

Commodore: Chuck Fisher  
Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver  
Secretary: Rosemary Barrett

February 2010



### Commodore's Log

*Chuck Fisher, Commodore*

Sailboat racing is fun, exciting, and a great way to really learn to sail your boat. Racing has been an important aspect of yachting for many RCYC members. RCYC members and their children have brought great credit to the club by participating, at one time or another, in nearly every facet of sailboat racing. Many of RCYC's current active members came to us from racing organizations. From river challenges, to ocean races, to Olympic competition, RCYC members have been there. The club and its members have a long and substantial racing tradition.

Not well remembered by some are the Lightning racing days of Jack Gainer, Werner and Renate Bitter, and Herman and Patti Fischer, when RCYC's clubhouse served as "awards central". Or the 470 Olympic bid that saw Christian Bittner sailing in far flung places. More recently Joby Easton and teammate Bill Huseby earned overall honors in the 2008 Pacific Cup flying the RCYC burgee and will be competing in the 2010 Pacific Cup. Eric Rimkus has been competing in and winning races up and down the West Coast.

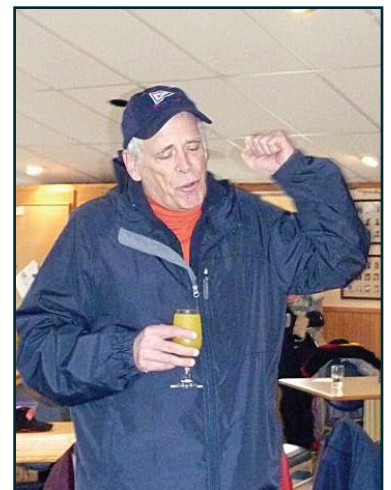
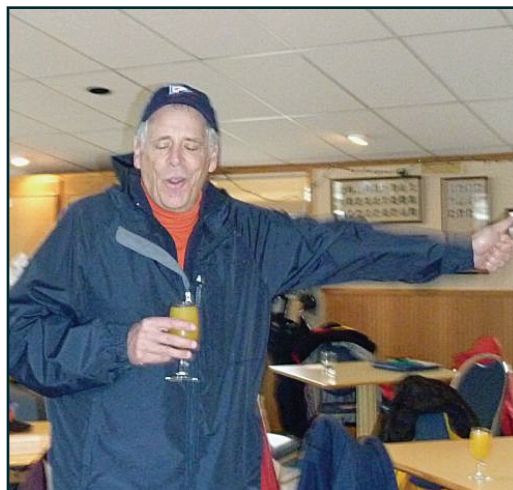
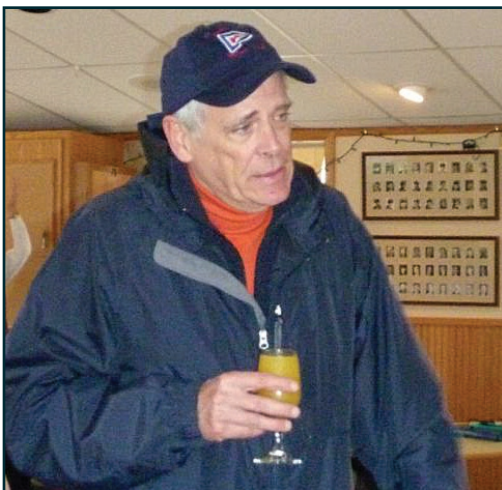
RCYC has had a very fine Race Captain in Eric Rimkus, supported by his first mate Kim. Together they have carried the burgee of RCYC well. As sometimes happens when two people have been carrying the flag for a long time and have become tired, the transition to a new standard bearer can falter. RCYC does not yet have a 2010 Race Captain.

Racing is important. RCYC members have a racing tradition, and RCYC is very supportive of its members' racing activities and ambitions. But being committed to racing and having members who compete in races is not enough to maintain the tradition. To maintain the tradition RCYC needs a Race Captain for 2010, members who will work as part of the Race Committee, and volunteers for single events.

Alan Bergen, seeing the transition from one Race Captain and Committee to another falter, has stepped into the gap, providing leadership support. He has scheduled a meeting for all those interested in racing to be held at the RCYC clubhouse on January 27, 2010, starting at 7 pm.

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*Our Commodore at the New Year - Soup and Sail*





## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

There are no further changes to report in the Wait Lists this month so far.[as of Jan. 18, Ed.]

