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Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

Spring has fully sprung and ain't it great!!! Dredging is done. The water is on at the Club, planning continues for Opening Day, and dreams of going north hatched during the chill of winter are starting to take form.

In her Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA) report at the general meeting, Carol Bobo informed the Club that RCYC can have a theme for its Opening Day vessel review. She looked at me as she said that and immediately my brain began working, but with no success. All I could come up with for a theme is "RCYC, See How Clean Our Boats Can Be!" which, let's face it, is really bad. Further it sets an expectation which may be difficult to meet. So the theme issue is being presented to you. Do you have a better theme you would like to offer?

Carl also mentioned the very worthwhile Blue Star Moms of the Pacific Northwest program for hosting a veteran and his or her family for Opening Day. Since this has already been described in a club-wide email, I will not go

into great detail here. If you did not get the email, contact me and I can get you the information on hosting a veteran and family for Opening Day. Also, information is posted on the RCYC bulletin board, where there is also a sign-up sheet. There is

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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

STATE OF THE MOORAGE

The RCYC Moorage is full, and the waiting list is now up to six boats. I am advising any prospective members that they should expect a wait of at least a year for a slip of their own. If you want your own PDF copy of the lists posted on the Club's cork board, you can email me and I will send one to you.

Temporary slips are another matter, as the Club's moorage rules permit the Club to sublet a temporarily unused slip and credit the slip rent to the assigned member.

By May we should start seeing openings around the moorage, usually on Walks 1, 2, or 5, from which boats have gone north for two to four months on vacation. As usual, I ask those members planning on vacation cruises to let me know when they are leaving and planning to return.

Anyone on the waiting list wanting a temporary "double fill" slip for the summer should let me know. If you cannot reach me, just contact the Port Captain or Residents.

Repeatedly, the membership chair and I have been asked when a turnover might open a slip. Notice of a temporary vacancy would let an active new member family bring their boat into the moorage and let them be a lot more active in the Club.

The need for moorage got me to pondering an ongoing situation around our Club involving a few boats that have not moved under their own power for over a decade. Some belong to members that we see in person only when (1) they have to attach their current OR registration stickers every other year – which they do only after a threat to revoke their moorage privilege – and (2) when they show up to put in their required presence at a work party in the spring and again in the fall.

I know that some of these folks were formerly lots more active a couple of decades ago and their recreational interests may have changed. We are left with a few boats that are in terrible-looking condition, and not only are arguably unsafe to use but probably do not have functioning engines to enable them to get under way.



Whaler replacement, Walk 3.



I was considering devoting part of this column to asking for the owners of some of the derelict boats to move them elsewhere or donate them to charity, but decided not to do so. So that question will not be asked here. This concern also could have been broached at the March general meeting, but the owners of the vessels in question are seldom present.

So, to reiterate, I am not raising the question about derelict or neglected boats in our moorage that are keeping out boats used by active members.

Let's Go Sailing!



Ruth, Terry, Terry's son painting storage shed.



Mike and Chuck discussing the shower plumbing.

Ron and Loren replacing bolt on mast puller.



Margaret handling lunch.



And now for something completely different!

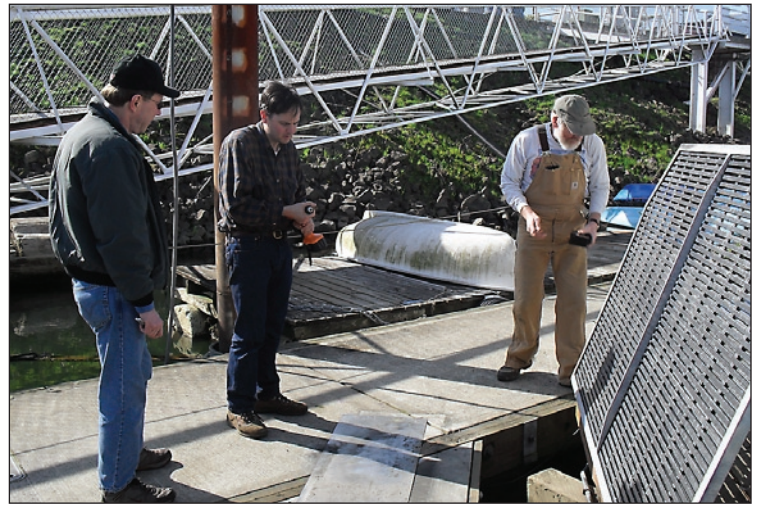
Several members asked me if the unofficial "Hop into your boat with other members on a week night and just go sail" idea that we put into effect last fall will be in effect again this summer. Or spring? What with the racers clogging up the fast lanes soon on Tuesday and Thursday nights, I was wondering if perhaps a Wednesday night – six p.m.? – might work. When will the twilight be sufficient? Or, should we just go out on Thursdays anyway?

