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### October 2007



## COMMODORE'S LOG

*Marili Green Reilly, Commodore*

Fall is officially here, but I'm not quite ready to come back from my summer hiatus. It's been a tough September but my friends at RCYC have helped me through. Many thanks to those of you who turned out to help send my brother "across the bar." For those of you who knew him and those who are simply curious, I've included a short tribute elsewhere in the Foghorn.

As we get back into the swing of things this fall, we are also breaking in a new accounting firm to handle RCYC's bookkeeping. Be sure to mail your 4th quarter dues payments to the new address. You'll find it on the invoice and it is listed in this issue if you want to make a note of it. The board has appointed a Finance Committee (Karen Jacobson, Carl Nielsen, and Judy Oxborrow) to oversee the transition and prepare us for the future. Inside this issue, they have provided a detailed description of what you can expect from the new firm.

Here on the "home front" a couple of members have pointed out that a light is burned out at the head of Walk 1. It does make the night-time a bit darker on that corner of the moorage, and we do have it on the "fix-it" list, but we have to wait until higher water when we can safely put a ladder against the piling to change the bulb. In the meantime, watch your step at that end of the walk after dark.



Closing Day is coming up October 6-7, there's an RCYC cruise to East Dock, and also a number of CRYA events at the Vancouver and Dolphin Yacht Clubs in Washougal. I hope you will be able to make one of these activities. Dave and I plan to attend the dinner at Vancouver Yacht Club Saturday night, so if you'd like to accompany us, please let me know so I can add you to the list.

This August and September Dave and I enjoyed a couple of weeks in Prince William Sound with Mike and Delphi Godsil aboard Trig – what a great (although sometimes wet!) experience. As I write this, Mike and Dave are just a few miles off the Columbia River bar, expecting to make Astoria within 24 hours. It will be good to get them home again.

### RCYC ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST A SUCCESS

81 adults and 3 children attended the party planned by an amazing Committee: Don and Linda Belshaw, Werner and Renate Bittner, Jim and Carolyn Douglass, Tom and Meri Foeller, Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill, Nate and Margaret Hanson, Karl and Sigrid Heyden, John and Kathie Kneeland, Jim and Alverna Martin and Mike and Carol Pick.

Everyone had a fine time participating or watching chicken dances and polkas. Most people went home by 9:00pm; however, a stalwart group danced until 11:00pm.

A breakfast of leftovers was enjoyed by the members who spent the night on their boats.

### 2008 Nominations for Officers and Directors

At the September General meeting, Commodore Marili Green Reilly announced the appointment of the committee for contacting potential nominees for 2008 officers and directors of RCYC. The committee, composed of members Ron Moran, Loren Beach, Kim Rimkus and Bob Phillips, will be meeting to develop this slate of nominees. Bylaws dictate that this list will be presented to the general membership at the October general meeting and that further nominations may be taken from the floor. If no further nominations are received, then a call for a voice vote on a motion for "election by acclamation" will take place. If further nominations are received, then a paper ballot election will take place at the November general meeting. Members interested in being considered for nomination are urged to contact one of the committee members.

*Bob Phillips, Rear Commodore*

As we wind up the year, the Club still has a number of fun activities planned. Come on down for the work parties, make your reservations for the Old Salts' Dinner, and enjoy the last of our nice fall weather by taking your boat out. You'll be glad you did it!

Jack and Lucy Mitchem





## Secretary's Salutations

Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer

Jim and Bette Johnsrud were sworn in at the Walk 4 BBQ. Please make them feel welcome when you see them around the moorage. Phillip and Susan Owen submitted a membership application and were interviewed by the Board in August. Susan was introduced to the membership at the September meeting. They have a Beneteau 36, and have been involved with the Sea Scouts and Power Squadron.

## The Ice Supply May Melt Away!

Ice purchases made this year from RCYC will be added to the 4th quarter billing or later, depending on when the transition to the new accountants is complete.

There is concern that some members, in their rush to sail the mighty Columbia, have forgotten to indicate the number of bags taken. If this venture is operating at significant loss, which I suspect we are, it would be a great inconvenience to the membership to again obtain ice at local stores.

Please make sure you record your name and the amount of ice taken on the clip board inside the ice machine.

*If you have any questions, please contact the "Ice Czar", Patti Fischer*

## Foghorn Copy Deadline - 20th of the month. Board member articles are due the day after the meeting.

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## Vice Commodore's Report

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore

Well, fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Have you winterized your boat? I guess that's jumping ahead a little too much, but it's coming soon. Think of all the good things that are just around the corner: the coming attraction of parties (some social and some work), and the dinners with good times with the Club members. For the new members, the work parties are a great way to meet other members and get your work hours in. I really enjoy the social part of the Club. If you haven't participated in a social event, you are missing a lot. Most social activities are for the whole family, including children.

