

Commodore: Jim Douglass
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Secretary: Chuck Fisher

May 2008



COMMODORE'S LOG

Jim Douglass, Commodore

Are you handy with a saw and hammer? Then we need your help in building the new shop and the shower/storage buildings. The new float will arrive the 29th of April, when the fun begins. **Please call me at 503-777-9030; we will be happy to tap your skills.**

Are you a good member of our yacht club? Do you attend club functions? Are you a good neighbor in our moorage? Or are you just storing your boat here because you don't know what else to do with it? We are enjoying the labors of past members, and it is up to all of us to make RCYC a better place for the next generation of boaters. We currently have a waiting list of a year or more for new members to bring their boats into the Club.

Every year, the Board wrestles with the issue of what to do about poorly maintained and unregistered vessels in our moorage. Often these vessels belong to members who are rarely seen at the Club. We aren't talking about members who have health problems and haven't been able to wash their boats or keep them up recently. These members would only have to ask for help, and there would be plenty of volunteers to assist. These members still attend social functions, their faces and names are known in the Club, and, in spite of their owners' health problems, their boats have current registrations.

Unfortunately, there are members whose boats haven't left the moorage in years. No one ever checks on these boats or does even routine maintenance. The Resident Members have had to put new mooring lines on one such boat when its mooring lines broke, putting the boat itself and others in the moorage in danger. To these members, I would address the following questions: Have your priorities in life changed? Do you foresee yourself using your boat and becoming actively involved in the Club at any time in the near future? If you aren't using your boat and aren't actively involved in the social activities of our Club, why do you still want to belong to a yacht club?

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Opening Day, May 3, 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 0830-1000 Continental Breakfast
(Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sea Scouts, and past members invited for continental breakfast before the parade.)
- 0930-1030 Program and recognition of past members and other guests in attendance
(Emcee: Rear Commodore, Marili Green Reilly)
- 1100 or upon return of Commodore and First Mate from CRYA opening Flag raising ceremony, invocation, bag pipe music, Commodore's remarks.
- 1130 Skippers' meeting.
- 1230 First club fleet (PYC) begins to pass review vessels.
- 1230-1300 RCYC boats begin leaving moorage for parade.
- 1400+ Expected return of RCYC boats.
- 1400-1530 Light refreshments at RCYC Clubhouse followed by ongoing social.

Welcome New Members to RCYC!



Julie and Mike Schumann and Jim Stephan



Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

The last spring work party will be over by the time you read this. If you still need work hours, contact Commodore Douglass for an appropriate project. Hopefully this will apply to only a few of you.

If you see a yellow flashing light on the electrical building, across the headwalk from the Clubhouse, and hear a bell ringing, the moorage sewage lift pump has failed. A red light on the back of the Clubhouse with an alarm would indicate the Clubhouse lift pump has failed. In either case, instructions on how to respond to the emergency can be found in either of the H.E.L.P. notebooks found in the Clubhouse -- prominently displayed, one in the front and one in the back. They contain information on dealing with almost any emergency that might occur.

Finally, the oil shed in the southwest corner of the parking lot can be used only for engine oil. DO NOT put containers of old Diesel fuel, gasoline, or antifreeze there. You are responsible for disposing of those items properly at a hazardous materials facility.



Walk 1 - Bar BQ and Chowder Contest

Foghorn Copy Deadline is the 18th of the month.

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Secretary's Notes

Chuck Fisher, Secretary

Introductions:

Allan Weber and Connie Grate were introduced at the April Board meeting. They currently own a J-24 and have 25 years of sailing experience.

Michael and Debra Hibbs were also introduced along with their daughter Rachael at the April Board meeting. They are sailing a Catalina 30

Both new member applicants were later introduced at the April general meeting.

Membership Actions:

Walter and Rellalee Stotts' continued Honorary Member status was approved by the April board meeting.

Karl & Sigrid Hayden applied for and received active Life Member status.

Howard and Fran Hermansons' request to withdraw from membership was approved.

Michael and Julie Schumann were accepted as members. They sail a Newport 30.

James (Jim) Stephan was accepted as a member. He is sailing an Erickson 38.

At the general meeting, Jim Stephan and Michael and Julie Schumann were sworn in by John Dees.

Member News:

Roy Whitman is in rehabilitation at Providence Medical Center and is reported by Werner Bittner to be bored. Visitors are welcome after 3:00 p.m. He is in Room 4K04, Acute Rehabilitation. The address of Providence Center is 4805 NE Glisan Street, Portland, Or 97213. Roy celebrated his birthday on April 18th.

Our Condolences:

Elmer Drevdahl, past RCYC Member, has passed away.

Terry Foren's mother has passed away.

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While the moorage rules provide for equal treatment of all, we would expect all members to stand by their oath of membership to be an active member of the Club, participate in Club activities, and fly the RCYC burgee on a boat that does credit to the Club.

Now that I have water at my slip and am getting over my cold, I can wash my boat! See you on the river.

