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April 2007



COMMODORE'S LOG

Marili Green Reilly, *Commodore*

Finally, the weather has changed, and we've seen some sunny days. Just enough to bring out some good numbers for our March work parties and for "floating" our new concrete fingers up to the Club.

With Spring comes preparations for Opening Day, and that is next on our agenda. This year we plan to include some additional theme decorations with our usual red-white-and-blue flags. CRYA's parade theme is "Centennial Celebration," and we will integrate that with our own 75th Anniversary celebration. Watch for the sign-up sheet at the Club to schedule your participation in the parade. We get points for the number of members participating, as well as the number of boats, so if you can't take your own boat in the parade, check with others about hitching a ride.

Getting ready for Opening Day means dressing up the place -- from boats to grounds to moorage. We already have a group working on the spring plantings, and April work parties will focus on getting the parking lot and moorage cleaned up. You can also get your Vessel Safety Checks done any Saturday in April. Hans Geerling has arranged for two Coast Guard Auxiliary members to perform the VSC's and has posted sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse. Once again, we will recognize the Walk with the most VSC's. Vessel Safety Checks are also worth extra points toward our parade participation, so you can help make both your walk and the Club look good by getting your own vessel checked. Let's work toward 100 percent VSC among this year's parade participants.

Vessel Safety and Club Safety go hand-in-hand, and one thing that can help assure that our Club is safe from fire is to eliminate one of the top sources of boat fires: faulty shore power connections. RCYC moorage rules specify that members' shore power cords must meet specific standards. During a recent walk-through by the Moorage Chair and Board members, it was noticed that there are still several boats with shore-power cords not in compliance. Letters will be sent to those boat owners reminding them of the rules. As you go through your Vessel Safety Check, make it a practice to also check your cord -- not only for compliance with our moorage rules, but for unnoticed wear, breaks, or burn marks that could signal an unsafe cord.

Another way we will be preparing for Opening Day will be with a new galley. Ron Moran is heading up a team to do that renovation. With hard work and careful scheduling, he intends to have it ready in time for Opening Day. New stoves, ovens, sink, and an opening window are in store for us, along with new countertops and remodeled cabinets to make space for our rolling tray rack and cart. During that same time frame, Bob Phillips will be leading the work on some other additions and finishing touches throughout the rest of the Clubhouse. We'll need to restrict the use of the Clubhouse during April; however, it will be available to serve lunch during workparties.

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Welcome New Members



Tas Sturdevant and John Miller



Margaret and Nathan Hanson



Kathie Ray-Annis and Terry Annis



Ebie and Chris Mountford

RCYC 2007 Board Goals

- » Continue to Improve our Moorage Facilities, Clubhouse, and Grounds
 - Clubhouse upgrade & galley remodel; Walk 5 Planning, Storage & Shower Buildings; concrete fingers; additional dinghy/kayak storage; parking lot improvements & dry storage plan
- » Provide educational opportunities for our Members
 - Emphasize Vessel Safety Checks, Oregon Boater's Education card, safety and maintenance topics
- » Promote clean boating practices and the Clean Marina Program
- » Commemorate our 75th Anniversary with Logo and special activities
 - New name badges & apparel items with new logo; special Opening Day decorations; joint activities with other 75-year-old clubs.
- » Officers and Board listen to the concerns of members and actively promote member involvement in planning for the Club's future.



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Vice Commodore's Report

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore

Have you got your work hours in yet? Have you helped make the Club a better place to be? Have you had the fun of working with others who just like being around the boats and docks? I was entering the work hours in the system, and I noticed how many hours have been put in during the past 2-1/2 months. Can this be the result of raising the charge for hours not worked? Last year, there were only four or five members that were charged for work hours. Personally, I think it's got to be something else. I know I just like being down at the Club and doing things to make it a better place. While helping to install the new slips, I met a new member (who hadn't yet been sworn in) working with Paul Glynn's crew. This is what makes RCYC an unique Club on the Columbia River and is one reason why we all get along and have fun on the water. We are proud of what the Club looks like, and what it means to us. If you don't have your work hours in, you are missing one of the great parts of belonging to Rose City Yacht Club.

Youth Sailing Program

On April 13th, at 6:00 pm, all RCYC members are invited to attend a planning session for the 2007 RCYC Youth Sailing Program. This meeting will focus on developing goals and planning events for the 2007 season, as well as creating a long-term vision for the program. Pizza, salad and soft drinks will be served.

