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Vice Commodore: Chuck Fisher
Secretary: Chuck Silver

April 2009



Commodore's Log

Karl Quade, Commodore

We are in the process of consolidating our bank loans, including the member held F bonds. The finance committee, Judy Oxborrow, Karen Jacobson, and Carl Nielsen, have been working hard on this project. Many thanks especially to Carl, who has been dealing with the banks. The committee recommended a 15 year loan from US Bank, which the Board approved unanimously. We expect to close the deal by the end of March, early April at the latest. Servicing the debt will cost a little less than we are currently paying. Costs would have escalated if we stayed with Key Bank.

We had a good turnout for our first spring work party. One result is we again have city water available on the docks. Opening Day is not too far off, so you might start thinking about cleaning up your boat for the new season. The St. Patrick's Day potluck was fun. The Yeates Academy of Irish Dance provided excellent entertainment. The hard shoe dances were particularly impressive, and our floor survived undamaged.



Work Party Crew

We've been waiting for a blemished shower stall. That appears unlikely to happen soon, so the Board has approved ordering one at the regular wholesale price. That convenience should be available before too long. We have also decided to re-roof the clubhouse this summer. Mike Salituro has agreed to head up that project. With a sufficient crew, it should take about 3 days. The new roof will match what is on our new storage building and tool shed.

Our first cruise is the last weekend of April at East Dock, Government Island. We can't guarantee the weather, but will do our best. I plan to be there. I hope to see you. Dress warm and dry and enjoy the fun. Our first RCYC sponsored race will already be over, but let's support the racing part of our membership as well.

ANNOUNCING THE WALK I BBQ

We're ready for winter to be done! We're ready for spring to be sprung!
We're ready to have some fun at the BBQ for Walk One!
We're praying for sunshine – no snow or rain. To the weather gods, we've made it plain.
So bring your meat and beverage of choice as we all gather at RCYC to rejoice.

5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, is the hour and day. Let's all come out, have fun, and play!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gigantic Inventory Reduction Sale – We're making room for more merchandise. Depression era prices! Opening Day is just around the corner. We have flags to decorate your boat.

Help! When we left the Commodore's Ball, we discovered someone had mistakenly taken my gray, single breasted coat instead of their double breasted one. Please check your closets. I have your coat in my closet and would like to swap. Patti Fischer (503) 285-5366

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

Due to a conflict with dates, the RCYC Pirates Cruise will be held on August 15 and 16 at the dock on Sandy Beach.

Instead of celebrating Oktoberfest this year, the Club will have a luau on September 19th. Keola Morley has graciously volunteered to chair the event. So mark your calendars and yearbook accordingly.

Walk I Cleanup

Every year Walk I seems to collect more than its share of debris and personal items. You are reminded that dock boxes, small boats and bottom scrubbing poles are the only permitted items. Please cleanup your space and remove items. Other items may be moved at a work party.



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore

A Public Apology for Stealing Work Hours

The first work party of the year is always a crap shoot weather-wise. Some years the weather is simply glorious, fooling you into thinking it will last until Opening Day.

Other years the weather can be like this year's first work party day. It started out

warmer and dryer than it ended, with no hint of spring just around the corner. But even with the weather, it was a great time. The thing about work parties is that even though there is weather risk, you always know you are going to meet great new members. This time I met and worked with Mike Hibbs. He and his wife Debra joined RCYC in 2008.

Mike and I were tasked with getting the water system on Walk I de-winterized. The pressure was on, so to speak, as Jim Campbell really wanted to wash his boat that morning. Jim's goal was frustrated as Mike quickly identified three breaks that required repair of one sort or another. It also soon became evident a parts run to Home Depot was in our immediate future. Now for guys, there is little better than a trip to a Home Depot unless it is getting work hours in for the privilege. And buying guy stuff is always fun, but sharing the cost of the purchase with 160 some members is even better.

Back from our Home Depot visit (during which the current employee of the month determined that self check out was an advanced skill neither Mike nor I had mastered), we proceeded to make repairs. As Mike and I chatted, I learned he knew more club members than I did from his days as a Catalina 22 skipper. This was really good because the last party I worked with a fellow who e-mailed his resignation from RCYC the next day. This really happened, but I figured Mike and Debra's ties to the club were strong. Still wonder if it was something I said.