The Oktoberfest, attended by 84 members and guests, was a great success. The food was great and I think all the people had a great time. Werner, Renate and company did a great job, and one of the highlights of the evening was the polka dancing by Bob, Gail, Werner, and Renate. After cleaning up and putting away the tables and chairs, it was time for us to dance to the music of Fleetwood Mac.

This will be the year that we change to a new accounting administrator and system. We'll all need to have patience as the details are worked out – we'll have to conform to the new system rather than have the system conform to us.

As some of you have found out, there is not a lot of water around Walk 1 and Walk 5 at low tide. This means that we will have a full dredge season, with lots of people needed in order to have water deep enough for next year. If you like the idea of running the dredge and pulling all those handles, give Fred Whitfield or me a call. The dredging will be seven days a week starting the first of November and will continue until we get the whole moorage done or to the last of February. If you can do some days during that time, we would like to hear from you.

We also need people to step up and take over some of the committee chairs and jobs that will be vacant in 2008. The reason that the Club does so well is that we all share the load. I will look forward to hearing from you, volunteering to take over some of the positions available.

Our next work party is the 13th of October, so get your work hours in while the weather is still good. And don't forget the closing day cruise on the first weekend of October.



Autum and Ron McClard at the Oktoberfest



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Checking your moorage lines for wear and chafe is always a good idea. Lots of wakes rolled through our little moorage this summer, and in late September a half-inch stern line snapped on a Walk 2 boat.

Please keep the walkways clear -- if your bow sprit overhangs the walk itself, move your boat back and re-tie the lines. Members can be hurt by anchors and bow sprits at face level, especially in the darker winter months. If the end of your boat is still really close along the edge of the walk, put some caution tape or a white flag on that anchor.

Cleaning Alert: Walk 1 (and other walks after they are sealed) should NOT be pressure washed. It cost around \$1,000 to seal Walk 1, and Bellingham Marine (builders) warned against pressure washing. Just regular hose spray and a scrub brush is okay.

If you remove your dinghy from any of the "dinghy docks" for the winter, be sure to put a readable name plate on your spot. An empty spot without a name can be claimed by anyone.

Note that soon we will be draining and forcefully airing out all the water lines on all the walks. This is normally done at the last work party. After that, NO ONE is to turn on those supply lines until spring. (We do, however, try to maintain electron pressure in the power outlets.)

Dredging season will start on November 1st, and; as you know, without removing sand yearly, we would soon be unable to moor boats here. If you want to work on any part of the dredge program, from weekend pipe-laying to being a helper or learning to be an operator, contact Fred Whitfield, our Dredge Chair.

Until we dredge, and until winter rains bring higher water, some fin keel boats may have difficulty leaving or entering fairways whenever the river level gauge reads one foot and down to zero. You may want to check the NOAA web site for current levels in Portland before going boating. Here is the URL for the nearby Vancouver river gauge: <http://ahps2.wrh.noaa.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vanw1>.

A special "Thank You" goes to Bob Fellman and Pete Unger for their hours of work in preparing both our work boats for the upcoming busy season. Also, a tip of the hard hat to Norm Gustafson and Doug Hepburn for some machinery rebuilding on our dredge.

## NOTICE

### CHANGE OF RCYC MAILING ADDRESS

Wes Davis has resigned as the Rose City Yacht Club accountant after many years of service. Club accounts will now be handled by Balance Your World Bookkeeping. Starting October 1st, please mail your dues checks, and send fully completed reimbursement requests and event reports to them at:

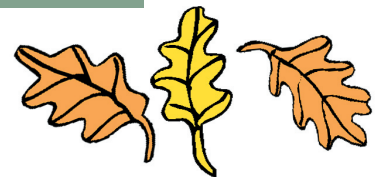
**Rose City Yacht Club  
c/o Balance Your World Bookkeeping  
7420 S.W. Hunziker Rd., Suite F  
Portland, OR 97223**

Remember to change the mailing address if you use a program such as Quicken to prepare your checks or if you have them prepared by a bank, etc.

Moorage and membership changes will be handled by the appropriate committee chairs. Karl Quade, RCYC Secretary/Treasurer will act as liaison with the bookkeeping service, so any questions about billing or checks to be issued should be taken up with him at his address, email or phone number as published in the Yearbook.