Walking the moorage recently it is apparent that a few members have not read over the Moorage Rules, A. 2. Electrical Service. There are a few boats with under-sized wire going into an indoor-type 30 amp plug. This is not acceptable. Whether you have a small boat with one fused outlet inside, or a larger boat with a set of breakers in an AC panel, your shore power connection must be safe and up to moorage requirements.

You must have a marine-type 30 amp heavy duty cable going into a 30 amp breaker service inside your boat.

Just a few short seasons ago I observed the charred remains of an undersized hardware store extension cord that burned up on one of our docks. Be aware that if you have a non-conforming cord it may be disconnected at any time by the Residents or by me.

Note that all cords on Walks 1 through 4 must have a strain-relief cord to protect the integrity of the plastic outlet box.

Inspect the twist-lock inlet on your boat, too. If you see the slightest sign of singed plastic around the connectors, replace the inlet immediately. And, while you're at it, be sure that there is strain relief on that end also.

We celebrate spring by planning for Opening Day and our first work parties and other club social events. The Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol Deputies will start their spring boat inspections very soon. One way that they try to lower the percentage of boaters that they have to rescue later is to get boaters to pay some attention to their boats before most get under way for the first time. One of their annual chores is to walk all the moorages and check for current registration stickers.

All you need to do to apply that 2011 sticker is to visit your boat any time it's not raining (and, kidding to the contrary, there are lots of days like that) and peel off the old stickers and apply the new ones. I always soften the old ones with my heat gun and then remove the last of the old adhesive with a little acetone.

Position the new stickers correctly, while you are at it. For boats with OR numbers on each side of the bow, the new sticker goes 3" aft of the OR number set on each side of the bow. For federally documented vessels, the sticker goes on each side of the stern, on the hull side, roughly within a box 12" down from the deck and 12" forward of the transom edge. The River Patrol will accept it if it's close.

By April, our club will arrange for annual Vessel Safety Checks for all members. Plan ahead and be sure to use your last years check-off form to review your lights, extinguishers, flares, ground tackle, PFD's, etc. Let's do our best to start the new season safely and then get out on the river and enjoy our boats.

Remember, that the more you use an asset like your boat, the less expensive it is per hour of fun out there on the water.

And to speak of smaller assets, like dinghies and kayaks, another batch of flotation material was added to both new dinghy docks on January 18. They are now ready for the racks to be installed at the first or second work parties. Incidentally the diver also placed some more foam under the patio deck.

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You don't have to race to have fun being part of the RCYC race program, as a single-event volunteer, Race Committee member or Race Captain. The club will pay the tuition of three members (racers or not) who want to attend the upcoming Basic Race Management Seminar to be held February 27, 2010 and follow-up by volunteering to run RCYC-sponsored races. Alan will have more information on the seminar at the meeting he will lead later in the month. Let's work together to make 2010 a great year in racing for RCYC!

*New Year - Soup and Sail!*





## Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

Work hours are under my watch this year, and so I thank Chuck Pennington for volunteering to be the Work Party Chairman again this year. I am sure we will have plenty of work for all to meet their spring and fall hour requirements.

I would like to encourage all members to spend as much time as needed to maintain good housekeeping in the parking lot, during an organized work party or not. We now have one large container for recycling and another for garbage. The smaller recycling containers are no more. It is all similar to what we have in our home neighborhoods. Please use these containers for their intended purpose.

We have a separate disposal system for used oil (oil only – no diesel, gasoline, antifreeze, water, etc.) Place your used oil in a proper container in the oil shed at the SW corner of the parking lot, not by the garbage containers. We do not have a disposal facility for old batteries, tires, paint, or other hazardous waste. Take these items to Oregon Metro Disposal. Their website, [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov), has a wealth of information on what is garbage, recycling or hazardous waste. Locations are also provided so you can find the one closest to your home. Let each of us do our part for sustainable living, on and off the water.



## EDUCATION

Bill Kramer, Education Chair

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

### Photography

Thursday, February 11th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join a discussion about how to take more interesting pictures when we are boating. We will focus on practical ways to get more enjoyment from our pictures and get pictures we will want to share with family and friends. Feel free to bring a successful photo to share and a picture you wish had turned out better. This is a great way to spend a Thursday evening.

### Making the Most of Membership

Thursday, March 11th, 7:00-8:30.

How to get (and stay) involved in RCYC. This is a class for new members so you can find out what activities occur throughout the year and how you can be involved. It 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 and involvement at RCYC.

### Radar with Karl Quade

Thursday, April 8th, 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 or is boating in fog or at night.

