

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWS-

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Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

Writing for late August publication is difficult given that it seems, weather-wise, summer has only just arrived. The reality is that Fall is on the way and contemplate it we must. It is time to organize our calendars to take advantage of RCYC's September events. With Labor Day comes the Beacon Rock Cruise, September 4th - 6th. It is a bit of

a hike up the Gorge to Beacon Rock State Park, but it is a cruise not to be missed --, especially if you are among those who have been working on their vessels all summer and are only now getting to enjoy the river!

Work parties begin again in September. A good strategy is to check your calendar early to be sure you clear time for the work party that best suits your schedule. By the first of September, the Nominating Committee will be appointed. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee for 2011 RCYC Officers and Directors, please let me know on or before August 29th.

While there was no general meeting in August, club business has continued. Chuck Silver led the August Board meeting in my absence. At the Board meeting, the outline presented by the Youth Sailing Committee was approved. More will be forthcoming from the Youth Sailing Committee. As of this writing, Karl Quade and Tom Stringfield have taken the lead organizing a late summer work party to upgrade certain club water lines. Tom Stringfield is also working with John Tichenor to coordinate the Portland Fire Bureau's club inspection. New member Richard Pickwick has volunteered to act as a representative of RCYC to CRYA (Columbia River Yachting Association) for the purpose of judging the Opening Day review. Good going, Richard!

The following is from the "Good News - Bad News - Good News Department". The good news is that Walk 3 had a great BBQ in July. Don Belshaw's homemade baked beans were better than mine, but who is making petty comparisons anyway? The Walk 3 folks did a really nice job and left the clubhouse in a proper state. The party continued on the patio after the BBQ officially ended and clean up by Walk 3 people was complete. Members were enjoying each other's company and the afternoon. From the bad news department; those who remained did not clean up after themselves as well as would be hoped or expected. Or, to put it another way, "oops". The next day Don Belshaw came upon the mess including a number of empty bottles and cans. He was disheartened and wondered what to do with the many returnable bottles and cans left by others.

This brings us back to the good news department. Wonder Don did and then he came up with an idea. "His idea, which he credits others (including Tom and Kathy Nelson) with fully developing, is that all returnable bottles and cans discarded at the club be given to Dignity Village for eventual recycling. Don presented his idea to the Board. The Board found Don's idea splendid. This makes more sense and reads better. Members who, for whatever reason, do not return their bottles and cans for their deposit, can now know that, in cooperation with the Dignity Village, the bottles and cans will find a way back to the store.

A closing note: Welcome back all those who took to the river or the sea this summer. Now is the time to share a story or two over a favorite libation. Don't forget that Friday, September 10th starting at 6:00 pm is the Walk 4 BBQ.

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Vice Commodore's Report by Chuck Silver -Vice Commodore

As I write this, many have left for the Lazy Days Cruise, and many others are leaving shortly. This should be a well supported event. Weather is cooperating nicely. Our moorage is looking more deserted every day, in a good way.

As you may know, the "13 nights on the river" is going on at the St Helens Columbia River Amphitheater every Thursday. Live music starts at 6PM. This is a fun stop to make along the way. Also, the 26th Anniversary Season of SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA opens July 8 and runs through September 10, 2010 at The ASOC Playhouse, 129 West Bond Street, Uniontown Astoria (right behind the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce). The show runs every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (doors open at 7pm, show time 7:30pm) with three Sunday Matinees on July 25th, August 8th and September 5th. If you haven't seen this, I would highly recommend you do. And, the most important event on the Cruise (I'm prejudiced) is the RCYC potluck in Cathlamet on Thursday, July 29th at 6 PM. I hope to see you somewhere along the River. When we get back, we can share experiences.

As you read this, all of the above is history. But, I am delighted to report everyone I talked to said it was one of the most enjoyable Lazy Days they had ever had. So, if you didn't get to participate, you have an idea of what you missed and can plan to go next year. Moving forward, the Pirates Cruise (8/13, 14) was another winner this year. It was hot, temperature wise, and, at times, windy, but we found ways to keep calm, cool, and collected (see picture). The food (especially the Sunday morning Pirate's Breakfast), association and activities were wonderful. There were approximately 34-38 boats, and some with more than one RCYC member aboard, extremely well supported.

