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June 2007



COMMODORE'S LOG

Marili Green Reilly, *Commodore*

It's finally here – the reason we've been working so hard to get our boats in shape and to get the club in shape! I'm speaking of "summer," of course, and of the boating season, both of which kicked off last month with Opening Day at the first of May and Memorial Day weekend at the end of the month. I know, I know, the summer solstice isn't until June 21, but when the weather is nice, the flags and spinnakers are flying, and we have two cruises behind us, I say that's summer enough to count as such.

Our Opening Day parade showing may not have been the auspicious occasion a Commodore might hope for, but it wasn't as bad as some of the nay sayers may have made out. In fact, we did come away with just as many awards as we have in many past years: One! Thanks to Bob and Mary Laird for graciously agreeing to be our one decorated boat – a first time effort (so far as I know) – we were in the running for an extra category and came away with 3rd prize for the Best Decorated Boat. Considering we played down the "Centennial" theme in favor of our own "Diamond Jubilee," I don't think that's too bad.

RCYC's Ladies' Dinner was once more a stunning success. Thanks go to Rick Royce for putting on another outstanding dinner! A big thank you, also, to the many members who contributed prizes for the raffle. The ladies who put the event together positively sparkled (literally – most of them were decked out in rhinestones,

CZ, and diamonds). Anne Roehm kept up the patter as Emcee and with the help of Jeanette Busse and the daughters of Neptune, kept the gifts rolling out at a good pace. John Dees and his crew of waiters were absolutely divine (more than one attendee admitted to not recognizing her husband in that dashing beret), and of course, the special touch of my First Mate put the polish on our success. Well done, everyone!

Another positive achievement for many members last month was the Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race. Kudos to Eric and Kim Rimkus for managing this race (and the rest of the RCYC race program this year), congratulations to those who finished, and a hearty pat on the back for those who gave it their best effort only to run out of wind somewhere before the mark. This was the first time Dave and I have raced, and we had a great time. If you're hanging back and not entering races, I'd suggest you give one a

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 26th.

try. In the no-fly-sails division, it's just like being out on the water for a comfortable sail with your favorite crew. We didn't break anything, didn't hit anyone, and the fact that there was a goal to shoot for added the discipline we needed not to give up below the bridge the first time the wind died.

The date may already be upon us, but I'll put in one more plug for the 75th Anniversary celebration we're planning for June 2-3. We've invited Longview Yacht Club (who is also celebrating their Diamond Jubilee) to cruise on up to RCYC for a spaghetti dinner and a Sunday

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Secretary's Salutations

Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer

At the April Board meeting, Christian Eberle and his wife Marianne Dwyer submitted an application for membership. They sail a Bianca 33. At the May General meeting, Marian Hughes, Art and Rose Zehner, and David and Jamie Mountford were sworn in by Mike Oxborrow. David, the son of Chris and Ebie Mountford and a partner in their Hunter 45, was at sea, but we expect to meet him later this year. Art and Rose have extensive cruising experience on Summer Rose, a Westsail 32. Marian is new to sailing, but should have fun learning on her Santana 22. Please welcome these new members aboard.

John and Michelle Bigelow have resigned and sold Panacea. They have purchased a wooden boat and we wish them well in their future boating activities.

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breakfast. If you're reading this too late, hang in there: We're planning for a follow-up cruise to their club at the end of Lazy Days, so stay tuned for the details.

The cruising season is now in full swing, there are races and organized sailing events yet to come, and more fun barbecues and dinners at the club. Let's get down to the river and reap the benefits of having gotten our boats – and our club – into shape this spring.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

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Vice Commodore's Report

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore

Walk 5 -- another challenge for the whole club, and something that we are famous for. We have so many people with so many skills, but replacing Walk 5 will still be a challenge. With this in mind, I think we should begin planning soon. The target date is the first week of November 2008, and that is only 16 months away.

