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April 2008



## COMMODORE'S LOG

*Jim Douglass, Commodore*

Well, it's getting closer and closer. Walk 5 is coming around the bend, and we are getting ready for it. One project for our work parties will be getting ready for the new floats. If you can use a hammer and a saw, we can use your help in building the new shop and the new shower/storage building. Please give me a call at 503-777-9030. The Sea Scouts have agreed to take our wooden Walk 5 and haul it away. This is a win-win situation. The Sea Scouts plan to use it for a breakwater at the Sea Scout Base. And, we won't have to dismantle the walk or pay to have it hauled away.

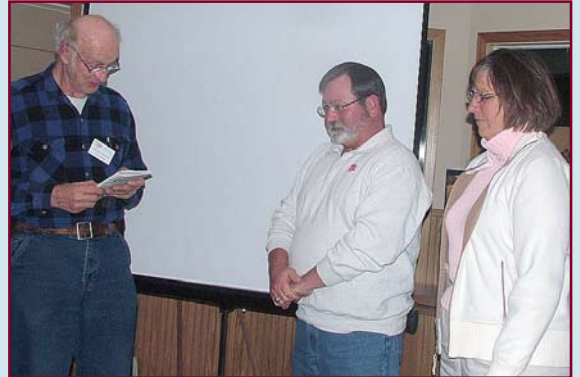
At the March Board meeting, we reviewed the quoted prices and voted to increase the flotation under the Clubhouse so that we can open the back door when we have a good crowd. The pump for our Clubhouse septic system plugged up again because of grease build-up on the floats in the pump. John Fallon said that they had that problem at Nabisco, and they installed a grease trap to cure the problem. John is looking into the problem to see what we have to do.

The gate is giving Ron and Karen Billion fits. When we have fog or a heavy mist in the air,

the gate will stay open due to the electronic beam not telling the sensor that the vehicle is no longer in the gate path. We put the sensor on to keep the gate from closing on the long trucks hauling sand from Mt. Rose. Dave Kibby is working on it so it will work in all kinds of weather.

However, until the problem is resolved, it may be necessary to turn off the sensor in order to insure security of the Club. So, for the time being, do not presume the sensor is on and do not stop or park in the gate path!

## Welcome new members to RCYC!



*Marianne Shumaker-Mullowney and Ed Mullowney*

We had our first party of the year. It was the St. Patrick's Day Party. We had seventy people, and it looked as if everybody had a good time. The one thing that amazed me was that when I started to do the dishes, a lot of people came into the kitchen and started helping. That is the great thing about this Club and is what **Rose City Yacht Club** is all about.

We have had our first work party, and we now have water on most of the walks. Everyone got water except eight people on Walk 4, and guess who was one of the eight. To me, it sounds like a plot by the Moorage Chair and Work Party Chair. Don Belshaw is the Work Party Leader for April 5. We need a Work Party Leader and luncheon leader for April 19.

It is now time to wash all the jet fuel off our boats and get ready for Opening Day. See you on the dock while you are cleaning up the winter gunk. I'll try to get it done before Opening Day, but if I can't, someone else will have to lead the parade. (Poor me).

But it's good to be back on the boat.

*Jim*



Member's go "bug eyed" over St. Patrick's Day.





## Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

We had a very successful work party on March 8. A lot of maintenance work was accomplished, with 169 work hours reported by members. In addition, work hours reported this year include 209 hours on the dredge, 20 for the galley remodel, and 15 miscellaneous, for a total of 413 hours. Many of those hours were done by members not required to do work hours or others doing more than required. The next March work party will be over by the time you see this, but the April dates are the 5th and 19th. If you plan to attend, please notify the Work Party Leader so sufficient lunch will be available to serve everyone. Work parties can be fun. You will also get to know some of your fellow members, which is one advantage to being a club rather than just a moorage. As a reminder required hours need to be done by June 10 or you will be billed \$50 per hour not worked. Independent work hours can be done; contact Jim Calnon. Waivers may be granted for special circumstances. The water is back on the docks. Winter is over; wash your boat; and let's get underway.



St. Patrick's Day gathering



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## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

No turnover in moorage assignments this last month; but three applicants are now in the membership application process, so the waiting list continues to grow. Seven members are already on the list to get an assigned slip inside the Club moorage.

**Dinghy Storage update:** The dinghy list published in the February Foghorn is now down to seven unclaimed dinghies. As stated, the deadline to claim a dock space is April. After giving as much latitude as possible, the April 19 work party will be moving unclaimed dinghies up to the parking lot, probably over by the west end storage area, until the Board can decide how to dispose of them. After that, any active member can put his name plate on an open spot and park his dinghy on it.

**Registration Stickers:** If you have not yet applied your '09 sticker, do so now. This is a published requirement to keep a boat in the Club's moorage. In about a month, "show cause" letters will go out to the few members out of compliance. Like having a valid insurance policy on a boat or structure, this is a basic RCYC moorage requirement.

