

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

November 2008



COMMODORE'S LOG

Jim Douglass, Commodore

The October General Meeting was a spirited affair with some of the members getting a little over zealous in stating their views. But clearer heads prevailed in the form of John Kneeland, Hugh Lovell, and Fred Whitfield. At the September General Meeting, Ron Moran brought up the fact that the RCYC parking lot looked like a junk yard, and a messy one at that. And he was sooooo correct. He made the suggestion that it was due to the dry land moorage of the trailers and boats. A vote was called for to get rid of the trailers and boats. This was later modified by changing it to an advisory motion. This was passed with only one vote against. At the October Board Meeting, Dave Hickman objected to the direction the Club was going as far as the dry moorage was concerned. He then asked if he could make a presentation to the membership at the October General Meeting. This request was approved by the Board.

At the October General Meeting, he made his presentation and, after a heated discussion, the membership decided that the Board should take it's time and map out a course that would benefit the entire Club.

Part of the problem is that a lot of the mess in the parking lot was put there as part of the Walk 5 project. It was also suggested that we should gravel and clean up the area so that specific places could be assigned to each trailer. We will not be able to even guess how many spaces should be assigned to trailer and boat storage until we get the area all cleaned up and we get rid of all the junk that we have accumulated. The area will also get better when we get rid of the old storage/shower building, but we cannot do that until shelves are made in the new storage/shower building and we are able to move all the miscellaneous stuff that we have stored in the old

building. What we need to realize is that one step leads to another and we just can't do it all at once. I understand what the feelings are as far as the parking lot mess is concerned. However, we are just finishing up a huge project that will serve this Yacht Club for many years so we must have a little more patience.

Well enough of that!
Carolyn and Karl Quade joined me at the Closing Day ceremonies up the River at Washougal at the Dolphin Yacht Club. We had a hamburger



dinner and stayed for the drawing. We only sold 147 tickets and picked up three prizes: Rose Zehner won two prizes, both were Entertainment Books, and Terry Foren won two bottles of good wine. In spite of what Karl said, there were only two bottles of the wine. Honest, I didn't take one.

At the next November General Meeting, we will announce the new Daughter of Neptune. Our Granddaughter had a good time representing Rose City Yacht Club, and I hope our next Daughter will have just as good a time.

We have the Walk 5 BBQ coming up November 8 and I hope we will see you there.

Jim



Club members enjoying the Old Salt's Dinner

HAPPY Halloween

RCYC Race Standings

A great source for sailing in the area and a listing of most race results is www.sailpdx.com/results.html. In the PYC Fall Regatta, RCYC members took first place in four fleets! The first place finishers (that I know of) were: Dena and Rock Kent, Dave and Sally Hickman, Allan Weber and Connie Grate, and Pam Sesar and Ken Park.

After not having raced for a number of years, I was a bit nervous. I am still learning the flag sequences and timing. Throughout the year, we did not always finish or even start with our fleet. A few times we didn't even show up! But I had a great time, and when we did finish, it felt like I had done the impossible.

Pam Sesar



Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

Our obligation as an active member is to contribute a minimum of 12 hours of labor to the Club. This can be done in a number of ways. Most of the Club's business is taken care of by members contributing much more than required. This year many others have exceeded that requirement, primarily due to the Walk 5 project. We are down to about 20 members still needing work hours, with two work parties to go and many things to do. To accomplish that, we will need help from some members who have already fulfilled their requirement. The dates of the last two work parties are October 25 and November 8. I plan to be there, and hope some of you will join me. Many thanks to all who have already contributed to the operation of our Club.

I have been elected as your 2009 Commodore and will need a Work Party Chair. If you are interested, please contact me. The work party dates have already been scheduled.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Winter is the time of sustained high winds and the resulting wave action in our little harbor. Our moorage rules require that all boats have snubbers on bow and stern lines. If your fenders are small, put on larger ones. Check on your boat, inside and out, at least once a month during this blustery time of year. Lines can chafe through quickly if the lead is poor; and if your boat gets loose and damages your neighbor or the dock, you are liable. The Residents and the Port Captain will deal with emergencies as best they can, but they are not responsible for your lines and fenders.

