

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

November 2007



COMMODORE'S LOG

Marili Green Reilly, Commodore



The year is winding down, and the time has arrived to elect your next Board. At the October meeting, the Nominating Committee announced the candidates for the 2008 Officers and Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor, so the nominations were closed. We will vote to elect these candidates at the November general meeting.

We will also be voting on several changes to our By-Laws, as outlined elsewhere in this Foghorn. These changes were necessitated by our change in bookkeeping firms and procedures. The Board proposes to separate the Treasurer function from that of the Secretary and make

the Treasurer a two-year appointment. We're also proposing to move the Board meetings from the last Monday to the second Monday of the month so the financial reports will provide a more meaningful picture of where we stand. Please come to the November general meeting; we need your vote.

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IMPORTANT Membership Announcements

Please do NOT contact our new bookkeeping service directly.

Bookkeeping fees are charged to RCYC on an hourly basis. Any questions on billings, reimbursements, or other club financial matters should be directed to Karl Quade at (503) 645-4921 or karldq@yahoo.com. Any questions concerning keys or membership bonds should be directed to Judy Oxborrow at (503) 652-1549 or mikeox@qwest.net.

The Yearbook Committee will soon begin working on updates for the 2008 yearbook. There is much you can do to assist in this matter and speed up the release of the yearbook. First, check your listing in the 2007 yearbook. Have

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Welcome New Member to RCYC!



Bette and Jim Johnsrud



Bob and June Henry



Phil and Sue Owen



Secretary's Salutations

Karl Quade, Secretary-Treasurer

It seems like we've been swearing in new members every month this year. Phillip and Susan Owen and Robert and June Henry were sworn in at the October general meeting. Please make them feel welcome when you see them around the moorage. Phil and Susan Owen have a Beneteau 36 and have been involved with the Sea Scouts and Power Squadron. Bob and June Henry have a Nordic Tug 32, are also involved with the power squadron, and have done quite a bit of rafting.

We have sad news:

Stanley Atkinson passed away October 15 at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was unable to rally strength to overcome yet another heart attack from the previous week and various other difficulties. Thank you to all of you for your caring and concerns toward us these past 14 years. May he now find peace, contentment and freedom. Memorial services are pending. I have had arthroscopic surgery knee surgery and will require an estimated 2 weeks minimum to sort through recovery and loss of Stan. Thank you everyone.

Janet Bradley

Foghorn Copy **Deadline - 20th of the month.**

Board member articles are due the day after the meeting.

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

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Vice Commodore's Report

Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore

This is almost my last column as Vice Commodore, and in a way I will kind of miss it. However, it is just another step in progressing to the next chair. I will miss keeping track of the work hours and the club house rentals. As Commodore, I'm not sure what all my duties will require, but I keep getting advice of "LEAVE THE COUNTRY" or move and don't give out my new address and phone number. It can't be that bad, is it? Look at all the people that have done it, and they don't act tooooooo weird. I'm sure that I will get all the help I need, and many club members will be standing in line to take on activities and jobs such as Work Party Chair.

Well, back to the real world. Marili, Karl, and I attended a seminar on handling small oil spills. This was sponsored by the Clean Marina Program, and what they consider a small spill is not quite what we think of as small. Nevertheless, we did learn quite a bit. A further report will be provided at a later date.

Marili and Dave Reilly, Don and Linda Belshaw, and Carolyn and I attended the closing day ceremonies at Vancouver Yacht Club in Washougal. Marili and Dave attended the ceremonies during the day as their boat was there. Don, Linda, Carolyn and I just drove up for the hamburger dinner. Marili said that we need a cannon to herald the start of the season and the close of the season. All the other clubs had one. But poor RCYC doesn't have a cannon, and I really think we should have one. Another use for said cannon would be to mount it on the breakwater to sink boats creating the big wakes. We had one large wake the other day that was soooooo big it broke the rubber snubber on the mooring line to Fortune Cookie.

The Walk 5 Committee had a meeting recently, and it looks like every thing is progressing well. One of the things that will take place soon is the changing of walk 4. Lynn's house is going to move inward to the headwalk, and all the slips out to the Picks' boat will be reorganized. Some of the plumbing and some of the electrical will need to be moved. This will improve access for those individuals inboard of Lynn's house now as they will no longer have the awkward turn of going around the house.

There is so much going on at the club now that it is almost scary. We have the moving of walk 4, the replacement of walk 5, the moorage study, the fixing of the gate, and the changing of the accounting service. I just hope you and I are up to the task. Well, Karl has now got some new duties and I'm sure that he can handle it well. I will depend on all of you to help get us through this next year.

Jim



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We are in the last stages of assigning regular slips to several members who have been on the waiting list for six months. With two more families now proceeding through the membership process, there will still be about five boats on the waiting list.

