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Marili Green Reilly, *Commodore*

It's been said that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Sometimes I look at Rose City and think how comfortable it has felt to be in the same nautical environment for all my life. Then I look at how things have changed, and I think, the more things stay the same, the more they change!

Two upcoming changes in how the club runs were presented at the June board meeting. One is the resignation of our Education Chair and Oil Czar, Norm Gustafson. Our best wishes go to Norm and Jan who have bought space at Pleasant Harbor. In July they will be taking *Haven* north to her new slip. If anyone has an interest in filling out the rest of the year's education program – particularly the fall classes – or would like to take on the duties of recycling waste oil, please let me know.

A different kind of resignation comes from Wes Davis who has served as the club accountant for the past 23 years. Wes and Joyce are not leaving the club, but they've decided it's time to retire and are cutting back significantly on the size of their accounting business. A committee will be putting together a new job description to meet the club's changing money-management needs, and we hope to have a new accountant on board by the end of the third quarter.

In the first six months of the year, we have sworn in or received applications from twelve new members. During the years I've been involved in membership recruitment, twelve was our record for a full year, and some of those years saw considerably fewer people joining. Each new member or couple brings a new twist to the RCYC personality, giving it a gentle nudge from a slightly different angle. We'll always be that "do-it-yourself" club we promote, but we may be discovering some new ways to get it done.

One of those new ways of getting things done is minor – but could be a major change in some peoples' habits: recycling of returnable cans. A number of years ago we had some devoted members who spent many hours collecting and returning the cans and bottles. Those refunds were deposited into RCYC coffers, ultimately buying us our patio furniture. Then came the age of the youth, and for several years, the cans have been donated to the youth program or to the Sea Scouts.

But just as my childhood enterprise of collecting cans and bottles eventually gave way to other interests, the recycling program has fallen from favor. Beverage containers continue to accumulate, garbage and non-refundable containers are often dumped in with them, and none of it is being taken away with any regularity.

It's time for a new plan, and the Board decided that the new plan is to make it the Responsibility of the Individual. You drank it – you take away the container. Since there is no one willing to manage the recycling effort, the collection barrels beside the clubhouse will be removed. This will eliminate the smelly and unsightly mess on the side deck of the clubhouse, give us back walking and standing room,

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the club will be donated or recycled, and future returnable cans and bottles will remain in the care of the consumer. This may not be the best or the final solution (after all, things change!!), but if you come up with a better plan and have the passion to see it through, let us know.

In the meantime, take your own empties back to the store for your nickel deposit or deposit them in the recycling cans *at the top of the ramp.*

Something else that was different for RCYC was the June 2-3 weekend celebration with Longview Yacht Club, honoring the beginnings of both clubs in 1932 and thanking

them for their hospitality when RCYC boats visit their club. Our event was blessed with warm weather, and a nice contingent of LYC members drove down for the evening. Commodore Robert Grimes presented us with a large crystal rose-engraved vase that I will endeavor to keep filled with flowers for our meetings and special



LONGVIEW YC MEMBERS

events. If you're going on the Lazy Days Cruise, please come to LYC's reciprocal event on Friday night, July 27. We'll have the usual potluck at Cathlamet on Thursday night, then cruise on up to Longview Yacht Club for a dinner there on Friday night.

Some things change and some stay the same. One constant I see at RCYC is the friendly, family-like atmosphere. When you see new members on the docks or at our activities, welcome them to the club and help them start making their own warm memories here..

Marili Green Reilly
Commodore

WALK 3 BARBEQUE

Friday July 13th
Social Hour 6 pm
Dinner 7 pm

Chairing this Event: Larry & Beth
Anderson

Cascade 36 for sale "Fiddlefoot"

1985/1990 2 owner fully outfitted Cascade 36; deep keel, tall rig, Diesel. Factory completed hull and topsides, this Cascade was beautifully finished inside with the lavish use of professional quality hardwoods. Great detail work. Lots of storage. This boat is cruise ready. Main, 2 jibs, 2 Genoas, cruising spinnaker. Cabin heat, fridge/freezer, inverter. Full electronics include VHF, Radar, Chartplotter, autopilot. Two Dinghies (RIB, sailing) with motors, lots of extras, including china and crystal. Step aboard and go cruising. \$47,500.00 OBO.

