

Commodore: Marili Green Reilly  
Vice Commodore: Jim Douglass  
Secretary-Treasurer: Karl Quade

January 2007

### Commodore's Log

Rose City Yacht Club is just beginning its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year – its “diamond jubilee.” If there was anyone who felt jubilant at the December meeting, it was probably Bob and Leslie Phillips as Bob handed me the Commodore's hat and “Easy” button. I have appreciated Bob's support and mentoring through this past year, and will continue to look to him for guidance as we move into 2007.

RCYC has a long tradition here on the river, and I have shared some of our roots with you on our history wall during the past year. I plan to do more of that this year. If you haven't been around us very long, I'd encourage you to talk with some of our many long-term members to get a better understanding of where we've been and what we've come through. The comfortable facilities we enjoy today are the product of many innovations over the years.



You will hear me talk about remembering our roots this year, but though I want to celebrate our past, I don't plan to dwell there. We need to keep moving ahead, continue to recruit new members, and continue to let today's membership help to shape what RCYC becomes tomorrow. I feel

it is my job to help members discover how they want to shape the club in the future.

Translated into actions and activities – what better way to honor our past than to gather for the traditional New Year's Day parade, our Soup and Sail. If you read this before January 1<sup>st</sup>, come join in for the parade and the steaming hot soup. Bring a can or two of clam chowder; we'll begin gathering at the club at 11:00, head out onto the river around 11:30, and be back in for a warming

lunch between 12:30 and 1:00.

And what better way to move into the future than to put on a new outfit. We will make the official announcement of the winner of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo contest at the Soup and Sail. That logo will appear on new name badges for everyone and will be featured on items in the Ship's Store and in other activities throughout the year.

To meet the goals we have laid out for our future – including paying off the F Bonds and the loans incurred for replacement of the Head Walk and Walk 1, upgrading Walk 5, and finally getting a shower building into service – the Long-Range Planning Committee has helped the Board identify an action plan that includes a modest fee increase. Bob did a fine job of providing an overview of that plan at the December meeting, but because there were some errors in the data provided prior to the meeting, we decided to table the promised vote on the increase until the Board has a chance to make the corrections. Come to the January meeting for further discussion and to vote. I urge you to help RCYC maintain its tradition of planning for the future. celebrate our history and shape our future during 2007.

Marilli Green Reilly

*In Memory of Nancy Bergen*

*After four strokes, and living with diabetes for thirty-seven years, my wife, Nancy, passed away. There will be no viewing or funeral. Instead there will be a celebration of her life early next year. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or Northwest Medical Teams.*



*Alan Bergen*

## ***A View from the Rear***

With my first official report as the Rear Commodore, I would like to thank the members of RCYC for their kind support and suggestions throughout the year. I look forward to providing support to Commodore Marili Green Reilly throughout the year and to continue to work at maintaining RCYC as the quality club and moorage that it has been. In the capacity of Rear Commodore I will work on projects with our information technology and the fund raising to pay for replacement of our chairs and eventually, the table. Leslie and I both hope to see you around the club.

Bob Phillips, Rear Commodore



## **Education –**

Mark your calendars now, Thursdays will be Education nights at RCYC through the end of winter. We'll begin with dance classes to get you in practice for the Commodore's Ball. Kelly and Jeff Mucha will return to RCYC for two classes, January 18 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Education chair Norm Gustafson for more information.

## **January 17 General Meeting**

John and Jan Dees will share highlights of their cruise through the French canals aboard a canal boat. Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.



**Ho Ho Ho**

## **CRUISE OPPORTUNITY**

The Oxborrows are off on a holiday cruise and already planning another cruise. This one will be in April 2008 on Holland America. It will be a 22-day Panama Canal cruise from New York to Seattle. There is also the option of joining the ship in Florida for an 18-day cruise for those who have limited vacation time. At this time, we do not yet have prices. However this will be a repositioning cruise to bring the ship from the winter cruising grounds to the Alaska cruising grounds, so prices will be very reasonable. If you are interested, give us a call or drop us an e-mail so we can keep you informed.

Judy Oxborrow

# Moorage Matters

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A few words to the wise: Tie your dock box down. Also, secure the boom so it does not get blown out 90 degrees into your neighbor's rigging. If you leave your main and sail cover on during these months, check on it regularly for chafe and rips. One or two loose fasteners can lead to damage or disappearance (!) when the wind gusts to 50 mph and beyond.

The heavier gray tarps seem to last longer than the lighter blue ones, but

they all need lots of tie-downs. keep the material taut, and don't let it start to even think about flogging.

