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Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver
Secretary: Bill Kramer

October 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

While a well constructed and maintained moorage is important, nothing is more significant than the individuals who collectively declare themselves members of RCYC. The acts of RCYC members both large and small make RCYC the Club that it is:

- The Beacon Rock cruise saw RCYC members making fellow boaters who are not members of RCYC welcome at the dock and rafting to RCYC boats.
- Anita and John Fallon, recognizing a problem with the Clubhouse, stepped up and fixed it.
- Terry Annis, noting that the floating deck in the area of the grills is going downhill, is following up, to see that additional floatation is added.
- Alan Bergen realized that the Club could save energy by upgrading the Clubhouse lighting. He found the appropriate lighting and, as leader of the fall work party of the second half, saw that the replacements were made.
- Grease build-up on the clubhouse pump has been an ongoing problem. Port Captain Easton and Resident Members Billion have decided to address it by adding a bit of Dawn to the drain during each days security walk.
- During the September moorage walk, Moorage Chair Loren Beach explained his idea for relocating a vessel or two to better serve the Club.
- What started with Bill Wright noting that the sign at the breakwater has a misspelling has become Bill's sign upgrade project. Included is the creation of a "Handicapped" parking spot as near as possible to the concrete pad leading to the Club walk.
- In addition to researching a new cover for the deck for the 2011 season, Bob Gales agreed to research suitable replacements for the west parking lot fence. If you have any ideas for either, Bob wants your input.



Dock Walk

- The Belshaws, Ungers and Nelsons had a small and impromptu Clubhouse gathering to welcome Nordic Tug guests they had met on the river.
- With little fanfare, Racing Chairman Steve Erickson managed the RCYC Long Distance Race with great success.
- The Walk Four BBQ was made all the more special by Mike Oxborrow arranging for and playing bass guitar with two of his musician friends.
- On hearing that Bill Kramer had to miss the General Meeting because of the passing of a family member, Judy Oxborrow, without hesitation, volunteered to take the general meeting minutes.

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BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2011

Elections will be held at the October 20th General Meeting. An announcement of the nominations for next years offices will be sent before the elections by email.

As I attempt to catalog members' actions this past month, both large and small, I realize that, as they reflect well on members individually, they help make RCYC the special Club that it is. There are simply too many to good deeds to list; the space allotted to me is not enough.

With the coming of fall, RCYC members have returned from their travels. Stories of summer adventures and misadventures are being shared. Members are contemplating preparing their boats for the coming inclement weather. But wait! October can be a fine month for being on the water.

There are many Club activities to come in October. These include the Government Island Cruise that shares the Closing Day Weekend October 1- 3; the Old Salts Dinner on Friday the 8th; and the fall work parties.



Work Party: September 11th.



A YEAR-ROUND DECK COVER?

RCYC members have always enjoyed our club's covered deck. It is a great place to relax, visit with friends or have a BBQ. It is a shady spot protecting us from the intense sun or the occasional rain. The deck is an important amenity that enhances our facilities and extends our outdoor season.

Every spring when the new cover is installed, members begin talking about possible changes. The discussion usually centers on whether we should continue with a seasonal cover or have a year-round covered structure. Would members use the deck from November through April?

Your board of directors would like to know what you think about this issue. At this time we simply want to know whether you would like to:

- A. Keep things as they are, with the deck covered from spring through fall at a minimum cost of installing a new tarp each spring at about \$100 or
- B. Have the deck covered year-round, most likely requiring a redesigned structure with associated higher initial costs.

Please email your response (A or B) to rlgales@frontier.com by October 8. Written comments are welcome.

Bob Gales, Director



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Your yacht club moorage is full up, and the waiting list is growing again with some new members coming through the application process.

I've just followed the Commodore and other appointed "inspectors" around for the fall moorage inspection. Most all the power cords are out of the river and only one seems to be chafing on a piling. Note that power cords are never going to get any slack in our moorage inspections. Fire risk is just too serious to let the cord regulations slide even a little.