As I noted last month, volunteers are needed to serve as committee chairs next year. We are a self supporting club, and everything within our ability we self perform. We all have talents and the opportunity to get involved and share the load. That is what makes us RCYC, and the reason many of us joined this club instead of one, let's say, that hires outsiders to do the work. In addition to Officers and Directors, there are approximately 44 Chair positions for committees and committee members that need to be filled. So, please contact me to volunteer for 2011. Tell me what you would like to do, and I'll tell you the positions that are available. Hopefully, we will find a great fit. Now is the time to plan for the future.





Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

As the Foghorn goes to press, I am filling a slip opening from the Improvement List. When that is done, I will assign a slip to the next boat on the #3 Wait List.

This month starts our formal autumn maintenance cycle around the club. Check the Saturday dates and attend as many work parties as you can. Without regular volunteer labor, this club cannot endure.

After last year's push to get the new dinghy docks constructed, the only remaining task is the hinge connections between Walks 3 and 4 for the new dock. Everyone who contributed to this upgrade should be proud. We have never before had any "excess capacity" for storing dinghies and kayaks. Looking forward, our oldest tri-level dock will need total replacement within about five years, so we appear to have a breather on construction. (I recall being on the work party that built the deck on that old dock in '92 or '93.)

There are several broken snubbers here and there around the moorage, so check yours. Line chafe and breakage are serious. Replace your mooring lines if they are showing wear. If you have a smaller boat over 30 years old, keep a watchful eye on old cast plastic or metal alloy deck cleats -- we have seen broken ones here before.

This summer there were a couple of boats that lost mast head hardware due to rolling caused by big wakes. Be sure that you talk to your neighbor(s) about keeping the masts from being in direct alignment. Days are getting shorter, so remember the rule about locking up the clubhouse and the gate at the top of the ramp at sundown.

And, if you have changed e-mail addresses since the yearbook came out, be sure to advise Judy Oxborrow of the new e-mail address. She will make sure it gets distributed to those who need to know and that it goes in the file for the 2011 yearbook update. If an emergency occurs at the Clubhouse, you would be among the first to know thanks to an e-mail to all members.

Now that I have covered all the "watch this, do that, worry about something" part, it's on to the Fun Stuff! The Tuesday and Thursday Six PM Go Sailing Program is booming! Tuesday night we had a great sail

with a bunch of members and friends on my boat, and there were a lot of other members out sailing boats with family and friends on board. We came in at sundown because some of the crew needed to prepare to get up early the next morning for work, but several other boats were seen sailing on into the dark. We enjoyed steady wind, temps in the 70's, and a beautiful golden sunset. Note that power boat members are just as included, and I even look forward to some dry pilot house time when the fall rains return.

See ya 'round the moorage.



Secretary's Salutations

by Bill Kramer

The Board approved a request by Beth Anderson to change her membership status from active to inactive life.

Wendy Woodward had surgery in July. She is recovering and was able to make the end of Lazy Days and the Pirates Cruise.

Steve Johnson passed away. Steve and Cynthia joined RCYC in 1993 and they sailed Seapeace.

Ethan VanMatre's father passed away.

New Memberships:

Dan Handel and Niki Chao and Doug and JoNell McClary were sworn in as new members at the July General meeting. Dan and Niki have two young boys and sail a Beneteau 373. Doug and JoNell have two grown sons and two grandchildren. They sail a Catalina 309.

Roy Renk and Yvonne LaMont were interviewed by the Board at the July Board meeting and introduced at the July General meeting. Their membership was approved at the August Board meeting, and they will be sworn in at the next general meeting. They live in a floating home and sail a Cascade 27.

Earle Taylor was interviewed by the Board at the August Board meeting. Earle sails a Passport 41 and participated in the Lazy Days cruise.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE MATTERS

Now that Mike and I have returned from our three week trip to Alaska and the Yukon Territory and survived two weeks of visiting relatives, two weeks of the Great Oregon Steam-Up at the Antique Powerland Museums in Brooks, and a family reunion, it is time to get caught up on RCYC business.

So far, the Club is on track budget wise for this year. When everyone gets back from trips North, the Finance Committee and Long Range Planning Committee will be meeting to plan for the future. A report will be made to the Board later this fall.

If you have renewed your boat insurance between January 1 and August 31, you should have already submitted a copy of the insurance declarations page to me. If you have not sent the documentation, reminder cards and e-mails will be forthcoming next week. You may either snail mail a copy to me or scan it and send via e-mail to HYPERLINK "<mailto:judy87807@comcast.net>"

For the benefit of new members, moorage rule A.I.4.b requires that all boats and enclosed structures in the moorage must be covered by insurance and proof of insurance is required to be submitted annually. Rule A.I.h requires that a key or combination to your boat be left for Resident Members and Port Captain. These keys are stored in a locked box with limited access. If you have not provided such a key, please do so. In the event of an emergency, the Resident Members or Port Captain may need to access your boat to lessen damage or move it out of harm's way. Along with the key, we would also like the name, relationship, and telephone number(s) for an emergency contact. If you were out of town, unavailable by phone, and an emergency occurred at the Club involving your boat, who should we call? Who would know where you were and how to reach you? If you always have your cell phone with you, you can list yourself as one of the contacts.

OLD SALT'S DINNER FRIDAY – OCTOBER 8TH \$12.50 PER PERSON

PRIME RIB DINNER WITH SALAD-BAKED POTATO-BREAD-WINE-DESSERT

**BYOB HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00 – DINNER
AT 7:00**

**SEATING IS LIMITED TO 90 PEOPLE –
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

**Sign up at the clubhouse or by sending
an email to Alan Bergen.**

**Payment will be taken at the door on the
night of the event.**

**If you fail to cancel or cancel after Octo-
ber 1st, you will be billed
if your spot cannot be filled by someone
on the waiting list.**

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month

Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events.

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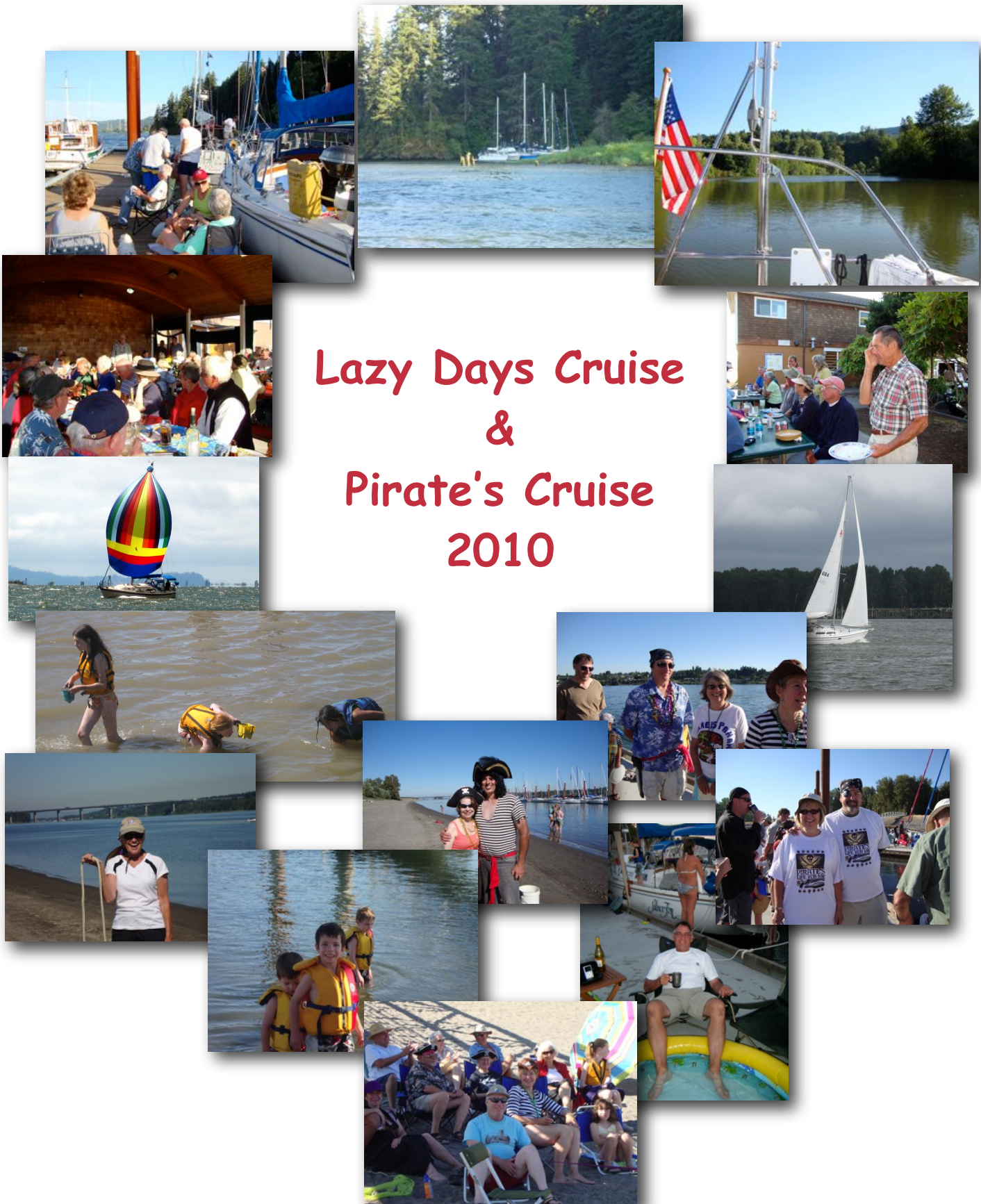
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Lazy Days Cruise & Pirate's Cruise 2010





Do you have a DSC equipped radio? Most people enter their MMSI number, connect the radio to their GPS, and forget it.

Did you know that you can enter anyone's MMSI number, and then call him on the radio, just as if you were calling him on the phone. His radio rings like a telephone, and when he answers, his radio automatically switches to the channel that the sender selected before making the call. If that were not enough, now there's a group number that you can call. I have created a group number for Rose City YC: 036680319. when you call that number, Anyone (RCYC member) who has that group number programmed into his radio will hear the radio ring. Anyone who answers will automatically be switched over to the preselected channel to carry on the conversation. This is handy if you're out cruising and you want to talk to anyone from RCYC who is within radio transmitting/receiving distance from you. Check your radio user's manual for instructions on how to enter the group MMSI number, and for operating procedures which may be different than my radio. For my radio (ICOM IC-502A), entering the group MMSI number was the same as entering any individual user's MMSI number. Zero as the first digit in the MMSI number makes the number recognizable as a group number.

Alan Bergen

Racing News:

Several RCYC members have been enjoying the nice weather and excellent racing conditions during the summer evening series, the weekend regattas, and the Friday beer can races. The CYC Summer Series is almost half completed, and the last beer can was on August 20. For those who haven't participated, the Friday beer can races are an enjoyable and non-competitive way to enjoy a Friday evening on the Columbia. On Friday the 13th, I had the pleasure of being Race Committee and am pleased to announce the clear winner was RCYC's own Pam Sesar on Misty. Pam was declared the winner at the starting line as her bribery exceeded expectations. Without the bribe, being first over the line would not have been so special. Thanks Pam!

September 11 and 12 are the dates for the last RCYC hosted event of the year, the RCYC Long Distance Race. Two other events in the month are the PYC Fall Regatta (Sept. 18-19th) and the OWSA Sail for the Cure (Sept. 26). October brings the CYC Fall Regatta (Oct. 2-3), the CYC Awards Party (Oct. 3), the PYC Grand Prix (Oct. 9-10), and the SYSCO Awards Party (Oct. 16).

Thank you to all who have helped with RCYC events and those who will be helping with the RCYC Long Distance Race.

Steve Erickson



The RCYC water system is something we generally take for granted. We go to the boat or clubhouse, turn on the tap and out flows water. What we don't always understand is what is necessary to get that water from the city water main to the tap. Freezing weather, surging docks, careless members all create hazards to the supply of fresh water. Tom Stringfield recently organized a group of club volunteers to upgrade some of the PVC system to a high tech HDPE thermal welded system. The headwalk, from walk 1 to 5 was replaced with this new, freeze resistant system. To accomplish this task it took over 25 hours of planning by Tom and Ron Billion and 4 days of work by volunteers Mike Godsil, Ken Gervais, Carl Neilsen, Brad

Jensen, Karl Quade, Paul Glynn, Ron Billion and Bob Phillips. Volunteerism such as this is what keeps the unseen infrastructure of RCYC in great shape. If you haven't used your water tap in awhile, just to be on the safe side, be sure to give it a good flush before you fill your water tank.

The Boner's Bib

Whatever happened to the good old honest Boner's Bib Award? This was awarded at each general meeting to the club member who exhibited exceptional skill at making a mistake. Past recipients have done such notable acts as dropping an outboard motor overboard, blowing up a pumpout station in Anacortes or letting their dinghy drift away while anchored in front of a crowd at the Portland waterfront. These were all deserving awards, but recently it seems that our membership has nothing good to offer. Let's collect our thoughts and forget about our loyalty to our friends, spouses and ourselves. At the September General Meeting come prepared to confront the dark side of your boating experiences. The truth shall set you free!



Unnamed club member who recently inflated his life vest while oystering in ankle deep water on Vancouver Island.

WALK 4 BBQ – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

HAPPY HOUR – 6:00 PM
GRILLING BEGINS 6:30 PM

Bring your own meat and favorite libation. Walk 4 will furnish the trimmings for a great dinner.

Live Music by Stealin' Easy – an easy goin', harmony singin', acoustic folk trio of Jon Nelson, John Miller and Mike Oxborrow.

Rick Royce is a member of the Walk 4 group so look for a special dessert too!

General meeting programs

September begins our second half of a season of general meeting programs. I am working to get presentations from a variety of sources which include small boat cruisers in Puget Sound, Dave King who did the single-handed Transpac aboard his Westsail 32 and Randy & Ruth Webster who are cruising the Pacific from Hawaii back to Portland.



If you have a great idea for a program that you would like to see, please get in touch with me and I will work to try and make it happen. See you at the September general meeting.

Bob Phillips -Program Chair

Tech Notes

Want to know if the water is deep enough to get out of your slip during August and September? Log on to this site to get real-time river levels for Vancouver and Portland.

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

Do you have a new iPhone, iPad or iTouch? You can download apps for navigation, currents, wind, knot tying and even sailing videos. Some that are very good are:

- * WindfinderPro - find the wind conditions in your area.
- * Aye Tides - project the tides for trips up & downriver.
- * ShipFinder - like AIS, find out about ship traffic.
- * Knot Guide - animated directions for knots.
- * iNavX - navigational app like Nobeltec
- * Sailboat Championship Pro - sailing regatta simulator.

- **Making Breast Cancer Walk the Plank**

- Oregon Women's Sailing Association (OWSA) is proud to present the 11th annual Sail for the Cure®, September 26th, in support of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Sail for the Cure is a fun event for the whole family that emphasizes boat-handling skills and cooperation rather than competition. We welcome everyone from first-timers to novices to expert sailors. Since the inception of this event in 2000, more than \$235,000 has been raised. Last year, 101 sailboats and 518 people participated. Join us this year and help us reach our goal of \$50,000 and 750 participants. With your help, we can do it! <http://www.sailfortheoregon.net/>

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September

- 4-6 RCYC Cruise to Beacon Rock
- 8 OWSA General Meeting – 5 PM
- 9 RCYC Education – 7 PM
- 10 Walk 4 BBQ
- 11 Work Party – 9 AM
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting – 7 PM
- 15 RCYC General Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Party TBA– 5:30 PM
- 25 Work Party – 9 AM
- 25 Bittner Private Party – 5 PM–10 PM

October

- 2-3 RCYC Cruise Gov Island East Dock
- 8 Old Salts Dinner
- 9 Work Party 9 AM
- 10 Wedding Private Party
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting
- 13 OWSA General Meeting 5 PM
- 14 RCYC Education 7 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting 7:30 PM

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