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)





## Secretary's Notes

*Rosemary Barrett, Secretary*

Editor's Note: As we complete the layout of this issue of the Foghorn, the staff has learned of the passing of Rosemary's mother, Alberta Gerould. We speak for the Club in offering our sympathy to Rosemary.

In her stead we report the following actions of the Board, which approved:

A 12/19/2009 email: Request from Eric & Kim Rimkus request to change membership to Inactive Member. The action is effective as of January 1, 2010.

A 01/3/2010 email: Request from Bill & Susie Wright to change membership status to Active Life, effective March 1, 2010. (Age 65, member since 1977.

**Ely Sanders** as an Active Member.

**Richard and Kathy Pickwick** as Active Members.

### WELCOME NEW RCYC MEMBERS:



*Ely Sanders*



*Richard and Kathy Pickwick*

## View from the Rear

*Karl Quade, Rear Commodore*

Thanks to Jim Stephan for getting the new entry ramps to the clubhouse built and installed. It is a big improvement. Our facility is in pretty good shape now; so the priority this year will be growing the capital improvement fund for future projects. Since maintenance is nevertheless an ongoing function, there will as usual be plenty of work to do. The first work party is only a little more than a month away. Chuck Pennington will be the work party chair again this year and needs both volunteer work party leaders and volunteer lunch providers. Sign up early and help him out.

I'll see you on the docks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Clubhouse Opportunity

*Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair*

If your schedule makes joining work parties a challenge, you can fulfill your entire year's RCYC work-hour obligation by signing up to be a Clubhouse Steward for one calendar month in 2010. This requires weekly visits on your own schedule during a specified calendar month to do routine cleaning chores in the Clubhouse. The work is not difficult, the hours are totally flexible, and you have the satisfaction of helping to maintain our wonderful oak-panelled Clubhouse! Please contact the Clubhouse Chair (Jas. Adams) for a list of available months for 2010 at [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com) or 503-349-0840. The first to apply gets first choice of available months.

## 2009 Dredging Report

*Fred Whitfield, Dredging Chair*

This year the dredge season began on November 7th and concluded on December 19th. Over 30 club members helped in dredging-related work – moorage soundings, work parties, dredge operation, fueling, dredge repair and maintenance, and turbidity readings. Several slips and some fairway at Walk 1 were dredged, as was all of the Walk 5 fairway. We were shut down about a week because of cold weather.

We finally wore another hole in the main pump casing and had to install the spare. If anyone wants to have a look at what several thousand yards of sand does to a pump, the old casing can be seen lying by the storage shed.

Our operations proved to be very clean as far as a measurable increase in turbidity is concerned. Because we have such a clean operation, DEQ allowed us to stop taking measurements of turbidity during dredging.

We still intend to remove about 50 yards of material from area where the head-walk intersects with Walk 1 to alleviate the grounding problem. That is being handled by Tom Stringfield and is currently scheduled to happen in February.

**A big thanks to all for their help and patience.** If anyone feels really left out, be sure to get your name on the crew list for 2010 right away.

### 2009 Dredge Crew List (aka: Bottom's Up Gang):

Loren Beach	Jim Douglass	Mike Oxborrow
Terry Foren	Tom Stringfield	Frank Noragon
Cliff Hunter	Karl Quade	Brad Jensen
Don Belshaw	Tom Woolcott	Jim Calnon
Larry Wintermeyer	Ken Purvine	Dave Mountford
Chris Mountford	Phil Owen	Tom Foeller
Art Zehner	Paul Glynn	Chuck Stuckey
Terry Thatcher	Ralph Jones	Stan Livingston
Jerry Hanson	Nate Hanson	Ron Billion
Karen Billion	Olga Moen	Anne Roehm
Mike Finch		

### Turbidity Samplers included:

Paul Glynn	Dawn McClard	Don Farrell
Bob Gales	Jim Calnon	Simeon Hyde

## RCYC

### PHOTOGRAPH CONTEST – 2010

#### Start taking those photographs today!

This is your chance to win fame and fortune with that photograph of a 2010 RCYC activity or event that captures the imagination and spirit of RCYC. The photograph must be taken by an RCYC member or relative and should be of an RCYC activity or event.

Photographs of events or activities between January 1, 2010 and December 1, 2010 are eligible. Multiple photographs by any one member are encouraged, and you are encouraged to submit them throughout the year. Photographs must be submitted in a .jpeg or other common digital format.