We are making decent progress in cleaning up the west end of the parking lot area. The abandoned dinghy was just sold and the payment went into our Youth Sailing fund. Next, we need to clear out a large size-headstay Harken furler. This is one of the versions with the old North Sails label on it and appears to be off of a large boat. If no member claims it soon, it also will be sold. A huge load of old metal scrap was recently hauled to the recyclers along with the two rusted-out Club boat trailers.

Dinghies: There are several without "permanent" name plates on their spots on the dinghy floats. I thought I was doing some of you a favor by putting a paper sign up while you procured a permanent name plate. Those little pieces of card stock are dissolving. I believe that you guys know who you are -- so put a name plate on your dinghy parking place. Now, not later.

Now, speaking of dinghies, it looks like the low turnout at recent work parties has indeed pushed construction of two new multi-level dinghy docks into next spring. If someone will step up to do the (chain saw) prep work on the last two old wood fingers, let me know. There are sections to be cut and other parts that should wait. Do not start sawing without

some consultation, but those two old dock pieces do need to be dealt with before we move the dredge on November 8. As to our moorage, it is full up as usual. Waiting time for a new slip is estimated at about a year.

One Walk 5 project note: Due to the imminent winterizing of all of our Headwalk water lines at the last work party, we will not have the new holding tank pumpout station operational until next spring when the water lines are filled again.

Special thanks go to Tom Stringfield and Cliff Hunter for finding takers for the remainder of our old docks that were stored on the outside of the breakwater. The Sea Scouts previously took 500 feet of old Walk 5 but finally ran out of room and volunteers for the last lot of finger docks.

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Secretary's Notes

Chuck Fisher, Secretary

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Jerry Hanson has applied for membership. He is retired and is the captain of a Jason 35' he has owned since 2003. His main sailing experience has been in the Gulf and San Juan Islands.

MEMBER NEWS

Bill Wright reported that, as of this writing, Dick Hewitt is in the Providence Hospital for a knee replacement.

Don Eudaly is reported to have been hospitalized this month, but should be home as of the publication of this report.

Past member Jim List is home now recovering from a series of surgeries. Jim and his wife Pat were active members before being forced to withdraw from membership for health reasons.

RCYC Education

Bill Kramer RCYC Education Chair

Learn about Winterization with Hans Geerling

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Hans will cover how to get your boat ready for cold weather. He will show you how to prevent damage from freezing, what you need to do to protect your engine, and how to get the rest of your boat's systems ready for winter storage. You will also learn how to keep your boat well ventilated to prevent mildew and condensation problems. Bring your winterization questions and Hans will answer them.



Youth Sailing Program Report

Pam Sesar, Youth Program Chair

Disney Studios and Schooner Creek Boat Works hosted a special screening of a movie titled "Morning Light" as a benefit for Willamette Sailing Youth and Vancouver Lake Junior Programs. Although the benefit date is past, the movie is a fun one to see!

I appreciate the positive feedback regarding the Junior Sailing Programs. Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and RCYC developed a feedback questionnaire. You can view the report card on their website. There will be more to come.

BEACON ROCK CRUISE



Financial Report

Karen Jacobson, Judy Oxborrow, and Carl Nielsen, Finance Committee

FIRST YEAR IN BALANCE

With the retirement of Wes Davis, the Board appointed a Committee to search for a replacement for some of the administrative services needed by Rose City Yacht Club. The Board hired Balance Your World Bookkeeping to provide accounting services, including billing, check-writing, bank/investment account reconciliation and general ledger administration. September 30th marked the first year of this arrangement, and the Finance Committee hopes that the rest of the membership shares its satisfaction with it.

During calendar year 2008, the Finance Committee has acted as the Treasurer of the Club. Comprised of Karen Jacobson, Carl Nielsen and Judy Oxborrow, the Finance Committee is the conduit from the RCYC membership to Nicole Peterson at Balance Your World, and each Committee member has responsibility for some of the administrative issues of the Club. As chair of the Committee, Karen Jacobson reviews the monthly accounting entries and reports and answers Balance's accounting questions. She also usually presents the monthly reports at the Board Meetings. Carl Nielsen deals with the Club's insurance vendors, our lender relations (Key Bank) and confers with the Club Attorney on legal issues. Judy Oxborrow handles A bonds, F bonds, key control, electronic gate opener control, member proofs of insurance and is the interface between Moorage Chair and Balance Your World for member/moorage adds and drops. She also proofs the monthly billings.

