

Commodore - Jim Douglass
Vice Commodore- Karl Quade
Secretary- Chuck Fisher

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Commodore's Log

Jim Douglass, Commodore

Here we are in the cruising season. I have been on only one cruise and, in fact, I have been too busy to even take the boat out for a day sail. We have our yearly cruise coming up on July 19th thru the 27th of July. It was set up this way so we could leave early and take in the Bald Eagle Days at Cathlamet. I want to start early to take in the festivities, even though Mike Oxborrow won't be playing.

About Walk 5: I know you are tired of hearing of it, but we are making progress. I met with Tom Stringfield at our new shop to sign the contract for our electrical work that we must have done by a licensed electrical contractor and overseen by a licensed electrician. We don't want to get in trouble with the powers that be. We have to wait until we get a cover inspection on the electrical before we can complete the work bench wall. The roof is on our two replacement buildings and they look great. You might give it a look because we just might try and re-roof the Clubhouse with that style of metal roofing. It has no screws showing so of course there won't be any leaking, unlike our Clubhouse roof now. The firm that supplied our metal roof for the new buildings said that we don't have to sheet the Clubhouse with plywood first. We can just go over the space sheeting we have up there now. Maybe in a couple of years we could re-roof it. We have painted two thirds of the shower/storage building and have most of the shelves up in the shop. We are trying to get the painting done while we have a platform to paint from on the shower/storage building. If we wait until we move it, we will have to paint it from a ladder in a workboat. We can work on the shower later this year when the pressure is off. As soon as the shop is done we will move all the stuff from the old shop into the new shop and then we can wave goodbye to the old shop and float. As soon as the old shop is gone, we can move the shower/storage building/float into its place. All of this must be done before August 11, when the new Walk-5 float will be coming in. So if you can, we need your help painting. I want to thank all of the people that have worked so hard to get us where we are now. It's a big job, and without our willing volunteers we would be nowhere. I won't name anybody because you know that I will miss someone and they will be unhappy.

We are saving the cupola from the old shop, and Ron Moran is going to refurbish it and put it on one of the new buildings or the Clubhouse. If you look close enough you can see it in the picture of the original south wall of the Clubhouse. I will bring this idea up for discussion at the July General Meeting and let the membership decide where to put it. It has wavy glass and with a light in it, it could look like a lighthouse. It will take a lot of imagination on your part to make it look like a lighthouse, but I think we should save it.

We have not had our boat out since Memorial Day, so we are surely looking forward to the Lazy-Days Cruise. The potluck will be on the 24th in Cathlamet, so come down the river and join in the fun. I'll hope to see you out on the river and down at Cathlamet.



View From the Rear

Marili Green Reilly, Rear Commodore

As I write this, the clock is ticking down, with only a couple more weeks before Dave and I start our big adventure down the coast for a winter in Mexico. I hope to see you all at the July 4th Land Cruise before we head down river “at 10:30 on July 5,” as Mr. Reilly likes to say these days (right after he says that we won’t be keeping to any schedule. Hmmm, I wonder if I should worry about this?)

Because of my imminent departure, I’ve already been working with the **Nominations Committee** -- Rosemary Barrett, Lynn Easton, and Carl Nielsen -- to select a slate of officers to present to you next fall. If you would like to be considered for a position on the 2009 Board of Directors, please contact one of these nominations committee members and let us know of your interest. As provided for in the Bylaws, there will also be an opportunity at the October meeting for nominations from the floor.