Jim



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

By now every boat should have a current registration sticker in place, and all members with dinghies stored on one of the floating racks should have a name plate on it. I hope that you all have your Vessel Safety Checks done, as well.

A couple of meetings ago I asked for helpers to form a committee to plan out a storage scheme for dinghies. This committee may be called "Getting a Little Dinghy" and will have irregular meetings over the next eight months or so. The general goal is that every member who so chooses should have a place to keep a small dinghy.

Before the club replaced the wooden finger docks, there was often enough room to store a small tender on the broad front of an oversized "T Slip." This benefit dates back to a time when an average size boat in the moorage was 20 to 27 feet, and a "big" boat was over 30 feet. Our average boat length has grown several feet, and the new concrete docks do not have room on the front for anything larger than a dock box. Anyway, what with the physical dimension of the whole moorage being unchangeable, the current fleet of larger and wider boats now need more water for maneuvering room.

There has been some sort of "dinghy dock" along the south side of the headwalk since before I joined in the early 90's. With the added levels on the west dinghy dock several years ago, we had room for about 36 dinghies, give or take. After the headwalk was replaced with concrete, a section of it was placed on the south side of the new walk, far east end, for added storage. In the last six months our work parties have created a new three-level dock just up from the east ramp. Our oldest dinghy dock is beside the clubhouse and now has room for four Youth Program boats and two member boats.

This now gives us room for 54 member dinghies. That's shared by approximately 117 members mooring on Walks 2 through 5. (Walk 1 owners store their dinghies in front of their boats, and private structure owners use their own house/floats for their tenders). We are making progress, albeit slowly, but note that kayaks have not been provided for -- yet.

Future Dreams: I foresee us constructing another tri-level 21-slot dinghy dock to replace the six-foot-wide present dock at the east end. We will soon have some usable logs from the old Walk 5 slips to build this on, by next winter. Additionally, we can put another dinghy dock just west of the power house, between Walks 3 and 4. I am not sure we can easily offer a dinghy spot for every member, but we can do more to make this benefit available and equitable.

What with removing those last four abandoned dinghies this spring and creating some open slots in the newest dock, we will be able this season to park more dinghies than for the last couple of decades.

Wakes: Hundreds of fishing boats are currently roaring by us. DO check your cleats, lines, snubbers, and chafe gear frequently.

Another sign of being alive a goodly number of decades: I note that as of 2008 I am finally required to have a Boater Education Card, for the age group of "70 and Younger"!

Boat US

Alan Bergen, Coordinator

PAPER CHART DISCOUNT. BoatUS Members can now get \$10 off the most up-to-date NOAA approved paper charts, available through OceanGrafix. This special offer is good only through June 30. OceanGrafix provides "Print on Demand" NOAA charts. In other words, they're updated with all the latest NOAA and U.S. Coast Guard corrections when your order is filled. Charts can be ordered online or by calling 877-562-4278 with the Discount Code BUS416N. The regular OceanGrafix price is \$25 per chart; the Boat US Member Price is \$15 through June 30. Even if you have electronic charts and a GPS, you should still have paper charts on board as a backup or handy reference, and these are the best available.

NOT A BOATUS MEMBER? As a member of RCYC you can join at half the membership rate. Just go to their web site www.BoatUS.com and click on membership, or pick up an application in the Clubhouse. Our cooperating group number is GA84669Y, and our membership rate is \$12.50/year.



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OPENING DAY CELEBRATION MAY 3RD!

SPRING EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MAY 8TH, 7:00 PM.

Provisioning: Ann Woolcott, Cathy Nelson, Dawn McClard, Delphi Godsil, Helen Unger, Lucy Mitchem and Rosie Barrett will tell us what to buy, how to store it, and where to shop and dine out when we are cruising up north.

THURSDAY JUNE 12TH, 7:00 PM.

WiFi: Ethan VanMatre will show you how to use the Club's wireless internet connection. The class will also cover using the members-only parts of our web site. Bring your laptop computer to the class.

Hi there all you boaters,

Opening Day is May 3rd. If you were not at the meeting and did not sign up on the sign up sheet, and want to be in the Opening Day Boat Parade, send me a e-mail to that effect. I will need to know your name, your boat name, whether you have your safety inspection done, and the number of crew you will have onboard. We are going to try to get a count. If you are going to hitch a ride and don't have a boat to ride on, let me know and we will get you aboard some boat. Maybe you want some experienced hand on your boat if you never have done it before, just let me know. If you want to open your boat to club members and visitors, let me know that as well, and we will try to post the open boats on each walk. Thanks!

Jim Douglass, Commodore



Let the Cruise Season Begin

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

May is here, and Opening Day is upon us. This year, Rose City Yacht Club will be represented on King Neptune's Court by Miss Claire Pickens, the granddaughter of Commodore Jim Douglass.

