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## Commodore's Log

*Karl Quade, Commodore*

I had a treat New Year's Day. Usually I'm in Minnesota; but this year I attended RCYC's Soup and Sail. Raven did not get underway; but Lynn Easton was kind enough to offer me a ride on Eagleye 3. A dry warm wheelhouse was an asset on a cold wet day. Crystal Swan and Misty also got underway, with crews in their foul weather gear. Pam even put sails up in very light wind. Afterward, with some twenty-five or thirty members in attendance, we had soup. Many cans of clam chowder were dumped into a large pot and heated up; it tasted great. Next year, if you are at home and don't have another commitment, I would highly recommend attending this event. It is a great RCYC tradition.



The dredge made it through the cold spell with only one minor problem: a ball valve cracked but was easy to replace. We soon started dredging again, only to be stopped by warm weather and rain that made the river too high. Now we are back in business, expecting to be done several days before you read this. Many thanks to all who volunteered for the work that will keep our moorage accessible during the low water events of late summer.

At the January meeting the Board approved the purchase of an AED (automatic external defibrillator) for the clubhouse. Although this can be used successfully by anyone, we are working with the Red Cross to make training, including, CPR available at moderate cost to those interested. The Board also approved the purchase of a meter that can determine whether our shore power service is causing any stray electrical currents in the moorage.

The biggest obstacle to completion of the Walk 5 project is issues with regard to permitting. Ken Gervais has volunteered to resolve our disputes with the City. With the exception of the permits, the work on walk 5 is complete.

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### **Anchors Away RCYC Commodores Ball**

Saturday, February 7, 2009  
Riverside Country Club  
6:00 p.m. Cocktails; 7:00 p.m. dinner  
Cost \$35 per person. Choice of Prime  
Rib or Salmon. RSVP by January 28  
To Judy Oxborrow 503/652-1549  
or HYPERLINK "<mailto:judyo1@q.com>" [judyo1@q.com](mailto:judyo1@q.com)



## **BOAT OWNERS MAY HAVE FEDERAL TAX BENEFITS AVAILABLE**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 19, 2009 - Recreational boat owners who paid state sales taxes on a boat purchase, or those who secured a bank loan to finance a boat, may have some tax deductions available when filing their 2008 federal income tax return.

### **The Sales Tax Deduction**

For boat owners who paid substantial state sales taxes on a new or used boat purchase last year, the Tax Extenders Act of 2008 signed by President Bush on October 3 continues to offer a federal tax benefit with a deduction for state sales taxes. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return -- you cannot take both.

In addition, to take the state sales tax deduction, the sales tax on a boat purchase must be applied at the same tax rate as the state's general sales tax. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, tax returns must be itemized. State sales taxes are entered on IRS form Schedule A, line 5b.

### **The Boat Loan Deduction**

For those owners with a secured boat loan, mortgage interest paid on the loan may be deductible from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the "second home" mortgage interest deduction for one primary home and one second home and must itemize deductions on their returns. A boat is considered a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, a head, and sleeping berth.

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an Internal Revenue Service form 1098 which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

### **Sorry, AMT**

For those who fall under the Alternative Minimum Tax, most deductions are unavailable as taxes are calculated differently. Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information.

For more details on the mortgage deduction, go to <http://www.irs.gov> and download Publication 936 or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information download Publication 600, which also includes state-by-state tax tables.

