

Commodore: Chuck Fisher  
Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver  
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May 2010



### Commodore's Log

*Chuck Fisher, Commodore*

By the time this is being read, RCYC will be in the last days of furious preparations for Opening Day. As the host club, we will be doing our best to be at our best!

For those who are new to Opening Day, it is a fine tradition that designates the first Saturday in May as the day boating season officially begins. Several activities are planned, and RCYC is the host club of the Columbia River Yachting Association's festivities. The main event is the boat parade, and RCYC it leads off.

It turns out that parade awards are given in several categories. One of the categories has to do with appearance. Not just showing up, but the dress of the people visible on the boats passing in review. Those on deck while passing the review boats should be wearing a navy on top and light or white on the bottom. While that might be too much regimentation for RCYC, it could be worth a try. In the case of rain, foul weather gear will be the fashion statement to make.

Many will be staying over on their boats Friday night, so as to be in line early for breakfast. Come early, come late, come dressed to the 9's or not, just come and have fun.

There is more to be found about Opening Day activities in this Foghorn.

Sunday April 18th was the spring moorage walk. Moorage Chair Loren Beach, Vice Commodore Chuck Silver, Port Captain Lynn Easton and I inspected the moorage for items needing tending too. All vessels were found to have current stickers. There were a few vessels that appeared to be in need of some care. Of immediate concern are power cords that are not properly routed or tended such that they are end up in the water for a prolonged period of time. When you visit your boat please be sure to check that your vessels shore power cord is properly routed and secure.

Spring has sprung and RCYC is blossoming with activities. Coming up in

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Work Party

### RCYC OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

#### ▶ Saturday, May 1, 2010

- 0700 - Buffet breakfast \$10
- 0915 - Opening ceremonies
- 1000 - Visitors board review vessels on breakwater
- 1230 - Decorated boat parade begins, led by RCYC
- 1500 - No-host cocktail party begins
- 1700 - Parade results announced

### Memorial Day Cruise

#### May 29 – 31, 2010

The Club will be heading to Hadley's Landing on Multnomah Channel.

A potluck is planned for Sunday night,

Happy hour at 1400 hours and dinner at 1500 hours

**New URL for the Vancouver, WA, river level gauge,** located just west of the I-5 bridge, on (obviously) the Vancouver waterfront. The graph is the same, but the URL recently changed to:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1>

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Our moorage is full with a growing waiting list; no change since last month. I am in process of filling one slip for a large boat.

The construction on both new dinghy and kayak docks are now finished. The attachment to the Headwalk still needs refining, and we will need to remove several ground floor dinghies to get at the areas we need to bolt onto.

I have published, via email, some guidelines for these docks. Kayak parking space will have to be limited to one space per member, and it is ok to also have one dinghy space.

Note that you need to put a permanent name plate on your space. If we ever run out of room for small boats and some members have both a dinghy and a kayak stored, they will be asked to reduce their storage need to a single small craft. These are very general guidelines, and may change as we get used to administering a larger number of small craft spots. At present we have quite a few open spaces for dinghies and about six open kayak spots.

Dinghies have, so far, stayed in place during strong winds, but it would be a good idea to arrange some sort of tie-down strap for your kayak. Also be sure to store your 'yak so that no rain water can get inside.

I just finished walking the moorage with the Flag officers and Port Captain. If you have a power cord dangling in the water, you must lead it such that it stays clear of the river.

If you have moss and mold growing on your boat, you need to clean it off.

Most boats now have snubbers on their bow and stern mooring lines; if you do not have snubbers you need to put some on.

Security: The ramp gate and all doors to the Clubhouse must be locked at dusk. If you access the Clubhouse later, you must turn off all lights and lock up completely when leaving. I recently found some strangers wandering around our parking lot, and when asked why, the two men said that they followed a car in and just wanted to look around.

They were advised to heed the No Trespass sign, and then they left.

Keep an eye on the parking area as well as the docks. If someone gives you static, the sheriff's number is in the Clubhouse. If you feel threatened, just dial 911.

Opening Day is May 1, and we will be searching all around the Club for vacant slips for the night of April 30 and all day May 1. Reason for the search is that we are the host club for CRYA this year and have boats from a number of different clubs that would like to tie up for that one night. There will be Sea Scout vessels, review vessels and vessels for parents of Daughters of Neptune. PLEASE contact Port Capt Lynn Easton if your slip will be available for that one night and day.