Snubbers are a problem. Note that you are required to have them on bow and stern lines. These are generally the shortest lines, where wakes can cause the most jerking. Spring lines are longer; provided they are three-strand nylon, they should have enough stretch. We noted that some boats have the newer design TaylorMade Rubber Mooring Snubbers. I looked them up on the Taylor web site, finding these come in three sizes – for 3/8, 5/8, and 3/4 inch line. Considering the breakage the older types suffer, these might be worth a try.

Now that fall work parties are here, we need to focus on dock maintenance for the winter. Because of the wake and wave movement we get all the time, we need to check on hundreds of nuts:

1. those that hold the finger docks and headwalks together,
2. those on the underside of the cleats, and
3. those that loosen and fall off the back side of the triangle face boards.

You will need a 1 1/8" socket for most dock work. The cleat bolts and face board bolts are smaller; we should have some appropriate end wrenches in the shop. Note that some of the cleat bolts may need some additional washers on the bottom because the bolt lacked enough threads.

Kayaks and Dinghies. There are open spaces for both on the dock just south of the Clubhouse by the head walk and also some dinghy openings on the upper levels of both newer docks. If claiming a pace, put your name plate on it.

Minus tides are here as we close out September; so check on your boat when the river is close to zero and report any groundings to Dredge

Chairman Fred Whitfield. You can look up the local river level before driving down to take your boat out; click on: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1>

The Tuesday/Thursday "Take your boat out" program is still on. Until daylight gets too short, we will have a short sail anytime we get a breeze. We might want to move the rendezvous time at the Clubhouse to 5:30 p.m.

May we have fair winds.



Beacon Rock Cruise

September 4-6, 2010





Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

It's hard to believe this coming Thursday, September 22nd, is the first day of autumn. Where did our summer go? Some ask, "What summer?" We had something like 30 days that were 80 degrees or higher, much lower temperatures, and higher rainfall than previous years. But I think we made the most of it. We have had great cruises, BBQ's and work parties.

We had a great turnout on 9/11 for the Work Party. There were 27 of you who reported work hours. For the rest of the year, four work parties remain for you to put in the minimum requirement of six (6) hours for the fall. Those of you who have joined the Club this year need one (1) work hour for each month you have been a member. Check the schedule at the end of the Foghorn for the dates. Chuck Pennington, our Work Party Chair, and the Work Party Leaders do a great job in making sure we all have plenty to do.

This morning, I had the privilege of being a part of the annual moorage walk. The participants this fall were Lynn Easton, Chuck Fisher, Loren Beach, Bill Wright and myself. In addition to any comments by others from the walk, I am happy to say, the vast majority of us members are quite compliant with regard to moorage lines, snubbers, power cords, and general upkeep of our boats, although there are some needed minor improvements. We do have a Club to be proud of and are happy to show it off to visitors. Let's all do our best to keep up the good work.

We are entering the last quarter of the year, and I would again like to remind members there are many committee chairs to fill for next year. I have been approached by several who want to continue the in their current position. That is wonderful! So, please feel free to approach me if you are interested in jobs for next year.

Hope to see you October 2nd at the East Dock Cruise and October 8th at the Old Salt's Dinner!



Foghorn Copy Deadline is the 18th of the month.

Send titled articles and your photos to all Foggers!

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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.

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

Receive the Foghorn on-line as a PDF file (in color) with hyperlinks to articles and contacts, and save the Club the costs of printing and postage.

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

Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA) 2nd Annual O'pen Bic Un-Regatta Saturday, August 28th.

Many parents volunteered and helped with duties to make this a successful and fun event for the kids.

Autumn McClard (centered in pictures on the right) was there representing RCYC. Autumn took lessons at Vancouver lake and sailed on the Bics.



