

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

October 2009



### Commodore's Log

*Karl Quade, Commodore*

For our Labor Day weekend cruise at Beacon Rock, we had 19 boats. I was happy that it wasn't too hot, and I don't think anybody had to fight the wind going up the river. It was a little wet, but people did get out and about. We spent a fair amount of time in foul weather gear or in the cabin on the boat. Sunday afternoon activities went on as scheduled. Happy hour saw about 25 members crammed along with appetizers under two 10x10 canopies in pouring rain. To make it a little more interesting, we had hail, thunder, and lightning. Then the downpour stopped for a typical RCYC potluck.

Also of interest was the wildlife. Through the cracks in the dock you can get a glimpse of two beaver living beneath, and on the island we saw deer and elk. Although fun to watch, the ospreys nesting on top of one of the pilings weren't as welcome. Besides their being noisy, their droppings made a mess as much as twelve feet away.

The RCYC Long Distance Race was a success. I believe about 30 boats participated, and all had a good time in spite of mostly light winds. The club launch was used, but had to get towed home because of water in the fuel. Since the fuel tank was basically dry when the new engine was installed, we seem to have an ongoing problem. We have identified some possibilities, and are addressing them, so hope to have a reliable boat in the near future.

We had a pretty good turnout for the first work party, especially in the morning, and got a good start on the new dinghy docks. There is a lot of work to do this fall. We have four more work parties to go. Anything you can do beyond your required 6 hours would be appreciated. Hope to see you there.

### NOMINATION OF RCYC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

*Jim Douglass, Rear Commodore, Rose City Yacht Club*

The nomination committee, composed of Karen Billion, Paul Glynn, Bob Laird, and Jim Douglass, Chair, has made the following nominations for the year 2010:

Commodore	Chuck Fischer		Accepted 9-04
Vice Commodore	Chuck Silver		Accepted 9-06
Rear Commodore	Karl Quade		Accepted 9-02
Secretary	Rosemary "Rosie" Barrett		Accepted 9-05
Director	Chuck Stuckey	2yr	Accepted 9-05 *
Director	Bob Gales	1yr	Accepted 9-16 *
Director	Bill Wright	1yr	Accepted 9-06 *
Director	Terry Annis	New	Accepted 9-13
Director	Frank Noragon	New	Accepted 9-15

\* Returning





## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The Waiting List will shrink by one boat by the time you read this. If your boat is going to be out of your slip for any extended period, please let me know; I will offer temporary moorage to someone on the Waiting List.

We are enjoying the last very fine fall evenings for our informal "Take your boat out with some friends and sail" program. I may continue doing this myself until DST ends. It is fun to sail on other boats and get to know other members better. This is as simple as showing up at the Clubhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and picking up some crew – or being crew for others – and just going out for a short sail.

Another way to enjoy your boat in the fall, barring really rainy or cold days, is to do some "Friday Nighters," as we have been doing personally for two decades. This involves heading up to either of the docks on Government Island after work on Friday. If you do not leave your dock before dark, you can be sure you will be tying up in the dark! Check that your foredeck light is working.

The new Government Island docks should have lots of room, as all the fair weather boaters are gone, and the scene is usually very quiet. Dinner and happy hour are as good as ever – just more likely held down inside around the table rather than out on a cold dock. The really nice thing is that when you return home Saturday midday, it will seem like you've already had a weekend night out – and still have another Saturday night to spare!

We are now into our fall work party cycle and lots of dock maintenance is needed. We will be straightening finger docks and treating the wood surface of the outer breakwater. The work on both the new dinghy docks continues. I know that Work Party Chair Chuck Pennington has a to-do list, with chores all over the grounds and docks. Contact him to schedule your Saturday attendance or arrange another day and task if you cannot work on a Saturday.

See you on the docks, and Let's Go Sailing!

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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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Summer's End Work Party

Tom Stringfield

Our next Work Party will happen on September 26; as usual, there is a long list of important jobs to do. These include continuing the work on our new dinghy/kayak docks, getting our landscaping back into shape, maintenance work on the concrete docks, and a lot more.

Tom Stringfield will be the September 26 Work Party leader. He promises terrific weather, a great lunch, and plenty of entertaining chores. In order to get an accurate head count for lunch, he asks that everyone who plans to attend the work party sign on, either by phone (503) 643-4493 or e-mail ([tastringfield@verizon.net](mailto:tastringfield@verizon.net)) no later than Thursday September 24. Tom will let you know what tools you might bring to help with the chores.

We will buy groceries for lunch based on the advance head count so as to avoid wasting the Club's money; so, if you show up without having signed up, there may not be enough to go around. PLEASE be considerate of your Lunch Chef and your Work Party Leader by checking in ahead beforehand.

### Current Email Addresses Needed

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Are you receiving your club news and special event notices by email? I ask because several members were wondering recently why they never got the work party announcements or the message about the upcoming Captains Dinner. It turned out that the email address was missing or incorrect in the club records.