The current can run fast and very cold during May and June, so be sure that all kids under 12 have on their PFD's at all times on the docks. Be mindful of the heightened risk when you work around your boat or on the docks.

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May in addition to Opening Day is the Ladies Dinner on May 20th, the RCYC Medium Distance Race on May 22, and the always fun and memorable Memorial Day Cruise to Hadley's Landing.

Under the heading of "stuff happens", Ann Roehm took a header while working to sharpen up the appearance of RCYC's entry area. Thankfully, Ann is recovered and, unrelated but happily, her vessel has returned from Becker's in time for Opening Day.

Ethan VanMatre has been working diligently upgrading RCYC's website. If you have not have had a chance to stop in and visit, you should take a moment and do so. It is way cool!

A closing caution regarding Opening Day; Parking lot space will be at a premium. If you have crew who would be leaving their cars in the lot for one reason or another, please consider crew carpooling instead and not leaving a car unattended in the lot. Also, all of us who park in the lot want to be sure not to park in Saturday's ceremony area. Parking space will be very, very tight! I will look forward to sharing Opening Day with all of you!

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## RCYC Youth Sailing Schools

*Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Program*

If you have children or grandchildren interested in learning how to sail, please check out Willamette Sailing Club, <http://www.willamettesailingclub.com/>, and Vancouver Lake Sailing Club, <http://www.vlsc.org/>, for their latest schedules. RCYC has an agreement with VLSC so the cost is lower because we own two of the boats they use for their program. Willamette Sailing Club often shares instructors with VLSC, so pick what works for you!

*Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing*

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## CRUISING ETIQUETTE

When participating in a Club cruise, the following will help make it a safe and enjoyable experience.

### EQUIPMENT:

- Fenders: The minimum to have is four, sized for your boat.  
Use fender covers to stop squeaks.
- Lines: The minimum is four lines.  
Have a bow and stern line, also two spring lines.  
Use 3 strand line, which has some stretch and will not squeak as much as braided line does.
- Anchors: The minimum is one, but you should have both a bow and stern anchor.

### THE BOAT RAFTING UP OR DOCKING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

providing the necessary lines and fenders to complete the task safely and securely.

- Have your fenders and lines in place ready to go.
- Approach at a slow speed.
- For docking, come in as parallel to the dock as possible.
- For rafting up, approach from the stern if possible, coasting to a stop beside the raft. Do not push the raft around by bumping into it.
- The first line off your boat should be a mid-ship line.
- Next get your bow and stern line in place. The only time to deploy your bow and stern lines first is if both can be passed to line handlers at the same time.
- Line handlers work together to move the boat in parallel to the raft or dock.
- If rafting up, adjust boat so spreaders are two to three feet fore or aft of the boat next to you.
- If rafting up you must be willing to deploy anchors if needed. **Lunch hooks are not acceptable.**
- It's the responsibility of the boat skipper to check all lines and fenders after tying up.

### ETIQUETTE:

- When rafted up and crossing another boat, good manners dictate you cross forward of the mast.
- Use care not to rock the boat you are crossing.
- Use care not to stress equipment not intended as foot steps or handrails.
- Always ensure your feet, shoes and person are free of sand, mud, dirt and trash when getting onto other members' boats.
- Sound carries exceptionally well over water. **Audio output should not be enjoyed by adjacent boats without permission. Also remember that comments you make may be heard by others.**
- Secure halyards away from your mast to prevent slapping.
- Tie up your dingy/inflatable securely so that it will not hit your neighbor's boat. A good way to accomplish this is to tie it off across your stern with two lines, using a fender to protect your stern.
- **Keep your pets under control** – no running loose, especially during meals on the dock.

## You Are Invited to RCYC Opening Day Festivities

Published elsewhere in this Foghorn is a schedule of events for Opening Day on May 1. Many Club volunteers will be working behind the scenes to make this a great event for our members and guests from other yacht clubs. Rick Royce is cooking the breakfast. RCYC Ladies are decorating the Clubhouse and preparing the cocktail buffet. Jack Mitchem, Coleen Moran, Don and Linda Belshaw and our Daughter of Neptune, Heidi Reiniger, will be on the review boats. Make sure that you come out for as much of the day as you can.

