

Commodore: Karl Quade
Vice Commodore: Chuck Fisher
Secretary: Chuck Silver

September 2009



Commodore's Log

Karl Quade, Commodore

So far it has been a fun, but hot summer. I'm uncomfortable when it is over 75 degrees so I haven't been enjoying the weather. At least it has generally cooled off at night. We had a good turnout for our potluck at Cathlamet. I was only on the river for a week during Lazy Days, but had a good time. The Pirate's Cruise was also a big success. Thanks to the Past Commodores for a great breakfast. It was another fun event and lots of kids.

Our club launch is back in the water. The new engine is working great, and we are past the most critical part of the break-in period. The fuel problems have been fixed. The bilge pump and float switch have been replaced so when we get rain the stern shouldn't be too heavy. The launch really needs to be cleaned up though. For starters I'd like to see it put away each time cleaner than it was when it got underway.

Significant progress has been made on the shower, however, we hit a snag when it came to installing the lift pump for the sewer. We'll work through that. Although it won't get much use this year, when it is finished we will have a very nice facility.

The Oregon State Marine Board is aggressively implementing a program to prevent non-native marine plant and animal species from getting a foothold in Oregon waters. This program will be funded by a \$5 surcharge on your boat registration fee. Currently Oregon law does not permit border inspections. The fees will be used to setup boat inspection teams within the state and to purchase mobile decontamination equipment. Infestation of these species will be a lot more expensive.

September will be a busy month. Fall work parties are starting and there will be plenty to do. We also have the Labor Day Cruise, Walk 4 BBQ, and a Luau. The Luau is replacing the Octoberfest, and should be a great event. Hope to see you there.



Cathlamet Lazy Days Potluck



Pirate's Cruise New Member Orientation



Young pirates seeking treasure



Pirate's Cruise at new Sandy Beach Dock

The 2009 Nominating Committee has been named by Commodore Karl Quade. Members on the committee are Rear Commodore Jim Douglass (chair), Karen Billion, Paul Glynn and Bob Laird. Any members wishing to have input into this process need to contact the committee members



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore

From my perspective, the Pirates Breakfast Cruise was really well done this year. It was a blast! The club had a fully functional launch to ferry supplies and people as needed, Sandy Beach dock proved a pleasure, and the company was great. Of concern was that Ron Moran was heard to express the sentiment that maybe a new lead pirate (First Pirate) would be in order for next year.

Again, from my perspective, I cannot see anyone other than Ron being First Pirate. Who would have the wit, timing and aim with a water gun of Ron? Equally important, who would fill the role of a First Pirate's Assistant with the style of daughter Colleen? Ron is a great First Pirate! We all look forward to next year when he, for a Sunday morning in August, lets his inner pirate show. Arrrrr!

By the way, Ron has volunteered to be Cruising Chair for 2010. He is seeking your input as to what you want for the RCYC cruising calendar. Which brings up the topic of committee service; now is the time to volunteer for committee service for 2010. You do not want to end up being "volunteered." It is much better to step up and express your interests. Now is the time to let me know what committee or committees you are interested in serving on as a member or chair.

Now to the subject that really got your attention...*poop*. RCYC members really love their pets. Pets can add a dimension to boating. However, pets on board or within the confines of RCYC require special attention.

If your pet should do what comes natural on the dock, take the time to clean it up. Within easy reach throughout RCYC are hose bibs and hoses. After picking up after your best friend, use water to rinse the dock. Please do not just walk your pet to the top of the ramp, allow your pet to do his or her business and leave the mess unattended. It is unsightly and unhealthy for all, particularly small children. When walking your pet be sure to take him or her onto the grass area within the Club confines along Marine Drive. Then, as you would in your neighborhood, pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste in the dumpster.

It has been a wonderful summer! Alas fall is upon us. Drat, time to get back to work!

Beer Can Racing – August 14, 2009

By Pam Sesar

It was so much fun being race committee for the Friday night race on August 14. All the participants were so appreciative. We were thanked over and over again.

