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January 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

Facing the prospect of Christmas as this is being written, I am struck by what a gift the good fellowship and cheer of RCYC is. RCYC provides a place where those who love the water in all its forms can come together usually to celebrate, frequently to commiserate, and occasionally to mourn the passing of one of our own. Such a gift should be treated thoughtfully.

The bond we share as RCYC members is stronger than the occasional disagreement or difference in attitude or disposition. But even a strong bond can be strained especially if, in the moment, we lose sight of the gift we share. As we meet together this year 2010 to address the inevitable challenges that will arise, let's remember to be gentle with each other.

None of what we do as members of RCYC will be of consequence if our actions are not considerate and fair, reflecting respect for the rules and traditions we both create and follow.

Looking back, 2009 has been a great year under the leadership of Karl Quade. Karl brought us together to directly and successfully address the challenges that arose over the year. The resource that his quiet calm and good judgment represent will continue to be called upon in 2010.

No matter how skilled or energetic, a Commodore is only as good as those who volunteer to lead or be part of one of the many standing committees. I greatly appreciate that many of the committee people who volunteered to work in 2009 agreed to continue on for 2010. The new volunteers who came forward are also greatly appreciated. I thank you for the work that you did and, in advance, for the work you will do.

I am a bit concerned that, as of this writing, no one has stepped forward to lead the RCYC Race Committee as Race Captain. Eric Rimkus has done an outstanding job in that role over a number of years. He has maintained and grown RCYC's reputation as a club with much to offer its racing members. My hope is that one of those who have benefited from Eric's labors and improved their racing skills will volunteer to carry on Eric's and RCYC's racing traditions.

January is the month for resolutions. Let's resolve to make 2010 an active year on the water and in RCYC. Let's resolve to reach just a bit further, work just a bit harder and play even harder yet!

Finally, to start things off with a certain flair and to recognize those who made 2009 a great year, each of you is invited to the 2010 Commodore's Ball. I do look forward to seeing you there.





Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach Moorage Chair

There was no known boat damage from the December deep freeze, but several members were observed winterizing their engines that first weekend when the temperatures headed down into the teens.

The Waiting List has grown by one large boat, and there are a couple of smaller boat owners progressing through the membership process.

I recently saw what was left (!) of one of the two props on a power boat that hit a log while participating in the Christmas Ships parade. Keeping a sharp lookout is good, and some luck is also involved when on the river after dark or anytime visibility is restricted. Perhaps it's a good thing that we sailors have that large fin of lead in front of the propeller.

Another story from the recent cold days with the 23 kt winds is about a member that missed his approach to his slip and was blown down rather forcibly on top of the next head walk. He did the right thing by putting over lots of fenders, mooring it, and waiting for the next day when several members could help figure out the best way to pull the bow up against the wind and restore the boat to its slip. While hauling the bow up against the wind the load limit of the circuit breaker on the power windlass was reached a couple of times too. Wind force, broadside on a hull, is quite strong. For the record, I have no idea how such a pull equates to lifting a 33# anchor and 100' of chain.

If you have a boom cover, be sure to check the ties frequently. Put some chafe gear on any dock line through a chock.

If you use a power cord, it must be a marine-spec 30 amp with a sealed twist lock connector. Moorage Rules do not allow 15 amp "hardware store cords" and adapters between the boat and the dockside power outlet. Having seen the charred remains of a cheap cord that burned up on one of our docks this is a safety rule that must be followed.

Be safe and stay warm!



December 2008

Can't Find Your Name Tag?

Surprise, we have moved them! As part of the Clubhouse remodel, the name tags are no longer stored by the bookcase. There is a new storage cabinet on the side of the coat closet. The door for the cabinet is held by a magnetic catch. Just pull on the anchor shaped knob, and it will swing down.

The tags have been sorted and put in alphabetical order. The first letters for each name in that column are shown at the top of each column of tags. Going down the dividers are numbers to help you remember where your tag is. To assist you, a master list has been posted on the inside of the door.

Ron Moran



New RCYC members Alan and Rhonda Boguslawski.

From the Rear

by Karl Quade, Rear Commodore

My last event for 2009, other than meetings, was a fun Christmas Ships potluck. It was well attended in spite of the threat of freezing rain. Our guests from US Bank Ray Skaug, his wife Marie, and Nathan Leverenz and his wife Julie participated, bringing prime rib and wine. They enjoyed the evening, and we enjoyed having them. It is quite likely we will see them again next year. There was plenty of good food. Annie Roehm did an excellent job as emcee for the gift exchange. It seemed like there was less activity this year raiding gifts opened by others. All had a good time, and got home safely.

I am looking forward to working with the new Board in 2010. I expect you will give them the support that we enjoyed this year.