No further cautions will be given to those few with a furled 'genny' on their forestay. You know the risk, and your insurance company likely does to. Electrical cords need to be checked-- keep them out of the river and check your plugs for a firm connection on both ends.

I will mention dredging only because I get to run it once a week. Walks one and two are now dredged back down to permit depth, and 'Ol' Slurpy' is presently working on walk three. If

you need some sand for your yard, please do take some. The club has lots of it -- a veritable abundance!

Second by second, the days are starting to lengthen. So let's start thinking about spring moorage upgrades and a new sailing season.

See you at the boat shows.

Loren Beach



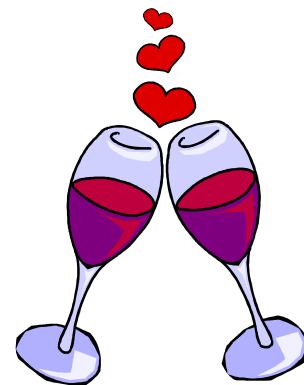
# Vice Commodore's Report

Just a quick note to get acquainted. I have a 31' Hunter and have been in the club for about seven years. I served two years as work party chair and have been on the board for two years. Ben Mitchell, the current 2006 secretary/treasurer, has decided not to continue on in the chairs, due to his taking an accounting job. I will keep track of work hours, book the club house for meetings and parties, and work on tasks that the Commodore assigns. Let me know if ever can be of assistance to you.

Jim Douglass  
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Happy 50th Anniversary  
Jack and Lucy!



## **BOATU.S. FOUNDATION'S ONLINE VHF RADIO TUTORIAL DEBUTS**

By broadcasting your exact Mayday location with the simple push of one button, new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios give recreational boaters and the U.S. Coast Guard enhanced search and rescue capabilities. But do you know enough about this new marine radio system to help save a life - possibly your own?

To help boaters understand the latest advances in marine radio communication, the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has launched a free online marine DSC VHF radio tutorial for anyone interested in the new technology. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard, the online tutorial, "Can You Hear Me?" is designed to educate boaters on all of the basics of DSC VHF radios. By understanding how these radios work, boaters will be able to take advantage of the latest innovations in search and rescue technology.

The 35-minute, narrated web-based program covers all of the basics and even allows viewers to try various radio buttons and sounds on their computers to simulate how a DSC VHF radio would operate. Topics covered include emergency signaling, how to install a DSC VHF radio and an overview of the U.S. Coast Guard's "Rescue 21" program. The tutorial is located at <http://www.BoatUS.com/MMSI>

No special computer program is needed to view the seven-part tutorial and it's compatible with both PC and Mac formats. A viewer can stop the tutorial at any point and return to the same spot later on. For those familiar with some of the topics, the tutorial lets boaters skip around from chapter to chapter.

While the majority of fixed-mount VHF radios available today have the DSC feature, most boaters have not registered their radio in order to get the unique calling number - much like a telephone phone number - called an Maritime Mobile Service Identity or MMSI number. The tutorial also covers this process, which is free through BoatU.S. Equally important is connecting the radio to a GPS so that vessel location is broadcast with a distress call.

The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit education and research organization primarily funded by the voluntary contributions of the 670,000 members of BoatU.S. The Foundation operates more than a dozen programs including the only accredited, free, online general boating safety course, a low-cost EPIRB rental program, the "Help Stop the Drops" national clean fueling campaign, a free kid's Life Jacket Loaner Program, and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for non-profit groups for boating safety and environmental projects.

## Here's a New Year's Resolution you'll keep!

Resolved to plan for your work hours in advance? Here's what you can do: 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 wonderful floating Clubhouse.



Contact Clubhouse Chair Jas Adams to reserve your month. Requests honored on a dated first come-first served basis.

### USCG AUXILIARY SCHEDULES BOATING CLASSES IN BEAVERTON

ABC, American Boating Course. This class is for the beginning boater who still needs the Oregon Boater Education Card. It is held on two Saturday mornings, starting January 20, 2007, at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Total charge per student is \$25.00.

BSS, Boating Skills and Seamanship. This class is for the more serious cruiser. This comprehensive class is taught in two-hour sessions, twice a week, for 13 evenings, and starts on February 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm. In addition, this class provides all knowledge and more to obtain the Oregon Boater Education Card. Total charge per student is \$40.00.