There were 15 boats and the gifts (bribes) were exquisite. For fun, we did keep track of times and finishes. However, because of the nature of the gifts (some on ice, some in bottles, a bottle of rum, and even a plate of freshly baked brownies) the results are suspect. We shortened the course thinking that some of the boats without flying sails might not finish. However, some boats saw the shortened course flag and some did not. We took both times and again had a great time running this race. I will be doing this again. My ice chest was never so full! Oh, one other detail, several boats ran aground in what looked like the middle of the river.

The results are as follows, listed in order of finish:

1. Roller Ball
2. Wave Dancer
3. Bullseye
4. L'Orca
5. Vim
6. AirFair
7. Amaretto
8. Furye
9. Range 20
10. Art Attack
11. Down Wind Drifter (solo)
12. Upstart
13. Dazzle
14. Captain Duck
15. Illusions (may have finished much later).

With time corrections and gifts considered, the results are as follows:

1. Bullseye (Full Sail)
2. Art Attack (Beer and Brownies)
3. Roller Ball (Sack of beer)
4. Furye (Variety pack)
5. The rest of the fleet.

Honorable mention to Captain Duck for the Rum (I never saw them finish) and Illusions for the blue drink on ice (not sure if they ever finished).

Education *Bill Kramer, Education Chair*

Winch Maintenance, Thursday October 8th, 7:00 PM
Alan Bergen will show us how to take apart, clean and lube a winch. Sailboats all have at least a couple winches and they should be cleaned and lubed annually to get good service from them. This task is not as difficult as you might think.

Books for Boaters, Thursday November 12th, 7:00 PM
We will have a panel of boaters, who are avid readers, to share their favorite books. Find out some good titles to curl up with this winter or to give as gifts. This will cover the range from fiction to non-fiction and adult and children's. If you would like to participate on the panel, please contact Bill Kramer.



Young pirates getting clues to treasure

Walk 4 BBQ, September 11th

Everyone is invited, so mark your social calendar for Friday, September 11 for the Walk 4 BBQ. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 pm. Just bring your choice of meat to barbecue for yourself and your drink of choice. The Walk 4 Committee will be providing the rest of the dinner as well as soft drinks and mixers.

Mike and Carol Pick

Walk 4 Boaters:

Mike & Carol Pick are asking for volunteers from Walk 4 to help with the set-up, serving and clean-up for the barbecue on September 11. Please email them at "<mailto:pickmc@gmail.com>" if you can help. Thanks."



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach Moorage Chair

The fall maintenance cycle starts this month. There is much to catch up to keep the docks safe and sound. The upland area has also become badly overgrown over the summer. We need to check on hundreds of nuts that: 1) hold the finger docks and Headwalks together, 2) those on the underside of the cleats, and 3) those that loosen and fall off the back side of the triangle face boards. The reason is that we get a lot of wakes and wave movement all the time.

You should know that you need your 1-1/8" socket for most dock work. The cleat bolts and face board bolts are smaller and we should have some appropriate end wrenches in the shop. Note that some of the cleat bolts may need some additional galvanized washers on the bottom because the bolts lack enough threads.

The project to complete our two new dinghy docks will be high on the September agenda too. If you already have a dinghy on one of the existing docks, you must put a durable name plate on your spot if you have not done so already.

We have a new sort of security risk this fall because the low tides are allowing trespassers to step directly onto the east end of the Headwalk. Remember to close and lock up all three doors of the clubhouse at dusk. Be sure that the shop is locked up likewise. You might also want to cable-lock your dinghy.

Have fun and enjoy our fine facility, but stay alert too.

Cruising

RCYC Labor Day Cruise to Beacon Rock, September 5-7

Some of us will leave earlier to occupy most of the marina for those who will come at the last moment. There will be a potluck on Sunday around 1800 hours. If your boat is not in the mood to go that far, you can come by car. There is plenty of parking available, for a fee.

Government Island, East Dock, October 3-4

This will be your last chance to come to an official RCYC cruise in 2009! No potluck is planned, but we'll gather for a nice cocktail hour with snacks around 1630 hours.