Eight RCYC Boats Attend The Annual Waterfront Park Concert

We had beautiful weather for the alternate RCYC cruise on September 2, to Waterfront Park in downtown Portland. *Nite Cap Too*, *Magic*, *Soleil*, *Down Wind Drifter*, *Born Free*, *Sierra*, *Osprey*, and *Waking* enjoyed a magical evening of music by the Oregon Symphony. The free concert ended with the traditional 1812 Overture, firing of the cannons, and an outstanding fireworks display. Larry Wintermeyer did most of the anchoring work with stern anchors, Bob Phillips rowed to shore to fetch concert programs, and "*Weenies on the Water*," ice cream boat delivered desserts.

It's the end of summer highlight that Portlanders look forward to, and it's especially enjoyable for boaters, who don't have to struggle with crowds and traffic when the concert is over. A very good time was had by all!

Gail O'Neill



WELCOME New Members to RCYC!



Dan Handel and Niki Chao



Roy Renk and Yvonne La Mont



**Doug McClary and
Jonell McNell**
(not present)

To the Commodore in Memory of Jack Cairns

I'm sure that you know that Jack was a former commodore at RCYC, having gone "through the chairs" more than a few years back (before I joined in 1977).

You probably don't know that Jack is the guy I replaced at Mt. Hood Community College when I moved from administration to faculty. Jack had worked at Cascade Corp. for some years, then, before I got there, moved from Cascade to teaching business at Mt. Hood (MHCC to us regulars). He had been teaching in that department for a number of years when he got a chance to take the "ROUND THE WORLD SAILBOAT CRUISE" with another old RCYC member. So Jack took early retirement (making a faculty spot for me, from which I retired after many years), and with his wife, Mary Ann, already retired from the Portland School District, made all of the "appropriate" financial arrangements (remember, Jack TAUGHT business and was the RCYC accountant for a number of years, so he knew "appropriate"), and he and Mary Ann got on the boat.,

Well, the boat only got as far as Los Angeles, CA, when their boat-owner host discovered that the business he had left with his kids was going to hell in a hand basket, and the trip had to be canceled. The world-cruising yacht was trucked back to Portland, and that was the end of that.

Jack and Mary Ann had the most beautifully finished Cascade 36 I've ever seen. They sold it a number of years ago. Jack built it, by hand, but with expert advice; and every inch of that boat was what, in our family we call "Becker perfect!". I cannot now remember how to spell the Hawaiian name of the boat, something like "Hallaikai", but know she was Jack's pride and joy: individual cupboards with individual, felt-lined nooks for the crystal drink glasses, the perfect chart table, beautiful woodworking and finishing, etc., etc. She was what Tom Green and Wade Cornwell wished owners would do with their boats.

Not quite sure why I'm telling you all of this except you and others might like to know a little more about an old member whom I doubt you have ever had a chance to meet or, if so, only briefly.

Sad day.

Bill & Susie Wright *(with their permission)*



Mary Ann and Jack Cairns at RCYC's 2009 Old Salt's Dinner.

Save the Date

COMMODORE'S BALL

29 January 2011

Heads up! The event is a week earlier than usual, but the same venue and the same band as last year.

Excellent dinner and music to dance to, and a fun evening.

Hope to see you there.



Beacon Rock fisherkids

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

October 2010

- 1-3 Closing Day Ceremonies, Dolphin Yacht Club
- 1-2 RCYC Cruise Gov't. Island East Dock
- 8 Old Salts Dinner
- 9 Work Party, 9:00 AM
- 10 Wedding Private Party
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting
- 13 OWSA General Meeting, 5:00 PM
- 14 RCYC Education, 7:00 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 23 Work Party, 9:00 AM

November 2010

- 6 Work Party, 9:00 AM
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 10 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 PM
- 11 RCYC Education, 7:00 PM
- 13 RCYC Walk 5 BBQ, 5:30 PM
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 PM (*Time Change*)
- 18 Foghorn Deadline

THANK YOU:

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**For sending
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