Please call or e-mail Bob Phillips if you will be attending so that we can have an accurate count.

Mike and Carol Pick, Mike and Delphi Godsil, Bob and Marilyn Hicks, and Brad and Joyce Jensen having dinner at the RCYC's make-shift "out station" in San Carlos, Mexico.



Cruising Season Nears

Soon the sunny days Nature keeps teasing us with will be here for good. And that means cruising season is also arriving. I have noticed an increase in re-commissioning activity around the moorage as members work on the last touches of winter projects. Our first official Club cruise will be on April 28-29 to East Dock, followed a month later with our May 26-28 Memorial



Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill in front of the NaviMag ferry in Puerto Natales, Chile.

Day junket to Hadley's. Those dates are not that far off so this might be an incentive to swab the decks, air out the cabin, stockpile your favorite seasonal beverage and remember how much fun it is to be out on the water with friends.

If you are willing to be the "Go To" person(s) for any of our listed cruises please let me know soon. Gail and I will miss our June and July cruises while we cruise to Alaska (ferry/motor home!) but will return for the Pirates' Breakfast. We will be gone again for the Beacon Rock cruise (we just have itchy feet!). While it appears that our cruises are self-managing, it is nice to have someone in charge of ringing the appetizer bell, leading a sing-a-long or heading up some fun activity. Participation is of course always optional!

Here are our cruise dates for you to post on the fridge:

RCYC 2007 Cruising Dates

April 28-29 East Dock
May 26-28 Hadley's
June 9-10 Coon Island
July 21-29 Lazy Days Down River
Aug 11-12 Pirates' B'fast, East Dock
Aug 31-Sept 2 Beacon Rock
Sept 15-16 Sand Island (St. Helens)
Oct 6-7 East Dock
Oct 27-28 Halloween @East Dock

Happy Sailing. We will see you on the water,

Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill, rlgales@verizon.net



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The last delivery of new concrete finger docks are now installed on Walk 2. We have converted all of Walk 3 and nearly all of Walk 4 to concrete fingers. A hearty thanks to ALL the members who worked on this multiple-part multiple-day project. All of Walk 2 is now 38 footers, and over half of Walk 4 is 36 footers, with the remainder being 30 foot concrete.

Several members on the improvement list have moved into different slips and some newer members are being assigned to slips. The waiting list is growing, however, due to many new members joining at once.

You have all been repeatedly put on notice to have an approved shore power cable. This is covered in the Moorage Rules, A. 2. (Page 72 of the '07 Yearbook). I predict that your Board will be taking a direct interest in this shortly. To sum up, the era of the homemade adapter plug and/or unsealed cord plug is over. This affects both personal safety and our insurability.

Spring is when our boating season gets active. When the Sheriff's River Patrol deputy walks our moorage, you must have your current '07 or '08 sticker displayed on the hull. If your OR numbers and sticker placement are now incorrect, contact the Oregon Marine Board for an illustration of how to legally display them. US Documented vessels have different rules for name location, font style and size, and location of the OR sticker. As I see it, why invite attention from the Sheriff, the USCG, or US Customs?

And while there are no guarantees in life, it usually helps to have your current VSC decal displayed, as well.

With the warmth of summer will come more wakes from scofflaw boaters out in the main channel, so be sure that you have snubbers on your bow and stern lines and that your mast is not in line with your neighbor's. Review your fenders and chafing protection, too.

Let's be careful out there.

RCYC EDUCATION

Norm Gustafson, Education Chair

Sign up sheets are posted in the Club house for a **CPR / FIRST AID** class and a **DANCE CLASS**.

Those interested can also contact me at
normnjan@sprynet.com

We do have a few members signed up already for the dance class. We will wait for a few more days to allow more members to sign up, then will schedule the class and contact those interested.

Work Party - #1 first of the year



NEED WORK HOURS?

By taking care of our oak-paneled Clubhouse for one month, you'll satisfy your RCYC work hour requirement for the entire year. Clubhouse duty can be done on your own schedule, which is very convenient.

Contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams by phone: 503-349-0840 or email:

jadams@teleport.com





Secretary's Report

Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer

This year has been very active for changes in memberships. The board voted to accept the resignation of Jim and Marlene Himes and Ron and Barb Karls effective April 1st. RCYC wishes them well in their future endeavors. John and Kathie Kneeland, and Wes and Joyce Davis have been granted "Active Life" membership status. Both John and Kathie are Past Commodores. Wes and Joyce have been taking care of our finances for years.

John Miller and Tas Sturdevant, Terry Annis and Kathie Ray-Annis, Nate and Marge Hanson, and Chris and Ebie Mountford applied for membership and were interviewed by the Board in January. They were sworn in at the March general meeting. John and Tas sail a J24 and have two kids. Terry and Kathie and Nate and Marge both sail Catalina 25's, and Chris and Ebie sail a Hunter 45. Please welcome them aboard.

The Board interviewed prospective members Larry Gray, John and Kerstin Maroney, and Dan and Karen Brown in February. In March, David and Jamie Mountford, Marian Hughes, and Art and Rose Zehner were interviewed. They all have sailing experience and are looking forward to joining RCYC work and social activities.



Judy Oxborrow and
Anne Thompson



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A big thanks to Smoke Fischer and Dick Hewitt who again made their boats available to bring our new concrete fingers upriver, and to Loren Beach for his thorough planning. We had a stellar turnout of help, both at Schooner Creek and RCYC, and Judy Oxborrow kept the soup line open throughout the afternoon to keep our workers recharged.

We did have at least one surprise during the first work party, and that was finding some splits in the Walk One water system. It appears that the water may have been turned back on after the system had been drained for the winter, and the subsequent freezing weather caused the pipes to split. I'll be reminding you again next fall when the last work party of the year drains the system, but please make a note right now not to use water on the docks after the system has been drained.

As promised, new name badges have arrived, commemorating our Diamond Jubilee. If you didn't pick yours up at the March meeting, they'll be waiting for you in the name badge cabinet in time for upcoming events. Our 75th Anniversary logo looks very smart on the white badges – and it will also be available on apparel and other items in the Ship's Stores throughout the year. It is also on this year's yearbooks – which will be waiting for you in the Clubhouse throughout the month of April. After that, you'll have to sweet-talk the committee to get a copy.

Centennial Celebration – We're 75 percent of the way to our own centennial, and have cause to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee!



Oregon Offshore Race

RCYC sailors always do us proud in this popular race, and we're looking forward to several boats participating again this year. Set for May 10, our racers will begin heading downriver the weekend before. That weekend is also Opening Day, and though we'll miss you in the parade, we'll be cheering you on the race. If you're a racer and plan to head out on or before Saturday May 5, please remind your crew to park in the west end of the parking lot, away from the flag raising area. May you be greeted by fair winds and sunny weather for your trip north and throughout the race!

Marili Green Reilly

RCYC Ladies – Are you interested in participating in some of the "women only" events that are being offered on the river? Check out the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for upcoming Ladies' Dinner invitations and registration forms for the Women's Cruise. I'll be taking reservations for the dinners – at press time, Portland YC has announced its dinner for Thursday, April 19, and Tyee plans theirs for Thursday, May 10 – so drop me an email or give me a call if you'd like to attend.

The Women's Cruise is set for the weekend of May 18-20, and will be held at Coon Island. You can take a registration form from the bulletin board or download it from www.womenscruise.org. Mother Goose is this year's theme and should provide a wide array of dress-up and boat decorating options.

Racing @ RCYC

Local News: By the time you read this, Portland's first keelboat regatta of 2007 will be history. Look for a report on the RCYC Frostbite in next month's Foghorn. For those of you who missed your chance to race in the Frostbite, there are plenty of opportunities to get out there and race in the coming months. The Opening Day Regatta, hosted by PYC & SYSCO this year, will be held on April 14 & 15. The next RCYC race will be the second annual Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race on May 16. This is a 12 NM race from RCYC up river to a turning mark near the west end of Ackerman Island and back. Last year 30 boats started and only 3 boats finished a shortened course due to light easterlies and a strong current. This year we are hoping for more boats and just a bit more breeze from any direction other than the east! There will again be a party at the end of Walk #1 as boats finish the race. This is a great event to watch from the RCYC breakwater, so come out and support club members who are racing.

