



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Chuck Fisher
Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver
Acting Secretary: Bob Gales

March 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

There is one heck of a lot going on around RCYC right now as we get ready for this spring and summer. Here are short takes on a portion of the goings on and those who are making things happen!

Phil Owen, earned the first ever (that I remember) moniker of "Log Roper". Phil earned this coveted appellation by combining his pickup truck, (a big one that inspires pickup truck envy in those of us who only have two-wheel drive), with rope and skill. The captured mother of all logs can be seen tied to the bank. That is, until the river raises to a level that it can be floated to its new home. PYC has indicated they can make good use of the monster log. One club's problem is another club's solution.

Due to the efforts of Tom Stringfield and Rob Billion, RCYC now has a quality control person to ensure club work that needs to be done gets done and done in a proper way. The position is called Maintenance Monitor. Ron Billion is the first to fill the position. Tom, Ron, Chuck Pennington, Dave Kibby and Larry Roberts are working to further develop a formal maintenance program.

Chuck Pennington, Work Party Chair has really gotten us organized but has to have help! The first work party is scheduled for Saturday March 6th. Tom Stringfield has been coordinating Walk I dredging activities. By the time this is published, the work should be done. Rose Zehner is working on organizing the March 13th St Patrick's Day Potluck. Rose is looking for volunteers to work on the party. In a real show of spirit prospective members Linda and Jeff Johnson volunteered to help with the party. Jeff and Linda's membership application will be voted on at the March Board meeting.

Jack Mitchem, as President of the Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA), has been taking the lead in organizing Opening Day. RCYC will be the Host Club for 2010. May 1st will be a day full of activities beginning in the morning with a no-host breakfast and finishing in the late afternoon with the presentation of Opening Day awards. (continued on next page)



Bucket dredge special work crew



Removal of 25 cubic yards above walk I



Working at night to get high tide



Vice Commodore's Report by Chuck Silver - Vice Commodore

We have two opportunities this month to get our spring work hours behind us – March 6th and 20th. I think belonging to a club that self performs is beneficial in so many ways. We keep our club clean and well-maintained; we enjoy the benefits of doing physical work and breathing fresh air in a beautiful waterfront setting; and we get to know our fellow members better by working together and sharing a great meal. After all, what is a club without people ... people working together?

Many of you may know I come from a long construction background. Safety on the jobsite has become more important than ever before. Safety not only keeps our employees going home unhurt each day, it affects the bottom line in business. Now that we are officially starting our Work Party events for the year, I would encourage all members to be mindful of safety -- both yours and your fellow workmates. Wearing ear protection, eye protection, gloves, work shoes and knee pads while working at the club are all inexpensive measures to keep ourselves from getting hurt. If you observe a situation that looks unsafe – speak up. All accidents are preventable. **Safety Pays In So Many Ways!**



2010 Commodore's Ball

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Karen Jacobson announced a date to save - May 20th for the Ladies Dinner, (More on the event in Karen's article, just keep reading.) Newer member Steve Erickson stepped up to the position of 2010 RCYC Race Captain. Alan Bergen has already volunteered for 2011. At the general meeting Steve summarized this year's race schedule. It sounds like RCYC will have an active racing season.

Mark Holzmann, Membership Chair, is working with Ron Moran as the representative of the Past Commodore's Committee to update new member materials. Ron and the Past Commodores have been doing a great job of looking at where we are as a club in the areas of governance and long term membership. The committee has forwarded significant recommendations to the Board to keep RCYC on track as a great club and place to be.

Hans Geerling had a well attended photography class. That brings us to the 2010 Photography Contest. Send those pictures. Also, Bill and Nina Kramer have a full schedule of education offerings for this year.

Bob Phillips's general meeting program was a big hit with Kim from the Channel's Edge ([HYPERLINK "http://www.channels-edge.com"](http://www.channels-edge.com) www.channels-edge.com) introducing herself and her wonderful establishment to the club. Channel's Edge features local artists, nautical gifts, espresso bar and a light menu. Beer and wine are offered. From member comments, it seems many have already met Kim. These members are, I assume, patrons of the art.

All this and I have not even reported how outstanding the Commodore's Ball was! Once again, a heartfelt "Thank You!" to all the people who worked so hard to make the Ball such a success.

Now I know I have missed the contributions of many, many people. Please do not take offense. What makes RCYC the great club that it is are all the people who help make things happen -- too many to mention every month. All this activity and we are just starting to shake off winter. Let's keep it up!



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

The Multnomah County River Patrol deputies recently visited the moorage and did a dock walk to look at boats and registration stickers. Members, who wish to continue enjoying an assigned slip after March 30, must have their '10 or '11 stickers properly displayed on their boats. Per the Moorage Rules (A.I.d.), non-compliant boats may be evicted and their slip assigned to the next boat on the waiting list. And, speaking of the Waiting List, it is growing again, with three boats currently listed, plus two new applicants advancing through the membership process.

