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ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

September 2008



COMMODORE'S LOG

Jim Douglass, Commodore

Hi fellow members,
As you will read in this Foghorn, we are proposing changes to the moorage rules so we won't have the problems that we have had in the past with members not properly maintaining



A section of Walk 5 being towed to RCYC.

their boats. This will never include members who have a short time problem that can be easily explained and eventually taken care of. We don't want to hassle anyone, but there is a limit. These changes were proposed by a committee chaired by our Vice Commodore and approved by our Board. We are very appreciative for the good work they have done to make this a better place for everyone.

Our Rear Commodore chose not to return from her ongoing cruise to Mexico to host our Pirates Cruise. We can well understand that decision. We had a great response from the Past Commodores and many volunteers who stepped up and got the job done. Thank you one and all. There were 32 boats attending and 150 pirates for the traditional breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage.

The Walk 5 project is progressing well. By the time you read this Foghorn, we will have installed the walk and all of the concrete fingers. The new holding tank pump out station is sitting in the parking lot awaiting installation. Soon, we will no longer have to go elsewhere to pump out our holding tanks. The pump out station will be for members only and accessible by using your gate key. We had no idea how bad a condition the old walk was in until we started tearing it apart. My guess is that it might have lasted until the end

of the month and that is all. A bad winter could have proven catastrophic!

We have had a lot of volunteers helping, and we owe a big thanks to all the people that are making this project a reality. This project has been in the works for about eight years. You all can be very proud of what you have accomplished. During the installation of Walk 5, we had our lunch prepared every day by **Mary Laird**. Thursday she was assisted by **Cathy Nelson**.

I can't tell you how much we all appreciated having a good lunch every day. **Tom Stringfield** is always there to



The NEW and The OLD



hold our hand and solve the problems that come up. **Carl Nielsen** has done a great job with Key Bank, securing a loan that will save us a lot of money in the future. We still have much work to do to finish the storage building, with the shower and the shop. We

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Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

Lots of hours have been worked by several members during the installation of Walk 5. There is much more work to be done, but the project is on or ahead of schedule. Our first scheduled fall work party is September 6. We'll need help as there is lots of work to do. Contact Hans Geerling if you can attend. It makes planning lunch much easier.

I'd rather have something positive to say, but your Mom doesn't live at the Clubhouse. Garbage and recycling bins are in the parking lot. If you take something down the ramp, and don't consume it or leave it on your boat, take it back up the ramp when you leave. Lights in the Clubhouse are often left on in the middle of the day, especially in the heads. Please be responsible when using the Clubhouse.

The Pirates Cruise was fun. The Rear Commodore might want to be wary next year.



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need someone to volunteer to finish building the shelves in the storage building. Later, we will need someone to take charge of finishing the shower, so that we will have it for next summer. Remember, the Walk 5 still has to be wired and plumbed. The fire system for the walk must be installed. When we get done with all of that, we can move all the things from the old storage building down to the new storage building; then tear the old building down and dispose of it. As you can see, we still have much work to do; but we are a lot closer now than we were a year ago.

We got away for 12 days on our Lazy Days Cruise. We stopped at Cathlamet, then continued down to Astoria, spent a couple days at West Basin, then back to Cathlamet



Lazy Days



for the potluck on Thursday. We had about 30 boats there. Afterwards, we went over to the Westport Slough and spent a couple days on the hook with five other boats. We then went home by way of Hadley's Landing. We had a good time and hope you had a good time as well.

We'll see you on the river.

Jim

Pirates!



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Moorage Matters

Snubbers are required for your bow and stern lines at RCYC. Even with reduced pleasure boat traffic due to fuel costs, we are getting the occasional broken snubber from wakes. These "energy absorbers" save your deck cleats and the cleats on the docks. They are especially important if you moor to one of the private houses or docks on Walks 4 or 5. All of those structures are weakest at the downstream end where there are no continuous stringers at their boat well entry area.

Check on those sacrificial rubber snubbers all the time, and also check your lines for chafe. You should always use nylon three-strand line for dock lines. Never use low stretch Dacron. This is NO place to recycle an old halyard!

The big Walk 5 dock replacement project is moving along nicely, albeit with a lot of boats from that walk being redistributed around the Club for days at a time while old finger docks are being replaced and houses moved around. At press time (Aug.18) the estimate for getting electricity restored to that walk is early September. After that will come new water piping. Understand that ALL of the old distribution systems are being replaced, and this takes time and labor. Volunteer labor. Lots of labor. Labor - mine and yours. And

this is all in addition to the project list to be tackled by the September and October Saturday work parties. I hope that most of our able-bodied members put in something beyond the 12 work-hour minimum this year. Any member keeping a boat here benefits from inexpensive moorage combined with a first class modern facility.