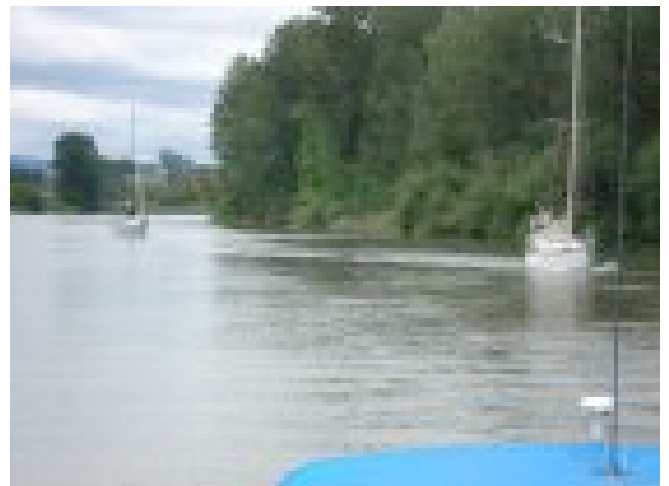
I’ll also put in an early plug to get you thinking about the **Pirates’ Breakfast**. In true pirate fashion, I plan to commandeer a sturdy ship with a hearty crew to get me there. Along with a crew of very competent Past Commodores, we will be cooking up one of the best pirate feasts you’ve ever been treated to. This cruise is always a lot of fun, so if you haven’t been to one for awhile, please plan to join us August 9-10 at Government Island/East Dock. For those of you who are new to RCYC, you can start getting ready now by gathering up your best pirate earrings, hook-hands, peg-legs, and weather-worn pirate garb to dress the part and vie for the best pirate costume.

Finally, for my “occasional” history piece, this month I’ll focus on the Past Commodores portion of our history wall. With our 75th Anniversary now behind us and sixty-two and four-quarter commodores’ pictures to display, it was time to update the photos. We’ve expanded the two horizontal frames to three rows and added a vertical third frame to accommodate the last nine years and into the future. For this display I also opted to list the names in a separate frame, which will make for a cleaner update each year. No more struggles with matching fonts!

The Past Commodores’ photos have been a presence in the Clubhouse since at least the early 1960’s. At that

time, the individual framed photos were displayed along the front of the clubhouse above the big windows. As the years passed and the numbers grew, we began adding a second row of photos until we ran out of space. Commodore Kathie Kneeland had the idea to move to smaller photos in the large frames. At first we continued to display the latest additions to the gallery individually, but having enough room continued to be an issue.

The latest display should hold us for another 17 years – check it out and see how many of our past commodores are still hanging around the Club, preparing to cook up another pot of grog for the pirates’ breakfast.



Trig, Tamara, Enchantment and Magic travelled up Lake River to Ridgefield



Memorial Day cruise to Hadley’s Landing



Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

The deadline for spring work hours is over, and for those that haven't completed them you will be billed on your third quarter statement. If anyone has extra time on his or her hands, we can still use help painting the new buildings. With the Walk 5 installation coming up nobody should lack an opportunity for fall work hours. However, there will still be many other maintenance tasks to which to attend. Looks like a very busy fall.

A committee has been established to address the problem of derelict boats in the moorage. Recommended changes to the moorage rules will be presented to the Board in August and will include steps to be taken when a boat is not complying with any one of the moorage rules. After the Board's approval, any proposed changes to the rules will be brought before the membership. The new rules are important because of the waiting list of boats wanting moorage. Although it changes from day to day, we currently have at least 10 boats waiting for a slip.

Clean Moorage Reminder

Please remember that in 2007 RCYC received recognition as an Oregon Clean Moorage. It is important that all members respect the provisions of this certification and refrain from dumping oil fouled bilge water or sewage overboard. In addition, please use environmentally appropriate means for cleaning your boat and dispose of batteries, oil and used filters in an approved manner. If you are unsure of how to do these, contact members of the board or visit the Oregon Clean Marina website.

Also, our moorage rules require that members not store items outside their dock box with the exception of dinghies and bottom cleaning poles. A recent walk through the moorage showed that batteries, gas cans, cleaning supplies and various boat hardware are being stored on the docks, particularly on walk 1. Please be a good neighbor and clean up your area.



RCYC Lazy Days Cruise July 19 to July 26

That does not sound like enough time for a serious cruise, that is why this year many members will be taking two weeks for the cruise. Remember to take your tide table. The first stop is usually "Jimmy" Martin Island Lagoon. If you leave on a Thursday, you may want to stop in St. Helens, where there is usually a free concert. The next stop before C-Town is Walker Island and/or Pirate's Cove. Some boats might be making the trip down Prairie Channel.

In Cathlamet, Bald Eagle Days falls early on July 19 - 20. This event includes Coast Guard rescue demonstrations, a wooden boat festival, food, crafts and a parade.

