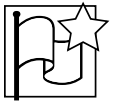


Commodore: Bob Phillips
Vice Commodore: Marili Green-Reilly
Secretary-Treasurer: Ben Mitchell

December 2006



COMMODORE'S LOG

Bob Phillips, Commodore

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Rose City Yacht Club for giving me a memorable year as the Commodore.

In typical RCYC tradition, the year was not without controversy, but overall it was an enjoyable experience for both Leslie and me. Together with the officers and board of directors, we tried to provide purposeful leadership throughout the year while working toward accomplishing the list of goals we set.

Our goals for the year were in areas of Programs, Facilities, Membership and Long-Range Planning. With Programs, we have committed RCYC to participate in the Clean Marina Program and have expanded our Youth Sailing Program, creating an endowed fund and increased participation by Club youth. Our goals for Facilities were to

develop a plan for galley renovation, though the work will not begin till the winter of 2007, and to find a way to purchase new Clubhouse chairs, which will also be done early in 2007. Membership goals focused on encouraging members to recruit. Through your efforts, we gained nine memberships for the year and as of December we have a full moorage. In addition, we set in place plans to participate in the Portland Boat Show and have engaged our new members in Club activities and orientation sessions. Long Range Planning has a final plan in place for

Walk 5 replacement and should soon have a date picked out to begin that project. Further, we have developed a plan for gate replacement, and together with forecasted expenses for future dredging permits, have developed a financial plan which should meet both the short and long-term needs of the Club.

In addition to meeting these goals, we were able to purchase a "new" Club launch this year and are presently working to improve our information technology and streamline some of the processes we use for sharing data and billings. We now provide wireless internet service within the moorage.



November General meeting by candle light.

Our budget meeting in November provided the opportunity to look ahead to the needs for 2007 and we created a proactive budget which set money aside for these additional projects.

At our December general meeting, the Board will present a proposed revision to Club fees. The Long-Range Planning committee has worked to prepare a fee structure which more accurately reflects our needs for funding activities, payment of capital improvements and setting money aside for debt payment now and in the future. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in the decision. More information and some sample scenarios of how these changes would affect you as a club member will be sent to the membership via e-mail and posted at the club.

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Welcome New Member



Swearing in of our new member:
Robert Ladd



Vice Commodore

Marili Green Reilly, Vice Commodore

The Incoming and Outgoing Boards recently met for a special budget meeting and talked about some of our goals for the coming year. We received input from only a couple of members prior to the meeting, but if you have ideas about what you would like to see happen at RCYC next year, I'd still like to hear about them.

As we wrap up 2007, we have worked over 2,400 hours this year (not counting the hours earned through Officer or Committee Chair assignments), and the dredge crews are making sure that hours continue to accrue. Many thanks to all of you for the hard work you put into keeping this Club in good shape. Thanks, also, to Carol Bobo who probably put in more than her 12 hours as Communications Chair, calling people to remind them of work parties as the billing cycles came up. If you still have hours to work, Work Party Chairman John Flenniken still has some individual and group tasks that can be done during December. Or you can check with Fred Whitfield to see if our dredging crew can use some more helpers or operator trainees.

As we approach our diamond anniversary – 75 years since a group of twenty boaters formed the Rose City Cruising Club – we are looking for a special logo to commemorate that milestone. If you have an artist in the family who has not yet submitted a design for the contest to Alverna Martin, it's time to put the pens to paper. Details were published in the November Foghorn and the submission deadline is December 15. We may even use this new logo to promote the Commodore's Ball, so check out the notice for that event for additional inspiration.