If you didn't get a chance to meet Claire at the Commodore's Ball, you may recognize her from Club cruises over the past several years. In the bio she wrote for the board, she said, "Sailing with my grandparents is the thing I look forward to every year." She especially enjoys the Pirate's Breakfast cruise and remembers her first time, "jumping into the ice cold water and doing nothing but laugh because it was so new to me, being surrounded by gorgeous sailboats." Last summer she and her younger brother took a sailing class through RCYC's youth program at Willamette Sailing Club – something that makes her grandfather extremely proud, and which Claire hopes will enable her to take the wheel of Hop-scotch this summer.

Claire attends Leadership High School in Portland and has served as a camp counselor at outdoor school. She's written a song that was recorded on a CD the school produced, and also loves acting and being on stage. As someone who likes being the center of attention, Claire should be a good representative for RCYC at the many activities that Neptune's Daughters participate in this summer.

I thought that the granddaughter of a commodore might be a "first" for RCYC; so I did a quick check of the list in the back of the yearbook. There have been several occasions when we were represented by Past Commodores' daughters, myself among them. There have been four years when the Rear Commodore's daughter served: Sandra Pruitt in 1957, second generation member Trine Tonneson Page in 1961, Alicia Dyer in 1987, and Lynn Easton's stepdaughter Erin Lolich in 1995. On only one occasion has a Commodore's daughter represented us, and that was Commodore Kathie Kneeland's daughter Kendra in 1984.

With Claire's enthusiasm and charm, I'm sure the first granddaughter of a sitting RCYC Commodore will represent us well on King Neptune's Court.





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Need for Action

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

The following letter from BoatUS is a very important announcement regarding a legislative issue that has an impact on everyone who owns or operates a boat. Please take action to insure that your future boating remains hassle free.

Dear Boater,

April 3, 2008

Unless Congress passes legislation, every boat in this country will need an EPA discharge permit to legally operate after 9/30/08!

Because of a lawsuit targeting ocean-going commercial vessels carrying ballast water and invasive species, the US EPA is required to implement an "operational discharge permit" for all vessels – big and small - by September 30, 2008. Under this permit system, you may be required to pay for a permit for each of your boats, in each state where you boat, and you can be sued by other citizens for permit violations. EPA will be potentially monitoring your deck runoff, grey water, bilge water, engine cooling water, and the use of copper bottom paints.

We need your help now to pass NEW federal legislation that can provide a permanent exemption for recreational boats from this upcoming requirement.

Last year two identical bills were introduced in Congress, House #2550 and Senate #2067, both called "The Recreational Boating Act of 2007." **A new Senate Bill #2766 "The Clean Boating Act of 2008," is most likely to gain widespread support, be passed into law, and eliminate the permit requirement.**

Here's what to do:

1. Phone or email now! Ask your two federal Senators to sponsor and vote YES for Senate Bill #2766. Tell them about your boating. We need huge numbers of boaters to make contact so the Senators know it's important and the Bill keeps moving.
2. Share this information with your boating club, friends, and family. We need LOTS of pressure on Congress.
3. Send the Senators' responses to us at govtaffairs@boat.us so we can better coordinate our approach in Washington, D.C.
4. Stay tuned: we will need help on the House of Representatives later.

For more information:

www.boat.us/gov

To quickly send an email to your Senator:

[www.boatblue.org/take action.aspx](http://www.boatblue.org/take%20action.aspx)

Thanks for your ongoing help with this issue.



Margaret Podlich
Vice President, Government Affairs

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Youth Sailing Program

Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Program

RCYC is supporting the education programs offered by Willamette Sailing Club and Vancouver Sailing Club. Their web sites have the schedules and details of the classes. Vancouver is putting together a new program; we can support them by advertising and volunteering. I will be volunteering at VLSC and hope we can put together car pooling. We will be supporting RCYC members' children with reimbursements, and other children may be supported this way too. Please call me at my home and leave a message with your name and the child's name so I can keep records. I feel that my work has just begun, and I am so very happy to support these programs and help them grow.



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

May 2008

- 3 **OPENING DAY Celebration**
- 8 RCYC Education, 7:00-9:30pm
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
- 15 RCYC Ladies Dinner, 6:00pm
- 16-18 Columbia River Ladies Cruise
- 17 RCYC Medium Distance Race, Alan Bergen/ Chuck Stuckey
- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 24-26 RCYC Cruise Hadley's Landing
- 31 Private Party Jim Martin, 3pm - 11pm

June 2008

- 3 OWSA Spinnaker Handling, 5:00-9:30pm
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- 6 Private Party John Flenniken, 12:00-9:00pm
- 7 OWSA Cruising Class, 9:00am
- 7 Private Party CJ Volesky, 2:00-10:00pm
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
- 12 RCYC Education, 7:00-9:30pm
- 14-15 RCYC Cruise Coon Island West Dock
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 20 Racing Summer Regatta, Rock Kent/ Dave Reilly
- 20 RCYC Party Walk 2 BarBQ, 6:00pm
- 21 OWSA Cruising Class, 9:00am
- 21 Racing Summer Regatta, Rock Kent/ Dave Reilly
- 27 RCYC Regatta

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