Slip assignments are moving along, and this summer we moved several boats into the Club as some members moved away or gave up their slip for long distance cruising.

However, the waiting list looks to remain at around eight boats for the near future. The lists, both for boat location and waiting, are posted on the

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Walk 5





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cork board west of the galley door in the Clubhouse. Anyone wanting a PDF copy can e-mail me for one anytime.

As we install all the components of a brand new Walk 5 and fingers, we are using Club hand and power tools in bunches, every day. What **we need, pronto, is a new Shop Chairperson** to organize the new shop building. These tools need well-marked homes there. If you can organize and take charge of the shop, **please contact Commodore Jim immediately.**

Thank You !



Walk 5



RCYC OKTOBERFEST 2008

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

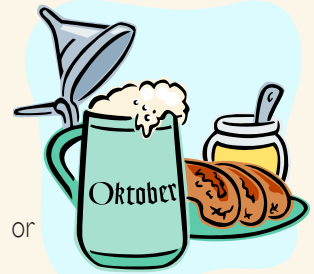
SOCIAL HOUR 1700 HRS

DINNER SERVED AT 1800 HRS

Menu: Three different kinds of sausages, German potato salad, sauerkraut, rolls, dessert, beer, wine

- All this for only \$12 per person
- Children are free
- Please bring your favorite stein or other beer glass.

We will not have any plastic cups.



Make reservations using the sign up sheet at the Club, e-mail: ossliki@earthlink.net, or call the Bittners 503-246-0338.

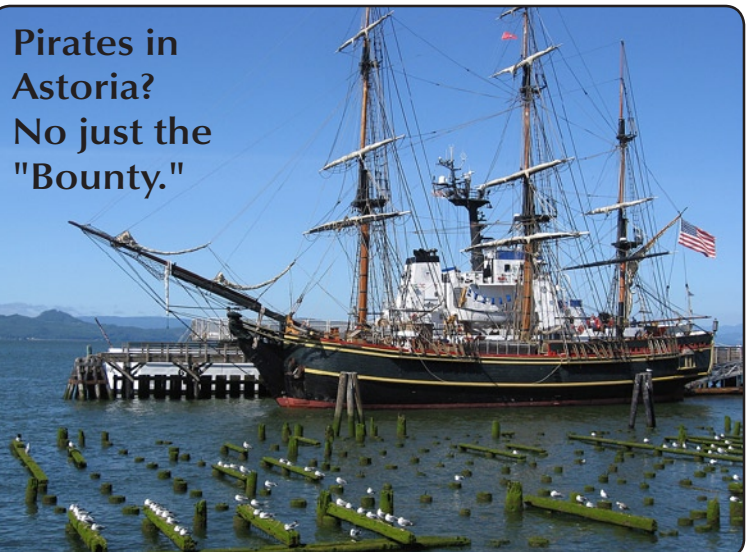
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Pirates in Astoria?
 No just the "Bounty."

MOORAGE RULES

Over the years, various RCYC Boards have been faced with the issue of poorly maintained and neglected boats. In an effort to resolve this and other issues and to assist future Boards in dealing with similar matters, a committee (Karl Quade, Karen Jacobson, Judy Oxborrow and Chuck Stuckey) was appointed to review the moorage rules and recommend changes. Below are proposed changes to the moorage rules.

Language in bold print is a change from the current rule or new verbiage.

These proposed changes will be a discussion item at the September General meeting, with final action taken at the October Board meeting. If you have any comments or questions, please contact any Officer or Director.

Moorage Rules and Procedures

Rule A.1.d change to read:

Each boat must display a current registration sticker. **Such registration stickers shall be properly installed upon each boat no later than April 1. At the April Board meeting, the Moorage Chair shall advise the Board of all boats that fail to meet current registration requirements.**

Rule A.1.h change to read:

Members are required to leave an identified boat key or combination with Resident Members or Port Captain. All boat keys or combinations shall be stored in a locked cabinet. Access to that cabinet shall be limited to Resident Member, Port Captain, Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Moorage Chair. Access keys shall be pre-numbered. A register shall be maintained of access keys issued. An annual accounting shall be made of all issued keys.

Rule A.1.m change to read:

By accepting moorage at RCYC, all members understand it is their responsibility to maintain their property in a manner which does not endanger the property of other members or the Club. All boats moored or parked within Club facilities, slips, dock boxes, floating homes and boathouses shall be properly maintained and kept in good repair. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Vessel Safety Check program offered by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Section A.3 Private Slips and Boathouses, Add the following:

d. Slips and boathouses shall be **securely** fastened. Such attachment shall be approved by the Board and completed at the owner's expense.