Contact: Dick Dyer (503) 349-3337

Vice Commodore's Report

Carolyn and I went on the June Cruise to Coon Island. We left Friday about 10:00am and got there about 2:30pm. The farther we got, the better the weather got. We were the only boat on the west dock. We set out the chairs and mixed the drinks, and had started reading our books when an 18' cabin cruiser pulled in at the down stream end of the dock. Two boys and their dad walked up to where we were sitting, and one of the boys said, 'WE ARE HERE TO TAKE OVER THE ISLAND, WE ARE PIRATES'. They were about four or five. After waiting until noon the next day, our dock master work done and no one else having arrived, we started home in the rain and wind. Friday afternoon was almost worth it.

We are looking forward to the Lazy Days Cruise. I hope we won't be alone on that one. On the 27th of July, on the way back, we are stopping at Longview Yacht Club. If you haven't been there before, it's a great place to visit. The people are great and the docks are sheltered. You will be coming up the river, so you should enter at the down stream end. When leaving, go back out the same way, as the upper end is kind of shallow. We are looking forward to seeing you on the cruise.

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore



Nitecap Too returning to RCYC

Foghorn Advertising

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Pirate's Cruise and Breakfast

We are fast approaching our annual Pirates Cruise and Breakfast to East Dock, which will take place on the weekend of August 11-12. We are planning informal social activities for those gathered on Friday evening, a potluck dinner on Saturday evening, and the Pirates Breakfast prepared by past commodores on Sunday morning. Both Saturday and Sunday will feature recreational and social activities for kids of all ages. On Sunday afternoon we will have the initiation activities for all new members who are in attendance. So dust off your Pirate outfit, polish your weapons, and come prepared to have fun.

Bob & Leslie Phillips



HADLEY'S LANDING



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Moorage Matters

Summer brings more auto and foot traffic on Marine Drive and sometimes very unwelcome visitors. At sundown, lock all doors in the clubhouse and lock the ramp gate. Any member accessing the moorage after that time will have their own key and must re-secure the gate after passing through. Also at sunset "shake the lock" on the shop door and the heavy chain locked to the bow of the work boat. No matter which walk you moor on, walk ALL the other docks regularly, from walk one westward to "mini" walk six. It is good exercise and you will get better acquainted with other members and will be a lot more aware of what goes on around here. If you see a boat with a broken mooring line, or in the case of walk five a wood dock with a loose chain, tell the Eastons or Billions pronto. Besides our spare lines hanging inside the shop, Billions have some line just for emergencies. Whatever else, do NOT assume that someone else will make the calls to the affected boat owner and to the residents. In our all-volunteer club, you really are your brother's keeper.

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Until September, we have several boats out cruising. Anyone on the New Member Waiting List wanting to move into RCYC for the summer should contact me immediately. Come the fall you would have to return to your private (outside) moorage or port-tie to the RCYC breakwater. You would be billed the regular moorage rate for whichever walk you temporarily use, and the club would later credit that member's billing.

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Moorage Rules, C.I.b. is worth noting. It has come to my attention that while private structure owners have been regularly billed for their width in excess of 13 feet, some member boats have not. This rule is logical because extra-width boats make slip assignment difficult. It is only because we have so many ten-foot beam Cascade 36's on walk one that we are barely able to accommodate an increasing number of wide boats. So far I have been able to assign a wide and a narrow boat to most bays on several of our walks -- I call this the "Mutt and Jeff" placement system. (Members under the age of 30 may have little idea who these gentlemen were...)

As of May 1, the incremental additional moorage fee is stated on the Moorage Rates notice posted inside our clubhouse. The quarterly billing has gone into the mail, so any correction will be sent as part of the next billing. To reiterate again, this only affects boats over 13 feet wide, and then only in "proportion," as mandated by the Moorage Rules. I am figuring the extra charge by the inch, to be as fair as possible.*

I recently emailed all our members looking for kids and/or grandkids wanting to earn extra summer \$\$ cleaning and waxing boats. No waxers have come forward yet, but I have several more members wanting some waxing done.

Just a few decades ago I would have jumped at this sort of opportunity as a better-paying alternative to stoop-labor picking fruit. Times certainly have changed! Anyone out there wanting to practice their "wax on, wax off" technique please get in touch with me; your customers are standing by.

Have a safe summer and sail your boat as often as you can. "Tempus Fugit," as Roman sailors might have put it.

