



Commodore's Log jim Douglass - Commodore

I learned much last year, and I look forward to serving the members of Rose City Yacht Club as Commodore in 2008. We have one of the best moorages on the river, and you have a lot of which to be proud. Over time, the members have done a terrific job of building a club that has lasted and will serve our needs for years. We will strive to continue this work.

This year's agenda will be an important one. Some of the things that we plan to accomplish are the completion and the implementation of the rate study; the building of a new shop, a new storage building, and a new shower; the replacement of Walk 5 floats and slips; the driving of new piling for Walk 5; the installation of a holding tank pump at the end of Walk 5; and the fixing of the gate so that the haulers can remove the sand from dredging without further damaging the gate and fence.

As one of the last duties of Vice Commodore, I completed the tally of the work hours done by the membership. I am amazed at the hours that are put in by some of our members. There were a total of **3205.3 hours** worked. At \$50.00 per hour, that would equal **\$160,265.00**. That is what your good work is worth, so be proud. Here are the top 10 based on the work hours log. We don't really know how many hours they actually performed because you would see someone working at the club and see nothing recorded on the log.

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2007 Christmas Ships Party

The December 2007 Christmas Ships Party was a huge success. If the waterline on the clubhouse was an indicator, then we had a record crowd show up for the potluck dinner, Christmas Ships and the gift exchange. The back door of the clubhouse would not open due to the clubhouse ramps sloping up rather than down. The food was great and most platters were empty by the end of the evening.

Lynn Easton and Ron Moran provided a fun evening of entertainment by being the MCs for the gift exchange. Good natured stealing of gifts highlighted the evening as a few favorite items changed hands numerous times. Many new members showed up and a hearty thank you to those who helped clean up after the event.



Heart of Sailing

by Bob Laird

During the summer of 2007, RCYC became a participating club in a relatively new international organization, Heart of Sailing Foundation, a "national adventure for special needs children." Founder and Executive Director George Saidah was on hand at RCYC August 7th for Portland's inaugural event with Heart of Sailing. Mike and Carol Pick, Bob and Leslie Phillips, Mike and Judy Oxborrow, and Bob and Mary Laird took participating families sailing on their boats, followed by a barbecue on the patio and an awards ceremony in which medals and certificates were given to the participants, most of whom have autism or Down's Syndrome, but also other cognitive disorders. Laughs, hugs and photos were in great abundance!

Alan Bergen, with Frank Noragon as crew, joined the effort in November, sailing out of Tomahawk Bay. In Portland we are fortunate to have Eric Hamblen and his wife Kathy Calouri, who have an immersion program in autism known as P.A.C.E. Place, located in Beaverton. Eric has been very helpful in coordinating Heart of Sailing daysails with RCYC captains and participating families. If you would like to participate, please contact

Bob Laird at (503) 292-8489 or mllaird@comcast.net,

Eric Hamblen at www.paceplaceinc.com.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation of unneeded boat parts or even an intact sailboat, to Heart of Sailing, a 501(c)(3) charity, please log on to the Heart of Sailing website at www.heartofsailing.org

or contact George Saidah directly by e-mail at "gsaidah@heartofsailing.org" or by phone at (812) 935-7245.

2008 Commodore's Ball

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Rose City Yacht Club members and guests will be gathering at Riverside Country Club on Saturday, February 9th, 2008 to welcome Jim and Carolyn Douglass as the RCYC 2008 Commodore and First Lady. If you have never been to a Commodore's Ball, it is a great time for club members to meet each other in a beautiful setting for an evening of fun, celebration and entertainment.

Our location was changed from Columbia Edgewater to Riverside this year due to financial considerations, but you can be assured that Riverside is a wonderful location for our event.

A no host cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm with our welcoming address and dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. Your dinner choices are prime rib and salmon which along with the evenings entertainment from Tall Jazz costs \$ 30 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling Judy Oxborrow at 503 652-1549 or by e-mail at mikeox@qwest.net

Riverside Country Club is located on 33rd Ave. near the Oregon Food Bank.

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Loren and Kathy Beach	165.0 Hrs.
Fred and Sheila Whitfield	144.0 Hrs.
Bob and Debbie Fellman	77.5 Hrs.
Ron Moran	64.5 Hrs.
Paul and Dorothy Glynn	60.0 Hrs.
Karl Quade	60.0 Hrs.
Dave and Marili Reilly	58.0 Hrs.
Tom Stringfield & Vickie Nissen	54.5 Hrs.
Brad and Joyce Jensen	53.5 Hrs.
Dave Kibby & Ann Lemke	49.5 Hrs.

There are hundreds of hours never recorded by the members of committees and others working behind the scene. Thank you everyone for your time and efforts. The new work hours cut off for the first half is June 10th and the cut off for the second half is December 10th. With our new bookkeeping system, these cutoffs are necessary to allow time to prepare billings.

My first priority is to complete the filling of chairs or committee leaders. There are five positions in which the Club could use your help.