Spring work parties commence this month. From repairs to upgrades to cleanups, there is lots to do around the club. If your Saturdays are all scheduled, just contact the Work Party Chair for an independent job assignment. Thanks to Ron Moran for installing new nameplates on several slips. Kudos also to Tom Stringfield for the expert (and speedy) concrete surface repair on the headwalk.

As dredge season closes, a crane barge is completing some limited clamshell dredging in an area that our suction dredge cannot reach. Our own machine has already finished removing several high spots and been put away.

Any member wanting to make some bucks waxing boats should post a notice on the clubhouse board(s). Every season several members ask me if I know of a person available to clean and wax their boat. Next time your teenagers ask for more spending money, suggest to them that they try working for it.



Golden Hammer Award - Mike Salituro



Secretary's Salutations

by Bob Gales

Rose City yacht Club has two new membership applications awaiting final Board approval. At the February Board meeting, Membership Chair Mark Holzmann introduced Jeff and Linda Johnson. They have decided to re-enter boating after raising their children and will cruise on a Bayliner 32. Jeff works for the Vancouver Fire Department.

Lynn Easton also introduced Michael Pitarresi, a long time river racer. Michael and his wife, Diane Quivey sail an S2 9.1 and have a number of friends in RCYC.

Both couples were then introduced at the February general meeting and their applications will be acted upon at the March 8th Board meeting.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE – COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Entertainment: TBA

Bring an Irish Dish for the potluck. There will be a prize awarded for the Irish Dish voted the most creative and tastiest. The club will be providing: salad, rolls, dessert, soft drinks and mixers.

See you there.



Boaters: A Reason to Check Your Signal Flares

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 26, 2010 - Out of sight, out of mind? Unfortunately for a lot of recreational boaters, that's the reality when it comes to handheld signal flares. Stored aboard in some dark corner of the boat, most boaters don't think twice about their condition until they really need them. However, a feature in the latest issue of Boat Owners Association of The United States' HYPERLINK "<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy>" [Seaworthy Magazine](#) reveals that failing to periodically inspect flares could have serious consequences.

This past summer a BoatU.S. employee opened a sealed orange storage canister that was located in his own 34-foot sailboat's cabin and found that three handheld flares inside were ruined. Long cracks along their length had developed, and the flare's combustive ingredients were exposed and spilling out, rendering them useless. There were no signs of moisture inside or outside the canister. In an unexplained twist, three flares with older manufacturing dates -- stored in the same sealed orange canister - were found undamaged.

BoatU.S. first learned of this issue three years ago when a BoatU.S. member in Washington State reported a similar problem. In that case an O-ring sealed the flare container tightly, along with a band of duct tape in an attempt to further prevent any moisture from entering, yet three unexpired flares inside were destroyed.

"Most boaters know that emergency signal flares have expiration dates," said BoatU.S. Seaworthy editor Bob Adriance. "However, these two puzzling stories tell us that it's also best to check your flares a few times a season. I would also add flare guns to the list, too," he added.

The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety also offers a full report with real-world tests of aerial, smoke, and handheld flares at HYPERLINK

["http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Findings/Findings45"](http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Findings/Findings45) www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/Findings/Findings45 . To view video footage of the tests, go to HYPERLINK

["http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Findings/findings45/videos.asp"](http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Findings/findings45/videos.asp) <http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/Findings/findings45/videos.asp> .

submitted by Alan Bergen
BoatUS Representative

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

If you change **ANYTHING** in your yearbook listing, please notify Judy Oxborrow at (503) 652-1549 via e-mail HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>"

She has set up a listing of what types of changes need to go to which individuals within the Club and will see that all are properly notified. In preparing the yearbook, we discovered several members had moved and not responded to the e-mail and Foghorn requests for updated information.

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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Upcoming RCYC Ladies' Activities *by Karen Jacobson*

All of our RCYC activities are worthwhile and fun, but RCYC ladies have two special upcoming organized events to prepare for. On May 1, RCYC hosts the CRYA Opening Day. From about 3:00 to 5:00 is a cocktail reception, culminating with the presentation of the Opening Day judges' awards. (After guests depart, RCYC can continue to celebrate whatever comes across our bow.) At the suggestion of some prior enthusiastic participants, the RCYC ladies will plan and prepare the food portion of the cocktail party (think high class Happy Hour). On March 13 at 4:30, prior to the St. Patrick's Day party, we will have an informal organizational meeting for this event, so let's gather and share ideas.

