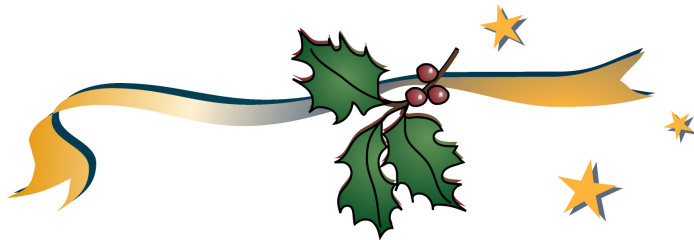


Commodore: Marili Green Reilly  
Vice Commodore: Jim Douglass  
Secretary-Treasurer: Karl Quade

## December 2007



### COMMODORE'S LOG

*Marili Green Reilly, Commodore*

My year as your Commodore is drawing to a close, and I look back on our accomplishments and events with pleasure, but also a tinge of sadness. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve you, following in my father's footsteps, during this auspicious year of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I look back with pleasure and a sense of satisfaction for having accomplished so many of our goals for 2007. We have continued to make improvements on our facilities: A galley remodel is nearly completed, additional concrete fingers have been installed, and we have begun to finalize plans for the first improvements to Walk 5. We are also nearly a year into a dry storage plan in the parking lot and will be evaluating its success and continuation in the coming months.

Our goal to provide educational opportunities for our members led to several safety and maintenance topics this spring, and an emphasis on Vessel Safety Checks. We also helped a number of members get their Oregon Boater's Education card through a three-week class at the Clubhouse. During this year, we have become certified as a Clean Marina, and have recognized our 75th Anniversary with a special logo, Anniversary-themed decorations on Opening Day, and new items in our Ship's Store.

Early this year we took a major step toward long-term financial stability, and we will be putting the extra funds being collected from members to good use as we begin next year's push to replace Walk 5. In a separate effort, we appointed a group to collect input from our members to begin evaluating our moorage rates, and they will be presenting their findings next spring.

Along the way I hope that you have found the Board has been willing to listen to your concerns and that we have involved members as much as possible as we plan for the Club's future. Although we had to table one goal-related item

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### Bylaws/Board Meeting Date Changes

Bylaws changes were enacted at the November general meeting that changed the Board Meeting date. That change will be put into effect immediately, so the December Board Meeting will be held on the **second Monday of the month**, December 10. The 2008 budget will be discussed at that meeting, so **all 2007 and 2008 Board Members should plan to attend.**

### Welcome New Members to RCYC!



*Greg and Rachel Leo*



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Jim Douglass, Vice Commodore*

This is my last report as Vice Commodore. It has been an interesting experience, and a good learning tool. I thought that last month was the last, but as it was pointed out to me in no uncertain terms, that was not the case. I have been busy trying to get caught up on all the things our Commodore has going on, and boy is that a lot.

It is that time of the year when boating takes a back seat to the Holiday Season; and just think, we only have to wait three months and we will be out boating again. Some members will be boating all winter, but with no heat, that is not an option for us.

The end of the year also is the time for new boat stickers, and hopefully all members will make sure they comply. I have applied on the internet for my stickers for the last four years, and that works really well. The Club has so much going on that this year we may not have time to inspect each and every boat to see if all are in compliance. Instead, in about March we may just invite the River Patrol down with their ticket book and let them do the work that we will not have time to do.

We had a short meeting just to see if every thing is in place for the replacement of Walk 5. As far as I know, everything is progressing nicely and we should start doing some work about May. Tom Stringfield has done so much work and has planned things out so well, it should go very smoothly. In May the floats

will come in for the shop, the head walk extension, and the storage building. We will install the floats and build a new shop and storage building. We then can move all the contents from the old to the new buildings and get rid of the old buildings and floats so we can be ready for the Walk itself in August. The piles will be driven later in November. There will be plenty of work to do for all of us to get involved.

In November we had to replace the water heaters. When I helped frame the hole in the ceiling of the ladies rest room, I never thought we would use it. However, the only way to replace them was to lift them up through the hole in the women's john, and at 73 years old it isn't going to happen with this guy. One of the water heaters let go on Tuesday, so I called George

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### When planning a visit to RCYC for whatever

**reason**, it is nice to know what the real river level is before leaving home. It is especially nice to know in the morning before you go there for dredging. The Vancouver River Gauge is available on the web, with a forecast for the near future.  
<http://ahps2.wrh.noaa.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gauge=vapw1&view=1,1,1,1,1>

It is a long URL and you may have to use copy and paste to place it in the URL bar of your browser.