Club Work Boat Chair. This is a new position with responsibilities of maintaining our two workboats and club launch.

Education Chair.

Refreshment Chair. This is a revised position which would arrange for members to provide refreshments at our general meetings.

Shop & Tool Chair.

Work Party Chair.

So, become a committee chair and satisfy your work hour requirements. There are so many people that have held these positions so you will have help and guidance to do a great job. We need these positions filled as soon as possible, so step up to the plate and take a swing at it.

MAY WE ALL HAVE A GREAT YEAR

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View From the Rear

by Marili Green Reilly

At its December meeting, the Board discussed the newly created, but still vacant, office of Treasurer and some of our likely candidates. We came to the consensus, however, not to select an individual to fill that position – at least not this year. For 2008, we have asked the Finance Committee – Karen Jacobson, Carl Nielsen, and Judy Oxborrow – to act as the club treasurer while they also work out a detailed “recipe” for how to do the job. If you have questions that you would previously have addressed to the Secretary/Treasurer or the accountant, please e-mail them to all three of the Finance Committee members – one of them will respond or give you a call back. In order to keep our accounting costs down, we ask that individual members please not contact the bookkeeping firm directly. However, you should continue to send your dues payments, requests for reimbursements, and proceeds from activities directly to the bookkeepers, Balance Your World Bookkeeping.

We also addressed another subject at the board meeting that has set my mind to wandering nostalgic waters: the club’s long-standing racing tradition. I remembered racing our Chinook – a class which my Dad, Wade Cornwell, Merle Starr and others built especially for racing and cruising on the shoal-filled waters of the Columbia. RCYC also had
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Secretary's Salutations

by Karl Quade

New memberships are continuing right to the end of the year. Greg and Rachel Leo were sworn in at the November general meeting. They sail a San Juan 24. Steve and Jean Beaty were interviewed at the November Board meeting and were sworn in at the December general meeting. They just purchased a Yamaha 33. Finally, Chris Wade and Teri Ogg were interviewed at the December Board meeting. They sail a Coronado 25. All three couples enjoyed the December orientation. Please make them and all our other new members feel welcome. Several of these new members have made significant contributions this year.



Christmas Travelogue

by Marv & Ardy Dunn

Editor's Note: Many of you may remember Inactive Members Marv and Ardy Dunn. After moving to California, they bought a Peterson OD 44, eventually moving onto the boat and preparing for sailing adventures after retirement. Well, retirement finally arrived and the sailing adventure has begun.

Greetings from San Diego! Happy (belated) Thanksgiving, and happy holidays to you.

We cruised down from San Francisco in October and early November. We will remain in San Diego until the end of the year. We are writing a quick note in case you can let other Rose City Yacht Club members know of our activities.

We stopped at a couple of yacht clubs along the way south. The Moro Bay YC was very welcoming although they charged a \$30.00/night fee since RCYC doesn't have reciprocity. The Oceanside YC let us tie up on their guest dock. Again, RCYC has no reciprocity but they didn't charge us a fee. We bought dinner there and enjoyed their bar! We spread the word about RCYC, so maybe we will get more visitors going north.

Our blog is: www.sail-odyssey.blogspot.com We haven't added anything since arriving in San Diego. It covers the first part of our trip, and we will continue to add to it. Give our best to everyone there.

Fondly, Marv and Ardy Dunn

Racing News by Chuck Stuckey

Is there a Future for Yacht Racing at RCYC? Special Meeting 7:30 pm Thursday, January 10, 2008

Remember way back when you heard some wise old salt say “The best way to really learn to sail is to race.” Or, maybe you heard the reluctant first timer say “Wow, I didn't know racing could be such fun”. Well, it's all true, and over the years RCYC has been there with members serving as race captains, racing their boats, setting marks, serving on race committees, and cooking up hot dogs back on the docks when the race was over. RCYC has sponsored several races and regattas each year and consistently draws high praise from the other clubs on the river. The future of racing at RCYC, however, is now at risk,

Eric and Kim Rimkus have been serving as race captains for the last three years. They have done a superb job of building interest, managing races and even doing the cooking. At the last Board meeting, Eric indicated that they cannot continue next season. He also said that his efforts to find a successor were unsuccessful. Comments by members present at the Board meeting suggested that a solution would best be found from among those members interested in racing. To that end, a special meeting has been set for Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The future of racing at RCYC requires that we find people who are interested in racing and learning how to manage a race. And we need shore support as well from people who enjoy cooking hamburgers and dispensing beverages, perhaps designing T-shirts, collecting entry forms and all the other parts of a successful regatta.

All those members who have ever raced in the past, either as skipper or crew, are urged to attend. We especially want those members who have thought about racing but, for whatever reason, have not done it. Would you like to crew on someone else's boat, or try your hand at skippering your own? Maybe you like the party part and are willing to help with after race activities. Believe me, if you've ever
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put on a birthday party for a six year old, you can handle these guys and gals. Maybe you just do not want to see the tradition die and are willing to help wherever you can. So please come and lend your voice, experience, and ideas. If we want to see racing continue at RCYC, it's up to us.