During 2009, the Finance Committee will continue under the leadership of Judy Oxborrow who has been appointed as Club Treasurer. This Committee structure spreads the administrative

workload among the three volunteers and makes certain that the issues for which the Committee is responsible are handled when one of the Committee members is out of town or ill.

At the same time the Board adopted the Finance Committee's recommendations for hiring Balance Your World, it adopted some other recommendations which the Committee believed would insure the members' billing and payment issues would be handled efficiently. We would like to remind you of those at this time. First of all, billing inquiries should go through Judy Oxborrow. Secondly, reimbursement checks are signed at the Board Meeting and mailed the next day. Checks to outside vendors are also issued at that time unless special terms have been negotiated for earlier payment. Finally, members should not address their individual financial issues with the Club directly to Balance Your World. Instead, a Finance Committee member should be contacted, and will see that your billing, payment or other questions are addressed as soon as possible.

Your Finance Committee is pleased, as this first year passes, with Balance Your World Bookkeeping Service and our assigned bookkeeper, Nicole Peterson. We hope you are too. Please give us your feedback.

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Carl Nielsen: nielsen@teleport.com



Many thanks to our 2008 RCYC Clubhouse Stewards:

January	Tom Weber and Janice Choy-Weber
February	Frank Patrick
March	Kevan Kendrick and Brenda Cloutier
April	Cynthia and Steve Johnson
May	Terry Annis and Kathie Ray Annis
June	Nick Reynolds
July	Covert Bailey
August	Russ Downing and Joanne Larsell
September	Bill and Nina Kramer
October	Barb Hutchinson and Larry Beck
November	Anne and Jim Campbell
December	Mark and Kelly Miller

Work Hour Credits are earned at the rate of 12 hours total per month of Clubhouse duty (per membership). Signing up for one month satisfies the entire year's Club work responsibilities. **If you are interested in serving as a RCYC Clubhouse Steward please contact Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams to confirm an available month.**

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Jas Adams, Clubhouse Chair

View from the Rear

Marilyn Green Reilly, Rear Commodore

There's a picture in our family photo album of the "winners" at a Pirates' Breakfast sometime around 1960 or so. I don't remember who won in the women's category, but Marianne Roberts' late husband Cal won in the men's category and I think it was their son Clay (then known as "Beaver") who might have been the boy's category winner. The remaining award went to someone my own age – one of the Wheeler girls. That was the first time I'd met the Wheelers, who had returned to Portland for a brief reunion with RCYC friends.

Throughout that cruise, the family was the center of attention. I was too shy to approach Sharon or Linda or their brother Steve -- these were kids who lived in Hawaii and had just crossed the ocean in a sailboat. I could only imagine what that would be like. But since rediscovering the story of their parents' 1950's South Seas voyage (my Mom also kept a very complete scrapbook of news clippings) I have wanted to share this piece of RCYC history.

Jack and Leah Wheeler were barely into their 30's when they headed out to sea in their 34-foot ketch Gemini. It was June 1951 and they were bound for Hawaii, the Marquesas, Tuamotus, and Society Islands. Jack had launched the steel-hulled boat in August 1948, having built it himself expressly for this cruise. The fact that so many news articles covered what one writer dubbed an "extended vacation voyage," suggests that such a trip was newsworthy in its day.

They spent a year in Hawaii, and when they left Hilo in October 1952, Larry Barber, Marine Editor for The Oregonian, wrote that they expected the trip to take about a year. "They plan to return eventually to Hawaii, re-outfit there and sail on to Portland for a summer's cruise 'before settling down again'."

Jack had been a radio operator in the Navy during World War II, and carried aboard a "60-watt radio transmitter with crystals for

HAM radio frequencies" to stay in contact. A November 2, 1952, article noted that HAMs who picked up Jack's radio messages then sent postcards or telegraphs to his father, Chet Wheeler, reporting Gemini's position. "All messages report 'everything fine,'" the article concluded.