Loren Beach

RCYC Moorage Rate Equity Study

As you may have heard, the Board has convened a committee to develop new and more equitable moorage rates. Give the committee a piece of your mind. Four Sound-Off! meetings will be held to gather information, listen to members thoughts, opinions, and ideas about moorage rates.

The first meeting will be Monday, July 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. As you arrive, please sign in for speaking your thoughts on the subject. We hope to see you there as your input is very important to this club and to the rates.

The second, third, and fourth meetings will be in the fall after summer cruising. All meetings will be essentially the same, so please plan to attend one.

We look forward to hearing from you all.

Randy Webster
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New member Mike Solituro

Secretary's Salutations

Christian Eberle was sworn in by Ron Moran at the June general meeting. His wife Marianne Dwyer was unable to attend. They have a 20 year old daughter, sail Arrow an Aphroditi 101, and have experience sailing on the Great Lakes. Please welcome them aboard. We've had eleven new memberships so far this year. Sometimes they still feel like a guest so let's get to know them and involve them in our activities.

Karl Quade

Racing @ RCYC

Summer is finally here, and the racing at RCYC is getting HOT! On the first weekend of summer we enjoyed great weather and good winds for our annual Summer Regatta. This year we tried a new format and conducted the race Friday night and Saturday afternoon as opposed to holding the typical weekend regatta. The new format seemed to work well and racers were treated to two races on Friday night with plenty of daylight to spare on one of the longest days of the year. Attendance was up this year as well with 28 boats turning out for the event to compete in five divisions.

Racing started on time Friday night in a light northwesterly. We stretched the legs out a bit by starting the race just in front of the Harbor 1 Galley, dropping the weather mark in front of Beaches Restaurant and setting the finish at Buoy "14". A rounding mark, to allow for two laps of racing, was set just below and south of the finish. This format worked well for most of the fleet and we completed two races for all but the No-Fly-Sail division. This was the first time that two races were held on a weeknight, and competitors seem to enjoy the change. Racing was tight and by the end of the day there was no clear leader emerging in any one of the five divisions.

Saturday dawned with a moderate Easterly that slowly faded and rotated south, then to the northwest. We set a similar course as Friday, but compressed the legs a bit as the west wind was slow to build. A brief postponement was required as the wind just didn't want to cooperate, but by 1230 we were able to get the event moving. We shuffled the starts moving the No-Fly-Sail boats to the end to avoid a traffic jam at the weather mark, but otherwise it was business as usual. All fleets ran a one-lap course to at least get a third race into the books if the wind did shut down completely. It was a light air affair and boats that managed a good start and a clean weather rounding found themselves with good position as the wind bent north and built on the run to the finish.

Fortunately, by the time we started the second race of the day, the wind had started to build with puffs rolling in from the north. This created a very interesting set of tactics for the fleet as boats rounded the weather mark. Skippers had to decide which was more important: Current relief, better pressure, position on the fleet, or some combination. The boat that figured out the right combination first was Steven Estes' *Lola*.

Quickly realizing that it was possible to have the best of all worlds, they made a surprising recovery from a last place start by jibe setting off the weather mark and running back on the Washington shoreline. While this tactic worked for the first leg and got them back into the race, the secret was out. For the second leg nearly everyone ran back down the Washington shore. Taking advantage of the Northerly shift to drive down to the finish, the reduced current along the shore, and a windward position, the divisions began to compress. Soon J-24s were on top of the Level 172 boats and were passing the Sport Boats that started 10 minutes ahead. It was quite a sight as boats competed for position and for pressure as they worked their way to the finish. Passing lanes developed, then quickly disappeared, as boats gained or lost several places in just an instant. It was difficult work on the finish boat keeping them straight as racers came up from behind and passed the leaders only to stop and be re-passed like a big game of leap frog.

With time for at least one more race we decided on a longer course for everyone and the wind cooperated by building to a moderate breeze about half way through. Again, different strategies emerged, but boats that sailed a more conservative race came out on top this time. Boats that took fliers lost significant ground as the wind built from the west and left them on the edge of the course with no easy way back into the race. It is easy to look good when the wind cooperates, but we got lucky and everyone finished around the same time from three different courses; a perfect time to wrap it up and hand out some trophies.