Financial Matters

by Judy Oxborrow - finance committee member

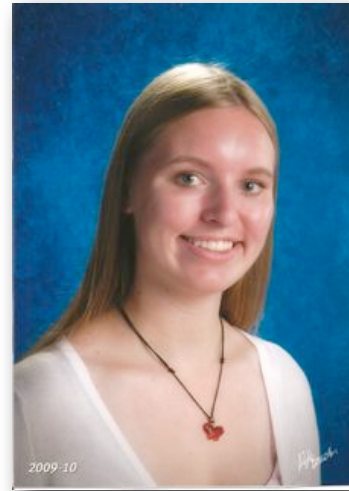
We begin 2010 by addressing some questions from the membership. Hopefully, this will clarify matters and answer questions that continue to arise.

Billings – Quarterly billing statements are issued in January, April, July, and October. The cutoff dates for any adjustments to said billings are December 10, March 10, June 10 and September 10 respectively. Work hours for each half of the year are finalized as of June 10 and December 10. Any actions that occur after these dates will be reflected in the billing for the following quarter. You should review your billing upon receiving it. If there are concerns or questions, contact Judy Oxborrow. Otherwise, billings will be considered final 30 days after receipt.

If you are going to be out of the area when the quarterly billings are issued, you are still responsible for timely payment – just like you would be responsible for timely payment of your rent, mortgage, utility bills, etc. You can opt to pre-pay your billing. If you don't know the amount, you can pay the same amount as the previous quarter or contact Judy for the amount due. You can opt to receive your billing by e-mail and pay it electronically through your financial institution. If your billing is not paid within 30 days of the billing date, a late charge will be assessed. If you feel the late charge results from an action not your fault and/or beyond your control, please contact Judy Oxborrow. If the late charge is not waived by the Finance Committee, the member may plead his/her case to the Board.

Reimbursements – The Club does maintain accounts with some vendors. However, only a limited number of members has been authorized to charge on those accounts. Most Club members make an approved purchase on behalf of the Club and then submit a reimbursement voucher and receipts in order to claim reimbursement. What is an “approved” purchase? If you are chairing an event such as a Walk BBQ, special function, or work party luncheon, you are authorized to purchase items necessary to accomplish the function or event. If you are uncertain as to whether the purchase is approved or how much you can spend, contact the appropriate Committee Chair, Flag Officer, or Treasurer for advice. A copy of the reimbursement voucher may be downloaded from the Club's website. Printed copies are also available in the file by the telephone at the back of the clubhouse. If you are unable to obtain the necessary voucher, contact Judy Oxborrow, and she will assure that you receive the form.

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2010 Daughter of Neptune - Heidi Reiniger

2010 Daughter of Neptune

My name is Heidi Reiniger. I am the granddaughter of Don and Linda Belshaw. I have one older brother who is a sophomore at the University of Montana in Missoula. I just got my license in July (you might want to avoid the roads). I have two dogs I love very much, a 12-year-old Weimheiner named Gus and a 4-year-old German Shorthair named Taz.

I am 17 years old and a junior at West Linn High School. I am an active student at my school. I run cross-country in the fall, do track and field in the spring, and am a member of the Young Republicans Club.

I am also a very active member at my church. I belong to the youth group and help around the church in any way possible. I really enjoy my youth group. It is one of my favorite things to do with my Sunday night. With my youth group I have done one very enjoyable mission trip to the Blackfeet reservation in Heart Butte, Montana. I am excited because I am going on another mission trip to San Francisco in August.

When I do have free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends. We enjoy going to see girly movies or shopping at the mall. During the summer, I play for a church softball league. I also enjoy listening to music. My favorite musicians are Creedence Clearwater Revival. Their music always makes me happy. I mostly listen to Classic Rock. I also enjoy pop music and watching movies. My favorite movie is West Side Story.

RCYC Education Classes

RCYC has a great set of classes for education in 2010.

Knitting with Susan Wilcox. January 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m... This is a Saturday class, and open to all members interested in knitting. Come fore a fun get together and learn about knitting. It does not matter if you are just learning or an experienced knitter. Lunch is included so please RSVP Susan at HYPERLINK "<mailto:walkaways.susan@gmail.com>" walkaways.susan@gmail.com or (503) 288-3213.

Better Boating Photos. February 11th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Join in with a panel of photographers. We will discuss how to take more interesting pictures when we are boating. We will focus on practical ways to get more enjoyment from our pictures. Feel free to bring a successful photo to share or a picture you wish had turned out better. This is a great way to spend a Thursday evening.

How to get (and stay) involved in RCYC. March 11th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. This is a class for new members, so you can find out what activities happen throughout the year and how you can be involved. This is also for old members who want to discover ways to get more involved. RCYC is about friendships and community. We can moor our boats anywhere, but at RCYC we have so much more than just a facility. Learn how to improve your fun factor at RCYC.