In mid-November 1952, The Oregonian reported receiving a radiogram from Gemini in the mid-Pacific: "Leah Wheeler aboard the ketch Gemini has this date been initiated into the mysteries of the deep, in keeping with the traditions of my realm, and has been acclaimed a true and loyal daughter of Neptune. Given under my hand and seal in latitude 00-00, longitude 142-46 W, this 12th day of November, 1952. Signed Neptunus Rex" (aka, husband Jack). They crossed the equator about 500 miles north of the Marquesas.

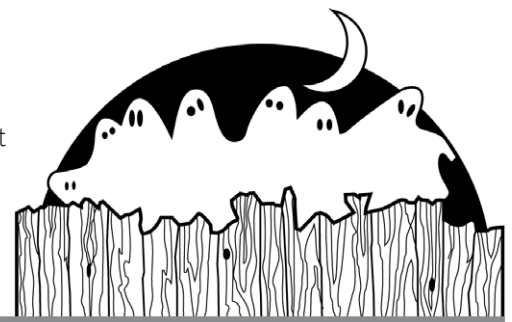
Just before Christmas, the paper reported that "Jack has sent word home that he is not allowed to use his radio in French territorial waters, so they slip out beyond the 12-mile limit each Monday and get on the air to call home." They returned to Hawaii in the fall of 1953, and in May 1954 began their final leg back to Portland. Returning via Southeastern Alaska and the inside passage, they arrived home in August 1954, Barber wrote, amidst "considerable fanfare" from RCYC.

The Wheelers' three-year trip covered a total of 18,000 miles and they'd flown the RCYC burgee throughout the voyage. This was the first time the RCYC burgee had crossed the equator, and they later presented that burgee to the Club. It was framed and still hangs on the north wall of the Clubhouse.

The couple remained in Portland for two years, living aboard Gemini at McCuddy's Marina where Jack also worked as a radio technician. During that period, Jack also served a term as RCYC Secretary. In 1956 they were off again for a permanent move to Hawaii, this time accompanied by their 9-month old daughter, Sharon.

As a child, I had seen the newspaper article and the picture of the Wheelers departing once more with their baby. On Tri-Club Island, five or ten years later, it was with awe and wonder that I beheld the girl who had begun that trip. Even now, when I think of the Wheelers and their voyage, I am still somewhat in awe. They had a certain aura about them that spoke of adventures behind them and more yet to be experienced. I think that they must have been a breed apart, a hardier type than the rest of us. I never saw myself as that type of person – and despite our current southern latitude, I still don't. But in our own way, and with a plethora of high technology that probably kept Jack entertained well into his latter years, Dave and I are now following a similar dream.

Jack Wheeler was 88 when he passed away April 9, 2008. Since 1978 he'd lived on a farm in Pa'uilo, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, their three children, and eight grandchildren.



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Another activity that affects the shoreside is preparation for dredging. The last work party, November 8, will see all the long pipe sections transferred from up behind the storage building to the moorage and the pond discharge reconstructed. If you have a trailer parked in the west end of the lot, it would seem prudent to be there all day and help move that pipe, since it all has to get around those trailers. Each pipe section takes about three or four people to carry, depending on the age and condition of the workers.

OLD SALT'S DINNER





Send articles and photos to all Foggers!

Foghorn Copy Deadline is the 18th of the month.

Send Foghorn contributions, articles and photographs, marked Foghorn with article titles to **ALL** editors and graphics individuals listed below.

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Channel's Edge Shopping Night

Come to the "RCYC shopping night" at CHANNEL'S EDGE on Wednesday, November 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. They are located at 107 Bridgeton Road. Shop for nautical inspired gifts and Christmas ornaments and help support one of our Yearbook advertisers. If you would like a lite meal before the Club meeting, their menu features soup and sandwiches.

Gail O'Neill

Thank you Rosemary Barrett and Hans Geerling for the photographs for this months Foghorn.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2008

- 8 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 8 RCYC Party Walk 5 BBQ, 5:30/6:30 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 19 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 RCYC Education - Winterizing, 7:00 p.m.

December 2008

- 7 Private Party, Terry Foren, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 12 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Private Party, Mike Finch, 4:30 p.m.
- 17 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Private Party, Kelly Martin, 5:00 p.m.

We got our work hours in and Then some...!



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