Next, if you want to view a several-day animation of wind or wave heights off of our coast, this site is maintained by surfers and is quite helpful for mariners in general.  
<http://magicseaweed.com/Oregon-MSW-Surf-Charts/15/wind/in/>

*Loren Beach*



Low water from Walk / looking east.

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*If you are interested in being a part of the Foghorn team, please contact anyone listed above.*

Morlan Plumbing on Wednesday and they installed two water heaters and made the necessary changes to bring us up to code by Thursday. We had to do this in a hurry so that we could have the Walk-5 BBQ on Friday. Both of the water heaters were over twelve years old. As long as we were doing one, we decided to do both and not have to replace them for another twelve years.

The Finance Committee of Karen Jacobson, Judy Oxborrow, Carl Nielson, and Karl Quade, our Secretary/Treasurer, have done a great job in converting to the new accounting system and interfacing with Balance Your World Bookkeeping Inc., our new bookkeeping service. We are now ready to start the budget process, and the new system will give the Club a good view of what is going on.

We still need people to step up and volunteer to lead committees for the new year, one of which is the Work Party Chair.

Please have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

*Jim*



Winterizing  
Dock Water,  
Valerie  
Holzman

## Ship Stores Sale

Plan to find some bargains on RCYC items at  
the December General Meeting  
(or anytime you can catch Terry Foren)

- ✓ Stocking Stuffers
- ✓ T-Shirts
- ✓ Polo Shirts
- ✓ Sweat Shirts
- ✓ Hats
- ✓ Bags

Everything will be on  
sale!



## Moorage Matters

*Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

Winter weather is coming. I hope that you have removed your roller-furled headsails from the boat or secured them with extra ties. Same for mains, although the shredding risk is lower. Remember that natural ventilation is the best way to keep the interior dry, and that running a heater on board will not save an un-winterized engine when a week of 20 degree weather with 30 knot winds is matched all-too-often by a three-day power outage. Power cords must be 30-amp marine, per the Moorage Rules, with sealed ends, and must not hang down into the water. A strain relief tie-off must be used at the power post on the dock.

Oregon Registration Information: Postcard notices seem to have arrived in mailboxes in mid-November for all those with two-year stickers expiring at the end of 2007. I renewed mine on-line, and the new stickers arrived in the mail about a week later. It was just that easy. Washington state-registered boats with '07 stickers need to contact their state for the correct procedure to follow. Do not put this off until next year.

Walk 4: By early December I plan to have the remaining finger docks repositioned on this Walk. Everyone south of Bittners' slip will be in different water, but most will be somewhere near where they have been. Starboard tie requests have been taken into account. All the slips will be wider, too. We have relocated the Port Captain's residence, one private dock, six finger docks, and eliminated all the four-way ties. Thanks to the last regular work party for all the preparation they did for these moves, plus the special work party that moved the residence. Special thanks goes to Dave Kibby for both his knowledge and his long hours of work in the rain on two days to square away the wiring and conduit.

Dredging is happening and sand is flowing up into the settling pond. As in the past, when you are down at the Club during dredge operations, be sure to look at the gauge board and then walk out to where the dredge is operating and hold up fingers to indicate the actual river level. (The tide can often raise or lower the water level a foot an hour, and might catch the crew off guard.) Wave at them and smile. It can be lonely work on a rainy day. Hint: chocolate chip cookies are always appreciated.

Be sure to check fenders, mooring lines, and snubbers!

**Happy Holidays!**

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until we can line up needed resources -- our planned kayak storage will be built on t-slips discarded from Walk 5. I think we can be proud of accomplishing a fairly ambitious set of goals.

I also look back on this year with a sense of sadness -- several members and past members of our RCYC family have "crossed the bar" this year: Nancy Bergen, Larry Corderman, Tommy Green, and Stan Atkinson, as well as some members of our individual families. Rose City Yacht Club is smaller for these losses, but so much richer because our loved ones were a part of this extended family for so long.

This year we also bid adieu to several members who moved away or moved their boats. To Jim and Marlene Himes, Ron and Barb Karls, Mike Vannett, John and Michelle Bigelow, Larry and Susan Johnson, Norm and Jan Gustafson, George and Pearl Smith, Bob Green, Robert and Kathy Mellen, Bryan and Ingrid Dinteman,

and Jim and Pat List, we offer the special invitation to you to continue to stay in touch and to know that you will always be welcome at RCYC.