The lunch was great, consisting of a bowl of chili accompanied by a very creatively conceived and executed pocket bread BLT. Let's not forget the cookies. Lunch's conclusion was to be a forecast of what immediately followed. We were late leaving the clubhouse after lunch as we could not figure out which of us was in charge of our project. Without a project leader to tell a guy when lunch is over, there can be no other result. A similar lack of managerial oversight was responsible for the failure of Walk One's water system when we turned the water back on. It seems that as Mike and I assembled joints, we neglected to glue one or two. Heck, something like that could happen to any two guys when each figure the other guy is in charge.

With mission accomplished, it was time to seek out new challenges. However, we were told by Alan Bergen there were no more tasks to be done. It seemed Mike was disappointed. He really wanted to get his work hours in. Alan chided me for taking hours from members. As an officer, I do not need work party hours. Mike gave me that, "Why are you here anyway when the weather is not that great and you don't have to be?" look.

He got me thinking. On reflection, I know why. It is certainly true that part of the reason is that work parties allow a guy to be outdoors and do guy stuff at virtually no cost with a great free lunch. But the real reason is the great new people you get to know. Please consider this an apology for taking your work party hours, Mike. It was great to meet you. I promise to buy you a beer at the next Walk BBQ.



CRYA CALL TO ACTION

The economic situation could have a direct impact on all boaters on the river. The Washington State Parks Department has Beacon Rock on a list of parks they plan to mothball due to cuts in their budget. Since this is one of the few moorages on the upper Columbia River, boaters are urged to respond. The Washington State budget is scheduled to be finalized this month, and cuts in services determined shortly thereafter. Please go to the following website to learn more [HYPERLINK "http://www.parks.wa.gov/current.asp"](http://www.parks.wa.gov/current.asp) <http://www.parks.wa.gov/current.asp>
Your e-mail comments may be sent to [HYPERLINK "mailto:pao@parks.wa.gov"](mailto:pao@parks.wa.gov) pao@parks.wa.gov or send written comments to Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650.

Once the final budget is signed by the Governor, the Commission will adopt the State Parks budget and an implementation plan during a regular or special meeting. For meeting details, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.parks.wa.gov/commtg.asp"](http://www.parks.wa.gov/commtg.asp) www.parks.wa.gov/commtg.asp. If it becomes necessary to mothball parks, public meetings will be announced to help the agency develop stewardship and mothball plans for affected parks.



FINANCIAL NEWS

Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer

To date, about 50 members have signed up to receive their quarterly billings by e-mail. The first use of the e-billings was for the second quarter billings being released during the first week of April. Each e-bill saves the Club the costs of printing and mailing. If you wish to avail yourself of e-billing, please send an e-mail to Judy Oxborrow at HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>" judy87807@comcast.net If you signed up for e-billing and did not receive your bill by e-mail by April 6, please let Judy know.

A reminder to those Club members who are authorized signers on Club accounts with various local vendors: When you purchase items for Club use, please sign the billing. Please notate on the Club copy of the billing what the purchase was for and send the billing to Balance Your World Book-keeping.

Club policy and procedure is that members in charge of events, lunches, or projects at the Club make the purchases and then submit reimbursement vouchers with receipts. In rare cases, this is not possible, such as for the Commodores Ball where the caterer and music must be paid for that evening. If you are in charge of an event where some type of payment would be needed the day of the event, please contact the Treasurer or any Finance Committee member prior to the day of the event.

The Finance Committee met with the Board and presented its recommendation for final financing on Walk 5. After reviewing offers from three banks and comparing all possible data, the Finance Committee recommended to the Board that a consolidation loan with U.S. Bank at 6.51% interest be undertaken. This loan will consolidate the current loans for Walk 1 and the head walk, the construction loan for Walk 5 and the outstanding F bonds owned by several members. The Board approved this recommendation, and the paperwork is underway to make this happen.

NEED WORK HOURS ON A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE?

By taking care of our oak-paneled clubhouse for one month, you'll satisfy your RCYC work hour requirement for the entire year. Clubhouse duty is easy and can be done weekly, four times a month on your own schedule. June is currently available, but won't last long.

To sign up, contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair, Jas. Adams, at: 503-349-0840 (c) or HYPERLINK "<mailto:jadams@teleport.com>" jadams@teleport.com.