The breakfast officially starts at 7:30 for outsiders, but members are welcome at 7:00 AM. Serving will cease at 8:45 to allow enough time for the opening events to get underway in the parking lot. Breakfast will be disassembled by 10:00 AM so setup for the cocktail party can begin. Our fleet captain will call a skipper's meeting and give row and position assignments for RCYC boats in the parade sometime between 10:00 and noon. Wouldn't it be great to have at least 24 boats out there, plus our Sea Scout fleet? You can be sure that we'll be proceeding at as sedate of a pace as possible, as Commodore Chuck is in the first row and Ursa doesn't go all that fast. Shine up the starboard side of the boat, put on those red, white and blue flags (we have more in Ship's Stores), bring out your friends and family, host a Blue Star honoree and help RCYC lead the parade of boats.

Back in the Clubhouse we'll open the bar around 1:30 and put out some snacks for members while the cocktail buffet is being set up. The cocktail party officially begins at 3:00, and officially ends at 5:00 when parade award results are announced. Members are encouraged to continue to party after our guests depart. Some may decide to stay over another night and partake of any breakfast leftovers. If you have any questions about the details of Opening Day, call Commodore Chuck on 503-939-0491 or First Mate Karen on 503-318-8369.

*Karen Jacobson, First Mate*



## Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

*No more studded tires. . . . It must be spring!*

Oh, yes, and our first Cruise is April 24th and 25th to Government Island AND The Big Opening Day, May 1, is only 11 days from this writing. Each day we get more poised for that special occasion. The number of members down at the Club cleaning their boats has been testimony to that. In addition, we have had huge response at the work parties through this past Saturday, April 17, our last official work party for spring. However, you may still make arrangements for work hours if you have not been able to get your requirement. Contact Chuck Pennington, Work Party Chairman, if you need help.

Speaking of Chuck, he is making arrangements, as I type, to purchase and install a new, durable, UV resistant tarp for our "covered", floating patio. Our thanks to Chuck and the installation crew for getting this done in short order before Opening Day.

Ann Roehm and her many helpers have done a wonderful job getting the gardens around the Clubhouse and the top of the ramp beautified for the coming year. They will be putting the finishing touches on the irrigation part of this project before Opening Day. Thanks to Anne and all who helped. And these are only a couple of names of those who have done so much fine work.

One thing I personally have been lobbying for is some nice, more stable and durable patio furniture – tables and chairs. The spring and summer months on the deck of the Clubhouse provide us with some really enjoyable outdoor dining and gathering experiences. We have a great patio with a million dollar view. Unfortunately, our existing furniture has served its lifetime. I am sure the Board is open to any suggestions, leads, proposals, suppliers, etc. that you may have regarding getting new patio furniture as well as suggestions on the financing part. You know RCYC, we want a Rolex for the price of a Timex. Contact me or any other Board member with your thoughts or suggestions.

One last comment, and this may be elaborated on by another contributor to the Foghorn, we had our semi-annual walk and critique of the moorage this past Sunday. This was done by the Moorage Chair, Loren Beach, Port Captain, Lynn Easton, Commodore Chuck Fisher, and yours truly. All in all, we were pleased that the vast majority of boats were deemed acceptable in the areas of registration stickers, mooring lines, shore power cords and boat maintenance. There were a few shore power cords partially in the water, and a few boats that could use some TLC. We all know there are times when life gets in the way of taking care of our boats the way we wish we could. If you or someone you know could use a little help in say, pressure washing your boat or something like that, let us know. RCYC has lots of people who are happy and able to help. In the words of Vidal Sassoon: "if you don't look good, we don't look good".

See you on Opening Day.

## EDUCATION

Bill Kramer, Education Chair

### Best Anchorages on the Columbia River:

When: May 13th, 7:00 PM

Where: Rose City Yacht Club

Find out some new places to try, and share your favorites. The Columbia River offers many great places to stop and enjoy its beauty. The last time the Club covered this was back in 2002, so don't miss out this time.

### Making movies and slide shows:

When: June 10th, 7:00 PM

Where: Rose City Yacht Club

Bob Phillips is going to teach us how to turn our pictures and video footage into interesting slide shows and videos. This will be a two-part class. In June you will be introduced to the software and learn how to use it. Over the summer you will shoot videos and pictures and in the fall the second class will deal with creating a final product.



*Volunteers Needed for Ladies Dinner  
and Opening Day*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A few Good Men

The ladies of RCYC need a few good men to serve them. One night only, with an outstanding free meal and lots of wine. The event is our annual Ladies dinner that needs a wait staff of male members to help them have another fun evening, and only requires a low skill effort for about four hours during the evening of May 20th at the Clubhouse. While it may sound like work, the waiters seem to have a good time too. I need to add a couple of new waiters this year, and am looking for volunteers. It works especially well if the lady of the boat plans to attend the dinner. Please call or email me if you are interested.