The Board also said goodbye and congratulations to a long-time veteran of our Board meetings: Wes Davis retired as the Club accountant and he and Joyce have been enjoying more travel between their activities at the Club. The resulting redesign of our Board positions and a new bookkeeping service will be something for the new Board to familiarize themselves with next year.

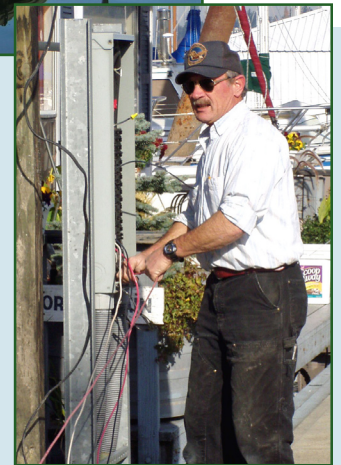
In other ways, the Club is better for what we have lost: We said goodbye to the Gainer boathouse early this year, but Jack's legacy has sent several kids to sailing classes. We've also gotten rid of some worn-out finger piers, and the dredge crew is at work as winter approaches, removing some unneeded sand from the bottom of our fairways.

In this Diamond Jubilee year, we have also made new friends on the River and welcomed new members into our fold. Two special events commemorated the 75th Anniversary we share with Longview Yacht Club -- one at RCYC and one at their Clubhouse. A joint fall cruise with SYSCO also gave a few of our members an opportunity to make new friends, and the Ladies' Dinner this spring was again very well received among the women of many other clubs on the River.

We've welcomed an especially big group of new members this year, leading to a good sized waiting list for moorage. Our fifteen new members are John Miller and Tas Sturdevant, Kathie Ray and Terry Annis, Nate and Margaret Hanson, Chris and Ebie Mountford, Dan and Karen Brown, Larry Gray and Melissa McReynolds, John and Kerstin Maroney, Marian Hughes, David and Jamie Mountford, Art and Rose

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## Walk 5 - the big move of ...



Wires everywhere Dave Kibby

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Zehner, Chris Eberle and Marianne Dwyer, Bob and June Henry, Jim and Bette Johnsrud, Phil and Susan Owen, and Greg and Rachel Leo. Look them up when the new yearbook comes out, greet them at the Club, and invite them to join you for our races, cruises, or social gatherings.

With such an eventful year behind us, it will be a bittersweet moment to pass the gavel to Jim Douglass at our December 19 meeting. I have had the good fortune to have been accompanied on this yearlong journey by a thoughtful and participative Board, and I am grateful for all of the time and effort they have put into our work this year. To all of our members, I thank you for all the support you have given me this year, and hope you will continue to come out and lend a hand to our new Commodore and Board as they undertake the major work they have outlined for 2008.

*Dave and I wish all of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and Smooth Sailing in the coming year.*



Ross bending the mangled posts back and replacing the fence material.



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**...the Port Captain's home.**



Easton house in its new location and the dredge crew dredging out the area where the house was before moving the docks back into place. The dredge crew puts in countless hours of work - we all appreciate their commitment.

## Portland Boat Show

The Portland Boat show will be coming to the Expo Center January 5th to the 13th, 2008. Show hours are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 5, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 6, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Monday - Friday, Jan. 7 - 11, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, Jan. 12, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 13, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Club member, Cliff Hunter, who represents Lee Sails, has graciously offered to share his booth with Rose City YC. Volunteers are needed to disseminate information and answer any questions about the Club. We need two shifts on weekend days and one shift on weekdays, with two people on each shift. Anyone working a shift will receive free access to the show, however parking is not included. Please email me if you are interested in working a shift, and let me know which shift(s) you are available.

*Alan Bergen, Membership Chairman*

## CLUBHOUSE STEWARDS NEEDED

By taking care of our oak-paneled Clubhouse for one month, you can **satisfy your 2008 RCYC work-hour requirement for the entire year.** Clubhouse duty is easy and can be done on your own schedule, which is very convenient.

Contact Jas. Adams, at: 503-349-0840 (c) or: [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com).

*Jas. Adams, RCYC Clubhouse Chair*



## RCYC Yearbook Advertising

If you or someone you know would benefit from placing an advertisement in the 2008 RCYC Yearbook, please contact Gail O'Neill or Bob Gales at 503-622-2664.

The ad lasts 12 months and provides the opportunity to present your product or service at one of our monthly membership meetings. In addition, a brief article about your advertisement will be placed in one issue of the FOGHORN.