I really enjoyed taking other members out on our boat last fall and equally enjoyed going sailing with others on their boat. For a few evenings it actually justified the time and money spent on boat projects and upkeep! Also, I will be forever grateful for the pictures of our boat under sail, taken by another Club member.

If you have thoughts or suggestions please email me.

So here it is, a column about a question not being asked, and another question about creating an excuse to go sailing.

Ready About! ...and Helm's Down!





Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

One sure way I have found to get motivated to do a thorough house cleaning or complete a remodel project is to set a party date and invite friends and family. It is amazing how much you can accomplish when you have a deadline! Well, folks, RCYC is having a party at our Clubhouse and we have a deadline. The date has been set and guests have been invited. Opening Day, May 1, 2010, RCYC is host to CRYA. The pressure is on. Let's do our best to get our Clubhouse, grounds, docks and boats spic and span – shiny and clean as possible.

We made a huge stride in that direction this past Saturday, March 6, with our first work party of the year. There were 38 names with work hours next to them on the Work Hours List. Everything from weeding the parking lot to power washing the docks was accomplished. Why, even Mike Pitarresi, not yet sworn in as a new member, was there working. Way to set the standard, Mikel! Margaret Hanson and Kathie Ray-Annis served up a delicious homemade stew for lunch.

We have three more Saturday Work Parties, opportunities not only to get our hours in for the spring, but to get ready for the Big (Opening) Day. The dates are March 20, April 3 and 17. So get down here! Let Chuck Pennington know when you are coming to help. Side note: If you failed to record your hours let me know, and I will make sure they get entered.

Speaking of hosting CRYA, the Columbia River Yachting Association has been around for 76 years, and our own, Jack Mitchem, is President. In the words of their website, this is what they do for us boaters.

CRYA represents 19 clubs and over 2,000 members as an organization waterway user group that:

- Serves as central coordinator for the member club's cruising schedules, eliminating many conflicts.
- Keeps the clubs aware of local, state and federal government activities and rule-making that affects boats, boating and boaters.
- Promotes development of new recreational boating facilities.
- Promotes safe boating and water safety.

Further, I am sure you have heard of the raffle tickets available to support CRYA's cause. Any of the club's officers have some to sell. They are \$1 each, \$10 for a book of ten. The first place prize is a \$1500 travel voucher. There are many other prizes handed out to winners on October 2, Closing Day. It is a lot of fun. So, don't be bashful; come ask for tickets. Take them off our hands. You can't win if you don't play!

EDUCATION

Bill Kramer, Education Chair

Radar with Karl Quade

When: Thursday, April 8th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Rose City Yacht Club

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.

Get ready for where the going gets tough! When it is foggy, dark, or just nasty, Karl Quade will show us how to go bravely where angels fear to tread.

Daughters of Neptune Boating Safety Class

Colleen Moran, Daughters of Neptune Chaperone

When: April 11, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Rose City Yacht Club

What: Boating safety class for those who need a boater education card.

The Daughters of Neptune invite you to a boating safety class at Rose City Yacht Club on April 11. An Oregon State Marine Board certified instructor will teach the class. This class is open to anyone over the age of 12 who needs an Oregon or Washington boater education card. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

R.S.V.P: Diana Blatter (CRYA) 503-705-6991
dblatter@yahoo.com or
Colleen Moran (RCYC) 503-841-1657

*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*

Volunteers Needed For Ladies Dinner And Opening Day

Karen Jacobson, First Mate

RCYC ladies have recently held two meetings to plan for the Ladies Dinner (May 20) and Opening Day (May 1). We request your volunteer participation.

