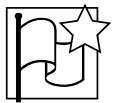


Commodore: Marili Green Reilly  
Vice Commodore: Jim Douglass  
Secretary-Treasurer: Karl Quade

### May 2007



## COMMODORE'S LOG

Marili Green Reilly, *Commodore*

Can you believe it? It is almost Opening Day. As I'm writing this, we are heavy into preparations for the official first day of the boating season. Yet we have already been "boating" for the last month or so, having already completed the Frost Bite Race, our first cruise, a couple of parties, and most of the spring work parties. This club doesn't need an official season opening to start messing around with boats.

I wanted this year's Opening Day to be special, in celebration of our 75th Anniversary, so you'll be seeing something a little bit different. First, we'll be adding a decorated boat at the beginning of the fleet. Also, in addition to our red, white, and blue pennants, each boat will be given a silver banner to fly beneath their burgees. This added detail will be super simple, but will flash like "diamonds" in the sun and breeze. For that matter, it will look pretty flashy even if the sun doesn't come out.

Another special part of our decoration will be the addition of a new flag: The Oregon Clean Marina flag. After a year of studying the program and reviewing our own activities, RCYC has achieved certification as a Clean Marina. My special thanks go out to Bob Phillips

and Dick Dyer for their efforts in bringing RCYC's facilities and moorage rules up to par with the program.

Receiving the flag and the plaque for the Clean Marina program was quite an honor for me at the April 18 meeting. However, as Dick Dyer, Jim Douglass, and I did the walk-through with the Oregon State Marine Board's Program Coordinator and his associates, I have to admit I was a bit worried. They were appropriately impressed with our oil recycling facilities, but moments later I was chagrined to find that a five-gallon kerosene can half-full of some kind of oily substance had been discarded beside the dumpsters. Please remember that used motor oil may be left in capped containers inside the enclosure by the oil recycling center at the west end of the parking lot. Any other waste – such as gasoline, diesel, anti-freeze, kerosene, solvents, or even batteries – should be taken home for recycling. Please don't

### General Meeting and Foghorn Schedule Notice

Please note that there will be **NO General Meeting in August**, and the July and August Foghorns will be combined and published at the normal July date. If you have information normally included in the August Foghorn, please send it to the editors by June 26<sup>th</sup>.

leave these hazardous materials by the dumpster or by the oil recycling tank.

One of the rewards of being commodore this year has been the contact I've had with our members. I've been down at the club for some part of the last few work parties, mostly just watching, listening, learning, and occasionally serving as "gofer." During this time, I have heard a lot of good ideas from members on how we can make things work even better. I'm always impressed by the way people get things done. In several instances, someone has come to me first with a problem – then later came back with an answer or at

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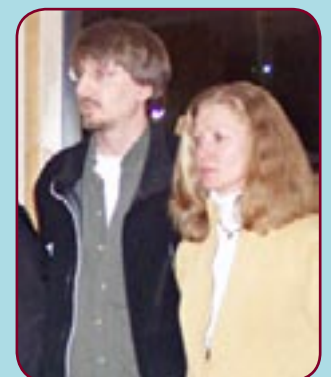
### Welcome New RCYC Members



John and Kersten Morony



Larry Gray



Dan and Karen Brown



## Secretary's Salutations

*Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer*

The year continues to be very active regarding new memberships. At the April general meeting, Dan and Karen Brown, Larry Gray, and John and Kerstin Maroney were sworn in as new members. Dan and Karen sail a McGregor 19, Larry sails a Merit 23 and is interested in racing, and John and Kerstin sail a Catalina 30. Please welcome them aboard. There will be another group at the next meeting. I've seen several of our new members at work parties, sometimes before they are actually members. As a group they bring a lot of skills and experience to the club.

### Support Our 2007 Yearbook Advertisers

The new Yearbooks have been distributed and we have a number of new advertisers this year. Please be sure to look over the advertising list on page 87. When seeking services or merchandise, let them know that you saw their ad in our publication. They will be much more willing to advertise next year if they know their ad is paying off.