ACN, Advance Coastal Navigation. This unique class provides the student with detailed knowledge in the art of navigation. The student will be challenged with sample practice problems to make navigation along our coast more safe. GPS and Radar principles are included. The class is held once a week starting January 30 at 7:30 pm. Total charge per student is \$60.00. This class is for the more experienced boater and does not cover the basics for the Oregon Boaters Education Card.

Couples can share a textbook and obtain an optional workbook, which decreases the cost substantially.



To obtain the Oregon Boater Education Card, only a copy of the certificate, a \$10.00 check and an application form needs to be sent to the Oregon Marine Board.

**All classes are held at the THP&R District, Athletic Bldg, 50 NW 158th Ave., Beaverton, OR.**

A little socializing.....



# 2006 Christmas Ships Potluck

A little eating.....



A little present opening.....

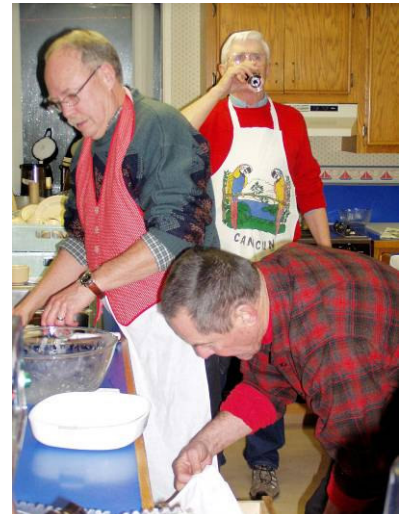




A little watching .....



A lot of cleanup.....



# A load of gifts to be had.....





Come celebrate Rose City Yacht Club's  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Diamond Jubilee  
Commodore's Ball**

Saturday, February 3, 2007  
Columbia Edgewater Country Club  
6:00 p.m. Cocktails; 7:00 p.m. dinner  
Cost \$30 per person. Choice of Prime  
Rib or Salmon. RSVP by January 24  
To Linda Belshaw, 503/557-7624  
Music by Tall Jazz



Pirate's Cruise 2006/East Dock

## ***EPIRB News***

### **Boaters Must Not Operate 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs After 31 December 2006**

WASHINGTON - The Coast Guard reminds all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.

The January 1, 2007, date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following this termination date, only the 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.

Pictures from  
Hans and  
Irene's trip to  
Europe.



London Ferris Wheel



St Paul Cathedral

## ***Yearbook Reminders***

Forms to update information for the 2007 yearbook and emergency contacts were mailed and emailed to all RCYC members. If you have an email address, the forms were sent by email. If you had no email address or your email was returned as undeliverable, the forms were mailed. Please review and return the updated form to Judy Oxborrow by January 10.



Renate Bittner having a great time.

# Racing at RCYC

Not much local racing to talk about now that winter and east winds have arrived in P-town and boats are out of the water or at least safely put away, but there are some great events coming up that you will want to put on the calendar. The first event to let everyone know about is a North U seminar that is scheduled for 17 Mar 2007 called "Suddenly Alone." Suppose that through injury, illness, or crew overboard, you were to find yourself suddenly alone. What would you do? How would you handle it? The "Suddenly Alone" curriculum is designed to give you the tools to prepare yourself to be suddenly alone. This event is being put together by Amy Poe from the Portland North Sails Loft and should be quite informative for cruising couples and distance racers alike. Several RCYC members have already expressed an interest in this seminar and I have forwarded your contact information. Send an email to [Amy@northsailsoregon.com](mailto:Amy@northsailsoregon.com) for more information or check out the North U website at: [http://www.northu.com/seminars.taf?\\_course=9&page\\_name=info&flash=5](http://www.northu.com/seminars.taf?_course=9&page_name=info&flash=5)

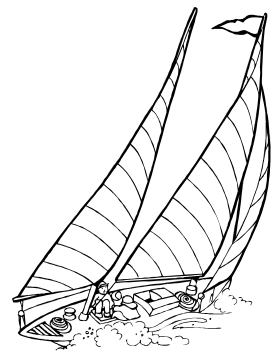
RCYC will also be hosting the annual Race Clinic sponsored by SYSCO on 29 March 2007. This clinic is a must for sailors new to racing or interested in a quick refresher. Competitive sailboat racing is not as difficult, complex, or confusing as you might imagine. This event is very informal and will dispel all of the mysteries of sailboat racing and answer any questions that you might have. If you have just the slightest interest in racing your boat or crewing with someone this coming season, you should seriously consider participating in this free clinic. It is well worth the time, and it might just help convince you that the best way to improve your sailing skills is to get out and race.

