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Vice Commodore: Chuck Fisher
Secretary: Chuck Silver

May 2009



COMMODORE'S LOG

Karl Quade, Commodore

Opening Day is May 02. As usual, we will start with a continental breakfast at about 0830. The flag raising ceremony will be at 1000 in the parking lot. The skippers meeting will follow at 1030 in the Clubhouse, when the fleet captain will let us know what time we need to get underway and assign positions for our formation. As a Club we are second this year, so we will have to form up early. There will be an informal social after the parade with refreshments. Decorations will be our standard red, white, and blue flagging. Contact Terry Foren if you need some. Maybe we can be a little more competitive this year. Let's look sharp regarding dress, boats and seamanship.

The biggest news is that our consolidated loan with US Bank has been finalized, and the monthly payments fit the budget. Part of this loan will enable us to redeem the F bonds. Thanks to those that purchased them which allowed us to make improvements to our moorage several years ago. **Many thanks to Carl Nielsen, Karen Jacobson, Judy Oxborrow, and John Kneeland for their part in making this happen.**

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RCYC Ladies Dinner

May 14, 2009

You are invited to our annual Rose City Yacht Club Ladies Dinner on May 14th. We will be serving either roast Pork Loin with Apple Chutney, or Baked Portobello Mushroom Tower.

- Social Hour is at 5:30 pm
- Dinner is at 6:45 pm

Please make your reservations no later than May 6th by sending \$20.00 to RCYC, c/o Patti Fischer, 154 Bridgeton Rd., Portland, OR 97211. Please specify your entrée choice.

Dorothy Glynn, Committee Chair

Memorial Weekend Cruise

May 23-25, 2009

The annual RCYC cruise to Hadley's Landing will take place on 23-25 May AD 2009, as usual. A potluck dinner is planned for Sunday 24 May, also AD 2009, sometime around 1800 hours. Please don't forget that there will be a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres on Friday and on Sunday no later than 1700 hours. Good weather has been ordered for Hadley's Landing on those dates because RCYC will be there, but bring some warm Patagonia or Columbia stuff and an umbrella or two to be safe. Just in case there is no wood there, if anyone has a bit of firewood available it would be nice if you could bring it along. Please be careful when plowing through patches of debris that comes down the river this time of the year.

Werner Bittner, Cruising Chair



Steve and Jackie Erikson, and Jim Latham



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

First let's focus on chafe. A thousand wakes from a thousand salmon fishing boats are wearing mooring lines all around all the moorages adjacent to the main channel. Check your lines and snubbers and make sure boats are tied such that their mast heads will not collide when a large wake rolls through.

A lot was done at the last scheduled spring work party, both at water level and around the upland. Quite a bit more remains to be done; RCYC has a long list of maintenance chores to keep up with. Work on the new dinghy dock advanced some, but another two days is needed. Stay tuned. There will be a further need for labor very soon to apply the new roof to our Clubhouse. Finishing our next multi-level dock for dinghies and kayaks will take a special work party this summer, or may just have to wait for September.

Two Officers and the Moorage Chair are about to do their inspection (required twice a year) and assess the condition and appearance of all boats. (Moorage Rules A.6.)

Filmmaker Woody Allen once said that "ninety percent of life is showing up." Here is a straight forward request to those in the other ten percent: If you have a boat that you have not used in many, many years, and the total of eight of your quarterly moorage fees and insurance payment is higher than its value on a good day two years ago, please consider storing it somewhere . . . else. RCYC really needs room to accommodate active member boats. Note that age in years and length of membership has nothing to do with being an active boater and Club member. We have Life Members regularly and cheerfully performing maintenance chores who are not even required to put in work hours and others eagerly pitching in who