*Tom and Cathy Nelson, Yearbook Advertising.*

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## Vice Commodore's Report

*Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore*

Is it too early to wish for a Christmas Present? For Christmas I want an RCYC database. What is a database, you ask? It's a place on our website where all the information about our club resides. It is the one place that has all the information that the Moorage Chair needs, the one place that the Foghorn needs, the one place that your officers need, and one place that the billing people need to do their job. We need one place where all the information is available and correct. If you tell the billing people, or the Foghorn people, or the Yearbook people where you have moved, that doesn't mean that anyone else has your new address, phone number, or web address. We need one place where we can all go to get your new phone number. If you move, you can enter your new address. You can also check to see if all your information is correct. The yearbook people will have all the information they need, and no last minute panic to check if all their information is correct. You could see what your work hours are at any time. And the good part about the database, we could back it up and protect the information. We have most of the tools to use it, soooo Santa, please bring us a database.

### 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.

**Act now -- the last month available for 2007 is June!**

Contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams by phone: 503-349-0840 or email: [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com)

### RCYC EDUCATION

*Norm Gustafson, Education Chair*

"Dancing with the Stars" -- not quite; but come join us for a couple evenings of entertainment and instruction as our own stars, Kelly and Jeff, attempt to teach us those smooth moves on the dance floor.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, May 10th and May 31st, starting at 7:00PM.

We are asking \$5.00 per couple to help our instructors with costs.

E-Mail: [normnjan@sprynet.com](mailto:normnjan@sprynet.com)



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

A hearty Thank You to the recent large work parties, both the formal Saturday sessions and additional finish-up work done informally. The moorage is looking good. You've all done very, very well.

I had hoped to have some new slip assignments posted before May, but sometimes boats arrive and depart unpredictably. Our waiting list is still growing, and now we are close to running out of breakwater side ties.

The four small-boat slips are about ready on our new Walk 6. Rates for these are not yet formally approved by your Board, but are expected to mirror the breakwater rate. Note that power or water can be brought in only with extension cords and coupled hoses, with no provision for permanent hookup; i.e. day use only. The approach to the inner slips on Walk 6 will be a hard turn upstream with little room to swing the stern, and that's why only small boats will be offered the inside slips there. We may have to "chain-saw shorten" the foot of one or both slips by a couple of feet.

The additional east-end dinghy dock completion will take a little longer than anticipated, as some structural challenges need to be met. Speaking of storing dinghies, Roy Ciappini just gifted me with his original drawing for the west-end three-rack dock. RCYC history can be a fleeting commodity. Thank You, Roy!

Note: If you bring a boat into our moorage, your own unassigned boat or a friend's guest boat, remember that you first must check in with the Port Captain (or residents if Lynn is not home) before occupying an empty slip. Notifying me or any of the flag officers is secondary, as none of us actually live there. . . (Anecdotal evidence to the contrary!)

*Let's be careful out there.*

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least part of the solution. As the boating season gets underway, please continue to let me or other board members know of any ideas you may have for improving the club, and remember that we especially like to hear ideas for solutions, rather than just identification of a problem.

The same is true of activities. If there's something you'd like to see happen in the social department, feel free to suggest a plan to Activities Chairman, Ron Moran. Some of the best parties and events have come from one person or group putting together an activity and the committee to make it happen.

One activity which I'm promoting this year is a special Diamond Jubilee celebration with Longview Yacht Club. They have always been such gracious hosts when RCYC boats have stopped at their club that when I noticed that they also trace their beginnings to 1932, I decided to recognize our joint anniversary year. We will host LYC for a "land cruise" June 2-3 at Rose City. So far we have planned a spaghetti dinner on Saturday night and a breakfast Sunday morning for those who want to spend the night on their boats. Watch for a sign up sheet at the club for these

## Clean Marina Program



Clean Marina Program Plaque received by Marili

activities and email messages with more information as the time gets closer.

RCYC has spent the last 75 years perfecting our club, and we just keep getting better. I hope to see many of you out on the water or down at the club on Opening Day to help celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.



## Racing @ RCYC

Well, the 2007 Portland keelboat-racing season is in full swing! The RCYC Frostbite is history and the SYSCO Spring Series is well underway. If you missed the Frostbite, but still have a bug to get out in one of the many RCYC races this season, May is your next best chance. The second annual running of the RCYC Jack Gainer Race, a medium distance race going up river, will be held on Saturday, May 19. This event was very well attended last year, and we introduced some really great perpetual trophies. Even though the wind did not exactly cooperate, we had a great inaugural running of the event. This year is certain to be even better. Hopefully with even more competitors and just the right amount of wind.