There are so many things the Walk 5 committee will have to decide. They will need to decide on the time table for ordering the walk sections and the concrete slips, reserving the pile driver, moving the boats, moving the boat-houses, removal of Walk 5, and the temporary move of the Billon's house. And just where are we going to move all of these things? To further complicate the matter, it is also dredge season. We will need not only crews for Walk 5, but a dredge crew as well. We need to design the new work shop, but that also brings up the question of where to move the old shop. After the shop, shower, and storage building is designed, do we order trusses or stick-build the building. Where we will move the old shop is important because we will need the tools to install the walk and keep the dredge running. Even little decisions, like how are we going to attach the boat-houses to the new walk. Do we have brackets made, like Lynn Easton's, or do we attach them with cables and bumpers? If we have bumpers and attaching brackets made, we will have to design them and contract them to be made. And then there is the matter of the permits. The membership must be involved with many of the big decisions. These things will take a lot of time, and time is starting to get short.

It is beginning to sound like we will have our hands full, and we are going to need all of our hands. The Walk 5 committee will need the help of all of us to make this project successful. I worked on the replacement of the head-walk, and I am still amazed at how well the planning made a success of the project. This is the last major project, and together we will get it done.

RCYC EDUCATION

Norm Gustafson, RCYC Education Chair

For those interested in a boating safety class to qualify for the "SAFETY EDUCATION CARD"; there is a sign-up sheet posted in the club house. As soon as there are enough members signed up to justify a class, we will post a date and time for the class.

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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We must be near a record for the number of boats moored. Our waiting list is about to shorten slightly due to a couple of our members giving up slips due to lifestyle changes. For the rest of the gang on the wait list, I am trying to get them into slips vacated by members going cruising or keeping their boats out for other reasons. Since the club has no paid management or workers, and volunteers like we "Chairs" also have lives of our own, sometimes a week (or more) goes by before an empty slip is filled. Your patience is appreciated. Note that many new members have existing moorage obligations elsewhere, and a notice period when they leave their old marina. We accommodate member needs as quickly as we can, but slip assignment takes some time and effort.

So, if you are about to "go North" for the summer, please email me with the date you are leaving and the date you are returning. I hope to temporarily assign some boats on the wait list to these summer vacancies.

FYI: Our Moorage Rules, Section D, states that it is a member's obligation to maintain payment on their slip while their boat is out for any extended period. The Club then has the right (but not an obligation) to rent their slip to another member; and that rental is credited to the assigned membership. Any member receiving a credit against their moorage fees should find it in the following quarter's billing statement from the Club Bookkeeper. Subleasing by individual members is specifically banned.

I work with the Port Captain and the residents on managing temporary moorage agreements and these folks actually manage day-to-day vacancies to park a short-stay, reciprocal yacht club visiting boat.

Dinghy News: By the time you read this, I hope that some members will volunteer to finish decking the new dinghy dock. It will also need steel attachments for short chains to link it to the Headwalk. Speaking of your small boat, remember that you must have a name plate on your space to retain it when your dinghy is out. If you find that you never use your dinghy and you can store it at home, please do so in order to free up a place for other members to use. Walk 1 tenants, as you know, already have a place in front of their boat for their dinghy and box, and therefore are not entitled to use any of the dinghy docks.

We recently had a dock line on a member boat break due to chafe. You should use an adequate sized three-strand nylon line for mooring your boat, and it should have chafing gear where it rubs on the chock, deck, or dock. Summer wakes are here every day, so check those snubbers and lines.

Formal notices will have to go to those who do not have their current registration stickers displayed. After a certain number of warnings in the Foghorn and no compliance, don't act surprised if the Board starts wondering why we simultaneously have a long waiting list for slips and also a group of boats remaining in stubborn violation of club rules. You would think that "a word to the wise" should be sufficient, but it doesn't always seem to be that way.

A final request: When approaching our RCYC moorage entrance, give the next-door fuel dock plenty of room. Some of his customers are complaining about having enough room to maneuver. Since some of these boaters may be less experienced than you, it seems wise to stay out fifty feet and turn towards our entrance when you are closer to it. Thank you. See you on the water!