Dredging is about to start. Be aware that part or all of any given fairway will occasionally be blocked by the dredge or floating pipe from now until the end of February. If we need to deepen any slips, you will be asked to move your boat out to allow the dredge in.

October 27 saw another large snubber snapped in two by boat movement. Keep an eye on those snubbers and your lines.

The temporary slips behind the dredge will probably remain empty for the Winter. Because the dredge and work boats may be transiting the main fairway, I would also advise against temporary side ties to the outer breakwater for a while. If in doubt, check with Dredge Chairman Fred Whitfield.

Once the headwalk water lines are drained and dried out on November 3, they MUST remain dry until next spring. If you just have to fill your on-board water tank in the dead of winter, pull along side the headwalk behind the clubhouse or side tie to the deck and run a hose into the faucet inside the mens' head.

Freezing weather will arrive any day now, and our docks can frost or ice up. Tread Carefully!

Finally, a special concern about email, I am finding that some club members do not show a correct email address in the current yearbook. Check your entry carefully, and if it is wrong, send me an email with the new one. Whether notifying you about a work party, a boat move to let the dredge operate, or the frayed line or split fender on your boat, I and the Residents need this information.

Watch for a change in the Foghorn copy deadline, pending members approval of the changes in the ByLaws.

RCYC Water System

Each year, the water system on RCYC docks is shut down for the winter during the last fall work party and recommissioned again during the first work party the next spring. The fall shutdown process includes draining the pipe to avoid freeze damage during the winter.

This spring during the first work party, we found that pipes feeding 5 of the hose bibbs on Walk 1 had frozen and split over the winter. About 20 man-hours, nearly the annual work hour obligation of two memberships, were needed to fix the problem. And the labor expense for this problem is not over. These spare posts must now be replaced because the repair was done using spare utility posts built several years ago for Walk 5.

The pipes split because there was water in them during freezing weather. That could have happened in only one of two ways. Either the last fall work party didn't drain them or someone turned the system back on during the winter. Fall shutdown work last year was done by the same crew that has done this chore for years. The crew reports following the usual procedure last fall, using compressed air to blow down the lines, opening all drain valves and leaving all hose bibbs open. The shutdown work is likely not the problem, so draw your own conclusions as to what happened.

Please don't turn on the dock water systems over the winter. If you need water for your boat, bring it around to the downstream side of the Clubhouse behind Cat's Paw and run a hose to the hose bibb in the men's room.

Tom Stringfield

October Workparty - Last one is 11-03 RCYC Work Party, 9:00am



HOW TO AVOID THE SIX MOST COMMON WINTERIZING MISTAKES

With winter approaching, BoatUS Marine Insurance has reviewed its claim files and reports the following six most common mistakes made when winterizing a boat:

1. Failure to winterize the engine. Freezing temperatures occur in all 50 states and while they are taken seriously up north, it's the balmy states of California, Florida, Texas, Alabama and Georgia where boaters are most likely to have freeze-related damage to engine blocks. It routinely occurs to boats stored ashore here. Boats left in a slip are less susceptible to sudden freezing as the surrounding water retains heat longer than air.
2. Failure to drain water from sea strainer. If your winterizing plan calls for draining the engine, the seawater strainer must be winterized or residual water could freeze and rupture the watertight seal. Sometimes you won't know it's damaged until spring launching, and water begins to trickle in.
3. Failure to close seacocks. For boats left in the water, leaving seacocks open over the winter is like going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a thru-hull cannot be closed, the vessel must be stored ashore. The sole exception are cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat under, allowing water to enter thru-hulls normally well above the water line.
4. Clogged petcocks. Engine cooling system petcocks clogged by rust or other debris can prevent water from fully draining. If one is plugged, try using a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine's intake hose to flush anti-freeze through the system.
5. Leaving open boats in the water over winter. Boats with large open cockpits or low freeboard can easily be pushed under water by the weight of accumulated ice and snow. Always store them ashore.
6. Using bimini covers as winter storage covers. A cover that protects the crew from the sun does a lousy job protecting the boat from freezing rain and snow. Unlike a bonafide winter cover, biminis tend to rip apart and age prematurely by the effects of winter weather.

To get a free copy of the BoatUS Winterizing Guide full of tips to help you prepare your vessel for the winter, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy> and click on "Winterizing Your Boat", or call 1-800-283-2883.

Did you know that RCYC is a BoatUS Cooperating group. That means that if you are a BoatUS member, your dues are only \$12.50, half the normal rate. For more information about BoatUS, contact me.

Last Chance to Sound Off!

What's your opinion about moorage rates at RCYC? The Moorage Rate Equity Study Committee has been meeting with members to learn their views on this subject. You have only one more chance to make your opinion known.