YOUTH SAILING

Vancouver Lake Sailing School is offering classes during spring break weeks for Portland and Vancouver School Districts. Many VLSC members reside in Portland and make the trip. It is a fantastic place to learn to sail. There is no current, no motor vehicles and no river traffic. The grass lawn and clubhouse with showers are all used for the four hour class session. It is only a 20 minute drive from downtown Portland.

RCYC has a reciprocal agreement with VLSC. VLSC is also offering evening classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Adult lessons are available too. Check out the VLSC web site for current information HYPERLINK "<http://www.vlsc.org>" <http://www.vlsc.org> or call Dave Collins (503) 313-5356. We sometimes have meals prepared. Please sign up early for adult and children classes. You will have a wonderful time! Thank you for getting the word out. You are welcome to check out the program at any time. Just give them a call. Much appreciated, Pam Sesar, Chair

LET THE CRUISING BEGIN

The first cruise of the year will be to Government Island East Dock on April 25 and 26. Let's all be good for a couple of days before the cruise so the Weather Gods will have a little sunshine for the weekend and hold off on the pouring rains we sometimes experience in our latitudes this time of year. A potluck will be held on Saturday night. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m.

RCYC CLUBHOUSE STEWARDS (2009)

January 2009

Tom Weber & Janice Choy-Weber
503-249-7716

February 2009

Frank Patrick
503-318-1013

March 2009

Jim Solberg
503 246-0977

April 2009

Cynthia & Steve Johnson
503-421-5133

May 2009

Terry Annis & Kathie Ray-Annis
360-260-0426

June 2009

Russ Downing & Joanne Larsell
503-740-6678

July 2009

Covert Bailey
503-625-7365

August 2009 Currently available

September 2009 Currently available

October 2009

Barb Hutchinson & Larry Beck
503-227-3440

November 2009

Anne & Jim Campbell
503-638-4592

December 2009 Currently available

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. (This chart may not accurately reflect the current availability of months).

Tel: 503-349-0840; email: jadams@teleport.com.

More Commodore's Ball Photos from February



Golden Hammer Award presented to Tom Stringfield by RC Jim Douglass



RCYC members Rose and Art Zehner



RCYC member Pam Sesar with member Alan Bergen and guest Nancy Walker



RCYC members Jim and Alverna Martin

Grounds Maintenance

In the end of October in a very thoughtful e-mail, Tom Stringfield proposed an approach to maintaining the Club's landscaping. In its meeting on Monday March 9th the Board decided to try a variation on the system he proposed. The Board is now looking for a Grounds Maintenance Chair and Grounds Maintenance Volunteers to earn work hours maintaining the landscaping and other plantings.

The job of the Grounds Maintenance Chair would be to recruit monthly Maintenance Volunteers for the months of April through October and to be ultimately responsible for the overall maintenance of the grounds. The position would provide the Chair with 12 work hours a year. In addition, one membership unit per month will be needed as Grounds Maintenance Volunteers. The Volunteers are expected to put in at least 3 hours per week for the month keeping a log of the hours and work done.

The grounds maintenance would encompass:

Mowing the lawn areas weekly, or as required, to keep the lawn looking nice.

Weed-whacking along fence lines, around trees, around the Chapel area, at the base of the retaining walls, etc. as required to keep our entire shore-side area looking nice. Acquiring fuel for the needed equipment.

Picking up trash in the yard/parking area and along Marine Drive.

Coordinating with the volunteers currently caring for the potted plants in the event that extra help is needed with those plants.

Ensuring that the irrigation systems are functioning.

Any other grounds maintenance tasks that are needed.

To the extent that these duties exceed 3 hours a week, the Grounds Maintenance Chair may recruit volunteer assistants who would also earn work hours.

Any members interested in these flexible work-hour earning positions for the coming season should notify the Board.



March work party moving logs



March work party installing mast puller

RCYC SPRING EDUCATION

In view of our weather, all the classes should probably be about winterizing your boat. However, in anticipation of spring finally arriving, they aren't. We have a great spring lineup of classes scheduled for Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. Don't miss these enjoyable educational evening events. Mark your calendar and attend.

April 9th is Preparing for your VSC, Rescue 21 and Seamanship Pointers.