RCYC/LYC Land Cruise, June 2 & 3

As a thank you to Longview Yacht Club for being such welcoming and generous hosts whenever RCYC boats stop in on up- or down-river cruises, and because they are also celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year, we have invited them to "cruise on up" to RCYC for a weekend of food, fun, and swapping of stories.

There will be a \$5 fee for RCYC adults (children free) for the dinner. Please bring your own beverage and a favorite appetizer to share for happy hour Saturday.

Schedule of Events (also posted at RCYC)

- Friday 6/1-----First guests may arrive - informal meet and greet on the docks
- Saturday 6/2-----Evening - Spaghetti dinner - \$5 per adult (children free)
5:00 Happy hour
6:00 Dinner (please RSVP)
- Sunday 6/3 ----- Buffet Breakfast 8:00-9:00 (please RSVP)

All weekend - conversation and informal activities, perhaps some radio-control boat races or trips to town?

Reservations were required by May 29th. Patti Fischer (pfischer@prodigy.net or (503) 285-5366)

NEED Extra Work Hours?

If you are short on your work hours or would like to help out on an unstructured basis, please consider the following tasks:

1. Complete work on the dinghy dock. (Contact Loren Beach for details)
2. Concrete treatment (all concrete walks)
3. Concrete chip repairs
4. Weed spraying
5. Scheduled lawn mowing.

Please contact me before you begin so that I can let you know where supplies and tools are located for each task. *Thanks!*

John Flenniken, Work Party Chair, 503-292-4319

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(This chart may not accurately reflect the current availability of months).

THANKS to our 2007 Clubhouse Stewards!

We now have a full complement of Clubhouse Stewards for 2007. Thanks to Tom Weber and Janice Choy-Weber, John & Michelle Bigelow, Kevan Kendrick and Brenda Cloutier, Cynthia and Steve Johnson, Frank Patrick, Jill Otey, Nick Reynolds, Covert Bailey, Randy and Becky Bauer, Bill & Nina Kramer, Barb Hutchinson & Larry Beck, Anne & Jim Campbell, and Mark & Kelly Miller.

Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair.

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Racing @ RCYC

Second time's the charm for the Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race. Good attendance, decent breeze and a great party. What more could you ask for? It was two years ago that we got a wild hair to try out a race that went the "other" way. So, we ran this event as a "pick-up" race with about two weeks lead time. I was fishing for participation and to see if this was an event that people wanted to compete in, and to see if local racers wanted to sail upriver instead of down. We had twelve or so boats that met "Gladiator" at Buoy 14 and we made a fun day out of the sail up river. Even though most everyone bailed out in the light breeze between east and west docks, it was enough to convince us to make this an official RCYC event and to put it on the OCSA schedule.

Then last year we held the inaugural running of the Medium Distance Race. The wind blew all week and everything looked promising. We had aggressively promoted the event and even had skipper's bags full of goodies to hand out. Then Saturday morning opened with a light easterly and 2+ knots of current. The first running of the race found us with 30 entrants and only three finishers; and of a significantly shortened course to boot! The party was fun, but what a monumental disappointment the race turned out to be. We thought one more year like this and the event would be done for sure. So we counted our blessings this year when the wind blew and the race started on time and nearly every boat finished in plenty of time to join us for beer and burgers at the end of Walk 1.

Unlike last year, the second running of the Medium Distance Race started off with six to eight knots of breeze from the West and only a knot or so of current. Not ideal conditions, but certainly good enough



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Cathlamet's Eagle Days Celebration

Jan and John Dees, JohnD@SnowshoeLabs.com

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.