Wednesday, Nov 7 7:30-9:00 pm at RCYC

Don't miss this last opportunity to give the committee a piece of your mind about how moorage rates ought to be calculated at RCYC. Everyone will be given a chance to speak. We won't be debating or arguing, just listening, at these meetings.

Can't make a meeting? You can still provide your input by:

- 1) Finding one of the committee on the docks and bend an ear, or
- 2) Sending Randy Webster an email - mrandweb@europa.com, or
- 3) Responding to the soon to be released member survey.

Who is on the committee?

Randy Webster, Walk 1- Velic; Cathy Nelson, Walk 2- Nordic Dream; Frank Patrick, Walk 3 - Elixir; Kelly Martin, Walk 4 - Zonkers; Bill Kramer, Walk 5 - Gypsy; Meeting Minutes: Linda Belshaw, Walk 2 - Little Drummer

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Having a great time on "Great Shearwater" for the Sail for the Cure

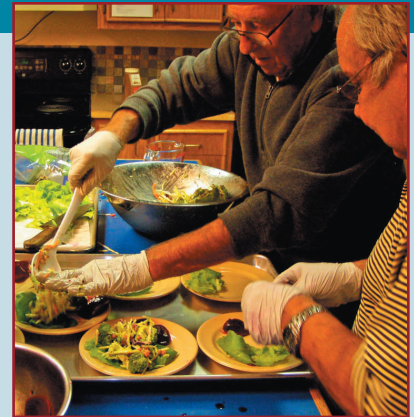


The Board has charged this committee with developing more equitable moorage rates at RCYC. This study is not about increasing moorage revenue. It is about more equitable moorage rates. It's meant to be "revenue neutral," neither increasing nor decreasing total moorage income to the club. Your voice will help shape moorage rates in the future. The committee will gather information, ideas, and opinions from club members, the Board, and the experiences of other clubs. It will then develop a moorage rate methodology for the Board to consider by early next year. With the Board's approval, this new rate methodology would be presented to the club membership for approval next spring.

you changed addresses, phone number, or e-mail address? Have you retired or changed employment? Did you get struck by two-foot-it is and buy a new boat? If so, please send an e-mail to Anne Thompson annietb@gmail.com or Judy Oxborrow mikeox@qwest.net to confirm the new information or that the old information is correct. Are you a new member? If so, you should send a summary of the information you would like published to the yearbook committee. The less information the committee has to chase down, the sooner the yearbook will be out in 2008. If you don't have access to e-mail, call Anne at (503) 699-2926 or Judy at (503) 652-1549.

The first storm of the season also reminds us that winter is just around the corner. As you know from past years, RCYC can get hit by some high winds and has seen ice coating both the walks and our boats. If a storm hit and you were out of town, who would the Club notify about a problem with your boat? Now is the time to update your emergency contact list. Please contact Judy Oxborrow (preferably by e-mail to mikeox@qwest.net) with a list of persons, telephone numbers – identify as cell, home, or work, and their relationship to you. If you don't have e-mail, please call (503) 652-1549 or drop her a note in the mail.

OLD SALT'S DINNER – a big success!



Joint cruise with SYSCO at Coon Island October 27/28.



Mike and Carol Pick, Magic



Marili Green and Dave Reilly, Tamara



Delphi and Mike Godsil, Trig



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On the subject of the By-Laws, there are a few facts that the Board has asked me to remind you about. In June 2005, the club agreed to clarify through a By-Laws change that a "member" can be an individual or a couple living in the same household (Article III, Section I). Accordingly, when parents and their adult offspring have applied for membership, the Board has required them to apply for two memberships.

As our young people mature, it is only natural for boating parents to encourage them to become independent in exercising their boating skills. However, even though your children are old enough to be living independently, you still must accompany them when they are at the club or using the boat within the moorage, just as you would other guests (Moorage Rules, section E.1). The Board asks that members respect our By-Laws and moorage rules. Those who have joint boat ownerships and separate memberships will also appreciate other members conforming to this standard.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. There's a final work party on November 3; the Walk 5 barbecue is coming up; and then we will be heading into the holiday season. We seem to be getting lucky with some sunny weather – a perfect time to enjoy a few days of warmth before we start buttoning things up for the winter.

See you at the club!

The following By-Laws changes –

have been recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. They will be voted upon at the November general meeting.

CHANGES:

Change the Secretary/Treasurer elected position to be an elected Secretary with a term of one year.

The duties of the Secretary would be amended to read:

Article V, Section 5. Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*).