For the Sport Boats, Tony Humpage on *Merlin* led the way with 4 points after a throw-out. The No-Fly-Sail Division saw a tight two boat shoot-out between the RCYC New York 36s of Jeff Crass and Stephen Moshofsky; but, in the end the tie breaker went to Jeff Crass on *Amarretto*, with second to the Moshofsky's on *Wave Dancer*. The Level-172 fleet was, as usual, dominated by the RCYC duo of Rock & Dena Kent on *Apple Pi*, with second place going to Karen Anderson on *Dragonfly*. In the J-24 fleet there was a very clear winner; Allan Weber on *En d'nile* managed to sweep the regatta with five bullets, leaving Stephen Estes *Lola* with second. Last but not least was the Cal 20 Division which was led by Craig Daniels on *For my Girls*. Complete results can be found at http://www.sailpdx.com/results/RCYC-summer07/2007_Summer_Regatta.html and pictures from the event are posted at <http://picasaweb.google.com/RCYCRacing>.

The next RCYC event will be the Harry Brault Memorial Long Distance Race in September. This is a great event to participate in as a racer or cruiser or even as a support boat (the race committee always needs a place to sleep). Check your schedules and make your plans now to race or cruise in the only round-trip race to St. Helens. I can't guarantee the weather, but this is always a fun event with a great bon fire on Sand Island.

RCYC Race Captains
Eric & Kim Rimkus

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RCYC AND LONGVIEW YACHT CLUB 75 YEARS



WALK 2 BAR-B-QUE



Winner Lynn Easton



Cathlamet Up-Date

: The Rat Is Back

The Rat Tap Tavern is back in business under new management. It has been cleaned up, painted up, but not straightened up. Yes, it still leans a bit. The beer selection has been improved, even micros on tap. Its still just pizza, burgers and dogs. And the pool table, such as it was, is supposed to be re-installed.

Up on the highway the restaurant that has been closed should be re-opened by Lazy Days. Rumor is it will be a combination of Mexican and Italian food and a liquor license has been applied for. The bad news is that the Riverview Restaurant in the middle of town, also under new ownership, is without a liquor license.

For those of you not with us on the July 21st Lazy Days cruise, Bald Eagle days will be the usual small town fun event other than missing Mike Oxborrow's band. A dance with a beer garden will be held both Friday and Saturday nights at the marina with live music. There will be a run Saturday morning and the parade at 11:00, a quilt show all weekend, fireworks Saturday night and boat show on Sunday.

Jan & John Dees

OWSA Woman's Series Monday Night Racing



OWSA cruising class sponsored and all woman cruise to Martin Pond. 2 RCYC members and 1 RCYC boat participated.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 26th of the month.

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

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If you are interested in working on the Foghorn, please contact anyone listed above.



PIRATE'S CRUISE 2006

2007 RCYC UPCOMING MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

JULY 2007

7-04	Fourth of July Land Cruise	5:00 pm
7-07	Private Party	7:00 – 11:00 pm
7-09	Sound-Off Meeting, Rate Equity	7:00 pm
7-13	RCYC Walk 3 B Q	5:30 pm
7-14	OWSA Party & Meet	6:00 – 9:30 pm
7-15	Private Party,	3:00 - 9:30
7-16	Rate Study Meeting	7:00 pm
7-18	RCYC General Meeting	7:30 pm
7-19	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
7-20	RCYC Beer Can Race	6:00 pm
7-21	Bald Eagle Days (Cathlamet)	
7-21	Private Party, Marian Hughes	2:00—7:00 pm
7-21/29	Lazy Days Cruise	
7-26	Potluck at Cathlamet	5:30/6:30 pm
7-27	Dinner at LYC	7:00 pm

August 2007

There is no General Meeting in August

8-11/12	Pirate's Cruise and Breakfast	
8-17	RCYC Beer Can Race	6:30 pm
8-27	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm

September 2007

9-01/03	RCYC Labor Day Cruise	
	Beacon Rock	
9-07	RCYC Walk 4 B Q	5:30/6:30 pm
9-07	RCYC Work Party	9:00 am
9-11	New Member Orientation	7:00 pm
9-12	OWSA General Meeting	6 – 9:30 pm
9-15/16	RCYC Long Distance Race	
	To Sand Island	6:30 pm
9-22	RCYC Oktoberfest Party	5:30/ 6:30 pm
9-23	OWSA Sail for the Cure	
9-24	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9-19	RCYC General Meeting	7:30 pm

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