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ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver
Secretary: Bill Kramer

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Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

Question: What do the following names have in common?

Alverna Martin, Ann Hyde, Ann Roehm, Anna Whitman, Barbara Chabala, Bob Gales, Bob Laird, Bob Phillips, Brad Jensen, Colleen Moran, Carol Pick, Carolyn Douglass, Don Belshaw, Ellen Nielsen, Gary Whitney, Jack Mitchem, Jean Morrison, Jeannie Becker, Jim Hackley, Jim Martin, Jon Gustafson, Joyce Jensen, Judy Brandon, Judy Oxborrow, Karen Jacobson, Linda Belshaw, Linda Shaw, Lucy Mitchem, Lynn Easton, Marianne Roberts, Mary Laird, Mike Oxborrow, Mike Pick, Renate Bittner, Rick Royce, Ron Moran, Terry Foren.



Each of these people in their own special way, along with a number of members that I know I have unkindly but not intentionally overlooked, worked their magic to make RCYC's host club CRYA Opening Day festivities a success! Not only did RCYC represent itself well as the host club, but the fleet as it was passing in review was impressive.

Question: Should the start time of the General Meeting be changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM?

The thinking being that members are equally available at 7:00 PM as 7:30 PM, and an earlier meeting that adjourned earlier would be beneficial to the members. What do you think, should the General Meeting time be changed? Send me an email at chuck@fisherappraisal.com with your thoughts.

More than one member has asked the start of the General Meeting be changed.



Question: Should RCYC require annual Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's) as a condition of continued moorage?



The proposition has been presented that annually, as a condition of moorage, all vessel owners would responsible for having a Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check. What do you think, should annual VSC's be a condition of continued moorage or not? Send me an email at chuck@fisherappraisal.com with your thoughts.

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Five Ways to Cut Your Boating Bill This Summer

Despite how boating is portrayed in Hollywood movies, most boaters are not rich. Statistics show they are more likely to own a small trailerable boat than a mega-yacht, and prefer T-shirts and shorts over blue blazers. They also watch how they spend, and to help boating families stretch their dollars, BoatUS has five ways to save on boating expenses this summer:

Borrow a kid's life jacket for free: If you're expecting young guests aboard and have a temporary need for a right-sized life jacket, don't buy one. The BoatUS Foundation has over 500 [Kids Life Jacket Loaner Program](#) locations across the country -- at marinas, clubs, and fire houses -- where you can borrow one for free for the day, afternoon or weekend. You do not have to be a BoatUS member to use this program. RCYC has a bin at the top of the ramp full of loaner life jackets of different sizes.

Take a boater safety course free of charge: Boating safety courses can set you back almost \$45 if taken online, or as much as \$100 for a classroom-based course. Or, you can take the BoatUS Foundation's free [Online Boating Safety Course](#) which is recognized as boater certification in 32 states. BoatUS membership is not required.

Join BoatUS and save at marinas on fuel, overnight slips and repairs: Save money on fuel by getting up to 10 cents per-gallon off at select [BoatUS Cooperating Marinas](#) <http://ww2.boatus.com/marinas> . Other discounts may include up to 25% on transient slips and 15% on repairs. As a cooperative group, RCYC members can join BoatUS at the half price rate of \$12.50 per year. Our cooperative group number is GA84669Y. For membership information, visit www.BoatUS.com or call 800-395-2628. This is not an endorsement of BoatUS. However, more than forty RCYC members are members of BoatUS.

Get discounts on bait, tackle and guides: BoatUS members can also get discounts of up to 20% at bait and tackle shops as well as up to 30% off fishing guide services. Go to <http://ww2.boatusangler.com/> [BoatUS Angler](#) to check them out.

Try adjusting your boat insurance: Increasing your deductibles will save you some dollars. If you have had your boat for a period of time, consider reviewing the total value of your policy with your agent; even consider purchasing a liability-only insurance policy thus saving premium dollars. You can also investigate some lower-cost options with [BoatUS Marine Insurance](#) "<http://www.boatus.com/insurance>".

More information on these programs can be found at <http://www.boatus.com/foundation> www.BoatUS.com/foundation , <http://www.boatus.com/> www.BoatUS.com , and www.BoatUSAngler.com .

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

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Question: Should RCYC maintain a Club dinghy?

The Club has, over the last couple of years, pared down its "fleet". As a result, there is now one dinghy owned by the Club and available for member use. The dinghy is used as one of the row boats for the Pirates Breakfast. Otherwise it is not widely used and has fallen in disrepair.

The notion for retaining a Club dinghy with its accessories for sailing was that members could make use of it as the urge or need arose. However, members do not seem to making use of it. Should the Club maintain a dinghy for general use by the membership? Send me an email at chuck@fisherappraisal.com with your thoughts.