As for the RCYC Frostbite, we had a very good turn out for the first race of the year held on March 31, and the racers seemed to have a good time. We had 23 boats divided into four starting divisions: Level 172, Cal 20, No-Fly-Sail-1 and No-Fly-Sail-2. We managed to get off at least three races for each fleet, but the weather was far from cooperative. We saw everything from light southerlies to moderate southwesterlies; of course the best wind came up from the west after racing was finished for the day. Through the day there were periods of glorious sunshine and torrential downpours, but it turned out to be a pretty decent day for racing overall. However, it can be summed up from the Race Committee standpoint as FRUSTRATING! We got a jump on the day and set a number of marks early only to find that by the time we were ready to set a start line the wind had shifted 30 degrees. Good thing "Big Boy" was on the RC boat; time to haul up all of the marks and try things again. So with new marks set it was time to try and to get racing started, and on time no less. Of course the wind decided to shut off completely at this point, so up with the postponement flag and into a holding pattern. At least we had cold beer!

Soon enough the wind began to fill in a little and we were able to get off some races. Racing ran non-stop through the fleets with only one interruption to the rolling sequences by passing river traffic. Courses were kept fairly short to ensure that races could be finished and to try to minimize the influence of the shifty conditions. In the end, we needed to shorten the last race for the NFS-1 fleet as the wind died and then came back up from a completely different direction. Results for some of the fleets were almost predictable, for others it was a complete roll of the dice.

With the racing done for the day it, was off to the Sextant Bar & Grill for a great party! West Marine, Schooner Creek and West Coast Uniform provided a great assortment of raffle items and the Sextant put together a great buffet to feed the hungry racers while the results were being finalized. In the six boat 172 Fleet, RCYC's very own Rock and Dina Kent on "Apple Pi" took top honors with two bullets and a third for finishes. The Cal 20's, the only fleet blessed with four races for the day, saw Craig Daniels on "For My Girls" decisively win that division, nearly sweeping the four boat fleet and ending the day with three bullets and a fourth. The most interesting fleets to watch for shake-ups in the standings were the No-Fly-Sail fleets. We applied club ratings to level the playing field a bit between big and little and fast and not-so-fast boats, and these two groups seemed to have a lot of fun out there in each of their three races. In the NFS-1 fleet, RCYC's Steve Moshofsky on "Wave Dancer" claimed a first for the day in the seven-boat fleet. Bob Martin on "Rollerball" hotly contested the win, but with a tiebreaker finish



Rock & Dina Kent on "Apple Pi" lead the 172 Fleet back to the finish.



Tight racing in the Cal 20 Fleet.



Organized chaos in the pre-start for the 172 Fleet results in a tight first leg.



No-Fly-Sail-1 Division winner  
"Wave Dancer" heading back up  
wind.

in race #1, the first went to "Wave Dancer". Racing in this fleet was back and forth and ended up quite close for the top three finishers. The top boat in the seven-boat NFS-2 fleet demonstrated that consistency could prevail; Terry Johnson on "Ozymandias" claimed the win with three deuces for the day's racing.

A big thanks has to go out to all of the racers that came out in the not-so-ideal conditions and made the day fun and exciting, to the sponsors (Schooner Creek, Sextant Bar & Grill, West Marine, and West Coast Uniforms) who provided merchandise for the terrific raffle, and a HUGE thank you to all of the people that made the event a success by taking their time to help out with race management and coordinating the social. Hope to see everyone back for the Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race on May 19!

*Eric Rimkus,  
RCYC Race Captain*

## Cathlamet's Eagle Days Celebration

Summer is coming, so it is now time to plan the summer events. A quick review of calendars has Lazy Days cruise starting July 21st and Cathlamet's annual Eagle Days celebration on the same weekend! For several years we have had the pleasure of putting on a luncheon for RCYCers in front of our house in Cathlamet to watch the Eagle Days parade. But we are boaters first and parade watchers second. So we unfortunately will NOT be putting on the luncheon this year. We will miss seeing you at the parade, but hope to see you on Lazy Days instead.

However, for those of you who won't be on the Lazy Days cruise you can still enjoy being part of a small town celebrating being just a small town. The activities are:

Friday the 20th ----- There will be a dance with live music at the marina.