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

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

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

RCYC will be at the 2007 Portland Boat Show

RCYC will be represented at the 2007 Portland Boat Show. Cliff Hunter of Lee Sails, an RCYC member, has agreed to share the Lee Sails booth with RCYC. Our objective in being represented at the Boat Show is to provide show attendees with information about RCYC membership. We need to identify volunteers willing to staff the RCYC booth. Volunteers will hand out material we will provide, answer questions about RCYC, and record the names and contact information of people wanting additional information about RCYC. A training session will be held prior to the show. The Show runs from January 6 to January 14. Because of the way we are being incorporated in the Show, i.e. as a part of another booth, we probably will not receive passes for our volunteers. The RCYC Board has agreed to reimburse a portion of the show entry fee for volunteers. Volunteers can anticipate receiving at least a 50% discount on their entry fee. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Clubhouse for volunteers interested in working the RCYC booth. Please indicate which days you would be willing to work by circling the dates to the right of the sign-up line. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Reilly 503.281.9350 or reilly@aracnet.com.

Dave Reilly, Membership Chair



Decorating for Christmas and the Christmas Ships Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange!





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We have recently had several severe wind events in short order, and it is good that many members have removed their furled genny's for the winter. Frayed dock lines are showing up, and several boats still do not have the required snubbers on bow and stern lines. You must have chafing gear where line lays against toe rails, especially slotted aluminum rails. Short pieces of firehose, for use as chafe protection, are available in the Clubhouse.

Dredging is moving right along, with the lower part of the settling pond filling up fast from just the sand in the Walk 1 fairway. If you visit the moorage while dredging is going on, always check one of our river gauges and then hold up an appropriate number of fingers to let the operators out there know what the current "foot" level is. (The rising tide can increase the river level a foot an hour this time of year.) Besides, operating the noisy dredge is a lonely job.

The subject of trailers has come up recently. Several members want to park their trailers in the west end of the parking lot and pay rent for the space. Currently no trailer parking for over a week or so is permitted. This raises issues ranging from weed control and space assignment, to controlling the billings, and to whether the additional "clutter" is even

desirable. Look for more mention of this at both the general and board meetings.

We have shifted a heavy boat up to Walk 1 to lessen the pressure on Walk 5 for the winter storm season, which involved temporarily moving another boat. Speaking of boat location, please be sure that the spare key that you give to the Residents for your boat has its slip location on a tag as well as all of your emergency contact numbers.

Freezing season is upon us, so be sure that the drinking water system is emptied and that you have anti-freeze-treated the raw water side of the engine cooling system. Mold and mildew can be kept down with lots of ventilation, so that moist air will not be trapped inside the boat. Do NOT depend on a small heater to protect the water-filled piping inside. You can just about count on the power failing exactly 3 or 4 days into a severe wind and sub-freezing temperature storm event on the river.

Note that it was a wind storm that caused us to conduct the November general meeting entirely by candle light, when much of NE Marine Drive was left in the dark for many hours.

Be careful out there!



RCYC Education-December

**Presented by Bob Baldwin,
Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm**

All of you "old hands", long time members of the Club, are quite aware of the unpredictable side of our winter experience here on the Columbia River. One week it's pleasant and sunny, the next we feel the east wind and sub-freezing temps. After a few days some "bad things" can happen.

During our next education program, Captain Bob will help us compile a list of tasks to do that will make our spring start-up easier and happier.

Don't miss this timely presentation - and note the earlier date: Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

David Johnson, RCYC Education Chair

2007 Year Book Advertising

We are starting to sell advertising for the 2007 Yearbook. If you, any family members or friends have a business that could benefit from an increase in sales, the 2007 Yearbook is just the place to advertise.

Please contact Tom or Cathy Nelson at 503-284-4560.

Irene and Hans Geerling's trip to Europe

While on vacation in Europe during September and October and gunkholing in several countries in a rented car, we ended up in Normandy in an older city, with a population of about 40,000. After obtaining a comfortable hotel room in Beauville harbor area, Irene and I decided to stroll around the yacht harbor area and there we saw a 25ft sailboat on the dry with the RCYC "logo". I don't think this sailing yacht crossed the Atlantic. Could we have such a classy logo at Rose City YC? Lets ask the commodore.

This is a very interesting old city, with a yacht harbor where the water stayed at a constant level. A lock system kept the tides of 20ft or more from the English Channel. Who pays for this?

From there it was back to Heathrow and back home to Hillsboro.



