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Chuck Fisher - Secretary

March 2008



Commodore's Log

Jim Douglass, Commodore

At its February meeting, the Board passed the motions necessary to get going on the replacement of Walk 5. This caps the 5 years that we have been working toward the long range plan of making this moorage one of the best on the river. Tom Stringfield and the Walk 5 Committee have done a great job. The floats have been ordered from Shoreside from Bellingham, Washington and should begin arriving around the first of April. As soon as they arrive, we will start building the shop and the storage/shower buildings. The bid from Bellingham Marine Inc. was substantially higher than what they had originally bid some time ago, so Tom looked elsewhere. He found Shoreside, who wanted the job enough for the President of the company to come here to bid the job. They worked from the same specs that BMI used and beat BMI's price by over \$38,000.00. After building the shop and the storage/shower buildings, we will then be ready for the Walk 5 floats that will arrive some time in September.

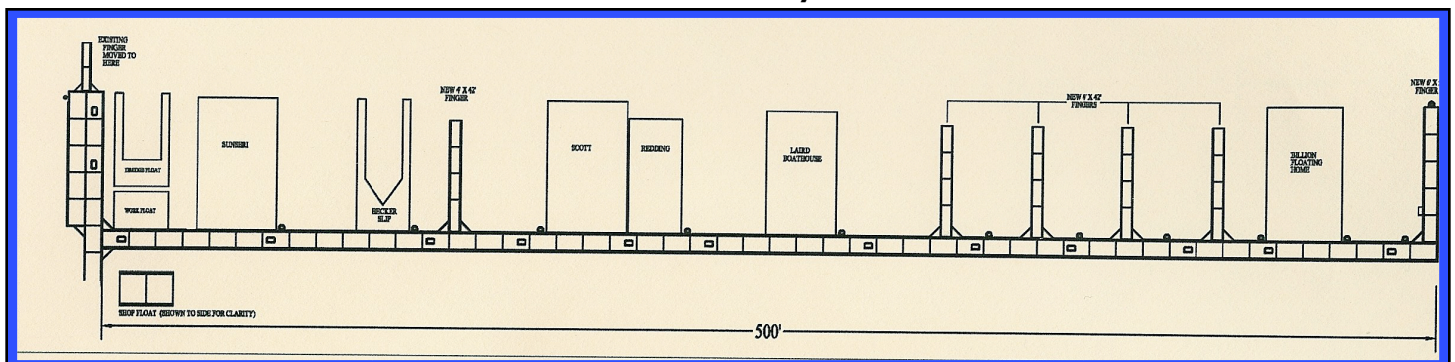
This big step we have taken was accomplished by the Board, Legal Advisor, the Finance Committee, and the Walk 5 Committee, and done at the direction of the Membership. Good job everyone.

Carolyn and I very much enjoyed The Commodore's Ball. Riverside Country Club treated us very well, and the facility was perfect for our Ball. There were 99 guests and members attending. Everybody said it was great, and they wanted to have the next Commodore's Ball there as well. Bob Phillips and his crew did a super job. I am very proud to be a part of this club, and I want to thank all the members for honoring me as your Commodore. I will always remember it.



The weather was so good last Friday that I finally got my new stickers on the boat. Now I am legal and don't have to fear the Harbor Patrol. Next week I plan to remove the tarp and install the dodger, and then we can go sailing. I am now unwinterized. See you on the river.

Walk 5 Renovation Layout



View From the Rear

by Marili Green-Reilly

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the Gwinner Service Awards? It's a question that comes up more frequently as time goes by. I remember Al Gwinner – as do many of our tenured members – for his contributions to the club and to the boating community.

Al and Stacy Gwinner joined RCYC in 1975, the proud owners of a new Cascade 42, Staysea Lin (hull #68). Robert Dressler was Commodore that year; Larry Roberts and John Kneeland were Vice Commodore and Treasurer, respectively; and the big event of the day was the purchase and development of our current property.

When I asked around, many people remembered Al as a self-starter. He took the initiative to make things happen and went



Wade Cornwell, Alverna Martin & Marianne Roberts

for “keeping the boating community on its toes.” He got involved with the Marine Board and was instrumental in creating our marine parks. Take a walk on Coon Island next time you are there, and you will see that he is among those honored on a plaque for their contributions in establishing that and other marine parks developed for the use of pleasure boaters.