The BIG RCYC POTLUCK will be on Thursday July 24.



ANNOUNCEMENT

A supplemental page with updates for new members and changes in e-mail, phone, or addresses for current members is being prepared. It will be released via e-mail to all persons on the RCYC e-mail list. Paper printed copies will be available at the July general meeting. If you have an update that you want on the listing, contact Judy Oxborrow at (503) 652-1549 or via e-mail prior to July 10.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

We are now moving in a couple of large boats off of the top of the Wait List, and should be filling a small boat opening in a week or two. There are several members using temporary slips for the next month or so, while the assigned occupants are out cruising. This is sometimes a bit tricky to schedule since, by definition, "cruising" is a loosely-scheduled activity. If anyone happens to return a little early (or even on time) and finds another boat in their slip be prepared to be gracious and just use the breakwater or another slip for a day or so until we change the position of the temporary occupant.

It will be difficult at times to find room for temporary moorage customers as well as assigned boats while the walk five replacement takes place in late August. Be prepared to move (or have the club move) your walk five boat while finger docks are changed over to concrete and/or the new headwalk sections are put into place.

This month, if you have some hours to donate to the club, be advised that we have immediate need for painters for both new buildings -- contact Commodore Jim for details. Beyond that, the high water has brought in a lot of clumps of plant matter that is clogging the front of many slips and needs to be removed. "Removed" can be up to the dumpster or otherwise out of the moorage. Let me know if you want to do some of this work so that I can sign off the work hours. Thank you.

The current is strong and the river level is high, so maneuvering inside the moorage is tricky. Remember to follow the moorage rule about sounding your horn when leaving.



New members Allan Weber, Connie Grate and Michael Hibbs sworn in at the May General Meeting.

Here is the URL for current Vancouver River Gauge readings, with the predictions for the next several days. Useful when planning your boating activities. These levels are usually very close to the gauge board readings inside the club moorage.

<http://ahps2.wrh.noaa.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1&view=1,1,1,1,1,1>

Here is a great URL for looking at short term predictions of swell height, swell period, and wind patterns. Use the menu in the upper left side to pick the coast line you want, like Oregon or Washington. The site is maintained for surfers, but the graphics provide good input for last-minute coastal trip planning.

<http://magicseaweed.com>



RCYC Wedding

CJ Volesky with wife Roxanne and their children at their June 7th wedding.



Secretary Notes

by Chuck Fisher, Secretary

Our Condolences: Past member Denny Snyder passed away in June. Denny and Wilma Snyder were active members prior to moving their boat to Pleasant Harbor, Washington. He will be missed.

Members Recuperating: Gail O'Neill had foot surgery in early June. She will be on crutches for a time. Ann Roehm has recently had shoulder surgery.

Member Action: Otto and Fay Keller submitted a letter of resignation dated May 13. Mike and Delphi Godsil requested a change to Inactive Membership effective October 1st as they plan to winter in the Sea of Cortez aboard Trig. The request was approved by the Board.

New Members: Following the Board's review and approval of membership applications, the following people were sworn in as new members at the June general meeting:



Joseph and Susan Denham sail a 23' Ranger named "At Last" which they purchased in the fall of 2007.

Stan Livingston and Darlene Brown, who declare themselves novices with a capital "N", sail a trailerable 26' McGregor named "Escape Hatch".

Roger Yeager purchased a Cascade 42 about four years ago. His plans include blue water adventures.

Member News: Robert Dunstan appeared at the June Board meeting as requested. While his vessel then displayed proper registration tags, the issue of the overall condition of the vessel and the possibility of it presenting a hazard to the Club remained. Since the Board meeting, Mr. Dunstan has donated his vessel to the Sea Scouts. By the publication of this summary, the vessel is expected to have been removed from the moorage.