## Cruising Matters

Bob Gales and Gail O'Neill,  
Cruise Chairs



Another fun-filled Rose City cruising season concludes with our trip to East Dock October 6-7. While this is the last official and scheduled cruise, many members will continue to ply the waters of the mighty Columbia late into the fall. Cruises this year were well attended with 20 or more member boats usually showing up; the only exception being the Lonesome Jim cruise to Coon Island in June with only one boat.

Each year Gail and I have participated in more cruises and found this to be one of the best ways to meet new people and become more active members of the club. We missed the June and July outings due to our land cruise to Alaska, but made sure we returned for the fabulous Pirates' Breakfast. We encourage our many new members to head to East Dock this weekend and make some new connections.

When the 2008 Cruising Schedule comes out this winter, be sure to post it in a conspicuous spot and begin making plans for an active season.

See you around the Club.



Carl Nielsen and Chuck Fisher  
at the Octoberfest

## Tommy Green

Tommy Green had a life-long association with Rose City Yacht Club. Our parents, Tom and Connie Green joined RCYC in 1948 when Tommy was five. He and our late sister, Tamara, grew up with some of our current members: Lynn Easton, John Kneeland, Bob Laird, Ron Moran, and Trine Page.

He raced with some of you, too: Werner and Renate Bittner, Jeff Crass, Joby Easton, Don Eudaly, Smoke and Patti Fischer, Mike Godsil, Jim Hackley, Cork Inman, Jim and Alverna Martin, Larry Roberts, Pam Sesar, and with past members Jack and Linda Armes, Denny and Wilma Snyder, and Mike and Cheri Eudaly, along with many others.

Many more of you know him for his fiberglass work, which he learned by working with our Dad and Wade Cornwell at Yacht Constructors, and which became a lifelong pursuit. He and Tom Becker kept occupied with talk of techniques and methods for many long evenings on RCYC cruises.

For a short time, Tommy owned a J-24 and was a member of RCYC, 1968-75. During that period his boat sat in his driveway awaiting needed repairs, while he worked on it between money-making jobs. At last he sold it, admitting that he was content to crew with others or race their boats for them. (For many years he skippered Jack Gainer's Rain Drop on Saturdays when Jack had to work.)

In 1992, when our Dad was facing failing health, he took my brother and me in as partners on the Cascade 36 that he'd built and launched in 1975. Tommy and Sally joined RCYC again, using Tamara for several years, and were a regular part of the Lazy Days week. The four of us – Tommy and Sally, Dad and I – would take the boat on all the other club cruises. Sometimes with other family and friends along, we had as many as seven people staying aboard. In recent years, Tommy turned toward other pursuits, and sold his interest in Tamara to Dave and me. By that time he and Sally were taking



weekend trips aboard T.C. Whiskers, touring streams and sloughs along the Columbia and Willamette rivers and the Oregon/Washington coast.

On behalf of Sally Green and our family, I'd like to thank those of you who sent cards and flowers and who offered prayers and kind thoughts at my brother's passing. He was a very special person, who will be missed by his many friends at RCYC and on the river. I know I will miss his grin, his laugh, his love, and his stories of the river back in the "old days."

*Marilyn Green Reilly*

## Dredging News *Fred Whitfield, Dredge Chair*

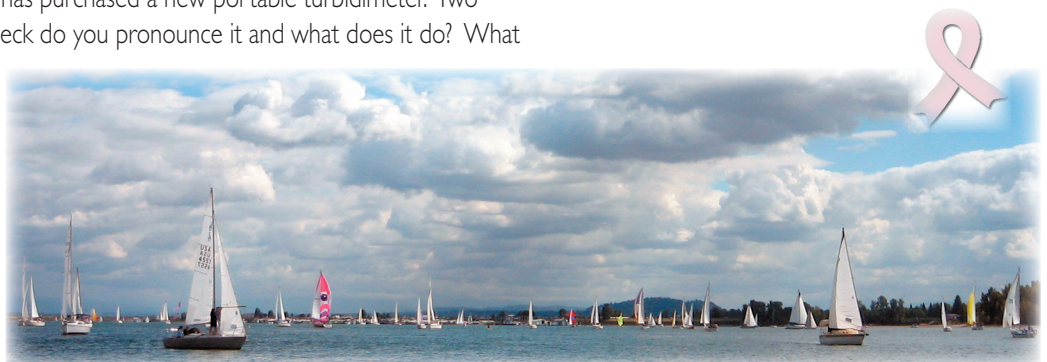
It's time to begin thinking about one of our favorite fall activities -- dredging. Once again we'll need volunteers to be on dredge crews. I'll be in touch with those who volunteered last year, but if you are new to the club or just feel that the time is right to become part of this elite group (and earn your "Bottoms Up" tee shirt), give me a call or send me an e-mail and I'll get you on the list.

