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June 2009



## COMMODORE'S LOG

*Karl Quade, Commodore*

Opening Day was a success. As usual, Barbara Dougherty started us out with some delicious rolls. In the afternoon, Connie Easton and her committee treated us to an excellent spread of appetizers and sweets. We had a somewhat small fleet for the parade with 18 boats, including two from the Sea Scouts. However, for clubs with over 60 members we took 2nd place for seamanship, 3rd place overall, and 3rd place for participation. All members who were there, whether or not they took their boat out, counted towards the last one. The skippers did a good job, and we got through the parade without getting wet. Not all of the clubs could say that. The squall that came through later that afternoon would have made the parade quite interesting if it had been earlier. Next year RCYC will be leading the parade.

I would like to thank Dorothy Glynn for volunteering to chair the Ladies Dinner Committee in the absence of a First Mate. She and her Committee did an excellent job. We seated 107 for dinner and had

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### Walk 2 BarBQ, June 19th

Don't miss the next Club social gathering. Mark your social calendar for Friday, June 19 for the Walk 2 BBQ. Happy Hour will begin at 6:00pm.

### 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. The month of August is 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](mailto:jadams@teleport.com).





## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

No movement on the waiting list this month. The old prediction of "about a year" for new members to be assigned a slip now needs to be updated to "more than a year." I am filling some temporary summer vacancies in slips where the regular member has gone north for several months.

As in past summers, several members are looking for an energetic teenager to clean and wax their boat. If you have one of these rare persons in your household, have him or her post their "ad" on one of the Clubhouse bulletin boards right away.

Our present dinghy docks are about full up. If you have your little boat parked without a name plate, you need to attach one right away.

The first fall work party will construct the next dinghy and kayak storage dock.

Work/Utility Boats: If you use one of the work/utility boats and the gas tank is low, fill it with straight gas from the fuel dock next door. Keep those boats clean and tidy. They get used a lot throughout the year and need to be ready to go in case of any emergency.

*Please have a safe summer.*

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representation from many of the local clubs, including a contingent from Longview. The ladies enjoyed a fine dinner, wine, and some salty entertainment. There were many raffle prizes, some of them quite nice. Obviously the ladies at RCYC know how to do this event right.

The rules for the dry moorage have been approved by the Board and will be published in a future issue of the Foghorn. Our electrical permit for Walk 5 has finally been signed off by the City, thanks to Ken Gervais. Since that is taken care of, we can start on the shower, which will again require permits. Work has started on the new Clubhouse roof and may even be done by the time you read this.

With the change in weather many of us are getting out on the water again. I've had a request from our neighbor to give a reasonably wide berth to the gas dock and moorage exit when entering and exiting our moorage. This applies to the moorages further downstream as well. Not all boats sound the appropriate signal when leaving their moorage.

I have witnessed a collision between a boat exiting a moorage and one that was too close to the marinas below us. You wouldn't be very happy if one of the 60 ft. power boats in our next-door moorage hit you.

Let's have a fun and safe summer on the water!



*Opening Day Celebration*







## Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore

### FOR THE MANY – FOR THE FEW

For the many who have been putting hours of work into maintaining and improving RCYC, here is a great big "THANK YOU". For the few, and there are about 17 members, who have not completed their work hours for the first half of the year; the message is "time is a wasting." You must have your work hours completed no later than June 10. Chuck Pennington, who has done a terrific job as Work Party Chair, has work that you can do to get your hours in. Work that still needs to be done includes painting, lawn maintenance, and the never ending removal of flotsam and jetsam.

Chuck Pennington also told me he is looking for Work Party Leaders for the fall. He reported it can sometimes be difficult to get newer members to assume the leadership position. Newer members who have a few work parties as part of their resume and who think being a Work Party Leader is beyond their abilities should think again. For starters, you will be working with Chuck and he will give you all the direction you need. In addition, you will have all the joys of management of RCYC volunteers. If you own one or more small animals of the same or similar temperament as a cat, you will have some idea just how joyous an experience it will be.

There is also the eternal gratitude of those who you are leading. Members seeking work hours know that without a Work Party Leader, anything can happen. It is a wide river, after all.

Finally, there are, or were, the perks and bonuses. Unfortunately due to the economy, the perks and bonuses have been severely limited. Still, there is always the last of the great free lunch that you will get to share with those who have come to view you as their Work Party Leader.

Now is the time to make the commitment to be Work Party Leader in the fall. Remember, many are called, few accept. Those who do find their lives are . . . well . . . pretty much the same as before. What can you expect?

**CALL CHUCK PENNINGTON, VOLUNTEER,  
BE A WORK PARTY LEADER!**

## Education

Bill Kramer, RCYC Education Chair

### June 11th at 7:00 pm 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 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.