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to get the start off at 1100 hours and send the fleet of 23 boats in pursuit of the rounding mark 6.73 NM up river. It was a great start with boats launching chutes and choosing their lanes for the initial phase of the race. Some boats had better launches than others, and some boats just didn't look quite right. Pam Sesar's "Misty" was one of those that just didn't look quite right. But with a quick dowse, some sorting out, and a re-launch, everything was soon corrected; just remember the spinnaker halyard attaches to the corner labeled "HEAD". The sight from the Rose City docks was impressive as numerous spinnakers pulled boats up river under silver grey skies, with the islands and I-205 bridge as a backdrop. The Sportboats took an early lead as they excelled in the moderate to light conditions. Following closely behind as the fleet passed Buoy 18 were the PHRF and Level 172 boats, and chasing down the colorful chutes were the No-Fly-Sail boats. The fleets began to spread out a bit as they passed through the race's "choke point" just below the bridge, but once through the swirling winds and above the bridge, new strategies began to emerge as the river again opened up. The best part of sailing above the bridge is that the river is deep shore-to-shore with more consistent pressure and a lot more passing lanes. Strategies varied as boats worked their way to the mark. Some favored the lighter current and huge header on the Washington shore while others stayed in a bit more breeze and overcame the additional current in the middle. Soon after setting the turning mark the parade of spinnaker take downs began and over the next hour most of the boats rounded the mark and started to head upwind to the finish. It was a quick second half of the race for all of the boats with most finishing by 1500 hours.

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Cruising News

Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill, Cruise Chairs

Here is the latest information about summer cruises to help you plan your June, July and August adventures. Relaxation and flexibility seem to be the key concepts most members strive to embrace. So, with that in mind, take a look at these dates and destinations and begin to compile your food, beverage and activity lists! (As your Cruising Chairs, we will miss most of the summer cruising due to our trip to Alaska. Our spirits will be with you and we should have some good tales to share.)

June 9-10: Coon Island - Another adventure down the Multnomah Channel. Coon Island is always a fun place to explore and feel like you are on a distant, isolated and mysterious island. Well, maybe after a few pirate rum drinks. (While you are relaxing on the island, we will be back on the ferry after exploring Ketchikan.)

July 21-29: Lazy Days - Usually members talk about where the first night will be, so keep your ears to the docks as departure nears. Saturday might see some at St. Helens and others at Martin Pond. Then it is one or two more days to Cathlamet with most continuing to Astoria and Ilwaco, either directly or with a stop in Warren Slough. RCYC has the BBQ area at Cathlamet reserved for our annual potluck on Thursday, July 26 (social at 5:00pm eat at 6:00pm, or there about). Marili is still in consultation with Longview YC for a possible activity on the way home Friday, July 27. Bald Eagle Days in Cathlamet are July 20-22. (You will be gently rocking at anchor and we will be fighting off mosquitoes in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on our drive home.)

August 11-12: Pirates' Breakfast - NOT TO BE MISSED!

This is such a fun cruise. Maybe it is all the little buccaners running around searching for buried treasure that makes it so much fun. A time to bring your kids/grandkids/great-grandkids and become one yourself! (Thank goodness we will be back for this one, hopefully with grandkids in tow.)

August 31-Sept 2: Beacon Rock - Heading up river for the "Rock" but hopefully without the big east winds we had last year! (Alas, Burning Man beckons, we will be gone again.)

Well, a busy summer with lots of club cruising opportunities. We can focus on our September and October outings later in the summer.

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Youth Sailing Program

THREE SAILING CLASSES

One more sailing classes, open to all RCYC members and member relatives, will be held at RCYC as follows:

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. 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)



Oliver Pickens
(Grandson of Jim &
Carolyn Douglass)



Oliver Pickens and Casey
Morley (parents, Charles
& Keola Morley)

USCG Broadcast of Weather Forecasts

The U. S. Coast Guard is asking for public comment regarding the high frequency broadcast of NWS weather forecasts. They are considering canceling this service due to obsolete equipment that would be expensive to replace. The deadline for comment is 24 Aug 07. There is a letter from Rodgers Marine regarding this posted on the director's bulletin board. If you would like to comment or read the comments of others, there is a link in the lower left hand corner of the RCYC website home page.

Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer

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First to finish and claim the Jack Gainer Trophy again this year was Tony Humpage in his Melges 24 "Merlin" completing the full course and setting the course record of 2:55:52. Tony not only secured a win in the three-boat Sportboat Fleet, but also saved his time in the PHRF Overall Fleet to claim the Perpetual Medium Distance Race Painting, which is currently on display at the clubhouse, for the second year in a row.

First to finish in this year's seven boat Level 172 Fleet was RCYC's very own Rock and

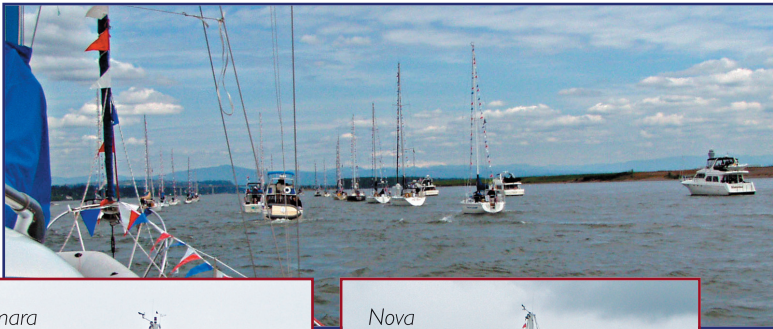
Dena Kent on "Apple Pi". They take home the Chuck Rimkus One-Design trophy this year with an eight minute win over the second place boat of "Little Miss Sunshine" skippered by Carl Hosticka. Top awards in the four boat PHRF fleet go to another RCYC member; Jeff Crass, on "Amaretto" who secured a 12 minute corrected victory over Blain Gould's J-24 "Strange Brew". The small Cal 20 fleet was lead by Craig Daniels (and young daughter) on "For my Girls" from start to finish. The No-Fly-Sail division was made up of an eclectic group of fun loving sailors. Included in the mix was our

very own Commodore aboard "Tamara", but top honors in the seven boat fleet went to Terry Johnson on "Ozymandias".

Your next chance to join us for a race will be on 22 and 23 June for the RCYC Summer Regatta. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the post race social as well as with on the water assistance. If you are interested in racing or in helping out please contact your Race Captains.

Eric and Kim Rimkus

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Youth Sailing Lessons

Youth Sailing Lesson for ages 7 years and older, will be held June 3 from 11:00 to 12:30pm at Rose City Yacht Club. Come and practice your knots, rules of the road, and nomenclature and have some fun. We also plan to rig one of the RCYC sailing dinghies.

For questions or concerns, please call Pam Sesar at 503-291-7107.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

June 2007

- 6/2-3 RCYC/LYC Land Cruise Dinner, 5:00/6:00pm
- 6/3 Youth Sailing, Knots, Rules & Rigging, 11:00-12:30pm
- 6/5 OWSA Spinnaker Class-1, 6:00-9:30pm
- 6/6 OWSA Spinnaker Class-2, 6:00-9:30pm
- 6/9-10 RCYC Cruise Coon Island
- 6/12 New Member Orientation, 7:00pm
- 6/15 RCYC Walk 2 BBQ, 5:30/6:30pm
- 6/20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 6/22-23 RCYC Regatta
- 6/25 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm

July 2007

- 7/04 RCYC 4th of July Land Cruise
- 7/07 Private Party, Chuck Silver, 7:00-11:00pm
- 7/13 RCYC Walk 3 BBQ, 5:50/6:30pm
- 7/14 OWSA General Meeting & Party, 6:00-9:00pm
- 7/15 Private Party, Lynn Easton, 3:00-9:30pm
- 7/18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7/19 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 7/20 RCYC Beer Can Race
- 7/21 Bald Eagle at Cathlamet
- 7/21-29 RCYC Lazy Days Cruise



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