We will once again plan to begin dredging in early November. I'm still working out what areas need dredging. If you have any problem with depth in your slip or know of any shallow spots in the fairways, let me know.

We have a new need this year. The club has purchased a new portable turbidimeter. Two questions immediately arise -- how the heck do you pronounce it and what does it do? What it does is measure the turbidity (clarity) of a sample of water. We will need to take samples of river water while dredging, and record the results of turbidity measurements for incorporating into a report to DEQ. The only critical things involved are handling the equipment, and making sure samples are properly collected. The time involved is only a few

minutes per sample. Just think, you could be a lab technician! What I'd like to see is a few volunteers who would form a team to make sure samples are collected and recorded daily as required during dredging. It would be a great job for someone who is frequently at the club and could take a couple minutes out for this. Please let me know if you are interested.

*Thanks for the help!*



*Sail for the Cure from Dawn and Ron s/v Great Shearwater*

## Racing @ RCYC

The last RCYC race of 2007 is now in the books, and our tenure as the RCYC Race Captains has also come to an end. The Harry Brault Memorial Long Distance Race was our final event. The race entries started to come in slowly, but a weekend of great weather began to speed the process. By race day we had over thirty boats entered in the event, many coming from RCYC. It was a bit of a nail biter on Friday as we picked up firewood and beer, and prepared the club launch for the event. The prediction was for 0 – 4 knots of wind nearly all day Saturday and until late evening on Sunday. This simply would not make for an enjoyable weekend. The best we could hope for was a great party at Sand Island. With that in mind it was back to Rogue Brewing for a second keg of beer.

Saturday dawned with a heavy overcast and unusually cool temperatures, but a nice 5 – 8 knot breeze. As I motored down river I was praying that the wind would hold out until the 1130 start, and hold out it did. Once anchored off of Day Mark "39" it was time to greet the racers as they came by for the Sailing Instructions and Class Breaks. Then right on schedule at 1135, the race was off in a near perfect breeze. David Paligo's Merit 25 "Runaway" nailed the start and took an early lead, but soon the Sportboats ground them down and began to run off in the light stuff.

The fleet remained somewhat compressed, but began to separate into smaller groups of closely matched boats as they proceeded down river toward the turning mark at the end of Sand Island. I pulled anchor and ran down to take some photos before heading to St. Helens to meet Kim and ferry our personal gear over to Sand Island for the night. Within the first couple of miles some definite match-ups began to develop. First was the match race in the Sport Boat Division between Arden Newbrook's Mumm 30 "Mummba Jummba" and the Flying Tiger 10 "Tiger Lilly" of Mark McCuddy. Even though these boats are different, they are rated the same and they definitely showed that they were evenly matched in these conditions by trading tacks most of the way to St Helens. The next pairing on the course was between the two C&C 44's, "Tango" and "Fury", owned by Charlie MacDonald and

Fred Hazzard, respectively. These boats also traded tacks and jibes all the way to the finish to be separated by only 15 seconds in the end. Following closely behind the "Furniture 44s" were the NY 36's, "Wave Dancer" of Steve & Melissa Moshofsky and Jeff Crass' "Amaretto" that also ended up match racing to the finish. Then like pesky mosquitoes that the NY 36s couldn't seem to shake came "Apple Pi", the Martin 242 of Rock & Dena Kent and "Skookum Too", the Martin 241 of George Brown. Following these match-ups was the parade of boats fighting for position and overall honors. I quickly lost track of who had passed by in my rush to get pictures of each boat. Photos from the event can be seen at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/RCYCRacing>.

Soon enough the last boat in the fleet sailed by and it was time to beat feet to Sand Island, off load the club launch, pick-up Kim at the St Helens fuel dock and prepare for the boats to finish. I made it to Sand Island, off loaded the gear and looked up to see the two Sportboats sailing past Warrior Rock. Seemingly record time for the trip down river, there wasn't going to be any time to pick up Kim before boats were finishing. Sure enough, the parade began to round the mark and head back up river to the finish at Sand Island much earlier than we had predicted.

