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C ommodore's Log

September 2007



It's been a busy summer with people off on trips and cruises. Those who did stay around may have noticed some activities on "Rose City Beach," just upriver from the club, on the Friday before the Pirate's Cruise. Several good Samaritans from Salty's Restaurant were on the bank, tending to some sick Canada geese as Sandy Noragon kept an eye on those lingering above the Walk One wall. One of the young men stayed around until the Fish & Wildlife people could take the geese away. (I sent a letter to the general manager of Salty's complimenting Julian Jenkins for so willingly giving up his free time.) Unfortunately, all eleven had died by the end of the day. I will keep you posted when they've determined what killed the geese.

It has also been a busy summer for intruders, and as I mentioned in a recent email to all members, thefts seem to be on the increase. Even since that message went out, there's been an anchor stolen from the bow of a boat on Walk 3, near the clubhouse. I can't stress enough we all have to be watchful for intruders. Someone attempting access from the banks should be firmly told to leave. On the docks, if you don't recognize someone, a friendly introduction will help you determine if they are members, and if not, they should be politely reminded this is a private club and asked to leave. For those hosting events, whether private or club-sponsored, make sure to appoint someone to monitor so that others don't slip through the gate as members and guests are arriving.

Unfortunately, pick-ups at odd hours by the sand trucks also allow strangers to wander in. The board is working on ways to improve security during this process, but if you happen to be at the club when trucks are at work, please be patient, encourage any uninvited visitors to leave, and consider closing the ramp gate to discourage other sight-seers. The drivers of the big trucks often leave the gate open and the lot unattended, so it's up to us to make sure we maintain as much security as possible. As always, if you are leaving the club after dusk, please make sure the clubhouse and the ramp gate are locked.

Some intruders are not as easy to spot, such as Invasive Species. In August I attended a focus group session at the OSU Extension Center and learned about some ways that boaters can help prevent the spread of hitchhikers such as zebra mussels, mitten crabs, and various kinds of weeds and

grasses. If you trailer your boat, be sure to thoroughly clean the boat and trailer before leaving the launching ramp so you don't accidentally introduce non-native plants and animals when you launch into the next body of water. I have posted some informational flyers on the bulletin board at the club to help you become more familiar with these invaders.

The Nominations Committee has been appointed and is putting together a list of our club's future leaders. Contact Bob Phillips if you'd like to get more involved in club management.

Or, if there's a committee or activity you'd like to head up next year, Jim Douglass will gladly take your name for next year's committee chairs. One of the committees he'll be looking to fill is concerned with the sale of Yearbook ads. Tom and Cathy Nelson, who have ably handled this job for several years will help those who take over become familiar with the tasks. It's a job that can be completed during fall and winter months (completing all 12 of your work hours for the year!) and leaves you free during the summer for cruising and sailing.

I am also pleased to report that our end-of-Lazy-Days stop at Longview Yacht Club was also a lot of fun. Twelve boats stopped on the way up from Cathlamet, and the LYC people found a place at the various docks for all of us, with only a couple boats having to raft out. They welcomed us to a wonderful steak dinner, gave us tours of boats and boathouses and served us breakfast the next morning. Many thanks to Commodore Robert Grimes, First Mate Lauri, and the many LYC members who made it such a special weekend for RCYC boaters.

We still have a chance to visit a couple more clubs before the year is out: fall Ladies' dinners have been announced by Willamette Yacht Club (September 26) and Columbia River Yacht Club (October 10). Vancouver and Dolphin Yacht Clubs will once again host Closing Day activities (October 6-7). RCYC members will be attending each of these functions, so if you'd like to participate, contact one of your officers.

Dave and I will be heading north during September, so you won't see us around the club for awhile. Until we return, smooth sailing and happy motoring.

Marili Green Reilly, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Log

Well, another summer is almost gone. Did you do all the boating and sailing that you promised yourself??? If you are like us, we didn't even get a good start on it. With four kids and eight grandkids, we have to allocate our time for all the things we have to do and all the things we want to do. We have gone on all the cruises so far this year, and have had a great time doing it. When we go on a cruise, we get to tie up to great people we sometimes don't really know that well, and by the time we move on we have made new friends with new members and made new ties with old friends.

The past commodores did a great job on the Pirates Breakfast. It was really nice of Ron to install a new

shower at the East Dock, but I forgot to wear a bathing suit. We had about thirty-five boats there, and I think everybody had a good time. On the Lazy Days we had a good turnout and a great Pot Luck. The New Mexican restaurant was really good; I hope they make it. We didn't plan to do a lot of cruising, and stayed longer at each place. I think we sometimes try to cover too much ground when we go down river, and don't really have a chance to sit back and relax. This time we stopped at the dock at Walker Island with a group and stayed an extra day. Ron Billion had his model sea plane, and we watched it soar like a bird. The great part was that he brought it back in one piece.

We are having problems with club security. A member has lost an inflatable dinghy off walk four. One

member was asked if he was a member. This is going to happen to members that have not been down at the club a lot. Please don't get upset if you're accosted; we are just trying to keep our property safe and secure.

There is still time left, so get out on the water.