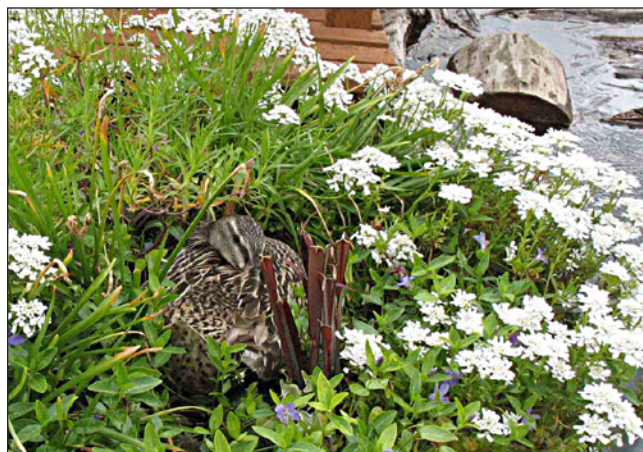
I hope you can all attend.

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



Opening Day Celebration



Duck nesting in our flower pot.

## BoatUS: Foundation Tests Handheld Flares

*Alan Bergen, BoatUS Representative*

Going Boating? A Crew Safety Briefing Could Save Lives

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 29, 2009 - Having friends and family aboard is what boating is all about. But in an emergency could they quickly locate a fire extinguisher or provide accurate location information to rescuers -- without your help?

For National Safe Boating Week May 16 - 22, BoatU.S. Seaworthy magazine Editor Bob Adriance has developed a short Crew Safety Checklist. "Boating is supposed to be fun, so we do not want to unduly alarm our guests. However, every skipper should take a few minutes before they leave the dock to share these tips with crew." They are:

1. Life Jackets: Offer a correctly sized life jacket to those who wish to wear one, show guests where they are stored and how they are properly worn.
2. Fire Extinguishers: They should be easily visible near engine and galley areas. Take a moment to explain what types they are and how they are meant to be used. Point out any fire port locations for snuffing out engine compartment fires.
3. Flares: Show where they are located and how to safely activate without causing injury.
4. Engine and Fuel Shutoffs: Especially on sailboats, it's not always clear how to shut off the engine (usually by pulling out the "kill" knob).
5. VHF Radio: It's very important to familiarize the crew with its operation, how to make a radio distress call, and DSC one-button rescue mode (if equipped).
6. Battery Switch: Show the crew how to turn off power in case of an electrical fire.
7. Chartplotter, GPS, and Loran: At a minimum, crew should know to find a latitude/longitude position with these electronics. Pinpoint its location on the unit's screen. Have a paper chart aboard, show your crew where you're departing from and headed for the day.
8. Man Overboard Gear: Show where it is and give a brief explanation on how to use it.

## MORE GOOD WORK

It never ceases to amaze me how many good, talented, and generous people we have at RCYC. These folks' good deeds don't stop at the gate. We rarely hear about the good work folks do OUTSIDE of the Club, but I bet it would amaze us.

Bob and Leslie Phillips, Ken Gervais and Susan Wilcox, along with my wife and I, witnessed the culmination of one of these good works at the May 16th Grand Opening of the Stringfield Family Park. That's right, our very own "Stringfield"!

Tom and his brother Rick could have sold their boyhood home and property to developers but instead gave community organizations the first chance. After a complicated and time consuming process, the result is a beautiful new 4.5 acre park located at 3614 SE Naef Road in Oak Grove.



Bob and Leslie Phillips

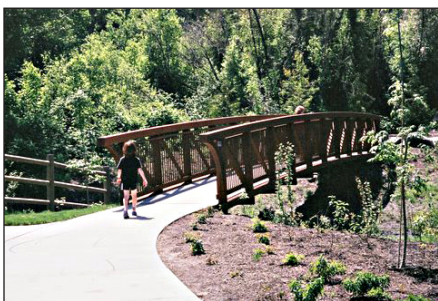
Tom Stringfield and his wife, Vickie, along with Rick, were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony along with about 120 other citizens and dignitaries from Clackamas County and the State. The park has numerous



Tom and Rick Stringfield with Ken Gervais

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amenities including state of the art water quality features along Boardman Creek, which bisects the property. Check it out sometime when you're traveling south from Portland via McLoughlin Blvd. or the Willamette River.

I wonder what other unheralded good deeds members are doing outside the Club. They would be good topics of conversation around the docks and at social events.