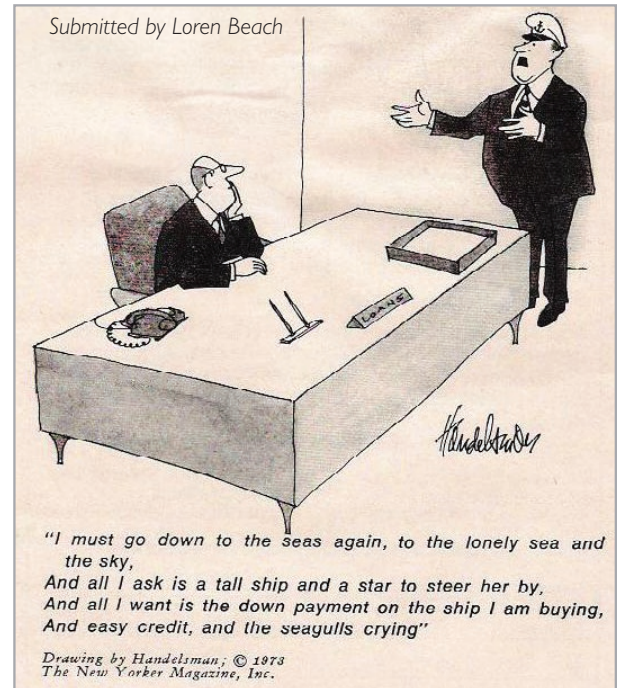
will never see 80 again. And then there are the younger members with triple-digit work hour tallies year after year.

The last five members without current registration stickers are presently being notified to bring their vessels into compliance with state law and Club rules. As you know, the next step would be removal from the moorage.

Presently we have four newer members waiting for slips, and that waiting list goes back ten months.

Summer is nigh, and anyone on the "wait list" wanting to bring their boat in and double fill a slip while the assigned member is up North for the summer should contact me.

There have been a couple of recent billing questions. Please understand that I have nothing to do with administering the money part; I just notify the Treasurer of any change in billing resulting from slip assignments. Our system of quarterly billing has an unavoidable side effect: any change made after the last week of the old quarter will cause the member billing record to be refigured, three months later. Their billing would then be adjusted up or down. Since changes in slip assignments have to be reported on a "real world" basis, there can be changes made right after a billing is sent or emailed. The Treasurer and I can sometimes try to get a billing recast when a major change happens right after the start of the quarter, but you need to remember that too much micro management will raise our bookkeeping fees and cause dental problems for all concerned (grinding of teeth). If you think



there is an error, do bring it to our attention, but be patient and considerate about the further steps to fix or explain it. Thank you.



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



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore

What's In the Number: 733.5?

Included in the number 733.5 is: Relocating Walk 4 boats after the crane move, fueling the dredge, dredge set-up, dredging, turbidity testing, container-garden cleanup, installation of number and name plates on Walk 5, Walk 5 lights, dock bolt maintenance, demolishing the shower building, general electrical, electrical testing, mast puller set-up, repair of water lines, work-party lunches, Walk 5 permits, building the bench in the shop, parking lot clean-up, priming the rain gutters, painting and removing debris, painting the Clubhouse, BBQ identification tags, container gardening, more mast puller work, cleaning the dry moorage area, startup of the pump-out pump, weeding, weeding, weeding, leveling the slab for the phone box, yet more mast puller work, pressure washing Walk 5, blackberry bushes (not complete) clean up, Clubhouse powering, key locker locking, work party team leading, work party

chairing, more lunches, more work on the key locker project, miscellaneous stuff, the monthly Clubhouse maintenance, repair of the entry gate after sand trucks, and finally, lots of meetings.

733.5 is the number of work hours posted between the start of the year and the end of March. So what is really in the number 733.5? What is really in the number is a lot of good work by a lot of good people!



Walk 1 BarBQ - first of the season



BoatUS: Foundation Tests Handheld Flares

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Representative

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 30, 2009 - Hand held flares are potentially explosive. They can generate searing heat and drip red-hot molten metal. And they can save your life. However, try practicing with them on the water and you could draw a bunch of unwarranted attention from authorities. That's why the BoatUS. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water recently tested a range of handheld signaling devices on the water in both day and night conditions, and put the entire video series of real-world tests at BoatUS.com/foundation.