John Dees, 503-887-0207 or  
[JohnDees@centurytel.net](mailto:JohnDees@centurytel.net)

### ATTENTION

#### Craft & Hobby People

For the 4th of July, the Club will be holding a Craft/Hobby show in the Clubhouse from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

If you have a craft that you make and would like to display or sell it, or a hobby you would like to share, please contact Ron Moran at 503-807-3817 to reserve a table.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Florence Dickerson and Mark Basel



Patti and Craig Cordon

## Goods and Services Needed: Opening Day & Ladies Dinner

### Opening Day, May 1

- Rain canopies
- Cashier for the breakfast
- Ticket monitor for the breakfast
- Photographer
- Three persons to dock and undock the seven review boats on the breakwater at 8:30 and 10:00 AM

### Ladies Dinner, May 20

- Parrots – we want your stuffed parrots
- Palm trees – we want your preserved palm trees
- If you have either of the above, please call Alverna Martin at 503-665-3097
- Roving raffle ticket sellers
- Helpers to set up on the day of the event
- Raffle prizes -- We really, really need raffle prizes that you make or obtain as a donation from your favorite marine vendor or entertainment venue. A portion of our net proceeds will go to a charity chosen by the attendees of the dinner.

To volunteer to help and donate, please email Karen Jacobson on [karen@ijco-cpa.com](mailto:karen@ijco-cpa.com) or call 503-318-8369

By the time you read this, we may have rounded up much of the above, but give us a shout anyway.

Karen Jacobson, First Mate

### Send titled articles and photos to all Foggers!

*And send us your photos of Club activities.*

Foghorn Copy Deadline is the 18th of the month.

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Club Members

### THIS IS A BIG NO-NO.

Please, don't leave any open containers with used oil at the oil disposal building. Only used engine oil can be disposed of for recycling. Used engine oil can be left in plastic containers with a closing lid. Oil left in a coca cola can with a paper towel as a lid is unsafe and is not allowed at RCYC.

Hans Geerling, Oil Coordination



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## RCYC WEBSITE UPDATE

At the April Board meeting, Ethan VanMatre updated the Board on the RCYC website development and upgrades. We are now using a software package called Drupal. It is a modular system to manage content on websites, and includes a very good security module. It is the same software package used by the White House. And best of all, it is free.

If you haven't checked out the Club website recently, log onto <http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org> and take a look around. Our website has a totally new look, with much more information readily available. Plus, we now have a private member only section. The member only section will allow us to expand the website to include a blog or forum for members to communicate with each other and coordinate impromptu events or seek advice.

If you haven't logged onto the member only section, you are encouraged to do so. On the right side of our home page, you will see a box to log in. Immediately below that box is a heading "Create Account". Click on that heading and follow the instructions. You will get an e-mail acknowledging your request for access. And, you might also send an e-mail to Ethan VanMatre to let him know you have requested access. He is so busy working on getting the website up and running that it would be easy to overlook a request.

Once the website is fully complete, the member only section will allow us to also maintain a copy of the By-Laws, Club History, or yearbook on-line. Members would be able to access their personal yearbook information and update it at any time. The software we are using also has the capacity to set up a member poll on issues and priorities as has been conducted in the past by the Long Range Planning Committee. And, with some training, Committee Chairs, Directors and Officers will be able to post and update information relating to Club activities simply by logging on and making the changes – whether it be for an event or to update the Club calendar. These are just a few of the possibilities this modular system provides.

However, the change to a new server and new system was not without glitches. The change was completed on April 7. Unfortunately, Comcast did not like the new server address so Comcast began bouncing e-mails to those members with a Comcast address. Our server saw what was happening, stopped the cycle, and sent members a message saying their account had been deleted. That problem was quickly fixed and all Comcast e-mail accounts were re-enabled for the 54 members affected.

The mailing list package "MailMan" is what we use. On the first of each month it automatically sends subscription reminders to everyone on the everyone-at-rcyc list. This reminder lets you know that you are still on the "everyone" list and what your list password is. For those who are interested please look at the MailMan User Documentation <http://www.gnu.org/software/mailman/mailman-member/index.html>



*Raising of the 32' Boat that endured a gas explosion at Donaldson's Marine, 04/01/2010. Thanks Karen Billion, our roving photographer.*

If you are not receiving these e-mails, you are not on the list and should send an e-mail to Ethan VanMatre [evm@arafel.org](mailto:evm@arafel.org) to get on this list and/or the Foghorn notification list.