Harbor Deauville, Normandy, France (over 20ft tides)

RCYC in Deauville

RCYC RACING

TEAM RACING—a little game of three-on-three. If you have never heard of team racing, you are missing out on one of the fastest growing and fastest-moving types of sailing around. Clubs in this area have been participating for several years; in fact, RCYC was the first winner of the WSC Invitational Team Racing Challenge in 1961. The game is sweeping the east coast and seems to be going strong here in P-town. This November 18 and 19, five teams met at Vancouver Lake to determine who would take home top honors this year in team racing. The teams of six members each represented RCYC, Willamette Sailing Club (WSC), Vancouver Lake Sailing Club (VLSC), Portland State University (PSU), and the Portland Cal 20 Fleet. Racing was hosted by VLSC in a combination of CFJs provided by PSU & VLSC.



Team racing as close combat—it's all a game of control

For those of you who are not familiar with a CFJ (Collegiate Flying Junior), they are a far cry from your average lead-mine cruising boat. At 14 feet and without self-righting ballast, the CFJ rewards those skilled and brave few who push the limits by roll tacking the boat to the edge of capsizes on every maneuver.

The boats aren't particularly difficult to sail, but they are particularly difficult to sail fast, as most of us "keel boaters" found out over the weekend. Top honors this year went to WSC who managed to sweep the event, but RCYC made a good run at it, finishing in the middle of the pack. Next year the event will be held at RCYC in Cal 20s; date still to be announced. If you have the chance to turn out and watch or want to participate, it is certainly worth the price of admission! Lots of tight boat

handling and lots of quick action definitely ratchets up the fun factor. Sailing as a "team" event? You bet!



RCYC & WSC in a tacking duel

FLEET RACING—same game, different venue. The season is over, or is it? For Team Gladiator the season is just beginning. This year we decided that the last race on the OCSA schedule didn't have to mean that the boat sat at the dock for 5+ months and turned green. After the last race of the PYC Winner's Invitational on Sunday, we rushed back to the Club, quickly tore apart the boat, pulled the stick and ran the boat to Schooner Creek for a haul out. On the trailer and with a little bit of bottom work done, the boat was off at 70 MPH to Tacoma where it will live until next year: Portland to Tacoma in just over two hours; it was only a little faster than sailing there.

The first race for our season, the Gig Harbor Lemans, was on November 11. We used it as a bit of a "tune-up" event. For those unfamiliar with this event, it must be one of the most amusing "spectator" races in all of sailing. Forty or so boats ranging in size from 24 feet to nearly 50 feet, all at anchor in the harbor; two starts, crews

running up on deck, and everyone hoisting sails, and then battling to shoot the 100 foot wide exit from the harbor. This year there was a fair southerly blowing in fingers across the harbor. No big deal if you use a "normal" anchor, but we are racers and even the big boats were using five pounders to anchor. This meant that 40+ boats were dragging across the bay for the mandatory four minutes of prestart that the entire crew had to be below deck.

First gun, and the big players are off; second gun and it was anchor up, sails up, drive around some big boats and start to jockey for a hole to get out of the harbor. Mostly painless for us after we got around a Beneteau 461 that helped to hold up some of the other boats in our fleet, but we had some ground to make up on a T-Bird and an Express 27 that got away early. Out of the harbor and then north in Colvos Pass for five or so miles. It was a one jibe strategy for us; starboard chute run to Vashon Island in a steady 15 knots, find a hole and jibe and head to the rounding mark on the west side of Colvos



Get ready, get set, everybody get below!
(Photo by Sean Trew)

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Pass, great downwind leg that was fast and free of any drama for most boats.

We were less than an hour into the race and it was time to turn the corner. I was beginning to remember why I prefer the downwind legs on Gladiator after only another hour of racing.