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Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

Winter is here, and we can all take a rest from reconfiguring the inner half of Walk 4. Finger docks are all in their new positions, and both the Easton residence and the Kibby boat-house have moved to new locations on the walk. Members who had specifically requested to keep a starboard tie were able to do so. Nearly all the slips are now wider than before, and only one partial four-way-tie remains. The last wooden dock was also eliminated.

A part of this change was the assigning of regular slips to two new member boats on the waiting list and the moving of one boat that had been on the improvement list.

The assignment of boats on Walk 4 will be easier in the future because all of the slips from about #22 inwards are now nearly the same width. Some of the slips north of the center are still narrower due to piling placement. When assigning a slip, the width of the boat must be considered against the total width of the bay and the beam of the other boat in that bay. Luck is with us once in a while and a boat on the list can just be plunked down into the next open slip. However, quite often a two (or three) boat shuffle must take place to open up a wider slip where a narrower boat is presently moored. Most of the time our members have been very understanding when they had to move as part of such a change. I try to maintain their position relative to the main headwalk and the side that they are tied to. Sometimes some negotiating takes place.

It seems appropriate to explain our "system" of assigning slips so that the process can remain as transparent as possible. When considering how to utilize an "open" slip, the boat that fits it best may not be obvious unless you look at the beam of the boats on the list(s) and do some tape measuring of the open slip. In years gone

by, there were actually several boats moored in the club that were separated by one fender that was always rubbing against both boats. I hope to never have that happen again.

If any member wants their own copy of the moorage lists (as posted in the clubhouse) in PDF format, just drop me an email request.

While you are checking your lines and fenders for integrity against these heavy winter winds, also be sure that your dock box and dinghy are safety tied down. Shore power cables must be kept out of the water and a strain-relief line must be used at the post end.



Hello All ! Happy New Year !

The 2008 VSC Stickers are here so avoid the April/May Rush by getting your VSC inspection done now.

You can set this up by sending an e-mail to Lynn Easton - LynnEaston@aol.com or by giving him a call to set a date/time for your inspection. It will take about 20 minutes and you're ready to go.

Check this website for the up to date info on what is required for your boat to qualify.

http://safetyseal.net/what_is_vsc.asp

Boat Show News

Portland

Rose City Yacht Club will be represented by club members at the 2008 Portland Boat Show. Through the generosity of Lee Sails representative & RCYC club member, Cliff Hunter, we have been provided a space in which we will have club representatives and a display. Plan on dropping by January 5-13 and visiting.

<http://www.boatloco.com/portland-boat-show-january-5-13-2008>

Seattle

The 2008 Seattle Boat Show, Indoors + Afloat, launches Thursday, January 24 - Saturday, February 2. The 10-day event features more than 1,000 recreational watercraft, seminars and the latest innovations in accessories at Qwest Field Event Center, plus 200 world-class boats in their natural habitat on South Lake Union. The West Coast's Largest Boat Show offers a convenient free shuttle service running continuously between the two venues.

<http://www.seattleboatshow.com/>

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Oakland - Strictly Sail

As many of you know, the largest West coast all-sail boat and equipment show is in the SF Bay area each spring. Since as many as six or more RCYC couples have shown up at the Strictly



Sail show in Oakland in recent years, I thought that some of you might be interested in this morning's 'net news update about this show.

In other news, the motel that a lot of us have been staying at, the Inn at the Square, appears to have changed owners, and is no longer affiliated

with Best Western. I bet that "Barbara" still runs their front desk with efficiency and authority, though!

<http://www.innatthesquare.com/>

Boat show

URL: <http://www.strictlysail.com/shows/pacific.asp>

So, if you are planning to attend, it looks like you can make travel plans.



a big Lightning fleet, and when Jack Gainer headed a committee during the 1960's to bring the West Coast championship races to Portland, members from all areas of the club got involved in the program. In fact, throughout my childhood, it seems members participated in all the events – cruises, potlucks, and races – right down to the power boaters who set race marks and served as committee boats.

As recently as the last 10-15 years, the club held “Fun Races” the same nights as club potlucks and walk parties. These were enjoyed by racers and casual sailors alike, and everyone had great stories to tell when they got back to the clubhouse for the potluck.

There may be many reasons for the current tendency of members to gravitate only toward the activities that most hold their interest, but it means less mingling between groups. Like me, I know that many of you harbor fond memories of racing – whether you raced at RCYC or in other organizations – and would be sad to lose our highly respected racing program. I encourage you to come down for the January 10 racing discussion described on page five and help us chart a course to bring all of the RCYC community together to make our various events successful. RCYC racers have always made the club look good; let's help them keep the wind in their sails.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings and Functions

January 2008

- 01/01 RCYC Soup and Sail, All Day
- 1/10 Racing Special Meeting 7:30 pm
- 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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- 02/09 RCYC Commodore's Ball, 6:00pm
Riverside Country Club
- 02/11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 02/20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm