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Secretary: Bill Kramer

July-August 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

There is a rumor, "summer is out there somewhere". It must be, as the northward buzz is increasing and a few vessels have already begun their pilgrimage north. Port Captain Lynn Easton requested I remind all who are going north to let him, Moorage Chair Loren Beach, or Resident Members Ron and Karen Billion know of your vessel's absence. It saves confusion and uncertainty.

Also, when you have gone north, one of the members awaiting moorage space may be able to make use of your vacant slip.

Finally, Lynn requests that if you are leaving a car in the Club parking area, please give him a key. That's important in case of emergency or Club work.

Think about the following for a minute. One day a year, the first Saturday in May, you get to dress-up, sit on a Grand Banks anchored in the river, and watch the

best of Portland area yacht club vessels pass in review, just for you. Now is that good duty! Hard to believe it is even necessary to ask for a volunteer. But it is, and the Club is doing so. RCYC needs one special person, for a single day a year for three years, to be an Opening Day Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA) judge. Please contact Jack Mitchem (503) 297-3814 or jlmitchem@comcast.net for details.

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Daughters of Neptune Activities

Colleen Moran, Daughters of Neptune Chaperone

Opening Day has come and gone, but the Daughters of Neptune are just getting warmed up for a summer full of parades and water safety promotions. The girls and our own Father Neptune, Don Belshaw, looked regal at the June 5 Starlight Parade. RCYC's Daughter of Neptune, Heidi Reiniger, was right in the middle of all the pre-parade bustle, lending a helping hand and assisting with the float decorating. Don't let the tiara fool you; Heidi exhibits true RCYC can-do spirit at every event she attends.

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RCYC's Daughter of Neptune, Heidi Reiniger, on the far left



Education is a wonderful thing. Bill Kramer has been doing an outstanding job as Education Chair and has programs set through October. However, Bill is now busy in his role as Club Secretary; so RCYC needs an Education Chair to take over Bill's committee slot. This is a great position for newer or new members. There is no shortage of topics of interest to members. Bill is always available to consult on topics. To volunteer, give him or me a call.

The Board decided to take no action on the proposed requirement of Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) as a condition of moorage. VSC's are not now required as a condition of moorage, but members are encouraged to have their vessels inspected.

The Board decided that, beginning with the November General Meeting, the start time of the meeting will be moved to 7:00 p.m. Member comments supported the change.

The Board decided to sell the Club dinghy with the proceeds going to the Youth Sailing Program. The Youth Sailing Program Committee has agreed to supervise the disposition of the dinghy. It will first be offered to club members for purchase and, if no club members are interested, to the general public.

Anita Fallon made a console cover for the Club launch. The material for the cover was donated by Rosemary Barrett.

Walk 2 had its BBQ Friday and members got to make use of the new patio furniture made possible by a significant donation from Ewald Wennemann. Tom and Cathy Nelson scoured the market for just the right tables and chairs to meet budget and member needs. After testing at the general meeting, Smoke Fisher pronounced the chairs "comfortable" and able to support his...hummm...person!

Again, a big "Thank You" to Ewald Wennemann from all RCYC members!

A special thank-you goes out to Rosemary Barrett who has served as an RCYC director and then as Secretary. Rosemary elected to terminate her Board duties for personal reasons. Members have been well served by Rosemary's efforts. Her thoughtful input at meetings is missed.

Get your FALL Work Hours early?

Chuck Pennington, Work Party Chair

If anyone is interested in completing fall work hours early, There are a couple of tasks that need attention.

- √ Painting the shore side of the electrical shed via the work boat. Since we have high water, now is the time to complete this task using the work boat as a platform to gain access to the back side of shed..
- √ Grass cutting
- √ Painting the upper trim on the chapel.

If interested, please contact Chuck Pennington at puffin36@msn.com.

Thanks

Check the website for updates and more information about RCYC. Save the the expense of mailing; view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.

(To date, 110 newsletters are printed and mailed out to Memebers at an average cost of \$180 per month)

When they're not attending ladies' dinners or charming the crowds during parades, the girls are busy teaching parents and kids how to properly fit and wear a lifejacket. Heidi and the other Daughters of Neptune partnered with the Oregon State Marine Board to fit lifejackets on nearly 900 kids at Passport to Fishing on June 12 at Bonneville Hatchery. The Daughters of Neptune left a good impression not only on the children – many of whom were thrilled to have a real princess teach them lifejacket use – and their parents, but also on the Marine Board. The OSMB employees and volunteers were thrilled to have the extra help and impressed with the girls' ability to get kids excited about wearing lifejackets whenever they're on or around the water.

Want to catch Heidi and the other Daughters of Neptune in action? Look for them at the Gladstone Chautauqua Festival on August 7 and at the Astoria Regatta August 14 & 15.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The Waiting List is growing again with two more new members wending their way through the application process. I have some summer vacancies for anyone on the List who wants to moor their boat here for only the summer months. The moorage fee is then paid to the Club for the days the boat is in the slip, at the published rate for that slip.

Wakes are starting to be felt, as some of the larger yachts motor up 'n down the river. I guess that some of them care little about the five-knot-no-wake signs, or perhaps are trying to be patriotic by combusting fuel as fast as it escapes the BP Gulf well disaster. Or they lack any courtesy or common sense. Your call.

So check your mooring lines, fenders, and chafe gear. And do have snubbers on bow and stern lines. Our moorage is ideally situated for river access, but that also means that the river has easy access to us.

One of our slower-witted members fell while poling trash through the inner fairway. Nothing worse than bruises to a leg, foot, and pride.

Do be careful around here. Yup, I'm that idiot.

Sand. We have a pit full of it from dredging. When you see the big excavator working or parked on "Mount Rose" it's best to avoid parking in the SE corner of the lot or where you might block truck access to the pit. Our hauler does us a huge favor by removing the sand throughout the summer as we prepare for November dredge operations again and start refilling the pit.

If you see a sand truck transiting the gate or maneuvering, smile and acknowledge the operator. Use your gate opener and keep it open for him. Without the services of these folks we would have nowhere to put that sand.

Tuesday Night Sailing. What with rain and chilly temps, we are off to a slow start. But, still, any time you get to spend time on the water is Time Best Spent

Remember to check the Clubhouse for new crew before leaving the dock at 6 p.m. (1800 hours) on each Tuesday evening. Sail or motor around; just take the boat out and spend some quality time.

(There is a rumor that summer is scheduled to start this year on July 6th, for whatever that's worth.)

See you on the docks, and then let's go for a sail.



Secretary's Notes

Bill Kramer, Secretary

Membership:

Ken Gervais and Susan Wilcox, who joined RCYC in 1990, were recognized as Life Members.

It is on a sad note that we mark the passing of another RCYC member, Einar Linstad, who joined RCYC in 1948.

New Memberships:

The Board interviewed prospective new members at the June meeting: Doug and JoNell McClary, and Dan Handel. Dan's wife Niki Chao, was unable to attend. They were introduced at the June General Meeting.

Doug and JoNell, have two grown sons and two grandchildren, sail a Catalina 309.

Dan Handel and Niki Chao have two young boys, sail a Beneteau 373.

It is great to be a part of a growing and vibrant club.

Foghorn Copy Deadline is the 18th of the month.

Send titled articles and your photos to all Foggers!

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Club Members

Memorial Day RCYC Cruise

May 29 – 31, 2010

HADLEY'S LANDING ON MULTNOMAH CHANNEL.
POTLUCK AND HAPPY HOUR ON THE DOCK.





Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

June 21st, 4:28 a.m., is the official start of summer. You certainly wouldn't know that by the weather we are having here! Oh well, if you are a fair weather sailor in the Northwest, you don't get much time to put the sails out, especially when the wind is favorable. So let's all get out there and use our boats. Loren Beach has encouraged an every Tuesday show-up at the Club, around 6 p.m. to go out sailing or motoring on your or someone else's boat. Good idea! Another great opportunity to get out on your boat, is Lazy Days, which will be here before you now it – July 24-31.

I want to thank all for the effort put forth on work hours at the Club. There were at least 1230 hours reported from members during the first six months of the year. Looking ahead, while all monthly Clubhouse cleaning assignments have been made, our fall hours start with the first Work Party on September 11th. Chuck Pennington, Work Party Chairman, has a list of work items to be done in the fall. Work Party leaders have been scheduled, and meals arranged. So plan on helping out early.

Speaking of looking ahead, if any of you are interested in becoming a chairperson for any of the chair positions, please let me or someone on the Board know. In addition, there is always a need for new Directors, and those who would like to move through the chairs. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your fellow members. Give it some serious thought.

(To be continued.)



EDUCATION

There are no Club educational programs for the summer.

Programs will resume in the fall.

Bill Kramer, Education Chair

DINGHY AND KAYAK OWNERS:

Make and install a readable, durable name plate on your kayak or dinghy spot. Some of our members have used pieces of tape that is peeling off.

Install a little plastic or metal plate and get your spot identified.

Thank you.

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Dealing with Mosquitoes

Now we've been warned that rain-soaked lands are expected to produce an unusual swarm of these nasty little buzzers, you may be interested in the following hint from Janet Bradley:

Try using Listerine to get rid of mosquitoes. The original, even The Dollar Store type, works. Before an outdoor gathering, fill a spray bottle and spray it around around your chairs, the lawn, the patio, the area around the food table, the children's swing area and the nearby standing water. Watch the little demons disappeared. "They" say it works.

Our thanks to Janet for the tip.

How Old Are Your Charts?

NEW WEBSITE AND BOATER SURVEY TACKLE GROWING PROBLEM

Outdated Charts, Or No Charts At All, Give Boaters False Sense of Security.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 17, 2010 - Nautical charts, whether paper or electronic, can become quickly outdated as storms and currents alter waterway topography, or aids to navigation change with little warning. That's why Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the United States Power Squadrons, and several other organizations have teamed up with NOAA to create *www.Allianceforsafenavigation.org*, whose goal is to help ensure boaters have the most current chart data available every time they head out.

The Alliance is asking boaters and anglers to take a short, three-minute online survey that inquires about the navigation products used aboard their boats. The survey, located at *www.surveymonkey.com/s/PDGX3MK*, is completely anonymous and the group will use the results to improve awareness and availability of chart updates for recreational boaters.

In addition, boaters can go to *www.Allianceforsafenavigation.org* and enter the numbers of their most commonly used charts and instantly see a list of all the changes for that chart since the last print date. "I think some boaters and anglers will be surprised at the number of updates posted for their home waters," said Elaine Dickinson of BoatUS.

"Many skippers don't realize that even though they have a GPS and a chartplotter, the electronic charts in their receiver may be just as out-of-date as their paper charts," continued Dickinson. "Fortunately, updating is easier than ever with print-on-demand charts and free NOAA downloads available. Manufacturers of chart products also have update subscriptions to alert their customers when a new edition is released," she added.

To see the full selection of NOAA navigation products, go to *www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/chartspubs.html*. Founding members of the Alliance for Safe Navigation include BoatUS, US Power Squadrons, OceanGrafix, Jeppesen Marine and Sea Tow Foundation.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

Boating Safety Tips From BoatUS

BOATING SEASON NOW IN FULL SWING

ALEXANDRIA, Va. June 2, 2010 - On waterways across the country, boating season begins this week. To help boaters and anglers brush up on their boating safety, the BoatUS Foundation has these six tips:

Life jackets: Ensure that you have enough life jackets to fit everyone aboard – including the kids. Next, ensure all are in good condition and easy to reach. Inflatable life jackets need to be opened, inspected, inflated manually and have their CO2 cartridge checked. For more information on the requirements go to *www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/equipment.html*.

VHF radio: If you don't have one you may be taking an unnecessary risk. A cell phone won't summon the closest potential rescuers – your fellow boaters or anglers; and today a VHF radio can be purchased for as little as \$100. If you have a handheld VHF make sure the battery is charged. "Digital Selective Calling" VHF radios need to be registered and an MMSI number issued to the boat in order to gain all of their superior safety benefits, such as a one-button "mayday" feature. For a VHF radio tutorial, go to *www.BoatUS.com/mmsi*.

The anchor: Unlike a car, a boat never stops moving, even in an emergency. Having an anchor and rode in good condition with the bitter end firmly secured to the boat will prevent drifting and give you time to think things through and make it easier for others to find you. For help in selecting an anchor, go to *www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/navigation_30.html*.

Inventory and review all safety gear: Double-check to ensure you have all of the mandated safety gear, such as signaling devices and fire extinguishers, as well as other safety gear, such as GPS and updated charts. It's also a good idea to brief your guests and crew on where the important items such as fire extinguishers are located and how to use the VHF radio. Check out trip planning information at *www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/trip.html*.

Get a Vessel Safety Check: A free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons is easy to arrange and can help you identify potential safety issues aboard your boat. Email club member Lynn Easton at *lynneaston@aol.com*, or call him at 503-460-2735 to schedule your VSC.

File a float plan: Before you leave home, tell someone where you are going and what time you are expected to return. This person should be able to go to the authorities if you fail to check back in by a specified time. A sample float plan can be found at *www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/floatplan.pdf*.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

RCYC Jack Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race

Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Program

As many of you know, Jack Gainer was one of the original club members, a past commodore, a club officer and someone who thoroughly enjoyed an active outdoor life style. Throughout his many years of sailing and racing, he introduced numerous children, and adults as well, to the joys of sailing, racing and RCYC club membership. Jack also made a generous bequest in support of the Junior Sailing program, which has enabled RCYC to continue his devotion to young sailors.

In this years running of the Gainer Memorial Medium Distance Race, we had a total of 31 boats sign up: 10 in PHRF, 9 in Cruising, and 12 in one- design. Also participating were the two Sea Scout vessels, Beaver and City of Roses.

The weather was variable to say the least. There were squalls, doldrums, sun and rain. The course was shortened, with my having only a moment of doubt, wondering whether I should have let the sailors go the distance.

Chuck Silver and Karl Quade ran the barbecues. Chuck is not only a good sailor; he knows how to shop at Costco. Ken Park, Steve Moshofsky, Dave Hickman, Dave Wilson (PYC), and Dawn Roberts (friend) helped with the race committee. Frank Noragon and Lynn Easton helped prepare the race launch, and our race captain, Steve Erickson, had the race equipment in working order. Larry Wintermeyer took some fantastic photos. Thank you all. The sailors who participated very much appreciated the opportunity to be in this regatta. I heard nothing but positive comments from them.

KA-SL, Gary Whitney and Linda Shaw, took third place in the cruising fleet. Thirsty, Alan Bergen, took first place in PHRF-A, with Amaretto, Jeff Crass, second. Kamikaze, Steve Ericson, took second in PHRF-B fleet, and the Sea Scout vessel City of Roses, Maril Littlepage, was third.

Other RCYC boats signed up were Willow, Mike Finch; Rescued, Cliff Hunter; Rendezvous, Phil Owen; Apple pi, Rock Kent; Gladiator; Kim and Eric Rimkus. Some of these vessels did not race because of injury or not enough competitors to make a fleet. A few dropped out because of the conditions.

Thank you RCYC for your support. If you would like to try some racing, check out the schedule at sailpdx.org.

Cruising Schedule

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

► **LAZY DAYS CRUISE, JULY 24TH TO AUGUST 1ST**

It's time to plan for our annual downriver cruise. Below is listed the official itinerary.

That being said, keep in mind that some people will follow it, while others will stop longer in some spots or add their favorite places.

What ever direction your boat takes, let's all meet in Cathlamet on Thursday for the Pot Luck.

Saturday, July 24 – Martin Island

Sunday, July 25 – South side of Walker Island

Monday, July 26 – Cathlamet

Tuesday, July 27 – Astoria

Wednesday, July 28 – Astoria

Thursday, July 29 – Cathlamet (Pot Luck)

Friday, July 30 – South side of Walker Island

Saturday, July 31 – Martin Island

Sunday, August 1 – R.C.Y.C.

If you have any question contact Ron Moran, 503-807-3817

► **LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRUISE TO BEACON ROCK, SEPTEMBER 4TH TO 6TH OR–WILLAMETTE RIVER CRUISE?**

There has been some discussion about having a cruise to the Willamette on Labor Day for those members who do not want to go to Beacon Rock. There are several possibilities:

RIVER PLACE – You can dock on the Breakwater which is open to the public on a first come basis, or you can stay at River Place for about \$35 a night. There are restaurants and shops right next to the marina, and you can walk to Saturday Market, near the Burnside Bridge.

ROSS ISLAND – There are several places we can raft up.

OREGON CITY – Jon Storm Transient Dock, close to shopping and restaurants. The free trolley takes you to Oregon City's historical area, with many stops and attractions.

If interested in this alternative, please let me know, Ron Moran, 503-807-3817

Celebrating the 4th of July at RCYC

Rose Zehner, Activities Chair

A big day of fun and celebration of the Glorious Fourth is planned at RCYC. We hope all can join in.

- 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Hobby and Craft Show & Swap Meet** (Members only)
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Social Hour**
- 6:30 p.m. **Potluck**—The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and soft drinks.
- Bring a side dish to go with them.
- Dessert will also be provided by RCYC.

To make this all happen volunteers are needed for the following:

- 10:00 a.m. Set up for the Craft/Hobby Show
- 4:30 p.m. Take down and set up for the potluck
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Help in the kitchen

And after the potluck, help in the kitchen and on the floor for clean-up.

Please contact Rose Zehner at 503-703-2266 or artrosezehner@comcast.net.

If we all pitch in we can spread the work out and everyone can enjoy the day and evening. I have heard there will be Fireworks this year.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

July 2010

- 4 Land Cruise at Club
- 10 Walk 3 BBQ, 5:30 PM
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 18 *Foghorn: July and August Issues are combined*
- 21 **RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 24 Lazy Days Cruise, Start
- 29 Lazy Days Cruise, Cathlamet Potluck – 6:00 PM
- 31 Lazy days Cruise, Finish

August 2010

- 9 RCYC Board Meeting , 7:00 PM
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 PM
- 14-15 Pirate's Cruise, Sandy Beach Dock
- 18 Foghorn Deadline for September Issue
- 18 *No August RCYC General Meeting*

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

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