For our Opening Day cocktail party, we need cooks for an assigned number of hors d'oeuvre "bites by the dozen". A committee is selecting the recipes or recipe types, and will provide more specific information in April. We will need helpers all day long on Opening Day, and possibly the day before, to prep some items and set up the décor. Please let Karen Jacobson or Alverna Martin know of your willingness to cook and/or help. You can also leave a message on 503-977-3691, a land line which will likely be shut down at the end of May.

The Ladies Dinner can use help with decorating and set up the day of the event, and it can really use great raffle items from area merchants, and things you make. We'll need ladies to pick up the gifts, and store them. Again, feel free to send an email message, or leave a call on the land line.

Thank you.

Karen Jacobson 503-684-4583; 503-977-3691;
503-318-8369; karen@ijco-cpa.com

Send articles and photos to all Foggers!

And send us your photos of Club activities.

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WELCOME
NEW RCYC
MEMBERS:

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Pitarresi

Jeff and Linda
Johnson
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some urgency on this one as CRYA would like to begin matching veterans with families as soon as possible. You can also contact Doug Walker, CRYA Executive VP directly at (503) 201-5045 or Cryaexecvp@yahoo.com to express your interest.

A bit of history: Starting in 1952 the First Mates Club was formed as an auxiliary organization under the chairmanship of Audrey Huber. That Club went inactive in 1985. Helen Unger has passed to RCYC the First Mates Club gavel, which has, carved into it, the names of each of the first mates during its existence. The gavel is now in the display cabinet that houses RCYC's small but growing memorabilia collection.

The dreaded April Dock Walk mandated in the By-Laws is coming up. It is during the walk that the Commodore, another officer, and the Moorage Chair check to be sure RCYC Moorage Rules are being followed. The date has not been scheduled yet. Let's use the

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT RCYC



improving weather to be sure that all is shipshape on and around our vessels.

Now a note to emphasize the importance of Judy Oxborrow's notice, found elsewhere in this issue, that the Board must approve any work hour waivers, layovers, or work hour waivers. Please be sure to submit any requests well in advance of any need.

I hear that the St Patrick's Day party was a blast. Karen passed that along as I was unable to make it. Rose Zehner's efforts were greatly appreciated; she earned a Gwinner Award for her fine efforts.

The RCYC Youth Sailing program is going strong, and now is the time to arrange those sailing lessons for your children and grandchildren. The children and grandchildren of RCYC members receive a Gainer Fund Scholarship to attend sailing classes sponsored by the Vancouver Lake Sailing Club or Willamette Yacht Club. I have heard wonderful things about the Vancouver Lake Sailing Club program, and, having a relative who attended the Willamette Yacht Club sponsored sailing school, I can say it is a great program also and the kids love sailing on the river. Contact Pam Sesar for information about these courses

Perhaps I'm getting ahead of Bob Phillips; but he has said he is working to arrange a special RCYC evening at West Marine. The goal is to have that evening soon so that we all can get those big spring purchases at a special spring price.

Financial Matters

Judy Oxborrow, Finance Committee

Our bookkeeping service has a new mailing address: Balance Your World Bookkeeping, P. O. Box 23699, Tigard, OR 97281-3699. The Club reimbursement voucher on the website has been updated to reflect this new address. Copies of the updated voucher have also been placed in the Clubhouse. For those members who pay your bills on-line through your financial institution, please update the address in your bill-pay file. This address will probably be reflected on your next Club dues billing.

The Finance Committee and/or Treasurer do not have the authority to waive the assessments for individuals who fail to perform their work hours. If you encounter a problem with your ability to perform the work hours required for your Club membership, you need to submit a written request in advance to the Board for consideration. The request should include the reasons why you cannot perform the hours as required and what modification of the work hour requirements that you wish the Board to approve.

The Long Range Planning Committee is again meeting and looking at major maintenance items and or projects that could require funding at some point in the future. Information and input is being sought from the afterguard (members like Tom Stringfield and Steve Barrett) and the Board. After gathering and reviewing data, the committee will be putting together a membership survey for review by the Board. Later this year, members will probably be asked to complete the survey.

And, the 2010 Yearbook is out. Thank you to members who attended the general meeting on March 17 and picked up their copies. If you moor your boat at the Club, you should pick up your Yearbooks when you make your next regular visit to check your boat. The Yearbooks are in plastic bins on the bar at the back of the Clubhouse. Please take the envelope with you. If you have a change or correction for your listing in the yearbook, please send an e-mail to Judy Oxborrow at judy87807@comcast.net and to Anne Thompson at annietb@gmail.com. A couple of changes never made the final copy; one member was retiring as the books were being printed; and numerous members didn't bother to review their listing prior to printing. Furthermore, we have already added two new members, and another two are in the process of joining RCYC. An update sheet will probably be released early in July to include new members, changes, corrections, etc.

Tax Time Tip: Boat Owners May Have Federal Tax Deductions Available

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Representative

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 16, 2010. Recreational boat owners who paid state sales taxes on a boat purchase, or those who secured a loan to finance a boat, may have some tax deductions available when filing their 2009 federal income tax return.

THE SALES TAX DEDUCTION

For boat owners who paid substantial state sales taxes on a new or used boat purchase last year, the Tax Extenders Act of 2008 continues to offer a federal tax deduction for state sales taxes. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return -- you cannot take both.

In addition, to take the state sales tax deduction, the sales tax on a boat purchase must be applied at the same tax rate as the state's general sales tax. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, tax returns must be itemized. State sales taxes are entered on *IRS form Schedule A*, line 5b.

THE BOAT LOAN DEDUCTION

For those owners with a secured boat loan, mortgage interest paid on the loan may be deducted from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the home mortgage interest deduction for one second home in addition to their primary home, and must itemize deductions on their returns. A boat is considered a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, a head, and sleeping berth.

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an *Internal Revenue Service form 1098* which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

SORRY, AMT FILERS

For those who fall under the Alternative Minimum Tax, most deductions are unavailable as taxes are calculated differently. Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information.

For more details on the mortgage deduction, go to www.IRS.gov and *download Publication 936* or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information *download Publication 600*, which also includes state-by-state tax tables.

Window of Opportunity!

Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair

BECOME AN RCYC CLUBHOUSE STEWARD.

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-paneled Clubhouse! Only two months are still available in 2010— September and December.

Please contact the Clubhouse Chair, Jas. Adams, to volunteer at jadams@teleport.com or 503-349-0840.

We all need your help.

Seems we are having a bit of a problem figuring out which dumpster to put our trash or recycling in. Pretty simple really. One dumpster for trash. One dumpster for recycling. (*instructions with pictures on the front*)

We got our hand spanked by our hauler for putting our yard debris in the recycling unit after the work party. A real NO-NO I was told.

Please be mindful of what's posted on the front of the unit as to what goes inside.

And of course, we all know that none of us would ever bring anything from home to put in the Club dumpsters.

Give it a little thought and then put it into action.



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

April, 2010

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| 2 Div. 7, USCG Aux. Meeting, 6:00 p.m. | 19 OWSA "Cool Maneuvers", 5:30 p.m. |
| 3 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. | 20 OWSA "Cool Maneuvers", 5:30 p.m. |
| 6 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m. | 21 RCYC General Meeting , 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. | 24-25 RCYC Cruise to Government Island |
| 14 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 p.m. | 27 OWSA "Cruising", 5:30 p.m. |
| 17 RCYC Opening Day Regatta | 30 CRYA Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 Work Party, 9:00 a.m. | |
| 17 Walk 1 BBQ, 5:30 p.m. | |
| 18 RCYC Opening Day Regatta | |

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

Order your Foghorn on-line - - in COLOR! Receive the Foghorn as a PDF file and save the Club the costs of printing and postage.

May, 2010

- 1 **OPENING DAY!**
- 2 OWSA Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- 3 Div. 7, USCG Aux. Meeting
- 4 OWSA "Cruising", 5:30 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 OWSA Cruising, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 13 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 **RCYC Ladies Dinner**, Noon to 10:00 p.m.
- 22 RCYC Medium Distance Race
- 29-31 **Cruise to Hadley's Landing**



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