So, what about those of you not up for racing? Well, we have all sorts of opportunities for you too! Join your race captains and help out with the race management. Kim and I could certainly use a little help on the water and at the post race socials. We especially need help this year for the Summer Regatta, but we can always use an extra set of eyes taking finish times. A big thanks to all those who have helped us out over the past 2 years, but how about a few more members stepping up and helping out for a day or two or volunteering their boat for a day? You don't have to be a racer, former racer, or even know anything about sailboat racing and you will get one of the best seats in the house for all of the action.

Racing News: Well *Gladiator* is still living in Seattle and has only one more race before coming back to Portland. She has raced every weekend in March, sailing in the three Center Sound Races and the fourth and final South Sound Race. While racing every weekend has been a blast, the



realities of campaigning a boat 200 miles away on that schedule have certainly impacted our sanity. Between boat prep, deliveries, and

crew logistics it was definitely more work than we had anticipated. But, we have met a ton of new friends and had some really great experiences. While the races are all business, the deliveries have been some of the most pleasurable sailing/boating experiences that we have had. While moving the boat from Seattle to Gig Harbor we spent about 90 minutes drifting in Colvos Passage with a pod of Killer Whales feeding on small fish and sunning themselves. Sailing along the Seattle Waterfront was a blast not for the sailing, but for the views of the skyline and the Olympics. The casual sails with friends the day before the race and the pre-race parties on Friday night have been a blast. The winter schedule with *Gladiator* is wrapping up; and, it is just about time to get our new boat ready for the water and to start a whole new learning curve. Speaking of learning, we have learned a lot sailing in the Puget Sound. Some of the best lessons have been:

- Starfish don't swim. Yes, that IS the bottom you can see! Maybe this would be a good time to tack.
- The depth sounder is not "acting up" when it displays 6.2 feet; refer to the above lesson.
- When you see a really big boat with really good sail trim and it is not moving, they have not learned the above lessons.

- If you lose a batten in 25 knots of wind right before your start, you will shred part of your Kevlar 3DL mainsail while racing 15 NM upwind to the turning mark.
- Getting a really good start in a 30 NM race doesn't mean that you will win; although, it makes it a lot harder to lose.
- Getting a really bad start in a 30 NM race doesn't mean that you will lose; although, it really makes losing a much more probable outcome.
- That "sucking sound" in the wave trough, followed by a "bong" near the wave crest (while disturbing and somewhat abnormal) is only the noise that a lightly built boat makes while "oil canning" its way upwind in big waves and wind.
- Going the "right way" on a leg will make up for a few bad tacks every time.
- Going the "wrong way" on a leg will seal your fate no matter how well you sail your boat.
- Being passed upwind by a N/M 68, or Perry 65 or any other skyscraper money-gobbler yacht is really cool while they are going by, but really sucks when they start to gas you.
- Going upwind in 25 knots of breeze for 4 hours is not fun. You only do it so you can go the other way really fast for about 90 minutes!
- Going downwind in 25 knots of breeze is only fun until you have to take down the spinnaker. It becomes even less fun when it wraps around the headstay 15 times during the maneuver.
- Sometimes the conditions favor your boat and sailing style and you do well. Other times the conditions are not in your favor and you don't do well. Always remember you are sailing, and sailing is fun!
- Sailboat racing is FUN! When it is no longer fun, it is time to pack up your gear and learn to golf.

Next month the "racing" will be all about Portland; I promise!

Eric Rimkus, RCYC Race Captain



Walk 1 BarBQ is fun even in the rain

Walk 1

BarBQ -

March 24:

"Going North"



Chris Mountford demonstrates a wine-opening technique for Werner and Renate Bittner

Lucy Mitchem has stories as well, enhanced by displaying her drawing



Ebie Mountford and prospective members Jamie and Dave Mountford with Annabelle and her baby brother Timothy



Sandy Noragon helping Jan Gustafson in the galley



Jack Mitchem telling tales of sailing north



Bottom's Up Party - Thanks for dredging up the mud!

Top row: Don Belshaw, Fred Whitfield, Tom Stringfield, Jim Douglass, Dave Reilly, Mike Oxborrow, Loren Beach, Norm Gustafson. Middle row: Smoke Fischer, Ken Purvine, Judy Oxborrow, Karl Quade, Frank Noragon, Bottom row: Larry Wintermeyer



Alan Bergen and
Kathy Beach



Bob Phillips and Karl
Quade



Frank and Sandy Noragon and their guest.



Marianne Roberts and Wade Cornwell.