TOP TEN TIPS FROM BOATU.S. FOR GETTING THE MOST FROM A TANK OF GAS

ALEXANDRIA, VA, June 9, 2008 -- With boaters facing record high fuel prices this summer Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) has a few tips that could help stretch their fuel dollars:

1. Leave the extra 'junk' home: Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home.
2. Water weight: At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
3. Tune her up: An engine tune-up is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the summer.
4. Tune your prop: If your boat goes 30 mph with a like-new prop and only 27 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, that's a 10% loss in fuel economy, or, you're wasting one out of every ten gallons you put in your tank.
5. Paint the boat's bottom: When boating in salt or brackish waters a fouled bottom is like a dull knife. It takes a lot more fuel to push your boat through the water.
6. Keep the boat in trim: Using trim tabs or distributing weight evenly will help move your boat through the water with less effort - and less fuel.
7. Go with the flow: Consult tide tables and try to travel with the tide whenever possible.

8. Install a fuel flow meter: A fuel flow meter is like a heart monitor; when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows you to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed.

9. Do the math: If you don't want to spring for a fuel flow meter (about \$300), you can calculate your fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using your logbook, you can then approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.

10. Get a discount: Many of the 885 BoatU.S. Cooperating Marinas around the country offer up to 10 cents off a gallon of gas. To get the discount all you have to do is to show your BoatU.S. membership card. If you aren't already a member, join online now for a special rate of \$19.00 by going to BoatUS.com/membership or call 800-395-2628.

Our group number is GA84665Y, and dues are only \$12.50 per year, half the normal rate.



RCYC Ladies Dinner

Hadley's Memorial Day Cruise



Coon Island Cruise



Youth Sailing - Finn & Rachel



Youth Sailing News

by Pam Sesar - Director

The next generation is coming on strong! We have a fantastic start to building an exemplary program that members alike can all be proud of. I am certainly thrilled to see the Gainer Fund used to build future champions and skilled sailors. The 2008 Rose City Yacht Club support of Vancouver Lake Summer Sailing Program is under way. The Junior Sailing classes (ages 8-12) are full, with students being turned away. The talented staff of accomplished competitors and experienced instructors are empowering students to excel in the art and skill of sailing. The teachers are excellent. Kyle takes notes and plans each step bringing the children together as a group, and taking them to higher levels. Some Juniors who are just beginning their adventure in sailing are bravely shoving off the dock on their first solo. I have learned so much by watching the instructors, although they would prefer we stay out of the way!

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club offered scholarships to high school students who applied. There were a number of Vancouver High School students who wrote essays about why they wanted to learn to sail. The top essay winners were sponsored for the sailing class, and they are rising to the challenge. The Youth classes (ages 13-18) did not fill up, so we will continue to get the word out about this great opportunity. Contact me if you know of any student who would be interested.

To support the Junior Sailing Program Fundraising Campaign you may give directly to the Rose City Yacht Club Gainer Fund account. Thank you again for your support.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE RCYC 4th of JULY LAND CRUISE

Bring your favorite potluck dish. If you are bringing guests, bring extra food!

Happy Hour begins at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks viewing from the breakwater at dusk!

Beat the crunch on Marine Drive, come early and stay overnight on your boat. There will be plenty of activities at the Club during the afternoon. You will have a front row seat to view the Indy 500 circus as all the boats charge to the 42nd Street Ramp. If you stay, on your boat you can have breakfast with Dave and Marili to celebrate the beginning of their journey to Mexico. Following breakfast, we plan to escort them downstream as far as the Railroad Bridge.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

July 2008

- 4 Land Cruise/Potluck Dinner
- 12 RCYC Party Walk 3 B Q 6:00/7:00pm
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 RCYC General Meeting 7:30pm
- 18 Racing Beer Can #1 Pam Sesar
- 19 Bald Eagle Days Cathlamet
Private Party John Kneeland
RCYC Cruise Lazy Days
- 20 Bald Eagle Days Cathlamet
RCYC Cruise Lazy Days

July continued

- 21 RCYC Cruise Lazy Days
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RCYC Potluck At Cathlamet
- 25 RCYC Cruise Lazy Days
- 26 RCYC Cruise Lazy Days

August 2008

- 9 Pirates Cruise, East Dock Gov. Is.
- 10 Pirates Breakfast, East Dock Gov. Is.
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 15 Racing Beer Can #2 Randy Bauer
- 30 Private Party Doug Marshall
RCYC Cruise Beacon Rock
- 31 RCYC Cruise Beacon Rock

Check the web for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website - www.rosecityyachtclub.org