"Everyone has these great safety devices aboard, but it's a challenge to learn how to use them to improve your chances of a swift rescue," said BoatUS. Foundation Vice President Chris Edmonston. "The videos will also help boaters make the right purchasing decision by showing them what to expect on the water," he added.

The tests included SOLAS approved handheld flares, USCG approved gun-style flare launchers, parachute and meteor flares, smoke canisters, and pocket rockets as well as some non-pyrotechnic visual distress signals such as the newest battery-powered laser signaling devices and distress signal flags.

Accompanying the videos is an online feature article, *Foundation Findings #45, Flare Tests Enlightening*, which provides an overview of the tests and results.

For more information, go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation.



Walk 1 BarBQ - let the fun begin!

Education

Bill Kramer, RCYC Education Chair

May 7th at 7:00 p.m., Hunter - Gatherer.

Learn how to fish from your boat and collect shell fish on the beach. Jerry Randal, Rosemary Barrett and Jan Dees will teach us how to catch, clean and cook seafood that we can catch for ourselves. Learn how to bypass the grocery store and have a feast.

Please RSVP me at bkramer@pcez.com if you are attending so I can let the presenters know how many people to expect.

June 11th at 7:00 p.m., 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 rule differs 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.

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 or on your own schedule. The months of August and September are currently available for 2009. Act now!

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

Container Gardens

Annie Roehm, Committee Chair

The Container Gardens are getting the seasonal color added, as we do every spring, with a large expense to the Club for new plantings. The irrigation system will be on timers to accommodate the up-and-coming warmer summer days' need for a drink. RCYC members, please be on the watch for any apparent leaks and notify Annie Roehm (Committee Chair) 503.768.3936/ roehma@msn.com, Karl Quade, or the Club's resident members -- the Billions or the Eastons. If it is necessary to turn off the hose bib to the water supply, it is vitally important to contact one of the persons above so the leak can be repaired and an uninterrupted watering schedule assured. Thanks to you all for the "keen-eye" approach.

A Letter from the 2009 RCYC Daughter of Neptune

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Meg Stuckey and I am very honored to serve as this year's Daughter of Neptune from Rose City Yacht Club. My parents, Chuck Stuckey and Katie Pool, own the 36' Islander, Blue Moon, on Walk 1. My first trip aboard was at the age of two, and I have been on the water ever since. My parents have taken my older brother and me on many trips up and down the Columbia River, as well as into various parts of Puget Sound. In addition to the Blue Moon, I took lessons at the Willamette Sailing School many years ago.

Currently, I am a junior at St. Mary's Academy in downtown Portland. I enjoy studying math and science. My main extracurricular interest is competing with the school's Science Olympiad Team against other high schools in Oregon and Washington. I also participate in other school activities including Math Club, Novel Club, Dance Club and Ambassadors.

During the summers, I volunteer at the Oregon Zoo as a Zoo Teen, in addition to spending as much time as I can out on the water. One of my favorite summer events has always been the Fourth of July at Rose City Yacht Club. I am going to miss the Vancouver fireworks, but I hope the Club continues to do a Fourth of July event!

I have had a wonderful time at all of the Daughter of Neptune events that I have attended so far, including the Tye Yacht Club Ladies' Dinner. I am sorry to say that I will miss the Rose City Ladies' Dinner because I will be competing at the National Science Olympiad Competition in Augusta, Georgia. However, I am sure that I will see many of you around the Club over the course of the year.

Meg Stuckey, 2009 Rose City Daughter of Neptune

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Also in the news is the membership, with half casting a ballot, voted for the dry moorage concept by about a two thirds margin. The Board will generate the rules and procedures that will apply to the dry moorage.

What's coming up? We put in a lot of extra work hours last year installing Walk 5. Extra help will again be needed this spring/summer, building another dinghy dock and reroofing the Clubhouse. Both projects should take a few days. I'll also be looking for someone to chair a grounds/landscaping function. The idea is for this person to coordinate volunteers, similar to the Clubhouse Chair, to maintain the Club's grounds for the months of April through October.