- (a) The Secretary- (*Treasurer deleted*) shall record all the proceedings of the membership and directors meetings in the minute books of the club. He/she shall maintain a current roll of members, their addresses, and a register of boats owned by club members. He/she shall certify vouchers approved by the Board of Directors. He/she shall maintain an official copy of the By-Laws of the club, as amended, and the reports of the officers and representatives of the club.
- (b) The Secretary shall perform other duties as the Commodore or Board of Directors may deem proper. He/she shall act in the absence of the Commodore and Vice Commodore. (*Previous (b) deleted and moved to the duties of treasurer - Article V Section 6 (b)*)
- (c) The Secretary shall maintain contact with the appointed Treasurer and in the absence of the Treasurer, present budget reports as necessary at club meetings. The Secretary shall also include current financial records in the club minutes. (*New*)

A section would be added to describe the duties of the treasurer as follows :

Article V Section 6 Treasurer.

- (a) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Commodore with a confirmation vote by a majority of the Board of Directors. The term of the office shall be two years and may be renewed. (*New*)
- (b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining records of accounts for all funds received and disbursed, (including the status and distributions of fund from the designated funds), and shall direct disbursements only by check supported by voucher which will be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. All checks shall be attested to, and signed by an Officer, Treasurer, or bookkeeper for amounts less than \$500.00 and by any two Officers, Treasurer and/or bookkeeper for amounts exceeding \$500.00. He/she shall deposit all monies received by the club in a depository selected by the Board of Directors and shall deliver statements of accounts as scheduled by the Board. Monies received by the bookkeeper directly from the membership for dues and fees shall be deposited by the bookkeeper. The account books shall be kept in readiness for examination, and any member may examine the books upon reasonable notice at a reasonable time and place. (*Previous Article 5 Section 5 (b)*)
- (c) The Treasurer is responsible to the Secretary and the Board of Directors and is to act as a liaison with the bookkeeper in communications with members and the Board of Directors. (*New*)
- (d) The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Commodore or Board of Directors may deem proper. (*New*)



Article VI Section I would be amended to read:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*) and five Directors elected at large. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the club, to perform specific duties as set forth in the By-Laws and to advise the Commodore on the appointment of chairpersons or committees.

Article X Section 2 would be amended to read:

The Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*) shall cause notices of meetings to be mailed to the addresses given by the members and maintained by the Secretary in the clubs records, and such mailings shall be conclusive proof of the notice of any meeting.

Article XII Section I would be amended to read:

No later than the first day of September, the Commodore shall appoint a nominating committee of four members, chaired by the Rear Commodore, and including three members-at-large who are not currently Directors. The membership of the committee shall be announced at the September monthly meeting. The committee shall seek and announce one or more candidates for each of the offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*), and five Directors-at-Large.

Article XII Section 2 would be amended to read:

The report of the nomination committee shall be filed with the Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*) in time for the Secretary (*Treasurer deleted*) to publish the nominations in the October issue of the "Foghorn."

Article XVI would be amended to read:

The order of business at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors shall be as follows: Call to Order, Minutes of Previous Meetings; (*Secretary-Treasurers report deleted*) Communications; Treasurer's Report (added); Report of Officers; Report of Committees, Unfinished Business; Introduction of Prospective Members, Elections; General Business; Installation of Officers; New business; Good of the Order; Adjournment.

Change the scheduled meeting date of the Board of Directors meetings.

Article IX Section 3 would be amended to read:

The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the (*deleted last Monday of each month*) *second Monday of each month (added)*, or upon such alternate date as deemed advisable by the Board of Directors, provided that each Director shall be notified, in writing, of the change of day.

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Walk 5

BARBECUE & BROWN BAG AUCTION

NOVEMBER 9TH

SOCIAL HOUR – 5:30PM DINNER 6:30 PM

Bring your meat to grill and favorite beverage. The club will provide the rest.

Bring a nautical item wrapped or in a bag to be auctioned after dinner. Proceeds will go to the clubhouse remodel.

Any questions, contact Bob and Mary Laird (503)292-8489



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2007

- 11-03 RCYC Work Party, 9:00am
- 11-03 Private Party-Dennis Stewart, 5:00pm-Midnight
- 11-07 Moorage Study, 7:00pm
- 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-John Maroney, 3:00-6:00pm
- 11-21 General Meeting, 7:30pm**
- 11-26 Boardx Meeting, 7:00pm

December 2007

- 12-02 Private Party-Barbara Chabala & Terry Foren, 9:00am-3:00pm
- 12-07 Private Party-Tom Stringfield, 1:00-11:00pm
- 12-08 SYSCO Holiday Dinner, 5:30-10:30pm
- 12-11 New Member Orientation, 7:00pm
- 12-12 OWSA General Meeting, 6 – 9 pm
- 12-14 Christmas Ships and Potluck, 5:30-6:30pm
- 12-15 Private Party-Mike Finch, 4:30-11:00pm
- 12-19 General Meeting, 7:30pm**
- 12-20 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 12-31 New Years Party, 5:30-all night long

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