

Commodore: Karl Quade
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Secretary: Chuck Silver

November 2009



Commodore's Log

Karl Quade, Commodore

The CRYA Closing Day ceremonies have come and gone. I was at Dolphin Yacht Club that Saturday evening to see how RCYC fared regarding the raffle, and was pleasantly surprised to enjoy the company of the Belshaws and Nelsons. Although we didn't win either of the big prizes, we did have five winning tickets. Those went to Chuck Fisher, Karen Jacobson – twice – Chris Mountford, and Tom Nelson. The next morning I headed up to East Dock to join our last scheduled cruise of the year, where we had 12 boats. I like cool weather cruises when the Beaches attend, since Kathy warms up the cabin in the morning by baking delicious cinnamon rolls.

Fall is definitely here with the change in weather. However, we have still had members cruising, racing, and day sailing. Others have already been winterizing. The east winds have done a number on the tarp over our patio, pretty much an annual event. I guess that is a reminder to take care of your sails and mooring lines. Although damage in the moorage over winter is usually minimal, I'm sure you wouldn't want to be the recipient of any that does happen.

The work parties have been going well, but there is still work to accomplish. The dinghy docks won't get finished this fall, but progress has been made and more space will be available over winter. The shower is nearly completed, but won't be available for use till spring. Thanks to Tom Stringfield, there are new diamond- plate extensions to the bottom of our ramps leading down from the parking lot. You will appreciate them when pushing a wheel barrow up the ramp. Thanks to Tom and Cathy Nelson, who did a lot of shopping, we now have 60 new folding chairs to replace the rusty metal ones we have had for years. Don Belshaw and Ron Moran will be modifying the carts up front to accommodate the new chairs.

The Board will be selecting a new Daughter of Neptune in December. Preferably applicants will be juniors in high school, but a sophomore or freshman would be acceptable. Applicants should write a short essay about themselves, their activities, and why they would like to represent RCYC. They should also be available for an interview at the December Board meeting.





Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach Moorage Chair

As of press time I am filling two openings: one for a small boat and one for a large boat. This will bring the Third Priority Wait List (new members) down to one. There is a long-distance cruiser on the Second Priority List, for a total of two boats not yet in the moorage that are in line for an opening. There are quite a few members on the First Priority – i.e., the Improvement List – but these folks can often make a space-neutral move when something opens up.

This situation should greatly improve recruitment incentives for potential new members over the next few months. Just remember that if their first question about RCYC relates to finding a "cheap place to store a dirty boat" the wrong-answer buzzer sounds.

November is when several seasonal things happen. Winter storms can be expected most any time from now through February, and you need to prepare your boat. While double-tying your furled jib is sometimes enough to protect it from damage, it is a lot safer to just take it off for the winter. Quite a few of us cautious old timers remove the main and the dodger as well. Sails and canvas are expensive. Make sure you have large enough nylon dock lines and good chafe-guard material at all chocks.

November is also the month that the Oregon Marine Board sends out renewal notices for boats with expiring '09 stickers. You can easily order up your 2011 stickers on their web site and apply the new ones during any warmer day in January. Be sure to apply the stickers in their required positions, whether you have OR bow numbers or are a documented vessel.

Other current moorage news is that we are trying to get at least one of the new dinghy docks finished before winter. Having dealt with attachment problems with the older docks for years, we are now installing steel double-hinge attachments on the new ones, even though this adds to construction time. Thanks to Tom Stringfield for designing these new attachments.

Speaking of windy weather and docks and dinghies, tie down your dinghy, kayak, and your dock box. Once the wind gets over about 30 knots, all sorts of stuff starts to display aeronautical tendencies.

Dredging will start soon. The moorage seems to need some deepening on portions of several walks, and we need to extract sand from under the south end of Walk 1, which has been grounding at low tide. If you are not sure about your status on the dredge operations crew, contact Fred Whitfield.

In 2009 a LOT of members did a LOT of work on floating structures, ramps, walks, and finger docks. We now enjoy one of THE finest moorages on the River. Without all your work we would not be at this point, and only with your continuing contribution will we stay this way.