*Tom and Meri Foeller*

## Greetings from San Carlos Yacht Club – A New Reciprocal

On a mild Friday evening at the end of April, four of RCYC's many ambassadors to Mexico – namely Mike and Delphi Godsil and Dave and Marili Reilly – attended a Pirate feast hosted by the San Carlos Yacht Club. We presented an RCYC burgee for their wall, and in exchange for reciprocal privileges, we received a month's free courtesy membership and an open invitation to all of the Club's doin's during the next month.

We were welcomed by Commodore Jan Rains – who also happens to run the popular Barracuda Bob's Coffee Shop and Cafe next to the SCYC – a former Portland area sailor who has lived in San Carlos since arriving several years ago on a sail/cruise to Mexico. The Club occupies the second story of a building beside the San Carlos Marina, and that evening the resident and visiting pirates were welcomed aboard with a gift of eye patch, cutlass, and tattoo (ouch!). I confess to being jealous of their huge, modern galley (and local cooks and wait staff!). Echo Bay Yacht Club on Vancouver Island also awarded the SCYC with their burgee. If you happen to be cruising north this year, drop by and check them out.

Some of you may know or have heard of other San Carlos YC members. Our own former members, Bob and Marilyn Hicks, have had an association with that Club for several years. They now have a summer home in Arizona and a winter home in San Carlos where they still keep their Cascade 36 OzBorne. I met Dixie (Gould) Gleason who was the second wife of one of my father and Wade Cornwell's original partners, Jarvis Gould. She remembered RCYC and sailing aboard the Chinook Tag, and told me about Jarve passing away at 54, just before he was to become head of the med school. She later married county commissioner Mike Gleason and they moved to San Carlos around 1974 or 1975 and started building a house here. He passed away in 1979, before the house was completed, but she said she has stayed here ever since and really enjoys it. We also met John and Marsha from Columbia River YC. He is a past commodore and welcomed us with a land-based version of the customary CRYC greeting. He also professed to being the recipient of the RCYC "Big Wake" award – a letter sent by one of my predecessors on the Board via CRYA – which he says he has framed for his wall.

We enjoyed the San Carlos YC members we met while dining with Commodore Jan at the head table, had our pictures taken in our pirate regalia, and enjoyed the delicious Sonoran short rib dinner and dance music afterwards. Godsils have already put Trig to bed at her moorings in Marina Real, and returned home. By the time you read this, Tamara will also be secured for the hurricane season and Dave and I will be headed home. We look forward to seeing our RCYC friends in early June.

*Marili and Dave Reilly*

## Cathlamet's Bald Eagle Days Celebration and Dees' Parade Luncheon Is Back

It has been two years since we've put this event on, and it still conflicts with the beginning of the Lazy Days cruise on July 18th. But everyone from RCYC is invited to join us in front of our house in Cathlamet (380 Columbia St., just up the hill from the old Pioneer Church) to watch the parade as well as enjoy all the other events in Cathlamet's Bald Eagle Days celebration. We will be serving burgers and dogs during and shortly after the parade. But this is a BYOC event (bring your own chair). If you haven't attended before, this is a Norman Rockwell small town event.

The initial cut of the schedule is:

Friday July 17th	Dance with live music at the marina
Saturday July 18th	Kiwanis's Breakfast (7:00 at the Marina), run-walk challenge (8:00 am), parade (11:00am), old car & equipment show, street fair, miniature train rides for kids, live music and fireworks

Sunday July 19th Wooden boat show and our departure to join the Lazy Days cruise

*Jan and John Dees, JohnDees@centurytel.net*



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## RCYC COON ISLAND CRUISE

This year's RCYC Coon Island Cruise (down the Multnomah Channel, almost to St. Helens) will happen 13-14 June. An extended cocktail hour with hors'd'oeuvres is recommended, rain or shine.

To the RCYC cruise #1 to East Dock came 17 (seventeen!) boats. The weather was so-so on Saturday, not what I negotiated with the powers up on high, but fairly acceptable for late April. Needless to say that the cocktail hour was nicely long and, as usual, a great success. The hors'd'oeuvres were so substantial that the folks forwent dinner and hit the bunks about the time the sun goddess went to bed herself.

Thanks a heap, Werner Bittner, Cruising Chair

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### June 2009

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



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| 4 RCYC Land Cruise                  |
| 11 RCYC Walk 3 BBQ, 5:30 pm         |
| 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm      |
| 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm    |
| 17 RCYC Beer Can Race               |
| 17-19 Bald Eagle Days, Cathlamet    |
| 18 Dees' Parade Luncheon, Cathlamet |
| 18 Foghorn Deadline                 |
| 18-26 RCYC Lazy Days Cruise         |
| 23 Lazy Days Potluck at Cathlamet   |



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