## **2008 Dredging Report**

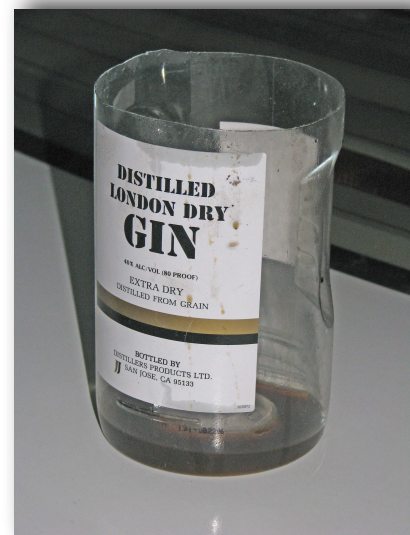
Dredging began on schedule on November 8, 2008. Soundings were taken in late summer throughout the moorage to determine the areas to be dredged. Work parties helped lay the dredge pipe and get ready for dredging. Crews worked seven days per week into mid-December, when they were shut down by snow followed by freezing temperatures and high water. Dredging resumed early in January and concluded January 20, 2009. Approximately 40 members participated in the work necessary to remove about 4000 cubic yards of sand. Work was done on parts of the fairways of Walks 1, 4, and 5, and the entire fairway of Walk 2. A few slips were dredged as well. Turbidity readings were taken daily as required by DEQ to monitor the operation and assure that water quality in the river was not adversely affected.

*Fred Whitfield, Dredge Chair*

## **Oil Recycling**

I recently dumped all the oil at RCYC, and I encountered a container that should not be used. The container used shown in the picture is not what we should use for our oil disposal building. Please, use a container with a non-leaking lid.

Hans Geerling, Oil Czar





## Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore



Chuck writes, "I have no report. There are not a lot of Vice Commodore sort of things happening at the moment." Ed.

### DO YOU KNOW.....

On an average, it takes emergency personnel about four (4) minutes to arrive at the scene of any emergency. In the case of a cardiac event, for every minute it takes for help to reach the victim there is a 10% less likelihood of recovery. Thus, in four minutes, chance of recovery has been reduced 40%!

For this reason, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to be stored in the Clubhouse. The unit has been demonstrated for the Board at its January meeting and for the membership at the January general meeting. In conjunction with the purchase, the Red Cross is offering both first aid training, CPR, and training in the use of the AED.

Two classes have been scheduled. For those interested in training in CPR and the use of the AED only, a class will be held on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The class runs for five hours and will cost each participant \$30. For those interested in first aid training, CPR and the use of the AED, the class will be held on Saturday, April 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cost for this class is \$38. The class will run for eight hours. Because we are a non-profit organization, we are receiving these training opportunities at a reduced rate.

Class size is limited to 20 individuals. If necessary, additional classes can be scheduled. To secure your place in a class, e-mail or call Judy Oxborrow ( [HYPERLINK "mailto:judyol@q.com"](mailto:judyol@q.com) [judyol@q.com](mailto:judyol@q.com) or 503/652-1549. Then send your check made out to RCYC to her at 14001 SE Celeste Ct., Milwaukie, OR 97267. And, to help speed the class along and allow for a lunch break, it has been suggested we do a potluck. Judy will help coordinate the food so we don't end up with 15 chocolate desserts (as if that were a problem)!

## Boater Safety Education

Beginning soon! USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 73 is sponsoring a 13 week Boater Safety Education course, offered to the general public. Classes will cover boat handling, navigation rules, safety equipment, course plotting, chart reading, aids to navigation, knots and lines, VHF radios, weather and much more.

This course will prepare you for the Oregon Safe Boaters card, which is required by State law for boaters of all ages in Oregon operating a vessel over 10 HP) and ages 12-25 in Washington State operating a vessel over 15 HP.

Classes, of two hours length, begin February 11th at 7:00 p.m. and will run for 13 consecutive weeks each Wednesday night at the Tyee Yacht Club, 2929 N.E. Marine Drive, Portland.

Cost: \$ 45.00 dollars for the entire course. Family discounts are available; please ask. To register please contact either:

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We have learned over many years of experience that an educated boater is a safe boater. Most of the people we assist have had no formal boater education. Please keep your family safe and attend this class.





# Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

I hope that everyone got through the deep snow and high winds with their boat intact. I know of only one genoa that was damaged.

Now that the days are lengthening and spring is closer, it is time to get your current registration stickers attached. A week ago, three Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol Deputies walked all of our docks. The club did not solicit their attention; they just showed up. They compiled a list of all boats without current stickers and said they would be sending out written warnings to those owners still showing '08 stickers or none at all. They said, by the way, that they do share information with their counterparts in Washington State when they find a Washington boat without a current sticker.

