



Commodore: Chuck Fisher
Vice Commodore: Chuck Silver
Secretary: Bill Kramer

November 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore

Mark Holzman, Membership Chairman, lost his father, Clarence, this year. Clarence was a past RCYC member. As Mark was tending to those matters that fall to a son, Mark came across a copy of the

November, 1988, Foghorn. It held the announcement of Karen's and my new member status. Mark thoughtfully passed it along. To compare then and now, some 22 years later comes naturally.

Just as RCYC is once again seeking nominations for Neptune's Daughter for the coming year, so it was in November, 1988: "Ideally she will be a high school junior and a daughter or close relative of a Club member and able to appear at various marine functions such as Opening Day. Those interested should get in touch with the commodore." Again, those interested should get in touch with the Commodore.

November, 1988, saw the club combining the general meeting with an event known then as the "Captain's Dinner." Dick Dyer, the 1988 Commodore, now RCYC's Clean Marina Coordinator, wrote, "Roy Ciappinni and his crew performed their usual gastronomic magic with prime rib and the fixin's. Your Commodore attempted to conduct a brief meeting and was all but drowned out by all the merriment." This year's prime rib magic was performed by Alan Bergen and his crew with the event now called "The Old Salts Dinner." Perhaps next year a combination dinner and general meeting would be a good idea!

The dredge was a topic then just as it is today. Jerry Randall's announcement has the same import as his predecessor's of twenty-two Novembers ago: "Learn to be a dredge operator, deck hand, and pond watcher. Experience not necessary. Free training ... Wages are zero, but the satisfaction of making one of the largest backyard sand boxes to play in is compensation enough."

Today, we face a different but real dredging challenge. Fred Whitfield, who has so ably managed the Dredge Team is retiring after this season. RCYC needs and Fred has requested an understudy to work with him this season, to learn the ropes and take over management of seasonal dredging.

Club security was an issue then as it is now. At the past October Board meeting, the Board agreed to a budget item that will allow for security upgrades related to the fence and lighting in the area of the "chapel." From the 1988 Foghorn: "Fence security has been improved and there have been no further break-ins, but don't leave valuables in your car." Good advice then, good advice now.

Of the October, 1988 work party, Dick wrote, "For those of you [who] are newer members [The Foghorn was not as closely edited then as it is today!]" the work parties are a course designed to let you fulfill your work hour obligation, but there is much more to be gained by participation. To begin with, you build a sense of ownership from something you've helped to build. In addition, [they provide] an excellent opportunity to get acquainted – swinging a hammer, brush or broom is a great levelizer for conversation. Come on out and lend a hand."

Even after 22 years, much is similar at RYC, but much has changed. What has changed most significantly is that many of the 1988 active members are no longer with us, except in spirit. What is most similar and as important today as it was in 1988 is that RCYC is a vibrant organization with members who appreciate, understand and value the RCYC legacy and its traditions. What we enjoy as RCYC members today is largely not owing to our efforts. Rather what we enjoy today is due to the efforts of those RCYC members who sailed before us.



Vice Commodore's Report by Chuck Silver - Vice Commodore

Well, it is that time of year when you are debating whether to winterize your

boat or take advantage of sunshine and get in one more sail. I have witnessed both choices the past few weekends. Several of you have gone to East Dock. Wind has been more from the west than east lately, which is nice. Some of you are year around sailors and keep your boat ready to go any time. Then there are those of you who go south for the winter, whom we won't see until next spring.

We have had great support for the work parties, although the last one, on October 9, did not enjoy very nice weather. Bob Philips did his best to give us an opportunity to choose an assignment. Margaret and Nate Hanson prepared a nice lunch.

This Saturday, October 23, Chuck Pennington will head up another work party. Sue Pennington is fixing lunch. There are a number of you who do not have 12 hours for the year, so this will be an opportunity to take care of that. November 6 will be our last work party for 2010. Larry Roberts will lead the charge. The Inmans and Farris will fix lunch. Should be a fun, productive time.

As usual this time of year, dredging will be taking place soon, and this effort can use the support of several helping hands. Fred Whitfield is the man to talk with about that.

This year is drawing to an end, and we are making our plans accordingly. You might consider getting in on the ground floor for work assignments in 2011. One opportunity is the work parties, usually nine of them. They each need a work party leader and someone to prepare lunch. Contact Chuck Pennington if you are interested in either job. There is also the job of clubhouse steward. Someone is needed for each month. Also during the summer months, we need a grounds steward to cut the grass. Contact Jas Adams to pick your month for either job. [See his notice in this issue. Ed.] There are also many chair positions to fill. So you have many opportunities to put in your work hours. Join a team today.