We all owe Ethan a big "Thank You" for his work on this project. Since the first of the year, he has spent over 80 hours setting up our new look and getting it on-line. He has spent many lunch hours hunched over his keyboard, just typing away. And, there are more improvements to come so keep watching our website!

*Judy Oxborrow*



## Financial Matters

*Judy Oxborrow, Finance Committee*

The last of the work parties was held during the weekend of April 17. All work hours should be recorded, regardless of whether you need credit for them or not. It helps the Board assess the needs of the Club in hours worked annually.

Each Active Member unit is required to perform a minimum of 12 work hours annually. Six of these hours must be performed in the first half of the year. If you have not gotten your work hours in, you have four options:

1. Contact the Work Party Chair and arrange to complete your hours on projects that can be done on your schedule.
2. If you have not been able to perform your work hours as required, you can submit a written request to the Board to defer these hours until the second half of the year or for a waiver of the hours.
3. Be prepared to pay \$50 per hour for any hours not worked as required.
4. Sign up to take care of the Clubhouse in September or December, which would satisfy your work hour requirement for the year. If interested, contact Jas Adams. The deadline for completion of work hours for the first half of 2010 is June 10th.

The Finance Committee does not have the authority to waive the penalty. A written request to the Board for action is required. The bookkeeping service cannot help you resolve issues relating to work hours. If you did perform work hours but were still billed, please contact Judy Oxborrow via e-mail [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net) or phone (530) 652-1549. Please provide an explanation as to when you worked, name of the work party leader, what you did, and persons who were assisting you in the project. Judy will backtrack on the information.

This is also the time of year when members start contemplating vacations. Billings will be released during the first week of July and the first week of October. If you are going to be on vacation, you can prepay your quarterly billing prior to leaving. You would be safe by paying the same amount as the billing for the preceding quarter. If you have questions or concerns, contact Judy. And remember, our bookkeeping service has a new mailing address: Balance Your World Bookkeeping, P. O. Box 23699, Tigard, OR 97281-3699.

## Window of Opportunity!

**REALLY NEED WORK HOURS FOR SPRING? HERE'S A NIFTY OPTION:**

Sign up today to be a Clubhouse Steward! This light duty can be done completely on your own schedule, four times in a given month. Signing up now will satisfy your work commitment for the entire year (well, yes, you have to follow through and actually do the light tasks). In this way, you not only can meet your work hours but you will help maintain our wonderful oak-paneled Clubhouse. Only two months left this year (September and December) -- so sign up today! Contact Jas. Adams to volunteer at 503-349-0840 or [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com).

*Jas. Adams, Clubhouse Chair*

*Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink.*

*-- Coleridge*



Work Party



## "COME WITH ME TO MARGARITAVILLE"

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB, LADIES DINNER

THURSDAY MAY 20, 2010

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM:** FOR COCKTAILS, MINGLING AND RAFFLE SELECTIONS

**DINNER 7:00 PM:** SERVED BY THE FAMOUS ROSE CITY WAITERS

TROPICAL ENTERTAINMENT

\$20 PER PERSON

**DRESS:** CARIBBEAN CASUAL

**RSVP BY MAY 14:** TO JUDY OXBORROW 503-652-1549 OR [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net)

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## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### May 2010

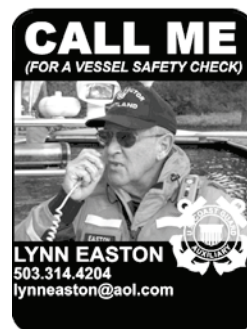
- 1 **OPENING DAY!**
- 2 OWSA Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- 3 Div. 7, USCG Aux. Meeting
- 4 OWSA Cruising, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 OWSA Cruising, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 13 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 **RCYC Ladies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

### June 2010

- 5 Mallowney Reservation, Evening
- 7 OWSA Spinnaker Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 OWSA Spinnaker Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 12-13 **RCYC Cruise to Coon Island, E Dock**
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 John Flenniken Reservation, Evening
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 **Walk 2 BBQ**, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Summer Regatta

*We welcome your photographs of Club functions, work parties, and related subjects.*

*Receive the Foghorn on-line as a PDF file (in color) and save the Club the costs of printing and postage.*



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