Now for the racing! As we told everyone last month, *Gladiator* is spending the winter in Tacoma and on 2 December 2006 we competed in the TYC Winter Vashon Race. This 30.7NM race clockwise around Vashon Island is one of my favorite events to sail in; the course is a blast, the scenery is fantastic, and the competition is very good. This year 90 boats turned out for the event. The wind was light (under 5 knots) and patchy at our 0925 start in front of Tacoma Yacht Club. To complicate our start, about eight boats in the fleet in front of us were OCS and were making their way back to the line to start properly. We managed to set up with a great position and had good control of our fleet as we crossed the line under spinnaker with about 0.45 knots of boat speed. This was going to be a LONG race, we all thought to ourselves as we pushed NW across Dalco Passage. We played "connect-the-dots" with the tiny puffs that came down from the NE and soon we found ourselves past the fleets that started in front of us and alongside those that started ten minutes before us; most of our fleet was buried behind two really big packs of boats; life was good.

We finally reached Colvos Passage by 1030 and it was time to shift to the headsail as the wind began to fill in from the North. As we beat up Colvos Passage for the mark at the north end of Vashon, we were trading tacks with some pretty big boats that owed us a lot of time; life was really good. There wasn't a lot of strategy at this point; just stay in clean air, don't foul anyone, don't make mistakes, point high and most important, sail fast. The further north we got the more the wind blew and the more we started to pound in the chop. A quick look around, and we realized that the Olson 25s were catching us; life was not so good. We rounded the mark at the north end of the island at 1340, bore away and it was back to spinnaker. Another quick look around, Mt Baker, the Seattle Skyline, the Olympics and, at this point, all 90 boats out for the day were within sight. There were about a third of the boats behind us and the rest were sitting at or near the Point Robinson parking lot.

We were sailing into an ebb current, so we stayed close to Vashon Island; close enough to count starfish at times! We were making good speed, pulling away from the boats behind us in a dying breeze and rolling down on the boats in front of us as we rode the wind to them; life was very good again. We jibed around Point Robinson and made a course for the finish. The light and wind began to fade as we approached the finish. We set up for an approach to the left of the line hoping not to be swept to the wrong side of the finish if the wind shut off. As we approached the shoreline in the dark with the pole on the headstay, it became apparent that we set up too far to the left and we're not going to make the line. A quick chute douse as the rocks were coming up quickly, and it was back to headsail for the finish. We crossed the line around 1715 and saved our time on all of the boats behind us, but we missed first in our fleet by 12 seconds to *Squirt*, the one boat in front of us. Our elapsed time of 7:49:40 put us in front of a J-35, a Schock 35 and a Swan 46 boat for boat and secured us 7<sup>th</sup> overall for the day. What a fantastic day of racing. The weather was great; it was cold, but there was no rain or snow. I would have wished for a bit more wind, but you must be careful what you wish for this time of year. The next race is the 30.8NM Duwamish Head Race on 6 January 2007.

Eric Rimkus



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

*Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events.*  
 Please send articles, announcements or any other Foghorn contributions to both of the Foghorn editors:  
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 Foghorn images can be sent directly to Vickie.  
*If you are interested in working on the Foghorn, please contact anyone listed above.*

**New Year's Day Soup and Sail**

Once again, Rose City Yacht Club will be upholding its New Year's Day tradition of a parade on the river -- barring blizzards, ice storms, and floods, of course. Come on down and join us for the parade or just the camaraderie afterwards, as we share steaming bowls of clam chowder, bread, and crackers. It always seems to work best if everyone brings one or two cans of clam chowder -- and maybe any leftover Christmas goodies you'd like to share.

We'll begin gathering at the club at 11:00, head out onto the river around 11:30, and be back in for a warming lunch between 12:30 and 1:00.

We hope you can be there!

Marili & Dave Reilly



**2007 RCYC UPCOMING MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:**

Calendar			February 2007		
January 2007			2/01	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
1/01	Soup and Sail	11:00 am	2/03	<b>RCYC Commodores Ball</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
1/17	RCYC General Meeting	7:30 pm	2/08	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
1/18	RCYC Education	7:00 pm	2/13	OWSA Basic Sailing	7:00 pm
1/20	Private Meeting, Rivers West	6:30 pm	2/14	OWSA General Meeting	7:00 pm
1/25	RCYC Education	7:00 pm	2/15	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
1/29	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm	2/17	SYSCO, Introduction to Sailing and Racing	7:00 pm
			2/21	RCYC General Meeting	7:30 pm
			2/22	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
			2/26	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm

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