If you want to know if your hours have been met or not, give me a call (cell, 503-819-6734) or drop an e-mail to csilver265@gmail.com

Be a Steward in 2011

Now's your chance to get a berth as a Clubhouse or Yard Steward.

Sign up now to be a Clubhouse Steward for a month next year! This light duty can be done completely on your own schedule four times in a given month. Signing up will satisfy your work commitment for the entire year. (Well, yes, you have to follow through and actually do the light tasks!). This is a convenient and flexible way to meet your RCYC work hour obligation.

Also, next year there is the option of signing up for one month of outdoor maintenance (e.g., mowing grass) as a Yard Steward for June, July or August to meet your work hour commitment for all of 2011.

There is a waiting list for new Clubhouse and Yard Stewards; so sign up today to secure your berth! Contact RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams at 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com.

Jas. Adams - Clubhouse Chair

Nauti Knots by Susan Wilcox

Rose City's group of intrepid knitters met for the opening of wool season on October 4th. Beginners and old timers alike jumped into Fiber Trends' "Felted Clogs" pattern, getting help and support from each other to knit up these beautiful and functional slippers.

By consensus, we've chosen to call ourselves the "Nauti Knots" and to meet at the clubhouse on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, October-April, from 1000-1400; we will meet on November 1 and 15, December 6 and 20. Some bring lunch, others go up to the Sextant. We all bring current projects, finished projects for show and admiration, questions, ideas, and inspiration. For knitters busy on Monday we have an offshoot group meeting on some Saturdays; the next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 13, 1000 to whenever.

We are a chattery group and consider the more, the merrier. Working with fiber and sticks is as time honored as sailing and goes hand in hand. Sue Owen manages our communications at namanugirl@comcast.net where she keeps an email list to share patterns and other information, and I am always available at walkaways.susan@gmail.com.





Secretary's Salutations

by Bill Kramer

We are all back from our summer adventures and ready to catch up on what has been happening around RCYC.

Sad losses: We are all going to miss Jack Cairns. He and Mary Ann joined RCYC in 1956. That is a lot of years of friendship and involvement that we do not want to forget.

Gary Whitney's father passed away in October, and Nina Kramer's father passed away in September.

Membership changes: At their request, Hugh Lovell and Jean Morrison have become Life Members, as have Abner and Carol Bobo.

Art and Rose Zehner have changed status to Inactive Members.



David Columbus has applied for membership and been approved by the Board. He was sworn in at the November General Meeting to become a member.

2011 Daughter of Neptune Nominations Open

Do you know a teenage girl who would like to volunteer her time to represent RCYC and promote water safety during the 2011 boating season?

The Daughters of Neptune are ambassadors for their clubs and work with the Columbia River Yachting Association throughout the boating season to promote life jacket use and water safety. RCYC crowns our Daughter of Neptune at the Commodore's Ball. She then participates in Opening Day and the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade, attends various Ladies Dinners, teaches water safety at community events, and takes part in the Closing Day ceremonies.

All high school-aged daughters, granddaughters and nieces of RCYC members are eligible for nomination. The CRYA recommends Daughters of Neptune be high school juniors, although mature freshmen and sophomores may also be nominated. Please submit your 2011 Daughter of Neptune nomination to Commodore Chuck Fisher before November 30. After the nomination period the Board will interview each applicant and announce our new Daughter of Neptune in December.

If you have any questions please contact Colleen Moran at colleenmoran@me.com.

Colleen Moran
Daughters of Neptune Chaperone

October Old Salts Dinner is enjoyed by RCYC members & guests



FINANCIAL MATTERS *by Judy Oxborrow - Treasurer*

Overall, the Club is in excellent financial shape. The Financial Committee has scheduled a meeting for late October to continue its financial reviews of Club accounts. The Long Range Planning Committee will also be meeting late in October to discuss financial priorities for the future. Reports will be made to the membership at the November general meeting.

If you are receiving your RCYC billings via e-mail, please notify me if you have a change in e-mail address. Notifications can be made via e-mail to judy87807@comcast.net or by phone to (503) 652-1549. Club billings are released quarterly during the first week of January, April, July and October. If you do not timely receive your billing, please let me know immediately. If you are assessed a late charge on a current quarterly billing that you feel is unfair, please contact me to discuss the matter. Please do NOT call the bookkeeping service, because they do not have the authority to waive the late charge. If you have questions about your billing, please contact me. I have on-line access to the accounting records 24/7 and in most cases can answer the question without having to contact the bookkeeping firm.