*Gail O'Neill & Bob Gales, Yearbook Advertising*

## Dredging News *Fred Whitfield, Dredge Chair*

**Dredging is Under Way.** This year's dredging got off to a good start on November 3, with a work party setting up the dredge, connecting the pipe and cables, and getting everything operational. We started by taking the hump out of the Walk 1 fairway, plus cleaning out a couple of slips. After a few days we moved to Walk 4 to clean out the area formerly under Lynn and Connie's house after it was shifted shoreward. As of this writing, we are moving toward the River on Walk 4 and expect to have that fairway finished in the next few days. Things are going great and proceeding on schedule. A big thanks so far to all the people who have helped out. Dredging requires over 400 work hours per month. It's no small operation, and goes on seven days per week.

A new job this year is taking turbidity readings to monitor what we do to the River as a result of our dredging activity. We have several folks who got acquainted with the Club's new turbidimeter and



*Prepare for Dredging, Mike Godsil*

have become the "sampling crew". This device looks at a water sample and tells us how "muddy" the water is. We take water samples about half way between the surface and the river bottom in the



*Dredge Pipe Inspection, Mike Pick*

moorage, and then analyze it using the meter. We record the results for later reporting to DEQ. We are particularly watchful as to whether our pond outfall has any real effect on the river. To gage this, samples are taken daily near



*Floating the Dredge Pipe, Larry Wintermeyer and Terry Foren*



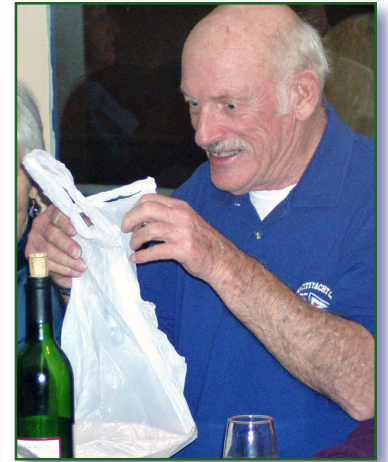
the outfall, but in water unaffected by it, and compared with samples taken 300 feet downstream of the outfall. Turbidity can be as little as 0 and as high as several hundred units. Drinking water is in the 0 to 5 unit range. At the start of dredging the River was low and clear, reading 2 to 3 units. We are finding that water coming from our outfall seldom raises the turbidity more than 1 unit at 300 feet downstream. We think that's a pretty clean operation!

So far we have over 30 members who have volunteered for dredging crews. Not all have been on the job yet, but we'll work in everyone we can during December. After completing the fairway on Walk 4, we'll move to the fairway on Walk 3, and finally to Walk 5 where a couple of humps await our attention. If your boat is on one of these Walks, keep an eye on our progress, as you may be temporarily unable to get your boat out easily. *Thanks for the help!*





## Having fun at the Walk 5 - BARBECUE & BROWN BAG AUCTION



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## 2008 Commodore's Ball

RCYC will be hosting the 2008 Commodore's Ball on Saturday, February 2nd at Riverside Yacht Club, which is near the Club on 33rd. This is a time for Club members to get together for a fun social event, dress up, dance and welcome in the New Year by honoring our new Commodore and First Mate, Jim and Carolyn Douglass. More information will be out with invitations and further notices in the Foghorn. Don't forget to save the date!

*Bob & Leslie Phillips*

## Christmas Ships

Be sure to put Friday, December 14, 2007, on your holiday calendar for the annual Christmas Ships Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange!. Plan to arrive at 5:00 pm for the social hour and watch the ships parade. The Potluck will begin at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. (See the RCYC website for further details.)

If you want to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, also bring a wrapped gift (of \$5-10 value) to go under the tree.

If you would like to volunteer to assist this gala event, please contact Ron Moran.

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### 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
- 12-10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm**
- 12-11 RCYC New Member Orientation, 7:00pm
- 12-12 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:00 pm**
- 12-13 Private Party-Marili Reilly, 6:00-11:00pm
- 12-14 RCYC Xmas Ships and Potluck, 5:30-6:30pm
- 12-15 Private Party-Mike Finch, 4:30-11:00pm
- 12-19 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 12-31 RCYC New Years Party, 5:30pm-all night long

### January 2008

- 01-01 RCYC Soup and Sail, All Day
- 01-12 Private Party-"Mrs. Lee", 6:00-10:00pm
- 01-14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm**
- 01-16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm**

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