What is a really, really great way to spend the Memorial Day weekend? The RCYC Hadley's Landing Cruise! With questions on the cruise, contact Ron Moran ronmoran@gmail.com – don't send me an email. See you there!



Special work crew finishing shower connections



Vice Commodore's Report
by Chuck Silver - Vice Commodore

One last important reminder – For those of you who do not have the required six work hours for spring (which ends June 10th, RCYC calendar), you have three choices: 1) Do six hours work at the Club between now and then. By the time this Foghorn is available to read you will have approximately two weeks left. 2) Pay the Club \$50 per hour (\$300.) and not work the hours. 3) If you have extenuating circumstances (for example: illness, injury, out of the country, etc.), write a letter to the RCYC Board of Directors explaining your situation and ask if the work can be deferred until later in the year. Or, in extreme cases, ask if the hours could be waived. If you need help with work assignments, contact Chuck Pennington, Work Party Chairman, (phone -503-425-1652, or email puffin36@msn.com). I am sure there is something you can do. Grass keeps growing, paint continues to weather, steel rusts and wood rots.

There has been a lot of fine work done at the Club over the past five months. To mention a few items, dredging, new dinghy docks, new cover over the patio, water line repair, pressure washing, painting, new container gardens, added floatation, and just in time for Opening Day (the target date) a new, working shower! Mike Salituro put his head down and didn't stop until it was done. Thanks to Mike, Dave Kibby, Chuck Stuckey and many others who put the work into place. Enjoy!

There are many events scheduled this summer. Let us all resolve to get out there on the water, use our boats more and enjoy the scenery with our fellow Club members!

RCYC 2010 Ladies Dinner

On the evening of May 20th, Rose City welcomed 114 women to Margartaville for the annual ladies dinner. Our famous Rose City waiters served a fabulous meal designed by Rick Royce. As usual, a select group of Rose City men also assisted in the kitchen. Special guests were the Daughters of Neptune and the First Mates of other clubs. Rosie Hackley and Jim Martin superbly directed the parking lot. Many non-yacht-club-members attended as guests, including Emily and Nicole from Balance Your World Bookkeeping. Bartender Brad and Bartender Terry presided over the wine and soft drinks exchanged for scrip tickets sold by Janet Bradley. Décor was custom selected by Alverna Martin from among RCYC treasures, and spread around the Clubhouse walls, ceilings and tables by Carol Pick, Patti Fischer, Carolyn Douglass, Linda Shaw and Barbara Chabala. The raffle gifts were organized and displayed by the same group, assisted by Joyce Jensen and Leslie Phillips. Anita Fallon and Leslie Phillips sold raffle tickets. During the social hour and raffle selection time, Caribbean CD's played as background music. Jerry Wheeler performed a selection of Jimmy Buffett tunes during the entertainment set. In addition to Rick's food, the highlight of the Rose City Yacht Club Ladies Dinner is always the raffle. With the assistance of Colleen Moran, Leslie Phillips and the Daughters of Neptune, gift baskets, boating supplies, table fashions, home décor, dining cards and boating attire were among the items raffled off. The Daughters of Neptune and First Mates each received a special gift. Three fabulous grand prizes were raffled off at the end of the evening: a pair of Jimmy Buffett October 19 concert tickets, a Tiffany style lamp from Kuhnhausen Furniture and an elegantly styled gift card tree from Schooner Creek. In recent years a portion of the proceeds of the dinner has been donated to charity. This year the attendees voted by paper ballot for one of four recipients. The chosen winner was Community Transitional School for Homeless and Mobile Children. See also a list of prize donors in this issue of the Foghorn.



2010 Ladies Dinner Donors

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Secretary's Salutations

by Bill Kramer

I am looking forward to being Secretary for RCYC. We have had a busy month with Opening Day and much more boating activity around the Club with the warmer weather. I hope to see all of you around the Club and on the water.

I am sorry to report some very sad member news:

Larry Anderson has recently passed away. He and Beth joined RCYC in 1977. Mark Holtzman's father, who was a former RCYC member, has also passed away. Marilyn and Elden Stender's daughter recently lost her battle with cancer.

There were no prospective new members introduced or interviewed at the May board meeting.

The Club has received a generous donation of \$500 for new deck tables and furniture from Ewald Wennemann.

RCYC Education

June 10th, 7:00 PM RCYC Clubhouse

Making movies and slide shows: 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 can shoot vid



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

We are presently filling one opening, but the waiting list will still have five boats on it.

As the river traffic picks up for the high season, be aware of where your spreaders and mast head lines up with the rig on the boats on either side. There was recently a broken masthead fitting from another boat's rig due to a big wake. Also, be sure to have snubbers on bow and stern lines. All your mooring lines should be good quality nylon -- you want both strength and stretch for that application.