Speaking of dinghies, the last work party did yeoman duty to strengthen the west tri-level dinghy dock and also modified the dock by the Clubhouse. Warped fingers were leveled on Walks 2, 3, and 4. There is still a lot of moorage work to be done before summer, including final water hookups on Walk 4.

**See you at the next work party.**

Thank you, Loren

More St. Patrick's Day gathering pictures



## YEAR BOOK OUT

Your Yearbook Committee

*As winter lingered so wet and cold,  
The yearbook crew began its task of old.  
March began with a lion's roar,  
And they were knocking on the printer's door.  
Now the crew is almost giddy and having fun.  
The 2008 yearbook is completely done.  
Those attending the meeting this week  
Can pick up their copy and have a peek.  
Otherwise on the counter the copies will stay  
Until you pick up your envelope and carry it away.  
Between now and the end of April we ask  
That you complete this minor task.  
If you fail in this small chore  
And your boat is moored outside our door,  
The packet will be delivered to your boat  
At whatever walk where she may float.  
For those remaining, a single copy will be sent  
Addressed to each and every resident.  
And so the yearbook crew bids you "Good Day"  
It's time for us to go cruising and play!  
However, if during the year, you change an address  
We ask that you please notify us.  
Until November, we bid you adieu.  
Then we'll start the process anew.*

## Important Insurance and Financial Information

And just when things were running smoothly, or all good things must come to an end...

Until recently, BoatUS had an on-line database available whereby I could automatically check for renewals of their insurance policies as long as I had the policy number and name of the insured member. Early in February, BoatUS changed their database access so only the policy holder can register and then access information on his/her policy only. Thus, if you have a boat insurance policy with BoatUS that was renewed on or after February 1, please send me a copy of your declarations page. I will now begin sending reminder notices via mail and or e-mail to all members as their insurance policies come up for renewal. My thanks to all members who send their updated insurance declarations timely.

And, for new members who bring their boats into the Club moorage, please note that moorage rules require all boats and all enclosed structures to be insured. Insurance coverage shall include liability, fuel and other spill liability, and wreck removal. I will be contacting those new members who have not already provided me with a copy of their boat insurance declarations pages to explain the requirements and answer any questions they may have.

Membership Billings and Work Hours – The Finance Committee (Karen Jacobson, Carl Nielsen, and Judy Oxborrow) greatly appreciates the cooperation of the membership during the transition to a new bookkeeping service. For the most part, the transition has gone smoothly. And, you should continue to contact the Finance Committee on billing and payment matters. Please do NOT contact the bookkeeping service directly. We have, however, identified a couple of areas where we need to review practices with members. These areas concern cutoff dates for adjustment actions and delinquencies.

In order to provide our bookkeeping service with time to post adjustments and prepare quarterly billings, the Finance Committee recommended and the Board approved cutoff dates of March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10. Membership actions/changes and moorage changes or adjustments made after that date will be reflected in the next quarter's billing.

Work hours for the first half must be completed prior to June 10. Work hours for the second half must be completed prior to December 10.

First half work hours can still be completed at work parties scheduled for April 5 and April 19. Those who cannot complete their work hours during a scheduled work party should contact Work Party Chair Jim Calnon for assignments. Those persons who are unable to perform their required work hours during the first half due to illness, injury or personal circumstances may request a postponement or waiver of those hours by contacting the Board no later than the June 9 Board meeting.

Most members also made the transition of payments to the new bookkeeping service quite easily. This really aided in

the transition process and again, the Finance Committee is grateful for your cooperation. The bookkeeping service has provided the Finance Committee with a listing of delinquent member accounts from the first quarter billings. We are now in the process of re-establishing policies for reminder notices and follow-up on delinquent accounts. The goal of the Finance Committee is to have all members in compliance with Article IV of the By-Laws. And, although the Board chose to allow discretion by the Finance Committee in the assessment of late fees during the transition, sufficient time has now passed that late fees will be assessed. If you receive a quarterly billing that you feel is not correct for any reason, please contact me (telephone 503-652-1549 or e-mail [mikeox@qwest.net](mailto:mikeox@qwest.net)), Karen Jacobson (telephone 503-684-4584 or e-mail [Karen@ijscpa.com](mailto:Karen@ijscpa.com)) or Carl Nielsen (telephone 503-230-9825 or e-mail [Nielsen@teleport.com](mailto:Nielsen@teleport.com)) to discuss the matter. Nothing gets resolved if you pay only what you feel you owe or ignore the billing completely. Then, the bookkeeping firm has more work to add late fees and send another billing. That costs the Club additional money, and only upsets you even more. The Finance Committee is more than willing to resolve questions on billings and work with any member who has a temporary financial problem.

*From "BoatUS Newsroom", provided by Alan Berger*



*And more St. Patrick's Day gathering pictures*



## View from the Rear, *Marili Green Reilly, Rear Commodore*

One of the great things about RCYC is the connections you make with people who can ultimately become lifelong friends. Even after members have sold their boat or moved away, they often stay in touch with those they were close to at the Club.