Lynn Easton, member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will lead the class. AVSC is a Vessel Safety Check. These free safety inspections of your boat promote safe boating. They also give RCYC more points on Opening Day. The VSC inspections take place during April, and Lynn will tell us how to prepare for them. Rescue 21 is a VHF radio safety system that lets the Coast Guard pinpoint where a distress call is coming from. The system for the Oregon and Washington coast is now operational. This is a big improvement to how quickly you can be located when in distress. Find out how it works. Lynn will also draw on his years of boating experience and give us some tips so we can have a safer and more fun boating season.

May 7th is Hunter - Gatherer.

Learn how to fish from your boat and collect shell fish on the beach. Jerry Randall, Rosie Barrett and Jan Dees will teach us how to catch, clean and cook seafood. Learn how to bypass the grocery store and still eat well.

June 11th is COLREGS.

Ethan VanMatre will explain navigation rules. The COLREGS are the international rules that we need to follow when we are sailing offshore. Ethan will also teach us how the inland rules differ from the COLREGS. Don't let an acronym intimidate you; learn what your rights are under the COLREGS. You will also learn how that freighter understands the rules. This is a must have class if you are crossing the bar.

I hope you can all attend,

Bill Kramer

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WITH BOATS IN THE MOORAGE

In 2008, moorage rules were revised. Specifically, A.I.h states,

“Members are required to leave an identified boat key and/or combination with Resident Members or Port Captain. All boat keys and/or combinations shall be stored in a locked cabinet. Access to the cabinet shall be limited to Resident Members, Port Captain, Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Moorage Chair. Access keys shall be pre-number. A register shall be maintained of keys issued and to whom issued. Keys shall be accounted for and verified annually.”

This cabinet is now a reality. It was mounted during the work party on Saturday, March 22. And, thanks to Sue Wright, Rose Zehner, and Judy Oxborrow, all the tags have been prepared. However, few boats are in compliance with this moorage rule. If you have a boat in the moorage, you must take the following actions.

1. If you have a combination lock on your boat, verify the combination by e-mail to Judy Oxborrow (HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>" judy87807@comcast.net). We have boats with slips showing two different combinations and boats with names that don't match the current boat moored in the Club by members. So ALL members with combination locks, please verify the combination via e-mail .

2. If your boat opens with a key and you have not already done so, please furnish a key to your boat. You may bring the key to the next general meeting and give it to Judy Oxborrow. You may leave the key with a Resident Member. Or, you may put the key in an envelope addressed to Judy Oxborrow and leave it in the mail file at the Clubhouse at your convenience. The mail file is located in the entertainment cabinet. It is the third drawer down under the television side and is approximately 12 inches in height. The mail file is located in the front of that cabinet. Be sure to include a note identifying your moorage assignment, e.g., Walk 1 Slip 10 and your name. If there are special instructions, such as “ignition key can be found in the navigation station on a purple key float”, that would also be helpful.

3. Please update your emergency contact information. You may do this by e-mail to Judy Oxborrow (HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>" judy87807@comcast.net) or if you are dropping off a key, include this information on a note in the same envelope.

If an emergency occurs, the Resident Members or Port Captain will be going to the key cabinet for the emergency key to your boat. The keys are all identified by walk number, slip number, boat name and boat owner. If the tag for your slip merely indicates the key can be found in the starboard cockpit locker, hanging by a red cord, close to the garbage can, precious time will be wasted looking for the key. And, what if the key has fallen from its accustomed location? With keys in hand, the Resident Members or Port Captain will be able to deal with any emergency as soon as they reach your boat. So, turn in those keys and combinations.

RCYC Ladies Dinner

The RCYC Ladies Dinner will be May 14. The social starts at 5:30 pm, with dinner being served at 6:45 p.m. This year dinner will feature pork roast with apple chutney. Cost is \$20. RSVP to Patti Fischer 503-285-5366. The theme will be “Anchors Aweigh”. Enjoy a fun evening with an excellent dinner prepared by Rick Royce, entertainment, and a chance of winning one of several nice prizes by participating in the raffle.

The Ladies Dinner doesn't just happen. Needed are a few good men to be galley slaves helping prepare the food, testing it, serving it and cleaning up after the event. It is a lot more fun than peeling potatoes in the army. If you are interested and marginally qualified, please contact me: JohnDees@centurytel.net.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

I am in the process of assigning a "large boat" to our last

vacant slip. We have several new members coming on board, and they have been cautioned to be patient while awaiting an assigned slip. However, there will be on-going temporary vacancies around our moorage when members are out vacationing or in the yard for extended months. Anyone on the Wait List who wants a slip and doesn't mind being moved around on short notice should get in touch with me. There are always three or four unoccupied slips.