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore



Jim being recognized at the pirates cruise.

Secretary Salutations

Robert and June Henry, owners of a Nordic Tug 32 and members of the Power Squadron, have applied for membership and been interviewed by the RCYC Board.

George and Pearl Smith have resigned from membership. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Doug and Valerie Hepburn have sold their boat to Jim and Bette Johnsrud, who have been accepted for membership. The Hepburns are now inactive members, but we hope still to be seeing them around the club.

Chuck and Jean Silver recently purchased a Beneteau 26.

Karl Quade, Secretary – Treasurer



Lazy Days at Cathlamet



Lazy Days



Dinner at Longview Yacht Club

Moorage Matters

Lock up your dinghies and generally keep a close eye on the gate, the lot, and the docks. As you may have read, we recently had a dinghy stolen from the new dinghy dock.

Quite a "chore list" has built up over the summer, both for work on the docks and shoreside. Everyone, please plan on working at least one Saturday work party this fall; two would be better. There will be considerable re-chaining of docks along walk five to get ready for one more winter.

We also need to inspect all the other rods and nuts on walks two through four; summer wakes loosen things up. With about 15 finger docks per walk and 8 rods per finger, that's about 360 rods with 720 nuts to be checked, give or take. And that's not including the individual finger docks that need to have their tilted sections straightened.

John Flenniken is putting together the fall task list, and you need to let him, or me, know of stuff that needs fixing.

The Moorage Wait List should remain about the same this month, with a member being assigned a regular slip and another one or two completing the application process.

When you are recruiting a new member, try to caution them it could be up to a year before they get their own slip – even though sometimes it's only a month or two. As a wise salesman knows, "Under-promise and then over-deliver."

Moorage assignment lists and the waiting list are posted on the moorage cork-board in the back hallway of the clubhouse.

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Boat Waxing?

About five members have asked me for help finding someone to wash, wax and buff their boats, for pay. After I asked the membership for help finding boat polishers, I received one email from one member-family teenager, but this person did not reply to two follow-up messages. I have had no phone calls or any other reply. So, DIY, or use the companies charging hundreds of dollars. That's the "dull and faded" news. FYI. Loren.

Foghorn Advertising

At its June meeting the board approved including ads by members in the Foghorn, space permitting. They need to be related to boats, to consist only of text, and to be renewed each month to be continued. They will be published only when the Foghorn staff finds space is available.

Bob Phillips

2008 Entertainment Books
I am again selling Entertainment Books 2008 for the Lake Grove Lions. Price \$30
Pls call George Kent 503-6396-7224 or kent1401@juno.com



URSA and Crunchtime part of a tug of war at the Pirates Cruise



Eric Rimkus and Dave Hickman's good work.

Gravel from Randy Bower.



The Love of Fishing.

Pirate's Cruise 2007

August 2007 featured the Pirate's Breakfast Cruise, which, if you go by numbers, was a great success. 37 boats attended with 100 people, and we even had drop in guests from Tye Yacht Club and other private parties. Pirates of all ages participated in the Saturday Pirate's Idol search, the Pirate quiz, the wonderful potluck dinner and the evening pirate movie. New members Nate and Margaret Hanson and Marian Hughes along with "not so new" members Boris and Jessica Dimitrov participated in our "new member initiation" performed by Ron and Colleen Moran. Special thanks go to Alison Holzmann and Serena Salituro, who created the clues, gathered the bounty from our generous members and led the children through an exciting treasure hunt on Sunday, and to our past commodores for preparing a delicious breakfast on Sunday. Sharpen your blades for next year. We hope to see you all there.

Blindfolded rowing competition



Boris and Jessica Dimitrov



Nate and Margaret Hanson



Ron Billion teaching the new pirate the ropes.



Walking the plank blindfolded



New members being quizzed.



Where's the gold?



Searching for the treasure-are these clues any good?



Pirates Breakfast Cruise



Lass Casey



Casey, Janice, and Joshua



Piñata Time



Larry showing off



Swim time!!!!



Autumn pirate



Grub, grub and more grub.



Hans and Linda comparing cameras



A little breakfast for the pirates



When does swabbing the decks start?



A bevy of swashbuckling beauties.



One rowdy bunch.



Tom and Leslie plotting a mutiny.

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WALK 4 BARBEQUE

FRIDAY SEPT. 7TH

Social Hour 6:30 pm ~ Dinner 7:00 pm

Bring your favorite drink and an item to grill.
The crew from walk four will have salad,
condiments and dessert.

2007 RCYC UPCOMING MEETINGS, AND FUNCTIONS:

September 2007

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

October 2007

10-6/8	RCYC Closing Day Cruise	
10-10	OWSA General Meeting	6-9pm
10-11	RCYC Education	7:00pm
10-12	RCYC Old Salts Dinner	5:30/6:30pm
10-13	RCYC Work Party	9:00am
10-17	General Meeting	7:30pm
10-18	RCYC Education	7:00pm
10-20	RCYC Work Party	9:00am
10-25	RCYC Education	7:00pm
10-27/28	Possible Halloween Cruise With SYSCO	
10-29	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00pm

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