These notices use the "everyone at RCYC" mailing list, which is used only by a few club members for internal communications only. This mailing list is not public.

So, if you did not get the announcements in late August and early September about the mid-week recreational sailing program, the chore list for the first work party, and the recent Captains Dinner announcement, please send a short email to me ([sailaway10@comcast.net](mailto:sailaway10@comcast.net)) immediately so that I can compile a list of email updates to forward to Ethan and Larry, who maintain our mailing list.

Further, the Residents and I need your current email address so that we can let you know of potential hazards to your boat and dock lines during the winter storm season.

Thanks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

### Daughters of Neptune Nominations Open

Nominations are open for RCYC's next Daughter of Neptune. Do you know a teenage girl who would like to volunteer her time to represent RCYC and promote water safety during the 2010 boating season?

The Daughters of Neptune are ambassadors for their clubs and work with the Columbia River Yachting Association throughout the boating season to promote life jacket use and water safety. RCYC crowns our Daughter of Neptune at the Commodore's Ball, and she participates in Opening Day. She then takes part in the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade and has an opportunity to cruise upriver on a Navy vessel during the Festival. She also attends various Ladies Dinners and takes part in the Closing Day ceremonies.

All high-school-aged daughters, granddaughters and nieces of RCYC members are eligible for nomination. The CRYA recommends Daughters of Neptune be high school juniors, although mature freshmen and sophomores may also be nominated.

Please submit your 2010 Daughter of Neptune nomination to Karl Quade no later than the November general meeting on the 18th. After the nomination period the Board will interview each applicant and announce the appointment of our new Daughter of Neptune in December.

If you have any questions please contact either of the 2010 Daughter of Neptune chaperones, Linda Belshaw or Colleen Moran.

### 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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## EDUCATION

### CLASSES AT RCYC

*Bill Kramer, Education Chair*

#### **Winch Maintenance**

Thursday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Alan Bergen will show us how to take apart, clean and lube a winch. Sailboats all have at least a couple of winches; they should be cleaned and lubed annually to get good service from them. This task is not as difficult as you might think. Alan is offering post-class assistance with winches to those who attend the class.

#### **Books for Boaters**

Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Nina and Bill Kramer, who are boating librarians, and Susan Wilcox, who is a regular library user, will tell you about their favorite boat nautical books. Find out some good titles to curl up with this winter or to give as gifts. They will cover the range from fiction to non-fiction, adult and children's. They will have some to show, even some to take home. Find out what books you need in your boat's library and titles you need to read.

### COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CLASS

*Lynn Easton, Port Captain*

#### **ABS (About Boating Safely) Class**

October 17th and 18th. (Time to be announced,)

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold an excellent two-day introductory class for newer boaters and those wanting to brush up on their boating safety.

This class will also qualify for both the Oregon and Washington Boater Education Card.

The cost of the class is \$25.

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## Surviving Jimena in Mexico

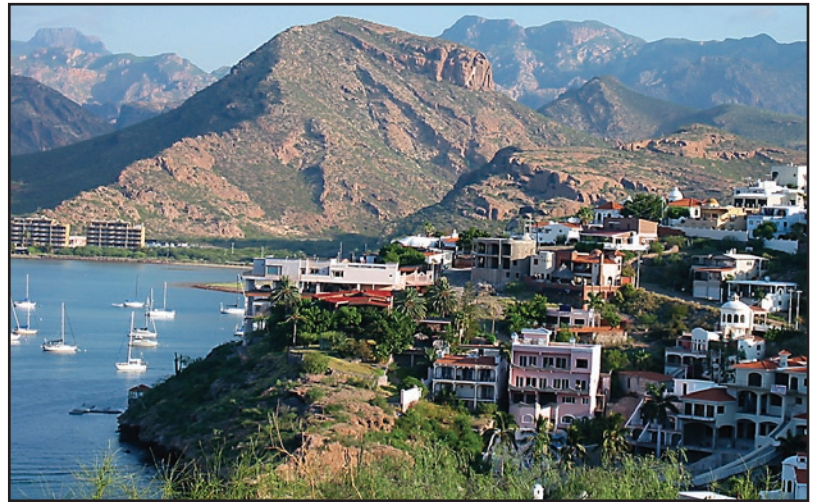
*Marili and Dave Riley*

We have had quite an adventure here in San Carlos. We returned in mid-August to watch over Tamara during our first hurricane season, and it was a good thing we did. Hurricane Jimena hit Magdalena Bay, on the Baja, on September 2nd, Marili's dad's birthday. Those of you who knew Tom Green will remember he used to say to the ladies, "It's my birthday –how about a kiss?" I don't think Dad would have wanted a kiss from this lady! Fortunately for us, after crossing the Baja and the Sea of Cortez, Jimena did little more than "kiss" San Carlos. Downgraded to a tropical storm, she gave us a big, long, sloppy kiss to the tune of 50 mph winds and 26+ inches of rain. She also gave us a slight break midday, resting 40 miles or so offshore, then turned around and kissed us again. It was all over by the morning of the 4th, but it was a long stormy 3rd.