Radar with Karl Quade. April 8th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. What do those green dots mean and how do you make the best use of your radar. Karl will teach us about reading the radar screen and how to use what we see to avoid collisions at sea. This is a class for everyone who goes north, boats in fog or at night.

Bill Kramer RCYC Education



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Checks for reimbursements and other accounts payable are approved at the monthly Board meeting on the second Monday of each month. To assure timely payment, all reimbursement requests should be received by the bookkeeping service at least five (5) days before the scheduled Board meeting. All payments are mailed the day after the Board meeting. If circumstances are such that reimbursement must be made prior to the next scheduled Board meeting or for expenses connected with a special Club event, please contact Judy in advance of the need to coordinate payment.

Several members have asked about crediting reimbursements due them against their next quarterly billing. Although this is possible, the Finance Committee has opted not to do this. If somebody incurs a reimbursable charge the first week of January, it would take until the first of April for the "reimbursement" to be made. We consider it a poor business practice to mingle the Accounts Payable and Accounts receivable so they will remain as two separate entities.

Miscellaneous Items – Membership cards are being mailed with the first quarter 2010 billings. If you receive your billing by e-mail, you will receive a separate mailing with your membership cards. Those Inactive Life Members who receive no billings will also receive a separate mailing with their membership cards. If you have not received your membership card by January 15, please notify Judy Oxborrow by telephone at (503) 652-1549 or e-mail HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>" judy87807@comcast.net

If you have not reviewed and updated both your yearbook listing and emergency contact information, please do so as soon as possible. January 10 is the deadline for submissions. The Yearbook Committee would like to have the yearbooks available by the February general meeting.

Keys – Upon joining the Club, each membership unit is issued two keys. A property log is kept listing numbers of all RCYC keys issued. If you lose a key, please advise Judy Oxborrow as to which key you still have in your possession so the missing key can be identified and noted as lost. Judy can also help you identify ownership of any RCYC keys found at the Club. You may also purchase a replacement key for \$5.



← Opposite - Photo of Fresh Air out for a late season sail

Rose City Yacht Club

cordially invites you and your first mate to honor our
**Commodore Chuck Fisher and
First Mate Karen Jacobson**

2010 Commodore's Ball "Sail Away"

Saturday, February 6, 2010
at the Riverside Country Club
8105 N. E. 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon

6:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 Dinner and Program

9:00 Dance to the Music by *The Essentials* -

An eight piece band with a female vocalist

Cost \$ 35.00 per person

**RSVP to Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549 or
judy87807@comcast.net
By January 29, 2010**

Please indicate choice of prime rib or salmon for each reservation.



2009 Commodore's Ball



Programs *by Bob Phillips - program chair*

Join other RCYC members at the January general meeting when our program will feature Schooner Creek Boat Works. Steve and Nancy Rander, owners of Schooner Creek, RCYC members and active sailors/ racers will have a program for us about their business which may include a presentation of their recent catamaran projects and spring specials which we might want to use.

Our December meeting was to feature Channels Edge, a unique gift/coffee shop located on Bridgeton Road. They called at the last minute apologizing for apparently double booking the evening. I am working to have them present at our February general meeting.

Our November general meeting was "Things that Work" which featured ideas from RCYC members of products and techniques which make boating easier. Some members have requested a summary of these presentations which I am now listing below.

Mike Oxborrow shared his idea for a pedestal instrument mount which he made and a remotely mounted oil filter which improves the access during oil changes.

Hugh Lovell demonstrated his time tested methods for cleaning paint brushes. He showed how he used multiple rinses in thinner to get his brushes perfectly clean.

While not at the meeting, Tom Stringfield had his fender standoffs on display. Made out of PVC pipe, the standoffs reduce the scuffing of the hull by fenders.

Bob Phillips showed using old climbing equipment to make a jibe protection harness and using a rescue pulley, climbing slings and line to transform jib sheet winches into an anchor windlass.

Leslie Phillips, always on the hunt for good ways to get caffeinated, shared coupons for Starbucks Via, an instant coffee which can be used when you are in transit or in a hurry.

For more details on any of these presentations please call the individuals for more information. If you have a good idea for future general meeting programs please contact Bob Phillips

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Thinking warm thoughts!

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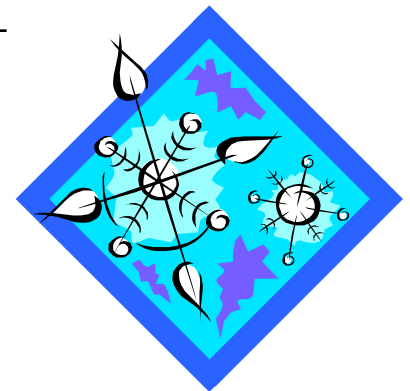
RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

January 2010

- 1 Soup and Sail
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC Education – Knitting with Susan Wilcox 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting 7:30 pm

February 2010

- 2 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 6 RCYC Commodores Ball
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