Add Rule A.6

6. Enforcement of Moorage Rules

a. **The Commodore, Moorage Chair, and one Director shall walk the moorage in April and September. A listing shall be made of structures, boats and their surrounding slip area that appear to be poorly maintained, neglected or considered to be derelict and a safety concern. This listing shall be reviewed by the Board.**

b. **Following this review, a letter signed by the Commodore shall be sent to each member deemed to be in violation of the moorage rules. The member shall have 30 days from the date of the letter to prove to the Board's satisfaction that his/her vessel is maintained, safe and should remain in the moorage.**

c. **Uncorrected safety violations endanger the offending boat, the moorage and other boats and members. Any boat whose condition provides an immediate safety hazard will be dealt with by the Board in whatever manner is deemed necessary to cure it, including eviction or removal from the moorage, with any costs the responsibility of the owner.**

d. **Any member whose boat is evicted from the moorage forfeits his/her assigned moorage. Once the boat has undergone repairs, the member may re-apply for moorage and will go to the bottom of the waiting list.**

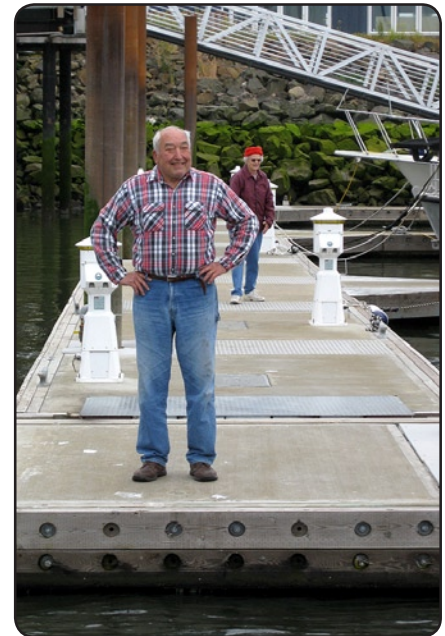
Rule E. 8 – Delete in its entirety. With the completion of Walk 5 in concrete, there will be no wooden slips within the Club.

Rule E.9 – Delete in its entirety. Moved to Section A.3.d See above.



Early arrivals in Astoria

Bald Eagle Days in Cathlamet



Lazy Days

St. Helens

Rainier

Astoria





Pirates!



Lazy Days and Pirates Cruise





Pirates!

YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM REPORT

Although most of this clinic may have ended by the time you receive this, I felt it was important to inform the membership about what has been taking place in the youth sailing program

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club (VLSC) is offering a youth sailing race clinic on Sundays, August 17 and 31, and September 14, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Eligible students must have completed the level one certified course or something similar. This is a fantastic opportunity and is being taught by top racing instructors.

At this time the clinic is free, as Vancouver Lake Sailing Club is sponsoring it. On Sundays VLSC also has socials so families can participate and get a bite to eat. Call Dave Collins at 503.313-5356 to reserve a spot in the class or for further information. You need not attend every time. VLSC will also be offering another level 1 class this fall. I will send out the dates when available. Please let any and all youth know about this. Thank you for your support.

I attended the first race clinic at VLSC this past Sunday and talked with some of the leadership at VLSC. I cannot express enough what a great program they are starting and supporting. I took more photos and observed how much the children had learned. They are truly amazing. It was fantastic to see how well the club worked together to pool resources that support the sport of sailing. There are eight training boats, and there were 11-13 children so on the water boat exchanges were conducted. They are grateful for RCYC's support, and it did my heart good to see Jack Gainer's gift and others used to support a youth program like this. Thank you to all who have contributed.

I was also able to talk a VLSC member into taking me out in his Fireball, and oh my goodness, was that exciting. I got to hike out on the strap and grin from ear to ear. I also got to practice sailing with way too much power and did some swimming too. I found out how to land on the main and get the hiking strap off while still laughing!

I am hopeful we can do an RCYC/VLSC social at VLSC, and that members will get an opportunity to sail on the lake and see the class(s). I would love it for all of us to get together and celebrate youth sailing even for just a few hours. It is very revitalizing. So, please stay tuned for news about a VLSC and RCYC sailing social. Working with others is such a great reward! Best wishes and enjoy.

Pam Sesar, Director



Secretary's Notes

Chuck Fisher, Secretary

AN OPEN NOTE TO RCYC MEMBERS:

"Dear RCYC Members,

Thanks to all of you for the beautiful floral arrangement. Thanks too for the members that attended Roy's Memorial Service.

