a "sports widow" on Saturday or Sunday afternoon? Would you be interested in gathering at the Club to "stitch and bitch?" If so, give me a call or drop me a line by e-mail. If there is enough interest, we may have a women's social (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?) through the fall and winter months.

CLEAN MARINA TIPS

Maintaining a clean marina takes the extra effort and attention of all of us. One of the sources of water pollution that is common is oil and fuel contamination coming from bilges and refueling. With a little extra effort and a few readily available products, we can all demonstrate clean boating practices. Here are a few tips to observe:

Fueling

- ☐ Outboards: Fill up carefully to avoid spillage. Close tank fuel vent when boat is not in use to save fuel from vapor loss.
- ☐ Built-in fuel tanks: Install fuel/ air separator in air vent line from tank or cover the vent with a containment device to prevent vent spills. • Avoid overfilling tanks; remember, fuel expands as it warms.

Changing Oil

- ☐ Use a drip pan under your engine and absorbent pads to prevent oil from getting into the bilge. It is unlawful to pump any bilge water that appears oily or has a sheen.
- ☐ Having oil absorbent pads in the bilge can prevent oil from entering the environment.
- ☐ Avoid using detergents or emulsifiers to clean the bilge. Detergents can pollute the water. Emulsifiers will disperse the oil, making the water appear clean, but it still may contain harmful pollutants.
- ☐ Identify and stop the source, and contain the spill with absorbent pads.
- ☐ Notify the Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802 AND the Oregon Emergency Response System at 1-800-OILS-911.
- ☐ DON'T squirt spill with a detergent or an emulsifier; this is bad for the environment as well as being illegal.

Disposing of used fuel, oil and filters

- ☐ Put used oil in a container and place inside the oil disposal shed by the chapel in the west end of the parking lot.
- ☐ Take used fuel to one of the Metro transfer stations for disposal. RCYC cannot take care of this material.
- ☐ Drain empty filters of oil or fuel and take to a Metro hazardous waste disposal facility. RCYC is working to provide a system to take care of this on-site.

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aware that there are people out there that need to find out about RCYC. While the moorage is currently full, the need to recruit new members is an ongoing process. Many people see how involved we are, how much fun we have, how welcoming we can be and just need that invitation to join. Get out there and have some fun.



Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly,
Vice Commodore

Fall is quickly approaching, and it's time to start thinking of Fall activities, from end of summer maintenance to plans for next year. Work parties are scheduled for September 16, October 14 and 21, and November 4.

As always, they're listed in the calendar at the front of the yearbook for handy reference. Don't wait for a call to remind you - contact the work party leader for the date you want to work.

Your Board is moving into planning mode. Rear Commodore Oxborrow is leading the nominating committee to identify next year's board members. Commodore Phillips has been assembling a roster of committee chairs. I, too, am already beginning to plan for 2007, and am looking for input from members.

We haven't done a membership poll for awhile, but I'd like to informally take the pulse of the club.

Send me a note or an email or give me a call at home to give me your thoughts on RCYC. What's working?

What isn't working?

What would you like to see happen in the next few years? I welcome your thoughts and ideas, and hope to put as many as possible to work next year.

Pirates' Cruise
August 12th
and 13th along
the treasure
laden sands
of Government
Island.



Pirates at the Pirate Breakfast.



Let the games begin...





Beacon Rock Cruise this weekend

Rose City Yacht Club's final hot weather cruise is this Labor Day Weekend to Beacon Rock. Many boats are heading up river on Friday with more to follow on Saturday. Cruise hosts Dave and Marili says that the potluck will be Sunday and to be prepared for another fun, relaxing and thoroughly enjoyable time at the docks.

Don't forget your climbing shoes, kayaks and lounge chairs! And of course your favorite reading material.



INTERESTED IN PRACTICING YOUR SPANISH?

I'm aware of a few members that are trying to learn Spanish and was wondering if there was enough interest in forming a group of RCYC members to practice our Spanish language skills.

I envision a loosely structured group that would meet weekly or every other week to practice speaking and interpreting Spanish. If you have an interest

in participating in such a group let me know -- you can reach me at 503.281.9350, at reilly@aracnet.com. I'm also down at the club quite a bit so you can just stop by Tamara on walk 1.

Dave Reilly



2004 Beacon Rock Cruise





RCYC 2006
Octoberfest
 Saturday,
 September 23

Come around 1700
 Dinner at 1800

Menu:

- Three Different kinds of sausages, German Potato Salad
- Sauerkraut
- Rolls and Dessert
- Beer

All this for \$12.00 a person.

Bring your favorite beer stein!

Make reservations soon by signing up at the clubhouse or contact the

 Bittners at 503-246-0338
 at ossloki@earthlink.net.

RCYC UPCOMING EVENTS Meetings, and Functions:

September 2006

- 1-4 Labor Day Cruise, Beacon Rock: potluck SUNDAY, 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner
- 7 New Member Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Walk 4 Barbecue, 6:00 pm
- 9-10 Race/Cruise - RCYC Long Distance Race
- 10 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 5:30-9:30 pm
- 15 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 5:30-9:30 pm
- 16 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 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
- 30 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 4:00-10:00 pm

October 2006

- 7-8 Closing Day Cruise, East Dock Government Island
- 11 Clubhouse reserved: OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 13 Old Salts Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 14 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 18 General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 20 Wine Tasting Party
- 21 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 22-23 CRYA Halloween Cruise
- 26 Education (tentative) 7:00 pm
- 30 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

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