We now have a Reciprocals Dock at the end of walk five. That same end dock is where soon you will be able to temporarily tie while using the new pump out facility. Note that you must use your club key to operate that pump. Follow the posted operating instructions on it closely.

Electrical cord hookups are again in the news. Per our moorage rules, the Electrical Code, and common sense, you have to have a twist-lock 30 amp marine cord going to an approved inlet and breaker on your boat. No exposed 15 amp adapters are allowed. With the need for battery chargers and an outlet for the occasional power tool on even smaller boats, I strongly urge you to put in a legal "shore power inlet", leading to an approved two-pole breaker and then to at least one internal 15 amp circuit breaker and outlet. Spring has arrived, so be sure to get your VSC done this month.

Finally, there is an unclaimed plastic dock step sitting along the headwalk at slip 20 on walk 5. It's been there for over six months. If no one claims it I shall advise the club to sell it to benefit the Youth Sailing program.

DRY MOORAGE VOTE

The Board is asking the membership for an advisory vote about the "dry moorage" question. The two alternatives are as follows:

"NO" VOTE

A "NO" vote means that there will be no designated "dry moorage" area on the property belonging to the Club.

"YES" VOTE

A "YES" vote means that there will be a designated "dry moorage." The "dry moorage" will occupy the northwest corner of the parking lot. A site plan illustrating the area to be used will be posted in the clubhouse for anyone wanting clarification of the area to be used. This area will have designated "slips." It is to provide space for small trailerable boats. It will be limited to boats used actively in the Club and their trailers. The owner of any boat not used within a 12 month period will be asked to remove it from Club property. The owner may apply to the Board for an extension if special circumstances apply. The "dry moorage" standards are as follows:

1. The owner of each trailered boat must have an identifying sign attached to the trailer or written on the tongue of the trailer.
2. All dry moorage spaces are to be assigned by the Dry Moorage Chair.
3. Boats and trailers stored in the lot for less than two weeks are not considered part of the "dry moorage." Persons using the parking lot for such purpose may do so at the discretion of and upon notification of the Port Captain and Resident Members.
4. The "dry moorage" spaces will be delineated and numbered; the total area will not exceed the area drawn on the plans. As drawn, the plan calls for a maximum of seven (7) slips. Each space will be billed in advance, quarterly, at an amount determined by the Board.
5. Further details and procedures on the "dry moorage" will be determined by the Board as needed.

THE VOTING PROCESS

Per the By-Laws, Active Members and Active Life Members are eligible to vote. Each membership unit has one vote. A vote is cast by submitting a ballot either by U.S. mail or by e-mail to Judy Oxborrow (HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>" judy87807@comcast.net or 14001 SE Celeste Ct., Milwaukie, OR 97267-1565). Ballots must be received no later than April 13 and must clearly identify the membership unit casting the vote so that ballots may be compared to the list of eligible Club members. A vote that cannot be traced to a membership unit will not be counted. Only one vote per membership unit will be accepted. If more than one vote is received from a membership unit, those votes will not be counted. How any membership unit voted will be kept confidential by Judy. Ballots will be counted and the results announced at the April general meeting. If the event a recount is requested, the recount will be done by the Club's bookkeeping service.

SAMPLE BALLOT

NAME _____

_____ I VOTE AGAINST HAVING A DRY MOORAGE.

_____ I VOTE FOR A DRY MOORAGE AS DESCRIBED IN THE FOGHORN.

Order Your Foghorn on line; get it early and in Color!

Receive your Foghorn as a PDF file and save the Club the cost of printing and postage.



Commodore Quade presiding at a recent RCYC General Meeting

Foghorn Copy Deadline 18th of the month

Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events. Please send articles, announcements or any other Foghorn contributions marked Foghorn with titles to ALL editors and graphics individuals listed below. Lead Editor:

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RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

April 2009

- 4 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 8 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Red Cross AED/CPR/First Aid, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Walk I BBQ, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 22 OWSA Education, 5:30 p.m.
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- 2 Opening Day
- 7 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Private Party
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 RCYC Ladies Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 – 25 RCYC Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing
- 29 Private Party
- 30 OWSA Education, 9:00 a.m.

• 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