Al Gwinner's passing was noted in the 1989 yearbook. It was soon thereafter that the Gwinner Foghorn Award was initiated to recognize the same qualities in other members that we appreciated in Al. Although the name has been modified over the years, we still accept nominations at each month's meeting to recognize someone who has shown some initiative or done something “out of the ordinary;” just as Al used to do. (cont. on pg. 3)



Visiting Commodore John Jones, Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore Marili Reilly and First Mate Cathy Jones

beyond what was ordinarily expected. At that time, photocopies were expensive to make and difficult to handle – remember the slick feeling paper they required? For large numbers of copies, the mimeograph was a less expensive option, but produced a faded and lackluster purple print. The club had higher expectations of our newsletter; and so for several years, Al Gwinner – who was in the printing business – produced the Foghorn on his offset printer. He donated those services to the club, giving us a high quality newsletter in which we could take pride. Al retired around 1980, but his son's business continued to print our yearbook for awhile. In fact, Ryan Gwinner Press was still one of our advertisers until just a few years ago.

RCYC was not the only beneficiary of Al's generous spirit: he was also heavily involved in other projects benefiting boaters. Some of the members I've talked with remembered him



Daughter of Neptune Claire Pickens with First Mate Carolyn Douglass and Dave Reilly

When I first started thinking about doing this article, I wrote down some of the things people remembered about Al. During the early stages of our latest clubhouse remodel, a member ruminated that RCYC has always had "some kind of service award," adding that "we need to recognize good deeds as counterpoint to the Boner's Bib." That observation was made by Larry Corderman, another person who made a big contribution to the club.

Just as we still remember Al Gwinner with a monthly award, it seemed appropriate to remember Larry's words about him at a time when the board has chosen to re-designate our annual award the "Corderman Golden Hammer Award." We have also memorialized Larry with a new plaque in the clubhouse that has been so much improved by his craftsmanship and skills.



2008 RCYC Officers & Directors
Missing: Bob Laird & Chuck Stuckey

Spring Education Class Schedule

Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
Lynn Easton is teaching about VSC inspections and boat handling. The first half of the class he will cover recommended safety equipment and how to pass your Coast Guard VSC inspection. The second half will cover boat handling, how to get in and out of the moorage, docking and rafting. As Lynn says, he has seen it all good and bad. The goal of this class is to help us each have a fun and mishap-free season.

Thursday, April 10th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
Carl Nielson is teaching an introduction to using your VHF radio. This class will cover which channels to use, what's the lingo, and how not to be afraid of or embarrassed to use your radio. You will learn how to call the bridge operators, commercial ships and tows, marinas and friends. The class will also cover calling for help.

Thursday, May 8th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
A panel of experienced cruisers, including Lucy Mitchem, will cover all aspects of provisioning your boat for cruising, including the planning, purchasing, storage of food, where to get food once you are there and where to eat out if you need a break.

Thursday, June 12th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. TBA



Vice Commodore

by Karl Quade - Vice Commodore

I have already received several requests for clubhouse reservations. Rules require a \$200 cleaning deposit to encourage the renter to clean up after their event. Although we also have members responsible for cleaning the clubhouse during the month, they are not expected to clean on a daily basis. I'm hearing more frequently of situations where the renter has to do some cleaning before holding their event. This is not fair to them. Rightfully, the membership has access to the clubhouse and its facilities, but you shouldn't expect someone else to clean up after you. Please do your part to keep the clubhouse looking its best.

The first work party this year is scheduled for March 8. There will be four of them this spring and four this fall. The remaining work party dates are: March 22, April 5, April 19, September 6, September 27, October 11 and October 25. I would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of them. It is a great way to get to know other members of the RCYC community.

If you have conflicts with all of the dates, contact Jim Calnon for other options. If there is some reason why you can't do the work hours contact the Board. Due to billing requirements, the deadline for doing your spring work hours is June 10.



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

As of mid- February, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol is actively visiting moorages checking for current registration stickers. As this is already a moorage requirement at RCYC, please be sure that you have your '08 or '09 stickers correctly placed on your boat. Failure to have a current sticker can result in a fine ranging from \$97 to \$237. Incorrectly placed stickers can also result in a citation, but are

less likely to be cited. Arriving by water, deputies are walking the docks and checking on registrations, whether OR numbered or documented vessels. They are also looking for other safety concerns, like electrical hazards, and will "refer these problems to local code enforcement officers." So, make sure that your shore power cord is a proper 30 amp and not hanging in the water.