When we came back to Mexico, we didn't want to move aboard the boat right away, as temps are in the 90's and 100's most of the time. Instead, we rented a downstairs apartment at the home of former RCYC members Bob & Marilyn Hicks



*Dave and Moo Moo in the garden at the Hicks home.*



*A view of San Carlos Bay and homes on the rocky peninsula neighborhood known as "El Caracol". Former RCYC members Bob & Marilyn Hicks have a home on the other side of the peninsula.*

(Cascade 36 Osborne). They have a very nice home on a very stylish hillside overlooking the bay, but it was one of the last places to have power restored (that didn't happen until Labor Day, 9/7), or water service (that didn't happen until 9/14). During the two weeks following the storm, we put to use many skills learned from cruising: burning candles (so that's why Marilyn had so many candles in the apartment!); heating water on the stove (fortunately the Hickses chose gas over electric); and taking baths/showers out of a bucket. During the storm, we collected two or three 5-gallon buckets of rainwater and then kept refilling them from the run-off that had collected in our hosts' hot tub and pool. We continued to use this water for flushing the toilet. Once stores opened and a local water purification plant was back in service, we bought 5-gallon bottles of water and used that for cooking, drinking, showers, and washing dishes.

The roads through town were washed out in many places, many stores were closed, and the boatyards were working overtime to get boats righted and emptied of water. All the Portland boats that we checked on, including the Hickses' Osborne, RCYC boats Trig and Odyssey, and former RCYC boat Rosebud (Ken and Linde Hall), came through the storm OK. We also met up with Adam and Kristina on Estrella (he crews for Frank Noragon) and compared notes on storm survival, both before and after the winds hit.



*One of a dozen or more boats that broke loose from moorings during the storm and ended up on the rocks.*

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They remained safely tucked in at Marina San Carlos, although they found many new leaks. It was a good thing they had left the anchorage before the storm, as many boats ended up on the rocks.

One thing that became apparent: the Columbia River in wintertime is a great place to learn how to prepare for a tropical storm! If the cruisers around San Carlos had had someone like Loren Beach or Lynn Easton reminding them to remove their mainsails, furling jibs, and canvas, and to make sure they had redundant mooring lines with snubbers, there would have been a lot fewer torn dodgers and shredded headsails. There was even a broken mast on a boat near Trig, caused by the stress of a torn and flagging jib.

We're heading back to Tamara in a few days and are looking forward to being in our little "home" once again. We like to think the cat is looking forward to it, too, but she will just have to be surprised.

Smooth sailing to all,

*Marili and Dave Reilly, s/v Tamara. San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico*

## Walk 4 Bar BQ





## Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Fisher, Vice Commodore

### September Song

Looking out the window at the rain and listening to the water run over the gutters — ignored in favor of summer — it comes to mind that it is a long, long way from September to April. This realization is brought on not just by the weather but because the cruising schedule for 2010 is already being finalized, with the first cruise being in April. It does seem a distance, with overcast days and vitamin D tablets to make up for the lack of sun. But there is an antidote to the blahs! It is the fun and friendship found as an active member of RCYC.

With all there is to do this fall and winter, there are lots of opportunities to work and to play together. There are work parties to participate in and even, if courage allows, take the big step and lead. Chuck Pennington is looking forward to your call.

There is a marina to dredge with Fred Whitfield as you patient mentor. Contact Fred and remember, every year there is a really cool T-shirt at the end of the season for those who volunteer.

There is education to be had October 8th and November 12th. Bill Kramer makes sure those offerings are what we all really need to know.

There is the Old Salts Dinner lead by Alan Bergen. I am sure he would like a hand in putting it on. Then there is the Walk 5 BBQ. If your vessel is on Walk 5, now is the time to find out how to participate. Of course, there will be the Christmas Ships Potluck, Soup and Sail, and a Commodores Ball. Unsure how to volunteer to be part of making any of these activities happen? No problem, contact Rose Zehner, (503) 328-8765..

If you really want to get down to check your boat, there are the monthly General Meetings. Bob Phillips makes sure we have great programs. Should you have any subjects you would like covered, give Bob a call.

As you are filling in your calendar for fall and winter, be sure to pencil in the time to be part of RCYC activities. Getting outside in spite of the weather, getting together with boating friends to work and to play has to be one of the best, natural, non-narcotic ways to fight the seasonal blahs.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRUISE  
AT BEACON ROCK





BEACON ROCK CRUISE





## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### October 2009

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- 1 RCYC Past Commodore's Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 3 RCYC East Dock Cruise
- 3 CRYA Closing Day Ceremonies
- 8 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm
- 9 Old Salts Dinner
- 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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- 7 RCYC Work Party, 9:00 am
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 12 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm
- 14 Walk 5 BBQ, 5:30 pm
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline

*We welcome your photographs of Club functions, related subjects, and Members. So don't forget your cameras.*



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