The Memorial Day weekend cruise is just around the corner. Hope to see you there.



RACE RESULTS

While we've been skiing, or just staying warm this winter, Eric Rimcus and crew have been making a name for themselves around Puget Sound. Here are the results of some of the races in which they have participated:

Olympia Races:

Fall Series--1st in "S" Class

South Sound Series:

2nd in Class C for Series

1st in Class Toliva Shoal (2nd Overall)

1st in Class Islands Race

Center Sound Series:

1st in Class Blakely Rocks

Blakely Rock Benefit Regatta:

3rd in Class

BoatUS: Summer Water Safety Tip How to Fit and Borrow a Child's Life Jacket

Alan Bergen, Boat/US Representative

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 16, 2009 - Summer will soon be here, and for many parents, this may be the first time your family goes boating. To make sure everyone is ready, the non-profit BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water (<http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation>) has three free online resources at www.BoatUS.com/foundation/LJLP/fit_video (http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/LJLP/fit_video.asp) to make sure the kids are safe:

How to properly fit a kid's lifejacket: Having a child wear an adult or incorrectly sized life jacket could be as dangerous as having no life jacket at all, giving parents a false sense of security. A short online video explains how to fit a right-sized life jacket to your child.

How to borrow a kid's life jacket if you don't have one: Boaters don't always have every kid-sized life jacket aboard. However, the BoatU.S. Foundation has over 500 locations across the country - local marinas, fire departments and other waterfront businesses - where parents can borrow a kid's life jacket (in various sizes) for the day or weekend, absolutely free. The Web site allows parents to search for a Kid's Life Jacket Loaner location near them. The program loaned out over 90,000 life jackets last year, and three lives have been saved to date.

Know your state's life jacket laws: Confused about who needs a life jacket? The Web site has a state-by-state listing of life jacket regulations.

For more information on boating water safety and the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water go to [BoatUS.com/foundation](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation) <http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation>.



Steve Beaty with Audacious (3/28/09) using the new RCYC potty pump



PORTLAND BOATERS SWAP MEET MAY 16

Clean out your attic, basement, garage, storage shed, or wherever old boat-stuff gathers at your house, and head on down to the Tomahawk Bay Yacht Club's annual Boater's Swap Meet. Tomahawk Bay parking lot is the place. May 16th is the date. Starts at 8:00 a.m. and goes to noon, or sooner if things get sold out. The cost is \$7 per space or \$5 with a canned food donation to their food drive. (If you're looking for a really good buy, experienced shoppers know to show up by 7:00 a.m.)

Submitted by Loren Beach

NEED A HOUSE SITTER?

Greetings from sunny Mexico to our RCYC friends! S/V Tamara has arrived in San Carlos where she will be spending the summer. We plan to cruise some of the islands in this area before we put her away for the summer, then will head for home the first part of June. "Home," however, is not what it once was -- we have house sitters and want to keep them on through next year, so we will need a place to stay. If you are going to be out of town for a few weeks or a month this summer and would like us to look after your house (plants, yard, pets, etc.) for you, please let us know. We are currently planning to come to Portland in June, but the summer is wide open and we can rearrange our travels to coordinate with your needs. You can reach us at the email in the yearbook or at cascadetamara@gmail.com.

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Pictures of our First aid class on 4/11/09

FINANCIAL MATTERS

After reviewing a number of options, the Finance Committee recommended to the Board that we consolidate the outstanding F bonds and the loans on Walk 1, the head walk, and the construction loan for Walk 5 into one loan. The loan process was completed with U.S. Bank on April 9. By the time you read this, members who held F bonds should also have received their payments. The Officers and Board, Finance Committee and your fellow members thank you for your long term financial commitment to Rose City Yacht Club.