They were also looking for the stickers on their legally required position on federally documented vessels. On a documented vessel the state sticker goes on each side of the boat, within a foot of the transom and near the top of the side. This is a completely different location than for state registration stickers, which go just aft of the OR numbers on either side of the bow.

They readily acknowledged that right now the cold weather makes it harder to adhere a new sticker without using a heat gun, but emphasized that any boat floating in Oregon waters, whether "in use" or not, must have current stickers. So, get your 2010 stickers on right away. It is not just an RCYC Moorage Rule; it's the law.

Dredging is finishing up for the season, and the mighty machine may be docked for the year by the time you read this. Considering the number of working days lost to freezing weather and high water, we have moved a lot of sand.

Waiting List note: I have recently assigned two large boats to appropriate slips on Walk 5 and will be filling two 30-foot slips on Walk 4 within a week. Our mantra of cautioning new members to expect to wait up to a year to get a boat into the club moorage still seems accurate. Although most recent new members have moved their boats into the moorage sooner than that prediction, it is always best to "under-promise and over-deliver."

# RCYC Education

Bill Kramer, RCYC Education Chair

The February RYC Education topic is "Sail More and Motor Less". The session will be a panel discussion of tips and advice on getting the most out of your sails and being more comfortable under sail. Learn how to get the most speed in light air and be in control in windy conditions. Bring your questions. Alan Bergen, Chuck Fisher, Bill Kramer, Frank Noragon, and Eric Rimkus will be on the panel. Be sure to come, on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.



photos courtesy of Karen Billion

## General Meeting Programs

At the beginning of most RCYC General Meetings we have had the opportunity to have a variety of presentations of interest to members. Chuck Pennington has done a marvelous job in providing both an interesting and varied schedule of programs in the past few years. He is stepping down from this commitment, and Bob Phillips will be developing the program for 2009. If you have a great idea for a program, please give Bob a call or send an email to him at [rphillips@web-ster.com](mailto:rphillips@web-ster.com)

The program for the February meeting will be a video presentation of the walk 5 project. Please come to the meeting to see how much work was involved in getting the project finished and see some incredible footage of a very large barge maneuvering inside the fairway of walk 4.



Preparing for new pilings



Wiring lights on new pilings



### Foghorn Copy Deadline 18th of the month

Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events.

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The next generation is coming on strong! We had a fantastic start to building an exemplary program of which all members can be proud. Jack Gainer Junior Sailing Program Fund is used to support rigorous dynamic skilled sailing schools that children at all skill levels can participate in successfully and safely.

RCYC and Vancouver Lake Sailing School have aligned to continue to build a program on the lake with the new Open Bic's. Check out their website for school photos, junior sailing events, and class schedules: [www.vlsc.org](http://www.vlsc.org). RCYC has also been a long time supporter of Willamette Sailing School. More information can be found on their website [www.willamettesailingclub.com](http://www.willamettesailingclub.com)

In support of the Jack Gainer Junior Sailing Program fundraising, you may give directly to the Rose City Yacht Club Gainer Fund account.

The proceeds may go to:

Purchase new training boats and upgrade or increase our fleets

Purchase storage building materials and equipment

Purchase a chase/safety boat and engine

Support students' expenses

Hiring certified experienced instructors

Again, thank you so much. : Pam Sesar, Junior/Youth Committee Chair

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings and Functions

### February 2009

- 3 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Commodores Ball, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Private Party, Karen Billion
- 9 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline

### March 2009

- 3 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Work Party 9 am m. 9 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 St. Patrick's Potluck 5:30 p.m.
- 17 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Ladies Dinner Planning Meeting
- 21 Work Party 9 am
- 26 SYSCO Race Clinic 5:00 p.m.
- 28 RCYC Regatta – Frostbite Race



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

[www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org)