Due to requests by several members (yes, really ...) we are starting up the weekly "take your boat out or crew on another boat" night, on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Check in at the Clubhouse and gather up members for crewing or go out with another member. Let's start on June 1, and continue on until DST ends this fall. This is very informal. I would only suggest bringing your pfd and a snack if you are hungry. Dress for the weather. If you schlep along an extra can of pop or other beverage to share, that might be good, too. You can meet other members and share some boating time with them. There are a lot of different boats here, and I sure have enjoyed sailing on other members' boats last year. No matter what sort of boat you own, large or small, power or sail, come on down to your yacht Club. Worst that might happen is that you end up taking your own boat out for a while.

If some of our tug or power boat folks want to offer me a ride, I'd even toss a fiver into their fuel fund. Getting out on the water is the main thing. Let's all go boating!

Cruise June 12-13
Destination is East Dock
at Coon Island

Potluck is Saturday Night
If you have questions
contact Ron Moran
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Cruising Boaters Could Find Tax Bills Under the Welcome Mat Revenue-Hungry States Go After Visiting Boaters

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 5, 2010 - Staying too long in one place can ruin a good thing. At least that's the case with boaters making lengthy journeys, who are finding themselves targets of cash-hungry states looking to balance their budgets.

In most states, a privately owned recreational boat must be registered in the state where it is principally used, and any taxes are paid to that state. A problem arises when the boat leaves this principal-use state and enters a new one, either for a long visit, extended cruise or lengthy repairs.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) says boaters may be subject to various sales, use, excise, or property taxes when they remain in one location for a consecutive number of days, or over-stay their visit for a certain number of aggregate days per year. This "grace period" is often 60 to 90 days but as little as 30 days in two states (CO, NH). Also, if the principal state's tax is not comparable to the tax in the state the boat is visiting, the second state can levy the tax making the boat owner liable for the difference.

To help boaters understand this issue, BoatUS offers a new online map highlighting state sales and property tax rates with links to state tax departments, as well as registration information and "grace periods" at <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov/StatetaxRegistration.asp>.

In several recent cases, BoatUS reports tax authorities walking the docks, inspecting marina records and aggressively enforcing tax codes. "States are strapped for money, and they are increasingly looking at these visiting boats," said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs, Margaret Podlich. "We urge cruising boaters to be aware of potential tax liabilities when traveling, plan accordingly, and be ready with documentation in case disagreements arise with tax authorities," she added.

"We believe boaters should pay their fair share of taxes," Podlich continued. "However, our concern is that some boaters are being unfairly targeted for this tax levy. Some tax agencies have made it difficult to dispute the tax, even with accurate owner recordkeeping such as log entries, marina and fuel receipts or repair contracts. These documents are critical for boaters to keep, and are often the only way to fight an unjust tax bill," said Podlich.

For more state by state details, go to www.BoatUS.com/gov/state_boat.asp. A May/June 2010 BoatUS Magazine story on this issue can be found at <http://www.BoatUSMagazine.com/boatus/20100506#pg30>.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

Need Work Hours? Here is a Great 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. 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 -- so sign up today! Contact RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams at 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com.

Cathlamet's Bald Eagle Days Celebration and Dees' Parade Luncheon

Everyone from RCYC is invited to join us in front of our house in Cathlamet (380 Columbia St., just up the hill from the old Pioneer Church) to watch the parade as well as enjoy all the other events in Cathlamet's Bald Eagle Days celebration. We will be serving burgers and dogs during and shortly after the parade. But this is a BYOC event (bring your own chair). If you haven't attended before, this is a Norman Rockwell small town event.

The initial cut of the schedule is: Saturday July 17th -- Kiwanis's Breakfast (6:30-10:30 at the Marina), run-walk challenge (8:00 AM), parade (11:00 AM with the Daughters of Neptune participating), old car and equipment show, street fair, miniature train rides for kids, live music and fireworks. Sunday July 18th -- wooden boats will be on display.

Jan and John Dees, JohnDees@centurytel.net



RCYC members enjoying Bald Eagle Days Parade



Rose City Yacht Club
Walk 2 Party
“First Taste of Summer”

Friday, June 18th
Social Time ~ 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm

Join us for the Walk 2 Party dinner. Bring your own food to grill and adult beverages. Provided will be soft drinks, mixers, salads, rolls, appetizers, and fresh strawberry shortcake.

Call Bob Phillips if you are interested in having a small boat (Soling RC) race event.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

June 2010

- 7 OWSA Spinnaker Class, 5:30 PM
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- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 PM
- 10 Last day to meet spring work hours
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00 PM
- 12-13 RCYC Cruise to Coon Island, E Dock
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 17 John Flenniken Reservation, Evening
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Walk 2 BBQ, 5:30 PM
- 19 Summer Regatta

July 2010

- 4 Land Cruise at the Club
- 10 Walk 3 BBQ, 5:30 PM
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 24-31 Lazy Days Cruise
- 29 Lazy Days Cruise, Cathlamet Pot luck, 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