RCYC was such a big part of Roy's life. He loved being involved with the social activities, cruises, meetings and work parties.

Anna Whitman"

MEMBER STATUS CHANGES:

Paul and Dorothy Glynn have requested life membership status. The Board approved their request effective July 1, 2008

John Miller's request to resign from RCYC, as he sold his boat was approved. The Board accepted his resignation effective July 31, 2008.

The Board approved the resignation of Bob Dunstan and Gayle Miller effective July 31, 2008.

Kevan Kendrick and Brenda Cloutier also resigned. The Board approved the resignation effective July 31, 2008.



CONGRATULATIONS JOBY, BILL AND RAINDROP

Just 12 days, 2 hours, 54 minutes and 33 seconds after departing San Francisco, Raindrop sailed into Kaneohe Bay, crossing the finish line first, and in so doing, won the 2008 Pacific Cup. The second boat to finish was Paul Cayard's Santa Cruz 50 just over 30 minutes later. Many of us were glued to our computer tracking the boat throughout the race. When all 61 boats had crossed the finish line and all the mai tais poured, it was time to present the trophies. Raindrop will be noticeably heavier on the waterline coming home due to the collection of "hardware" added to the boat.

Raindrop claimed trophies for first in its division and first overall in the fleet (Pacific Cup). Raindrop also won the Latitude 38 Performance Trophy for the most decisive victory over her fleet. In addition, Bill Huseby won the Henri Lloyd Navigator's Award. Both the Pacific Cup and Navigator's Award resulted in a permanent trophy presentation as well as keeper trophies for Joby and Bill. A Pacific Cup press release described the awards best, "The little area around Raindrop's seats looked like a garage sale of etched and engraved hardware."

Joby rebuilt Raindrop into a beautiful boat, sailed through the Golden Gate and never looked back. With a smile



on his face, Jack Gainer would have lifted his glass to toast Joby, Bill and Raindrop for a job well done. As we write this (August 18), Raindrop is in West Basin at Astoria. They sailed through 45 knot winds with the storm that brought rain to the valley to arrive there late last night. They are expected home in a few days. The question for the members of RCYC is "When are we having the welcome home and victory celebration to honor Joby Easton, Bill Huseby and Raindrop?" The Walk 4 BBQ might be a perfect venue for such a party! We could hear a few of the exciting stories from their adventure, congratulate them on their victory, and thank them for representing RCYC so well.

Judy Oxborrow

RCYC BEER CAN RACE RESULTS

Friday, July 18, 2008

RCYC boats finished in the top six positions with some fantastic close racing.

Results are:

1. *Apple Pi* - Dena and Rock Kent
2. *Amaretto* - Jeffrey Crass (The committee boat was sooo favored)
3. *Wave Dancer* - Stephen Moshofsky (less than a second behind Jeff)
4. *Okapii II* - Arly and Pam Dunham
5. *Karma* - Randy and Becky Bauer
6. *Cool Change* - Sandy and Frank Noragon

There were other RCYC boats out, but some of the sail numbers and boat names were not recorded. Karma gave the best gift and therefore corrected into first place! Please let me know if I left someone off. It was so much fun running this race; and next time I do it, I want to add a mark! Thanks to the Race Captain(s) for keeping the equipment in such great shape and organized. Eric and Kim Rimkus met with me several times to ensure I had the start sequence correct, where and how the equipment was stored, and how to run the RCYC race launch. Thank you to all who participated! There is always room for more boats!

Pam Sesar



BoatUS: Safe Boating Tips

Even though summer is rapidly passing, here are ten tips from BoatUS to help you stay safe on the water all year.