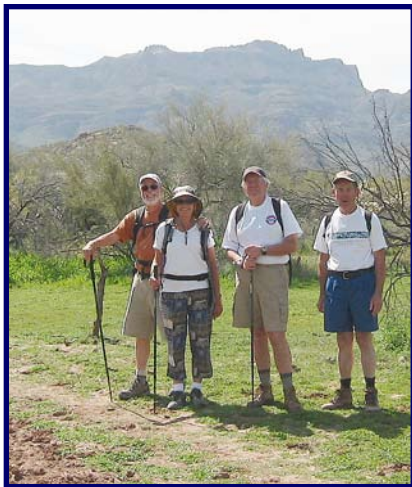
Are there former members whom you have remained close to after they left the Club? If so, we'd like your help in welcoming them back to events at RCYC.

A special recognition activity is planned for Opening Day, Saturday, May 3. More details will come out via an all-member email, but you can start planning now to invite old friends to the day's outing and/or social activities.

In fact, whether they are still living in the area or have moved away, we want past members to know that they are remembered and missed. Pass along our website address so they can keep up with the news via the on-line Foghorn: [www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).

And if you are a past member of RCYC who happens to be reading this Foghorn on-line, please know that you are welcome to contact us and stop by for activities. If you see something enticing – such as Opening Day or another upcoming party – contact a Board member or the person in charge of the event and let them know you'd like to attend. That person will arrange to have someone available to open the gate for you on the day of the event.

Speaking of past members, Dave and I recently visited with Bob and Marilyn Hicks during a visit to San Carlos, Mexico. Their lovely home overlooking the water became an impromptu RCYC outstation when we and several other "snowbirds"



*Hiking in the Superstition mountains and dining in the Phoenix and San Carlos area.*



spent a week (or more) in the area. Along with us, Mike and Delphi Godsil, Mike and Carol Pick, and Brad and Joyce Jensen were treated to a nice visit on the patio and later a dinner in Guaymas with the Hicks. Also joining us were some of the Godsils' recent cruising companions, Charlie and Grania Lindberg of Napa, California. The Hicks were gracious hosts and send their greetings to friends at RCYC.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I'm looking for volunteers to "host" refreshment duties at our monthly meetings for the months May - December. Two people working together makes light work of the refreshments, and clean-up is quick and easy. Carolyn Douglass and I worked February; Sue Pennington and I covered March; George Kent and Bobbi have volunteered for April's meeting. If you have a favorite month please contact me at 503-778-2210 [with voicemail option]; or [bradleyj@lanepowell.com](mailto:bradleyj@lanepowell.com) to lock in.

Thank you, *Janet Bradley*

## RCYC supporting scholarships...

RCYC will be supporting scholarships to Vancouver Lake Sailing Club or Willamette Sailing Club schools. Vancouver Lake is having their classes the last two weeks of June. Check the different club web sites for details and encourage attendance. It is important to sign up early to get the times you want. We are looking for volunteers to help at Vancouver Lake and promote getting this exciting program going. It is a wonderful place to learn. VLSC is purchasing new sailing boats for the 8-12 age group. I myself can't wait to get in one.

We are also putting together a comprehensive plan for supporting youth sailing in the Portland metropolitan area and Rose City Yacht Club. It is wonderful to collaborate with the different clubs!

Sharing resources and visions will promote a quality education program, and grow sailing in the area. I am so glad to be working with such a great group.

Cheers, *Pam Sesar*

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## MERMAIDS ON SHORE

### RCYC Ladies Dinner May 15, 2008

Gathering 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m.

Cost ~ \$20.00 ea ~ Prepayment requested

Reservations and prepayment to Patti Fischer:

154 NE Bridgeton Road, Portland, OR 97211

(503-285-5366 or [pfischer@prodigy.net](mailto:pfischer@prodigy.net))

Entertainment: Cloud Nine (accapella boys choir)

Menu includes: *Artichoke appetizers, Spring field greens in light vinaigrette, NW grilled salmon with accompaniments, Special RCYC dessert*



## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### April 2008

- 5 Work Party, 9 a.m.
- 10 Education, 7-9 p.m.
- 12-13 Opening Day Regatta
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Walk 1 BBQ,  
Seafood Chowder contest, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Work Party, 9 a.m.
- 26-27 Cruise, Government Island East Dock

### May 2008

- 3 OPENING DAY!
- 8 Education, 7-9 p.m.
- 12 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 Ladies Dinner, 6 p.m.
- 17 Medium Distance Race
- 24-26 Cruise, Hadley's Landing

### Let the Cruise Season Begin

The 2008 cruising season can be started very easily with a short trip to East Dock on Government Island on April 26 and 27. The Gods are considering giving us a weekend without a lot of rain, and if we all behave for a while, they will make the sun come out for the occasion. Happy Hour begins at 5:00 p.m.

► Check the web site for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.  
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### Need Club House Reservations?

Contact our Vice Commodore, Karl Quade.



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