May 20th is the date of the RCYC Ladies Dinner. In 2010 style, we will reprise the Margaritaville theme last used ten years ago. I have already sent out Save the Date cards to the area yacht clubs. However, we need to get organized with respect to all the responsibility areas of the party, including invitations, raffle prizes, publicity, decorations, etc. We have one magnificent raffle item already, a quilted piece of art from Judy Oxborrow, and hope to have more from our sewers, knitters, crafters, painters and weavers, along with many fabulous gifts from solicited merchants. On March 6 at 4PM at the clubhouse after the work party, we will have our first meeting to plan and organize the 2010 Ladies Dinner.

If you have any input before these meetings, please get in touch. The best way to reach me is during the weekday on 503-684-4585 or via email [HYPERLINK](mailto:karen@ijco-cpa.com)

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WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR CLUBHOUSE STEWARD DUTY!

by Jas Adams

By taking care of our oak-paneled clubhouse for one month, you'll satisfy your RCYC work hour requirement for the entire year. Clubhouse duty is easy and is done weekly on your own schedule. Only three months remain unclaimed for 2010. To sign up, contact the RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams at: 503-349-0840 (c) or [HYPERLINK](mailto:jadams@teleport.com) ["mailto:jadams@teleport.com."](mailto:jadams@teleport.com)jadams@teleport.com.

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



Incoming 2010 RCYC Officers



Daughter of Neptune



Dancing with the stars!



Walk of the Commodore's



Cinderella's plastic slipper

RCYC Racing News

by Steve Erickson

I have accepted the role of Race Captain for the 2010 sailing season. I have been a member of the club for approximately 1 year and race my J/24, Kamikaze, located at the end of walk 1. I look forward to a successful race season and hope to get more people involved with the RCYC racing program. I would welcome any interested member to join me and my crew for one of several Friday evening beer can races this summer. I would also like to encourage other club members to do the same.

Racing sailboats takes a lot of teamwork, both on the boat as well as in the operation of the races. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with a few races throughout the year. A race manager leads each race. Alan Bogaslowski has volunteered to be manager for the first regatta of the season, the Frostbite. Thanks Alan!

No experience is necessary for volunteers. Whether sailors, cruisers, or power-boaters, everyone is welcome. For most events, we need several individuals for race committee (ideally 6) and volunteers to provide committee boats (ideally 2 per race). For two events, the Medium Distance Race and the Long Distance Race, we need fewer race committee volunteers but we do need people interested in helping out with socials. There is a sign up sheet for the first regatta on the clubhouse bulletin board. Sign up sheets for upcoming regattas will be appearing there soon.

Race Calendar

March 27 - Frostbite Regatta,
co-hosted with the Sextant Bar and Grill
April 17-18 - Opening Day Regatta,
co-hosted with CYC
May 22 - Medium Distance Race
July 16 - Friday Beer-Can Race
Aug 13 - Friday Beer-Can Race
Sept 11-12 - Long Distance Race

If you want to take me up on any of my offers, sailing or volunteering, please drop me an e-mail at HYPERLINK

["mailto:sderickson@hotmail.com"](mailto:sderickson@hotmail.com) sderickson@hotmail.com. My wife Jackie and I look forward to meeting more members of the club and to introducing our new son Olin (6 months old) to the sport of sailing.

A Faster Rescue With GPS-Enabled Models

ANNAPOLIS, Md., February 22, 2010 - Sailboat racers, tournament fishermen and short-haul cruisers who occasionally travel far offshore have relied on the BoatU.S. Foundation's [Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon \(EPIRB\) Rental Program](http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/epirb) for over 14 years. In that time, Foundation EPIRBs have been rented out over 5,000 times with 62 lives saved. Now the Foundation has added GPIRBs (Global Position Indicating Radio Beacons) to the program which are easier to ship, easier to store and provide a more accurate location fix -- potentially leading to speedier rescues. The new GPIRBs rent for just \$65 a week at www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/epirb.

"Our rental program is a great way to improve personal safety while saving money for anyone who has an occasional need for an emergency rescue beacon," said BoatU.S. Foundation Program Manager David Carter.

The program offers McMurdo Smartfind Plus GPS-enabled EPIRBs which normally retail for about \$800. Since it includes GPS technology in addition to the standard 406-MHz satellite signaling capabilities, a GPIRB provides search and rescue authorities with a more accurate location of a vessel in distress. When compared to standard EPIRBs, it also performs this lifesaving function in a fraction of the time which can enable rescuers to respond sooner.

The new GPIRBs are stored in a small "lunch box" size, waterproof case that makes them easier to stow aboard in more readily accessible locations. The unit's battery is also non-hazardous, allowing GPIRBs to be shipped by air and cutting down on delivery times. "If you order by 2 p.m. E.T., we can have the GPIRB on its way to you the same day," said Carter. An easy online booking system allows users to save their vessel and contact information for future use, or make changes to their itinerary if needed.