Work Party clearing sand from walk 1



Old Salt's Dinner



Old Salt's Chef - Alan Bergen

RCYC Gainer Youth Sailing Program

Last month Cascade Locks hosted the O'Pen Bic regatta for children from Oregon and Washington. Forty-six children, 8-12 years of age, participated – 15 from Vancouver Lake Sailing Club, including those from RCYC, which has an agreement to share equipment and activities with VLSC's school. VLSC took 10 boats including two privately owned boats kept at that club and two purchased with the Jack Gainer fund. (Thank you Jack!)

To see photos of the regatta. Google West Coast Sailing – The Small Boat Specialist Portland Oregon and view their newsletter.



After learning to sail in a Bic, children graduate to Lasers, FJ's, 420's, or any boat of choice. Selecting quality instructors with well-maintained equipment has proven a success in building the joy of sailing in our communities. It does the heart good to see children sailing.

Please check the opportunity for them to experience the possibilities at the school's open helm Sundays. The next two are scheduled for November 8th and 22nd, from 1:30-4:30; but do check with the club to confirm.

I am confident that, as we provide multiple opportunities to our children, their confidence and knowledge of sailing will grow and life long friendships will develop. Thank you for your support, and as always please email me at HYPERLINK "<mailto:pam.s@ipinc.net>" pam.s@ipinc.net with any questions, concerns, support ideas, and positive comments.

The O'Pen Bic Fleet Grows
Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing

News from PHRF

We have exciting news at PHRF NW! Previously, the high cost of processing credit card payments prevented PHRF from offering this as a payment option. PHRF NW had elected to keep the membership fees low and accept only checks for payments. This has changed! In response to the membership's requests, we found a way to make this work; you can now join or renew your membership via our website. No more looking for the dusty checkbook, digging for a stamp and remembering to put it in the mail. We have made it much simpler for members. Please check us out our new website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.phrf-nw.org>" www.phrf-nw.org. The 2010 annual dues notices will be mailed in mid November. We look forward to being able to continue serving you!

Thanks from everyone at PHRF NW for your continuing support!
Eric Rimkus, Race Captain



CRUISING SCHEDULE, 2010

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

For those who like to plan ahead or just need to sign up for vacation time off, here is the Cruising Schedule submitted to CRYA for 2010.

PLEASE NOTE The Lazy Days Cruise has been moved one week later to eliminate the conflict with Bald Eagle Day at Cathlamet.

April 24 – 25	Government Island East Dock
May 29 – 31	Hadley's landing on Multnomah Channel
June 12 – 13	Coon Island East Dock
July 4 th	Stay at RCYC
July 24 - Aug 1	Down River Cruise (Lazy Days)
Aug. 14 – 15	Government Island Sandy Beach Dock
Sept. 4 – 6	Beacon Rock
Oct. 2 – 3	Government Island East Dock

Greetings from Bob & Gail at RCYC!

(Royal Cape Yacht Club, in Capetown, South Africa.)

It's hard to believe that just last Wednesday, October 14th, we were sailing in the Atlantic Ocean at the tip of the African continent, on the other side of the world! Before we left home on September 5th for 6 weeks of travel in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic and South Africa, Bob had emailed the RCYC commodore with hopes of hooking up for some southern hemisphere sailing out of Capetown.

When we got to Capetown, near the end of our trip, we learned about the RCYC Wednesday night races that have been a club tradition for the past thirty plus years. We were lucky to catch a ride on Ian Slatem's L26 "Warlock," along with the energetic Margy, his crew of one. Racing on the small L 26 was a work-out for us mainly-cruising types, but the good memories of meeting new sailors and sharing a beautiful evening on the water more than made up for the body bruises we got in our job as "rail meat".

During our three weeks in South Africa we spent a week hanging out with the animals at Timabavati Private Game Reserve on the border of Kruger Nat. Park. We spent several days in Johannesburg and then traveled on to Durban where we were guests of Ebie & Chris Mountford's cousin. We were most appreciative of the South African friendly hospitality everywhere we went. During our week in Capetown we popped up to the wine country in Stellenbosch for a few days of wine touring and tasting. South Africa is a fascinating country, with stunning natural resources and a population that is responding to the social changes brought about by the end of apartheid. The country is in a massive state of infrastructure improvements in preparation for proudly hosting the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

The European half of our trip was a drive-about in Bavarian Germany, the Austrian Alps, and the great art museums of Vienna, including a visit with an old friend in Aachen. It was another great trip, but, as we all know, "There's no place like home."