The first around the turning mark were "Mummba Jummba" and "Tiger Lilly" who duelled to the end and finished just before 1400 with the narrow victory going to "Mummba Jummba". The C&C 44s, then the NY 36s and the Martins all in their own tight match races followed them shortly. Boats were finishing and arriving at the dock (and keg), but Kim was at the fuel dock with the beer cups! Once that was realized, it didn't take much convincing to get Steve and crew on "Wave Dancer" to make a quick stop and get the beer cups (and Kim!) before mooring for the night; thanks again guys. The remainder of the fleet came through the finish and joined the growing armada at the Sand Island dock. The last boat to finish was tied up before 1630. What a quick trip it was for the entire fleet, and what a great party with everyone on the dock and around the fire.

There is no report for the race home on Sunday as the weather prediction was spot on with nothing for wind at start time building to a little more than no wind as we slowly

moved up river towards home. I really would have liked to get a race off, but the light and inconsistent wind would not have provided for a fair competition. Final results are from Saturday's racing and can be found at:

[http://www.leftblank.com/sailpdx/results/rcyc-ld-07/Harry\\_Brault\\_Memorial\\_Long\\_Distance\\_Race.html](http://www.leftblank.com/sailpdx/results/rcyc-ld-07/Harry_Brault_Memorial_Long_Distance_Race.html).

Congratulations to all of the winners in their divisions:

Cal 20 – Craig Daniels, **For My Girls**

Level 172 – Rock Kent, **Apple Pi**

No-Fly-Sail – Frank Colistro, **Wy' East**

Ranger 20 – Robin Christensen, **Four C's**

PHRF A – Steve Moshofsky, **Wave Dancer**

PHRF B – Toby Elliott, **Caleuche**

SportBoat – Arden Newbrook,  
**Mummba Jummba**

And a special congratulations to Craig Daniels on the Cal 20 "For My Girls" who takes home the 2007 Harry Brault Memorial Perpetual Trophy for his victory in the PHRF Overall Division.

With this final article comes the end of our term as Race Captains. We want to thank all of those people that have come out to support us and lend a hand over the past three years. It has been a great run, but it's time to start racing the Cheetah in all of those great RCYC races that we love. To that lucky club member who takes over as Race Captain, we will be there to offer whatever assistance you may need as well as running a few races here and there.

*Eric and Kim Rimkus, Race Captains*

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### *To All Of Our Dear Friends at RCYC*

Laurel and I want everyone to know that the only thing that has moved to Washington is our boat, Maricara. We have not moved, we are still living in the same house in Portland and we are still members of Rose City Yacht Club.

*Thanks!*

*Larry and Laurel Roberts*

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**Prime Rib Dinner with  
Salad, Baked Potato,  
Bread, Wine and Dessert  
\$12.50 per person  
BYOB – happy hour at 6:30  
Dinner at 7:30**

**Seating is limited to 90 people and reservations are required**

Sign up by **sending a check to Alan Bergen for \$12.50** per person, made out to RCYC.

Cancellations before October 12th will receive a full refund. Cancellations after that date will receive a full refund if your spot can be filled by someone on the waiting list.

*Volunteers are always needed, call Alan if you can help out.*

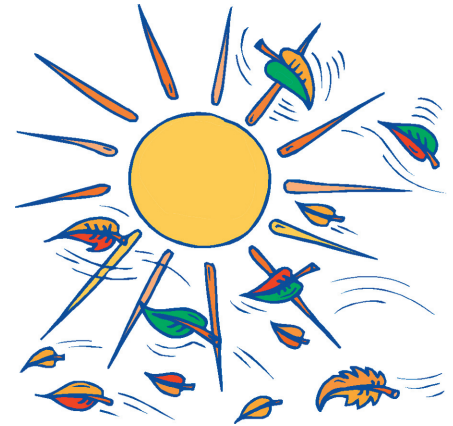
## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### October 2007

- 10-6/7 RCYC Closing Day Cruise
- 10-10 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00–9:00pm
- 10-13 RCYC Work Party, 9:00am
- 10-17 General Meeting, 7:30pm**
- 10-19 RCYC Old Salts Dinner, 6:30pm–dinner at 7:30pm
- 10-20 RCYC Work Party, 9:00am
- 10-27/28 Possible Halloween Cruise with SYSCO
- 10-29 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm

### November 2007

- 11-03 RCYC Work Party, 9:00am
- 11-09 Walk 5 BBQ and **White Elephant Auction**, 5:30pm–dinner at 6:30pm
- 11-10 OCSA Awards Party, 6:00pm
- 11-14 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00pm
- 11-18 Private Party-Maroney, 3:00pm
- 11-21 General Meeting, 7:30pm**
- 11-26 Boardx Meeting, 7:00pm



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