Kahuna seeing a little drama downwind (Photo by Sean Trew)

Slamming upwind is not something that is particularly appealing on any boat, but even less so on a light, flat bottom

sled. Three hours later and three-quarters of the way up the weather leg, and we were saving our time on the Olson 25, we were pulling ahead of the pesky T-Bird that dogged us all the way downwind, and we were reeling in the Express 27 as we approached the entrance to Gig Harbor. We made it around the corner with very good position and entered into the light, shifty, puffy, fluky, CRAZY harbor winds. This is where the Lemans Race is won or lost. After parking for what seemed like forever we learned why the hard way. The Express 27 walked away from us to a solid victory and the T-Bird caught us to correct out on PHRF. We finished as the second boat in our fleet, 3rd out of seven on corrected time, and 4th in the division of 15 boats. Not a bad tune-up race. The next event and the first race of the South Sound Series is December 2nd; a race you love to hate. The Winter Vashon is a 30NM race clockwise around Vashon Island. We will hope for similar conditions, but we won't count on it.



November Work Party-

included winterizing water on walks and repairing upper part of ramp.



Replacement beams at top of ramp



Dredge - connecting spoils pipe



Blowing out the water from RCYC dock water system



Work boat for transferring crew

Clean Marina Reminders

- When possible, use less toxic propylene glycol antifreeze. Save containers to recycle antifreeze at the end of the season.
- Recycle used antifreeze containers in blue recycling tubs on shore.
- Remember to put an oil absorber in your bilge. Bilge pump may cycle more during the winter.
- Recycle used oil in clear or translucent containers. Place containers in recycling building on shore.
- Top off your batteries with distilled water. This keeps them from going dry over the winter.
- Remember to place batteries on a trickle charge over the winter. This extends their life.



**Walk 5
Barbeque
& Brown
Bag Nautical
Auction**
November 11th





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I am very excited about this next year. The Officers and Board of Directors, who were voted into office at the last general meeting, will provide excellent leadership for RCYC. Although the November Club meeting was held by candle and lantern light due to a power outage during a wind and rain storm, it made for a cozy meeting for those dedicated members who attended. We promise better conditions for our December meeting. I hope to see you there.

**Plan ahead to cover
your work hours for 2007**

Sign up as a Clubhouse Steward

for one of the few remaining months in 2007. Does your schedule make the work parties problematic? Then the Clubhouse option may be for you!

Meet your work hour commitment for the whole year by signing up for an available month. You can do the Clubhouse duties on your own schedule in a few hours and have the satisfaction of helping to maintain our floating Clubhouse.

Contact Clubhouse Chair Jas Adams to reserve your month. Requests honored on a date-received basis.



2007

Commodore's Ball

Mark your calendar for the 2007 Commodore's Ball, to be held at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club on Saturday, February 3. You can help inaugurate Marili Green Reilly, and First Mate Dave, and dance to the music of the Tall Jazz. Watch your mail for more information.

Order your Foghorn on line--get it early & in color!

Receive the Foghorn as a PDF file and save the Club the costs of printing and postage.

Christmas Ships

Christmas Ships Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

Be sure to put Friday, December 15, 2006, on your holiday calendar for the annual Christmas Ships Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange! Plan to arrive at 5:00 pm for the social hour and watch the ships parade. The Potluck will begin at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Cake and ice cream will be provided.

If you want to participate in the **White Elephant Gift Exchange**, also bring a wrapped gift (of \$5-10 value) to go under the tree.

If you would like to volunteer to assist this gala event, please contact Annie Roehm, tyro@teleport.com.

Carol Pick, Activities Chair



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

December 2006

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| 12/1 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 10:00 am-11:00 pm | 12/14 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm |
| 12/2 Clubhouse reserved: Private Party, 5:00 pm-12:00 am | 12/15 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:00 pm |
| 12/7 Education, 7:00 pm | 12/20 General Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 12/12 New Member Orientation, 7:00 pm | 12/27 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 12/13 Clubhouse Reserved: OWSA Meeting/ Christmas Party, 6:00 pm | 12/31 New Year's Eve Party, TBA |

JANUARY 2007

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| 1/1 Soup & Sail, 11:00 am |
| 1/17 General Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 1/18 Education, 7:00 pm |
| 1/25 Education, 7:00 pm |
| 1/29 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |



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