Saturday the 21st----- Bald Eagle Run-Walk Challenge (8:00 am),  
Parade (11:00am), Old Car Show, Street Fair, Live Music and  
Fireworks.

Saturday the 21st and

Sunday the 22nd----- The Quilt Show will be at the Pioneer Church  
Cultural Center.

Sunday the 22nd----- Wooden Boat Show and Salmon BBQ (10am - 4pm), PLUS the  
Wahkiakum Farmer's Market.

*Jan and John Dees, [JohnD@SnowshoeLabs.com](mailto:JohnD@SnowshoeLabs.com)*

## First RCYC Cruise of the 2007 Sailing Season

Seventeen boats were in attendance at East Dock on Government Island for the season's first cruise on April 28-29. Some boats arrived early on Friday the 27th. Cruise hosts Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill had pre-arranged for warm and sunny weather so that cruisers were able to walk around the docks in shorts, if they chose to!

Some cruise highlights follow: On Saturday, a one and a half mile walk west along the island shore provided Jim and Judy a large sculptural piece of driftwood, which later decorated the

port rail of "Cat's Paw" and created a visual treat to all who passed by. Dorothy Glynn enjoyed her solo walk and was charmed to see one of the island's deer at close range. The doe allowed Dorothy several minutes to enjoy gazing at her beauty before stepping back into the woods. Sally and Dick Hewitt, the earliest arrivals on Friday, saw a small herd of deer swimming between Lemon Island and Tri-Club Island where they had anchored Thursday night.

Happy Hour began at 4 pm with wine tasting, compliments of cruise hosts Bob and Gail. Ten bottles of uncorked reds were a gift from their friend Erol Kanaz, a chef at Timberline Lodge. Erol had received over one hundred uncorked bottles after a professional wine tasting event at the Lodge. The merry-making RCYC cruisers continued to celebrate the first cruise of the season as the sun set with alpenglow on Mt. Hood on the horizon and an almost full, silvery moon overhead.

Our Cruising season fun continues on Memorial Day weekend at Hadley's, May 26-28. We hope to see you all there.

*Gail O'Neill, Cruising Co-Chair*



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## The Boat Insurance Maze

Unlike home or auto insurance, boat insurance policies can vary widely from one company to the next.

Ask around: How an insurance company handles a claim and lives up to expectations is a great indicator of the policy's real value, so ask your friends about their insurance claim experience. Was the company prompt? Did they keep the policyholder informed? How helpful were they in processing the claim?

You can also research potential insurance carriers at <http://www.ambest.com/ratings>. The ratings are the industry's benchmark for assessing an insurer's financial strength; look for an "A" rating (excellent) or better. State insurance regulatory agencies are also a good reference and can be found online.

Homeowners or separate policy for the boat? Consider buying a separate insurance policy for the boat, rather than adding it to your homeowner's policy. The latter often limits certain marine-related risks such as salvage work, wreck removal, pollution or environmental damage. Whatever amount the boat is insured for, it should have a separate but equal amount of funds available for any salvage work. This means that you are compensated for the loss of your boat and not having to pay additional, out-of-pocket costs to have a wreck removed from a waterway.

Agreed Value vs. Actual Cash Value: These are the two main choices that boaters face, and depreciation is what sets them apart. While it typically costs more up front, an "agreed value" policy covers the boat at whatever value you and your insurer agree upon - there is no depreciation if there is a total loss of the boat (some partial losses may be depreciated). "Actual cash value" policies, on the other hand, cost less up front but factor in depreciation and only pay up to the actual cash value at the time the boat is declared a total or partial loss or property was lost.

Boaters are different: A good insurer will tailor your coverage to fit your needs so there will be no surprises. For example, bass boaters may need fishing gear and tournament coverage as well as policies that allow them to easily trailer their boat far from home. You may want "freeze coverage" if you live in a temperate state because, ironically, that's where most of this kind of damage occurs. "Hurricane haul-out" coverage helps foot the bill to move your boat to dry ground when a storm approaches. And if some boaters are only concerned about potential injuries or property damage, or they just need to meet the requirements of their marina's slip contract, a liability (only) policy may be just the ticket.