- 1. Put safety into your weekend plan.** The Foundation's free on-line boating "Toolbox" at <http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/Guide> has helpful information on trip planning and preparation, boating equipment, emergency preparation, navigation, and quizzes to test your knowledge. The Foundation also offers a free NASBLA-approved online boating safety course for residents of more than 30 states at <http://www.BoatUS.org/Onlinecourse>.
- 2. "Little" guests need life jackets.** Do you have the right-sized life jacket aboard for any visiting kids? The BoatU.S. Foundation loans children's life jackets for free at over 350 marinas, fuel docks, and other waterfront businesses and boat clubs. To find a location near you go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/LJLP>.
- 3. Take your time to get home.** Some fair-weather boaters - who rarely navigate in the dark - venture out after the sun goes down. The most reported type of boating accident is a collision with another vessel, so it's a good idea to keep your speed down, post an extra lookout, and ensure all your navigation lights work. A spotlight is a must. Ensure all safety gear is readily available and life jackets are worn. Be extra vigilant about not running over anchor lines in crowded areas, and don't take shortcuts in the dark.
- 4. Wear life jackets.** Almost three-quarters of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, 87% were not wearing a life jacket. Accidents can happen very quickly, sometimes leaving no time to don a life jacket.
- 5. Don't overload your boat.** Resist the urge to invite more friends or family than what your boat was designed to carry. Heavily loaded small boats, and those with little freeboard such as bass boats, are more susceptible to swamping from weather or wake action.
- 6. It's a long day.** A full day in the sun will increase alcohol's effects on the body, so it's better to wait until you're safely back at the dock or home before breaking out the libations. Also bring lots of water, a VHF radio, and check the weather reports to avoid storms.
- 7. Know how to get back in the boat.** A fall overboard can turn into a life-threatening situation pretty quickly, especially for small boats without built-in boarding ladders. The BoatU.S. Foundation recently tested a range of portable boarding ladders, and you may be surprised what they found. To view video of these ladders in our boarding tests, or learn which ladder may be best for you, see the Foundation Findings #44 at <http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation>.
- 8. Never run the engine when swimmers are in the water.** Raft-ups, or groups of boats tied together in a protected anchorage, is a great way to spend the holiday with fellow boating friends. But you should never run an engine, or a generator for that matter, with swimmers in the water near exhaust ports or props. Even though the boat's transmission may not be in gear, propellers can still rotate, and odorless, colorless carbon monoxide can quickly overcome swimmers.

9. Take a local boating safety class.

The Foundation has most complete list of boating safety courses taught in communities across the country. To find one near you, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/CourseLine>.

10. Cruising offshore? An emergency position indicating rescue beacon (EPIRB) from the BoatU.S. Foundation's EPIRB rental program will give you the margin of safety you need during an offshore passage. These \$750 beacons rent for just \$40 per week (plus shipping). Go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/Epirb>.

Alan Bergen, BoatU.S. Coordinator

OLD SALT'S DINNER

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 10TH

\$12.50 PER PERSON

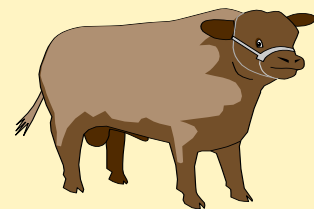
PRIME RIB DINNER WITH SALAD-BAKED
POTATO-BREAD-WINE-DESSERT

6:30 – BYOB HAPPY HOUR

7:30 – DINNER

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 90 PEOPLE –
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Sign up by sending a check* to
Alan Bergen for \$12.50 per person,
made out to RCYC.



*Cancellations before October 3rd will receive a full refund. Cancellations after that date will receive a full refund if your spot can be filled by someone on the waiting list.



July General Meeting: Multnomah County Sheriff Patrol officer presented an excellent program on water safety and available assistance. Also, pictured is Paul Kneeland, father of John Kneeland, he celebrated his 100th birthday this July.



At this time, the Walk 5 replacement project is moving forward on schedule. Under the direction of Tom Stringfield, Bob Laird has been able to put together a crew of 33 members who have worked tirelessly through 90 to 100 degree heat and thunderstorms to get the old walk removed and the new concrete walk in place. Participating in the project were Karen & Ron Billion, Alan Bergen, Daniel Brown, Loren Beach, Jim Douglass, Bob Fellman, John Fallon, Bob Gales, Ken Gervais, Paul Glynn, Herm Fischer, Doug Hepburn, Dick Hewitt, Jim Hackley, Ralph Jones, Bill Kramer; Hugh Lovell, Mike Moen, Jack Mitchem, Ron Moran, Chris Mountford. David Mountford, Carl Nielsen, Mike Oxborrow, Bob Phillips, Chuck Pennington, Mike Pick, Karl Quade, Bill Redding, Dennis Stewart, Larry Wintermeyer and Art Zehner. Mary Laird provided much appreciated meals and refreshments throughout the main part of the project with the assistance of Rose Zehner. Many thanks to the members who worked and those who will be continuing to provide assistance with the electrical, water and cleanup projects that remain. *If we missed your name on this list, please put your hours on the work party list and if you would like to become involved, please contact Bob Laird.*

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September 2008

- 1 Beacon Rock Cruise
- 5 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Private Party, Dick Royce
- 8 Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 OWSA general meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 13-14 RCYC Cruise Sand Island
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Oktoberfest, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.

October 2008

- 4 Private Party, Bob Gales
- 4-5 RCYC Cruise, Government Island, East Dock
- 8 OWSA general meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Old Salts Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.

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