For more information or to rent a beacon from the BoatU.S. Foundation, go to www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/epirb.

submitted by Alan Bergen
BoatUS Coordinator

Kim Swenson, co-owner of "Channel's Edge Nautical and Beyond" was our guest presenter for the February RCYC general meeting program. Kim shared information about her gift/coffee and gourmet food shop



which has been in operation on Bridgeton Road since 2004. It started as a nautical gift shop with an espresso bar in the kitchen. Products were brought in from around the country that fit the theme of river living or living close to the water. Local artists' work abounds in the shop as well. As time passed they have added a modest but tasty menu and then, most recently, beer and wine. Friday nights feature local musicians which include sailors Ron Hughes and Lloyd Jones as well as local jazz singer Ellen Whyte. In the summer there are also wine tasting events. Channel's Edge is an advertiser in our Yearbook and we encourage members and friends to try out this unique shop located in our river community.



Appetizers

Hummis & Pita \$ 7.00
Nachos \$ 7.00

Salads and Soup

Channel Chef Salad \$ 8.25
Edgy Salad \$ 7.75
Homemade Chowder \$ 5.00

Deli Sandwiches

Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$ 6.75
Edgy Veggie Sandwich \$ 7.00
2 Cheese and Basil Grill \$ 6.25
Tuna Melt Sandwich \$ 7.2
Roast Beast Sandwich \$ 7.75
Turkey w/ Raspberry Chipotle \$ 7.75
Turkey Melt Sandwich \$ 7.75

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Plan ahead and get involved. RCYC is all about the people!

Mark your long range calendar for these upcoming events. Your participation as an involved member is what makes RCYC a dynamic club. Connect with people and try something that is new to you.

Work Parties -	March 6 September 11	March 20 September 25	April 3rd October 9	April 17 October 23	November 6
Walk Parties -	Walk 1 - April 17 Walk 4 - September 10	Walk 2 - June 18 Walk 5 - November 13	Walk 3 - July 10		
Special Parties -	St. Patrick's - March 13 Cathlamet Potluck - July 29	Opening Day - May 1 Big Party - September 18	4th of July Land Cruise & Party Old Salt's Dinner - October 8		
Cruises -	Government Island - April 24 Down River Cruise - July 24 - 31 Beacon Rock - August 4-6	Hadley's Landing - May 29-31 Pirates Cruise August 14-15 Government Island - October 2-3	Coon Island - June 12		

Youth Sailing, 2010 - Looking Back, Moving Forward!

The next generation is coming on strong! We had a fantastic start to building an exemplary program that members alike can all be proud of. Jack Gainer Junior Sailing Program Fund is used to support rigorous dynamic skilled sailing schools that children from all levels can participate in successfully and safely.



RCYC and Vancouver Lake Sailing School have aligned to continue to build a program on the lake, with the new Open Bic's. Check out their web site for school photos, junior sailing events, and class schedules: www.vlsc.org. RCYC has been a long time supporter of Willamette Sailing School, more information can be found at website www.willamettesailingclub.com

In support of the Jack Gainer Junior Sailing Program fundraising, you may give directly to the Rose City Yacht Club Gainer Fund account.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

March 2010

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| 1 Knitters Meeting 10:00 am | 16 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm |
| USCG Aux meeting 6:00 pm | 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 2 OWSA Sailing Basics 5:30 pm | 18 Foghorn Deadline |
| 6 Work Party 9:00 am | 20 Work Party, 9:00 am |
| Opening Day meeting 4:00 pm | 25 SYSCO Meeting, 5:00 pm |
| 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm | |
| 9 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm | |
| 10 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm | |
| 11 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm | |
| 13 Opening Day Cocktail Party Organization Meeting, 4:30 pm | |
| 13 St Patrick's Day Potluck, 5:30 pm | |
| 14 OWSA Meeting, 12:00 pm | |

April 2010

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| 5 USCG Aux Meeting, 6:00 pm |
| 8 RCYC Education, 7:00 pm |
| 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 14 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 pm |
| 17 RCYC Opening Day Regatta |
| Work Party, 9:00 am |
| Walk I BBQ, 5:30 pm |
| 18 RCYC Opening Day Regatta |
| 19 OWSA Cool Maneuvers, 5:30 pm |
| 20 OWSA Cool Maneuvers, 5:30 pm |
| 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 24 RCYC Cruise to Government Island |
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| 27 OWSA Cruising, 5:30 pm |
| 30 CRYA Meeting, 6:00 pm |

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

Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC web site.

www.rosecityyachtclub.org