RCYC reserves the right to give more than one prize or award. As it is possible fermented substances may be presented, you must be over 21 to win certain prizes. If you are not over 21 as of the date of the award, we will figure out something age-appropriate. All photographs submitted may be published in the RCYC Foghorn or other RCYC publication. Prizes and awards are scheduled to be presented at the December 2010 General Meeting.

Submission details to follow.

### 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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## Boat US: Planning Your Trip

*Alan Bergen, BoatUS Representative*

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE DOCK PLAN YOUR TRIP AT  
BOATUS.COM**

**Nautical Charts Added to Services Locator**



**ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 7, 2010** - Boaters can forget the snow and start making plans for their summer boating vacation with a little help from the BoatU.S. Services Locator . The online tool at [www.BoatUS.com/ServiceLocator](http://www.BoatUS.com/ServiceLocator) uses Google Maps to show locations of marinas that offer money-saving discounts on fuel and transient slips. A new trip-planning enhancement is the addition of NOAA nautical charts that overlay onto the Locator's Google Map, allowing boaters to see bottom depths, hazards and navigational aids all on one screen. This new feature is provided by Geowake, a nautical mapping solutions provider.

The BoatU.S. Services Locator also shows locations of TowBoatU.S. and Vessel Assist on-the-water towing ports with contact information, West Marine retail store locations, and places where boaters can borrow a child's life jacket at no cost through the BoatU.S. Foundation Kid's Life Jacket Loaner program.

Did you know that Rose City YC is a cooperating group member of BoatUS? Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatUS dues of \$30.00 – only \$15.00 a year! If you're already a BoatUS member, you can renew your membership at the low \$15.00 rate. For information about BoatUS benefits, check out their web site: [www.BoatUS.com](http://www.BoatUS.com).

BoatUS Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 600 marinas. Locally, Rocky Point Marina on Multnomah Channel offers fuel and repair discounts.
- Low cost, high protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- On-the-water towing, with your choice of service levels – from \$50 per incident (free with membership) up to unlimited service – provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatUS
- BoatUS Magazine – a full year's subscription is included with membership!

If you were thinking about joining and just didn't get around to it, now is the time. Membership applications are available in the clubhouse, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your BoatUS Membership, be sure to mention Rose City YC, and our Co-op group #GA84669Y to get the special \$15.00 rate.

This is not be construed as an endorsement of BoatUS by Rose City YC or its officers. However, more than thirty RCYC members have taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.

### **"SAIL AWAY" Come one, come all to the 2010 Commodore's Ball.**

Deadline for reservations is Friday, January 29. Please RSVP to Judy Oxborrow -- phone: 503-652-1549 or via e-mail: [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net). If you RSVP by e-mail, you will receive an e-mail acknowledgement. More information on this event is listed on the back page of the newsletter. Your prompt attention to this matter will save work for the telephone crew later this month.

*Thanks. Judy*

## ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FIRST MATE TO THE

### 2010 Commodore's Ball

## "SAIL AWAY"

HONORING OUR

Commodore, Chuck Fisher and  
First Mate, Karen Jacobson

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2010

WHERE: Riverside Country Club  
8105 N. E. 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon

TIME: 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: By January 29th to Judy Oxborrow —  
503- 652-1549 or [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net)

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### February 2010

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| 2 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                 | 18 Foghorn Deadline                   |
| 6 <b>Commodore's Ball</b>                      | 20 Private Party – Clubhouse, 2:00 pm |
| 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.                      | 23 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm       |
| 9 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                 | 28 Daughters of Neptune, 12:00 pm     |
| 10 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 pm               |                                       |
| 11 <b>RCYC Education:</b> Photography, 7:00 pm |                                       |
| 13 SYSCO Social, 7:00 pm                       |                                       |
| 16 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                |                                       |
| 17 <b>RCYC General Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm       |                                       |

*We welcome your photographs of Club functions, work parties, and related subjects. Don't forget your cameras.*

### March 2010

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| 1 Div 7 USCG Aux, 6:00 pm   |
| 2 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                                      |
| 6 <b>Work Party</b> , 9:00 am                                       |
| 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.   |
| 9 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                                      |
| 10 OWSA Geneneral Meeting, 5:30 pm                                  |
| 11 <b>RCYC Education:</b><br>Making the Most of Membership, 7:00 pm |
| 13 St Patrick's Day Potluck, 5:30 pm                                |
| 16 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm                                     |
| 17 <b>RCYC General Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm                            |
| 18 Foghorn Deadline   |
| 20 <b>Work Party</b> , 9:00 am                                      |



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