Recently, questions were asked about two of the items on your quarterly billings. For the benefit of all members, here is a quick refresher about your quarterly billings. **Dues** are like dues for any organization and contribute to the operating funds of the Club. **Electricity** fees cover the costs of electricity for whichever walk your boat happens to be moored on. The fees collected are intended to pay electrical costs. Each walk is metered. About every two years, the electrical rates and usage is reviewed to determine if adjustments are needed. **Moorage** covers the moorage charges for your boat. Moorage fees are established on a walk-by-walk basis. Fees are paid in advance with each quarter's billing. If you have a slip assignment, you are charged a moorage fee based on that assignment regardless of whether your boat is at the Club. If your boat is gone for the summer or a substantial length of time, and that slip is sublet by the Moorage Chair, a credit for moorage will also be reflected in your next quarter's billing. If you are subletting a slip on a walk, you will be charged the going rate for that slip – regardless of the size/length of your boat. The **Activities** fee covers social activities for which no charge is made, such as the walk barbecues. The **Capital Improvement** fee goes into the Capital Improvement Fund. This fund provides monies for improvements in our facilities and property, such as the new roof to be put on the Clubhouse this summer. The **Dredging Fund** covers dredge operations and permits. It provides money to operate and/or repair dredge equipment,

pay the required royalties and fees to the State, and pay for dredge permits (which are issued for a five-year period) and any special tests/reports that may be required to obtain a permit. The **Loan Fund** covers the costs of our debt service for our new loan with U. S. Bank. Prior to the consolidation loan, the loan fund had been used to pay on the individual loans for Walk 1, the head walk, and the construction loan for Walk 5. It had also been used to begin paying off the F bonds.

Please check your billings when you receive them. If you believe the billing to be incorrect or have other questions related to your billing, please contact Judy Oxborrow at (503) 652-1549 or via e-mail at judy87807@comcast.net

The cutoff dates for work hours are June 10 and December 10. Hours not worked by those dates will be billed at the current billing rate. Billings are mailed during the first week of April, July, October and January. And, as a service to our members and a cost saving measure for the Club, we are offering e-billing. You can choose to receive your quarterly billings in a PDF file to your e-mail address. You would still have to write the check or authorize you bank to pay the bill.

Most Club purchases are made at local vendors by persons authorized by the Board to do so. However, there are instances such as work party lunches, walk barbecues, etc. where members may need to make purchases for the function and then submit a request for reimbursement. Such requests for reimbursement for purchases made on behalf of the Club are usually processed monthly and the checks signed at the Board meeting. For example, if you submitted a reimbursement request during the month of April, those checks would be printed and signed at the May 11 Board meeting. The Board receives and reviews a list of all expenditures made during the previous month. If reimbursement cannot wait until the Board meeting, please contact Judy Oxborrow to discuss the matter.

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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WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

'Cause he is going to a 2-for-1 party. ...and you're invited too!

Please join us to celebrate with Lynn Easton his **65th BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT!**

June 6th, 6pm 'till...

Eats, soft drinks, fun, BYOB

Rose City Yacht Club
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RSVP to Connie Norton 503-970-7148, email: mconnien6@aol.com

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

May 2009

- 2 Opening Day
- 7 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm
- 9 Private Party
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 14 RCYC Ladies Dinner, 5:30 pm
- 16 Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 23-25 RCYC Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing
- 29 Private Party
- 30 OWSA Education, 9:00 am
- 30 Private Party

June 2009

- 2 OWSA Education, 5:30 pm
- 3 OWSA Education, 5:30 pm
- 6 OWSA Education, 9:00 am
- 6 Easton Retirement Celebration, 6 pm
- 7 Private Party, 4:00 pm
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 11 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm
- 13 RCYC Cruise to Coon Island
- 13 Private Party
- 13-14 RCYC Cruise to Coon Island
- 14 Private Party
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC Summer Regatta
- 19 Walk 2 BBQ, 5:30 pm
- 20 RCYC Summer Regatta
- 20 OWSA Education, 9:00 am



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