Werner Bittner, Cruising Chair



Financial Matters *Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer*

The long hot summer is almost over! School is about to start again, and soon we will be complaining about the rain and cold. A couple of other “hot” issues have come up over the summer.

A number of members have complained about the late charges on their billings. Billings are normally issued by the first week of January, April, July and October. Payment is required by the end of the month. Per article IV, Section I of the By-Laws, “Any account not paid within 30 days of the billing date shall become a delinquent account. Delinquent accounts shall be assessed a late charge of 10% for each billing period that a delinquency exists.”

There are options for handling your account if you are going to be out of the area for an extended period. If you bank on-line and will have e-mail access, you may choose to have the billing e-mailed to you for payment action. You may arrange to pay the billing prior to leaving the area. If nothing has changed in your billing (moorage assignment, membership status, etc.), you can pay the same amount as you paid in the previous quarter. Or, if your moorage slip is being sublet and an adjustment to the bill would be involved, call or e-mail the Treasurer. The Treasurer has on-line access to the billing files. A telephone call or e-mail is all it takes to obtain the information needed to pay your billing prior to leaving or during your absence.

Because the late charge is clearly spelled out in the By-Laws, neither the Treasurer nor the Finance Committee has the authority to waive such charges. If you feel the charge is unfairly imposed, please feel free to attend the Board meeting and present your case to the Board.

And, periodically, we do have members who become seriously delinquent in their accounts. Per Article IV, Section 2, “Any account delinquent for 60 days shall be referred to the membership for consideration. The membership may defer action upon terms that the membership deems advisable; suspend the rights and privileges or the delinquent account for a stated period; or revoke the membership. A member so revoked or suspended may apply in writing to the Board of Directors for reinstatement following payment of all delinquencies, with late charges.” In past years, we have had memberships revoked for non-payment and the membership bond used to offset the debt to the Club. With the economy still languishing, employees being forced to take unpaid days off, and continuing layoffs, anyone could find themselves in financial hardship. Should this be the case, we recommend that you appear before the Board to explain the circumstances and offer a solution to the matter. The Club has been willing to work with members in resolving these issues.



2009 Pirates Cruise
Sandy Beach
Government Island

More Pirate's Cruise Photos



RCYC Fall Work Parties

Plan on joining other hardworking RCYC members for the fall work parties. This is a great opportunity to meet each other, get the Club ready for the offseason and basically have a good time. We especially need members to work as work party leaders and lunch cooks for these events.

Remember that active members need to complete 6 hours of work for the fall work parties. All incomplete hours will be billed at the rate of \$ 50/hour.

September 12	Leader	Don Belshaw
	Lunch	Linda Belshaw
September 26	Leader	Tom Stringfield
	Lunch	
October 10	Leader	Bob Phillips
	Lunch	
October 24	Leader	
	Lunch	
November 7	Leader	Larry Roberts
	Lunch	Cork & Linda Inman Bill & Ellen Farr

General Meeting Programs

The September general meeting will feature a presentation by John Cowan, the Government Island Ranger for Oregon State Parks. John will tell us about the long-range plans for Government Island, how RCYC can participate in those plans and answer questions from members about the island.

The October meeting will have a title that I am calling "Things That Work". I am asking members to come up with ideas to present that feature creative solutions to common problems, products which actually do what they are supposed to or something you have designed which works. Examples include a method for using winches in place of a windlass, spider dropping removal, renewing dock lines and techniques for docking or leaving the dock.

Contact Bob Phillips if you would like to participate in the October "Things That Work" program. Visual aides are helpful in this program.

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Herm Fischer helps Commodore Quade get everyone's attention at the Cathlamet Potluck

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RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September 2009

- 5 RCYC Beacon Rock Cruise
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm.
- 11 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:30 pm
- 12 RCYC Long Distance Race Start
- 12 RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am
- 13 RCYC Long Distance Race Finish
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC Luau!!! Means Party, 5:30 pm
- 26 RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am
- 26 Private Party, Judy Oxborrow

October 2009

- 3 RCYC East Dock Cruise
- 3 CRYA Closing Day Ceremonies
- 8 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm.
- 9 Old Salts Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 10 RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 24 RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am

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