As that fellow used to say, while knocking on your TV screen, "Wake Up, Wake Up!" Water is scheduled to be restored to all the walks during the first March work party. Several utility posts on Walk four still need to be relocated and re-tapped into the headwalk supply line. Your help will be needed and appreciated.

Dinghy News. Four dinghies from the "???" list in the February Foghorn have now been identified. That leaves eight still unclaimed. You must install a durable name plate on the dock where your dinghy is parked if you want to keep that space. April is the deadline for this.

We have no vacancies for members to bring in a boat. There are now seven boats on the waiting list to get moorage at the club. A popular yacht club we are. Have you hugged your boat lately?

Announcements

Mark your calendars for the St. Patty's Day Party, March 15, 2008. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite Irish dish to share or the wee fairies may make mischief in your home. Not sure what to bring?

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, salad, or a sweet dessert will help assure the best yet St. Patty's Party. There will be music, Irish trivia (prize to the winner), Irish horoscopes and once again by popular demand, the RCYC Blarney Contest! So, pack up your favorite Irish dish to share and start thinking of your best bit of blarney.

The Ladies Dinner will be held Thursday, May 15. All ladies who are involved in planning the dinner, and all those who would still like to help, will be meeting March 20 at 7:00 in the clubhouse.



Top photo - Mike & Olga Moen
Bottom - Steve & Rosemary Barrett

More Announcements

As you read this edition of the Foghorn, the yearbooks have gone to press. We hope to have them available for distribution at the March general meeting. If you forgot to change your e-mail address, phone number or boat information, please let Anne Thompson (HYPERLINK "<mailto:annietb@gmail.com>" annietb@gmail.com) or Judy Oxborrow (HYPERLINK "<mailto:mikeox@qwest.net>" mikeox@qwest.net) know. We will put together a list of changes for publication in the Foghorn at a later date.

Secretary Salutations

by Chuck Fsher

Ed Mallowney and Marianne Shumaker-Mallowney were accepted as new members by Board action at the February Board meeting.

Richard (Dick) and Judy Dyer have received Life Member status effective March 1, 2008. Congratulations to Dick and Judy.

Wesley (Wes) and Shirley Bullock are resigning from membership for health reasons. We all wish Wes and Shirley the best!



Above: Director Karen Billion and husband Ron

Opposite top: Bob Gales & Gail O'Neill

Opposite middle: Janet Bradley

Opposite bottom: Wade Cornwell, Chris Wade & Terri Ogg

Otto and Lois Gaither are resigning from membership. Otto reports in his e-mail that their vessel "Wayhi" was sold about 3 years ago. The new owner has taken her to Australia and Indonesia. Otto writes their interests have changed but, "We still have the fondest memories of our times at RCYC." We all wish Otto and Lois the best!

Portland Yacht Club is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2008. On behalf of the RCYC membership, Commodore Jim Douglass sent congratulations on 100 years of service to their members and the community. Along with congratulations, Commodore Douglass sent a new RCYC burgee to grace the remodeled PYC clubhouse.

When you find a copy of "Good Old Boat" around the clubhouse, be aware it is because of a year gift subscription to the club by Dave and Marili Reilly. I am sure we all will find helpful information in "Good Old Boat." Thank you!

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If you are interested in being part of the Foghorn team, please contact anyone listed above. Cutoff for submission of articles or photos is the 18th of each month.



Work Party Reminder

The first work party of 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th. Alan Bergen will be the work party leader, but a lunch leader is still needed. Contact Alan if you are planning on working that day or would like to get your hours in by being the lunch leader.

Tired of getting a boring black, white and grey Foghorn? You can get the Foghorn on line, in color and early. Each member who chooses this option saves the club over \$ 1.00 each month.

To sign up for online Foghorn, please contact a member of the Foghorn editorial staff.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings and Functions:

MARCH 2008

- 4 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 8 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 12 Race Administration Class by SYSCO at PYC
- 13 RCYC Education, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- 15 St Patrick's Day Party 5:30/6:30 p.m.
- 16 OWSA meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 18 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00 -9:00 p.m.
- 19 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Ladies Dinner Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.

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- 5 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- 12-13 Opening Day Regatta
- 14 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Walk 1 BBQ, 5:30/6:30 p.m.
- 23-24 OWSA Cool Maneuvers Class, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 26-27 Cruise, East Dock Government Island



Check the web for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
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