Gail O'Neill



RCYC Members View Local Attractions

Though the Mt. Hood National Forest does not have the exotic appeal of Africa, the annual Sandy River salmon runs are a great sight to experience. A recent October trip by club members Bob and Mary Laird, Vickie Nissen and Leslie

and Bob Phillips provided the chance to view the salmon in the crystal clear waters of Still Creek, a tributary of the Sandy River. Since the removal of Marmot Dam on the Sandy River, the fall run has changed from a spotty run lasting 2 weeks to a 4 week run with many fish. This year's return was highlighted by jack salmon and a pool of what probably is a return of steelhead. Contact Bob and Leslie Phillips if you would like to have details on how to view next year's return.



2010 Daughter of Neptune Nominations Open

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, the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade, 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 high school juniors be Daughters of Neptune, although mature freshmen and sophomores may also be nominated. Please submit your 2010 Daughter of Neptune nomination to Karl Quade before the December general meeting. After the nomination period the Board will interview each applicant and announce our new Daughter of Neptune in December.

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

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:

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

In November, those members with an e-mail address will be receiving an e-mail with attachment requesting a review and an update of yearbook information, emergency contact information, and e-mail addresses to be used on the Everyone-at-RCYC mailing list. If you do not have e-mail access, please review your yearbook information and call Judy Oxborrow (503)652-1549 with any corrections.

The Board approved the purchase of software to allow a bulletin board to be run from the RCYC website. Hopefully, this should significantly reduce the e-mail sent to all members as social and miscellaneous information can be posted to the bulletin board. Ethan VanMatre will be setting that up and will notify members when it is operational.

Membership cards for 2010 will be included with the billings released for first quarter 2010. Those Inactive Life Members who do not receive a billing will have their membership cards mailed to them no later than the first week of January 2010. If you have not received your membership card by January 10, please notify Judy Oxborrow.

Pursuant with moorage rule changes, a locked key safe was established to store keys and/or combinations for boats in the moorage for use during an emergency. Several members have not yet turned in keys and/or combinations. Also, during the initial collection of data, my laptop crashed. The mother board failed. A second laptop was procured and the backup data from the previous laptop was copied onto the new laptop. After less than two weeks, the hard drive in the new laptop failed. A third laptop was procured and most of the data again restored. However, some e-mails with combination information were lost. We will be completing the setup on the locked key safe during the next couple of months. If you get an e-mail from me asking you to re-submit your combination information, you now know the story behind the request.

Judy Oxborrow

Chairs for Sale

The Club is in the process of replacing the metal folding chairs that are stored under the front counter of the clubhouse. Many have some surface rust stains, but all are serviceable. We are offering them for \$2.50 per chair to members who might have a use for them.

Karl Quade, Commodore

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RCYC Walk 5 BBQ and Auction - Saturday, November 14th

Join the members of RCYC for the final 2009 walk party and enjoy a fun evening of food and a chance to purchase many "Valuable" auction items. Members are encouraged to go through their dock boxes, hanging lockers and closets to find items that other club members would love to buy. These items should be wrapped in such a way that no one would be able to figure out what they are and then dropped off at the front table before the dinner. The dinner is BYO - grilling food and beverage. Social Hour begins at 5:30 with the dinner at 6:30 and the auction to follow. Proceeds from the auction benefit the club.



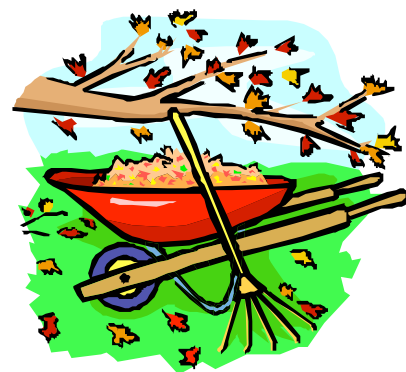
RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2009

- 7 RCYC Work Party 9 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

December 2009

- 2 RCYC Special Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 8 CRYA Dinner Hosted by RCYC
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 11 Christmas Ships Potluck 5:30 pm
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm.
- 16 RCYC General Meeting 7:40 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Private Party 5:00 pm
- 31 RCYC New Years Eve Party! Informal



• Check the web site for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
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www.rosecityyachtclub.org