Alan Bergen

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## Youth Sailing Program

### THREE SAILING CLASSES

Open to all RCYC members and member relatives, will be held at RCYC as follows:

- May 6 ----- | 11-12:30pm Knots and Lines
- May 20 ----- | 11-12:30pm Rules of the Road
- June 3 ----- | 11-12:30pm Rigging and Sails

### YOUTH SAILING CAMP

Willamette Sailing Club will again be providing sailing lessons to the children and grandchildren of RCYC members for their club member price of \$ 90 per session. Through the generous gift from the Jack Gainer estate, all fees will be paid by RCYC. Those interested need to contact Willamette Sailing Club, sign up for the session of your choice, pay the fee and then submit the bill to RCYC for reimbursement. This schedule lists the beginning classes as described below: Advanced classes are available and can be viewed on-line at [willamettesailingclub.com](http://willamettesailingclub.com). If you have further questions please contact Bob Phillips.

Beginner 1 (Cadet): This class is held in both Optimist Dinghies (for children 120lbs and under, ages 8-12) and 15' two-person boats (for children over 120lbs, ages 13-18). The class teaches the basics of rigging and sailing an Optimist dinghy in a fun and safe environment for new sailors.

Beginner 2 (Midshipman): This class is held in both Optimist Dinghies (for children 120lbs and under, ages 8-12) and 15' two-person boats (for children over 120lbs, ages 13-18). This class teaches the basics of rigging and sailing an Optimist dinghy in a fun and safe environment. This is a follow-on class to the Beginner 1 level classes.

### Youth Camp Class Schedule

Five classes, three hours per day, Monday through Friday

Morning camp: 9:00 - 12:00 noon;

Afternoon camp: 1:00 - 4:00pm

- June 18 - 22 ----- July 30 - Aug 3
- June 25 - 29 (AM only) ----- Aug 6 - 10 (PM only)
- July 2 - 6 ----- Aug 13 - 17
- July 9 - 13 (PM only) ----- Aug 20 - 24 (AM only)
- July 16-20 ----- July 23 - 27 (AM only)



## Work Party #3



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## Ladies' Dinner



We are beginning to get pretty full for RCYC's Ladies' Dinner, which will be held May 17. There is still room available, but don't wait too long to make your reservations. If you would like to attend the Ladies' Dinner, please call Patti Fischer 503-285-5366 and reserve your spot. We're going to have a lot of fun and you don't want to miss out!!!!



*Hans with the USCG Boat Safety Inspector*



**See you on OPENING DAY!**

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### May 2007

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|------|---|--|
| 5/05 | <b>OPENING DAY</b>                          |  |
| 5/06 | Youth Sailing, Knots & Lines, 11:00-12:30pm | 5/19 RCYC Jack Gainer Memorial Race                  |
| 5/09 | OWSA General meeting 6:00-9:00pm            | 5/20 Youth Sailing, Rules of the Road, 11:00-12:30pm |
| 5/10 | Oregon Offshore                             | 5/26-28 RCYC Memorial Day Cruise at Hadley's Landing |
| 5/10 | RCYC Dance Class, 7:00-9:00pm               | 5/29 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm                      |
| 5/12 | RCYC Work Party, 9:00am                     | 5/30 OWSA Basic Racing Seminar, 6-9:30pm             |
| 5/16 | <b>RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm</b>         | 5/31 RCYC Dance Class, 7:00-9:00pm                   |
| 5/17 | RCYC Ladies Dinner, 5:45/6:45pm             |  |

### June 2007

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| 6/02-03 | RCYC/LYC Land Cruise                          |
| 6/02    | RCYC/LYC Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30/6:30pm        |
| 6/03    | RCYC/LYC Breakfast                            |
| 6/03    | Youth Sailing, Rigging & Sails, 11:00-12:30pm |
| 6/05    | OWSA Spinnaker Class, 6:00-9:00pm             |
| 6/06    | OWSA Spinnaker Class, 6:00-9:00pm             |
| 6/09-10 | RCYC Cruise to Coon Island                    |
| 6/12    | RCYC New Member Orientation, 7:00pm           |
| 6/15    | RCYC Walk 2 BarBQ, 5:30/6:30pm                |
| 6/20    | <b>RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm</b>           |
| 6/22-23 | RCYC Regatta                                  |
| 6/25    | RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm                    |

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