Norm and Jan Gustafson and
Marli and Dave Reilly



Work Party #2 – good weather was provided



New slips



Karl Quade plumber



Hard work on the slope



Lets turn on the water!

Free to a Good Home

Ken Gervais and Susan Wilcox would like to make available some books for members to read, keep, or pass on to others. The books - *A Heaven in the Eye, Night Freight and Nordi's Gift* - were written by our friend Clyde Rice. We think he is among the best of Oregon writers. In addition to his literary legacy he built a rammed earth house out on the Clackamas River and built a sailboat there. The boat is still in use on the East coast. Clyde wrote these books and was first published after he was 80. We have joined with others to preserve this legacy and call our group Friends of Clyde Rice.

These books have been remaindered, and we can no longer store them. Please take one, all three, or more for friends and relatives; enjoy, add to your library and pass along a piece of Oregon's literary heritage.

Ken Gervais and Susan Wilcox

www.clyderice.org

BoatU.S. - correction

My article in last month's Foghorn regarding BoatUS dues was incorrect. The normal rate is \$25 per year. Our group rate is half of that - \$12.50. I apologize for any inconvenience I might have caused.

Alan Bergen, BoatU.S. Coordinator

RCYC Ski Club First Annual Soup and Ski

On Friday, March 23, RCYC Ski Club had its first outing at Mt. Hood Meadows. The weather was very cooperative, and those present enjoyed some fine spring skiing. By noon the conditions began deteriorating, and the snow became quite sticky. "Just not fast enough for me!" exclaimed Annie, and we all agreed. It was time to head to Bob and Gail's in Welches for wine, beer, munchies and Gail's wonderful soup. We had a fun afternoon of story telling and making plans for future skiing and sailing adventures.

The season is now changing from skiing to sailing so our Club is looking forward to next winter and more RCYC Ski Club outings with the many sailors who also love skiing.

Bob Gales

(from L to R) Karl Quade, Bob Gales, Annie Roehm, Gail O'Neill, Dorothy Glynn





Ladies' Dinner Update:

This year's Ladies' Dinner will have the theme **"Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend,"** and participants will again get to enjoy the sumptuous cooking of RCYC's own chef, Rick Royce.

Date: Thursday May, 17, 2007

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Social Gathering: 5:45 PM

Dinner: 6:45 PM

You may make reservations through May 10 by calling or e-mailing Patti Fischer at 503.285.5366 or pfischer@prodigy.net and by sending prepayment for all guests and their names to:

Rose City Ladies' Dinner
c/o Patti Fischer
154 NE Bridgeton Road, Portland OR 97211



There is also still time to donate a raffle gift or refer a local business donation by contacting either Carolyn Douglass (503.777.9030 or jdouglass39@cs.com) or Dave Reilly (503.281.9350 or reilly@aracnet.com).

You can also let Carolyn or Dave know if you'd like to be involved in the decorating or hostessing on the day of the big event.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

April 2007

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| 4-07 | USCG Boat Safety Inspection,
9:00 am-4:30 pm | 4-21 | RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am |
| 4-11 | OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30 pm | 4-25 | OWSA Cool Maneuvers, 6:00-9:30 pm |
| 4-14 | RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am | 4-26 | OWSA Cool Maneuvers, 6:00-9:30 pm |
| 4-14 | USCG Boat Safety Inspection,
9:00 am-4:30 pm | 4-28 | USCG Boat Safety Inspection,
9:00 am-4:30 pm |
| 4-15 | SYSCO /PYC Opening Day Regatta,
9:00 am | 4-28/29 | RCYC East Dock Cruise,
2 Days |
| 4-18 | RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm | 4-30 | RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 4-21 | USCG Boat Safety Inspection,
9:00 am-4:30 pm | | |

May 2007

5- 5 Opening Day

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| 5-09 | OWSA General meeting, 6:00-9:00 pm |
| 5-10 | Oregon Offshore |
| 5-12 | RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am |
| 5-16 | RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 5-17 | RCYC Ladies Dinner, 5:45/6:45 pm |
| 5-19 | RCYC Jack Gainer Memorial Race |
| 5-26-28 | RCYC Memorial Day Cruise
at Hadley's Landing |
| 5-29 | RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 5-30 | OWSA Basic Racing Seminar, 6-9:30 pm |

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www.rosecityyachtclub.org

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