Reimbursements. Payments for reimbursement vouchers and other bills are signed at the Board meeting on the second Monday of each month. Your reimbursement request for expenses paid on behalf of the Club should be sent to Balance Your World Bookkeeping and should arrive no later than the Wednesday before the Board meeting. Any vouchers received after that time would not be processed until the following month. If a payment is needed prior to the Board meeting, please contact me. If the Board has authorized you to make a large purchase on behalf of the Club and you do not wish to pay for that purchase or put it on a credit card, please contact me.

Yearbook. Work will begin shortly on the 2011 yearbook. Questionnaires will be sent to all members shortly. We urge you to complete the form and return it as soon as possible. The sooner all necessary information is obtained, the sooner the yearbook can be completed, and the sooner it will be in your hands!



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

Required Shore Power
Connections

Shore Power connections at the club were singled out in a recent inspection. Most were satisfactory, but some lacked the strain relief cords required by the Club's moorage regulations. Note that the 30 amp outlets on Walks 1 through 4 are on both sides of each post. An unsupported plug with the heavy cord will often break the plastic connectors



Not OK

OK

Check out your boat and be sure that you have this high-amperage cable connected safely and according to Club rules. Boats with unsupported plugs will have their plugs disconnected.

Waiting for a slip? I need to let all the new members on the Wait List know that I have a couple of slips open for double filling for the winter, until March or April. Anyone wanting to temporarily move their boat in should contact me about these.

Boater Safety Card - Free Boating Safety Course at Home offered by BoatUS

Alan Bergen
BoatUS Coordinator

The State of Oregon requires boaters operating a motorized watercraft having greater than 10 horsepower to carry a Boater Safety Card issued by the Oregon State Marine Board. The catch is that to get the card a boater must complete an approved boating safety course but those courses aren't always available in every town and can be expensive.

However, the new Online Boating Safety Course provided by the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is now approved by the Oregon State Marine Board, which allows the state's boaters to take the course at no cost in the comfort of their own home. The online course and exam is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by the US Coast Guard as exceeding the minimum requirements for the National Recreational Boating Safety Program.

"We've loaded the course with interactive animations, videos and photos to give boaters an education that goes well beyond the basics of boating," said BoatUS Foundation Director of Boating Safety Chris Edmonston. "It includes videos that demonstrate important safety devices such as visual distress signals, how to get help in an emergency, how to prevent and extinguish fires aboard your boat, and the best way to fit a life jacket to a child so they will not slip out," he added. "The best part of all is the course is free and can be taken at home, and it's designed so that you can stop and then continue on at any time. I will guarantee you that everyone will learn something new," said Edmonston.

Upon finishing the course, boaters can print their own Certificate of Completion, which they must then submit to the Marine Board with a \$10 application fee to be issued a Boater Safety Card.

To take the course, go to www.BoatUS.org. For more information on Oregon boater education, go to <http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatEd/education.shtml>.



Closing Day Cruise - East Dock

2011 cruising schedule

The Club's cruising schedule has been approved by C.R.Y.A. and is as follows. Please note we have added a new cruise to the Willamette River in September.

April 22, 23 & 24 Government Island
East Dock

Memorial Day Hadley's Landing
May 28, 29 & 30

July 4th R.C.Y.C. Land Cruise

Lazy Days Down River Cruise

July 23 - 31

July 28th Potluck in Cathlamet

Pirates Cruise Government Island
Aug. 12, 13 & 14 Sandy Beach

Labor Day Beacon Rock
Sept, 3, 4 & 5

Sept. 16, 17 & 18 Willamette River
River Place Breakwater

Closing Day Government Island
Oct. 1 & 2 East Dock

Submitted by: Ron Moran your 2011 Cruising Chair.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month

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

Please send articles, announcements or any other Foghorn contributions marked Foghorn with titles to ALL editors and graphics individuals listed below:

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Walk 5 BBQ & Oral Auction

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Bring your meat of choice to grill on the BBQ. The rest of the meal, sodas and coffee will be provided by Walk 5 members. Ron Moran will be the Auctioneer. Bring your item to be donated for the auction in a paper bag so it isn't visible.

Happy Hour: 5:30

Dinner: 6:00

Auction: 7:00

Hope to see everyone there. This is the last BBQ of the year.

Rose Zehner - Activities Chair



Sail for the Cure start committee

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2010

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

December 2010

- 3 CRYA Dinner Prep, 6PM
- 4 RCYC Sponsored CRYA
Dinner 6 PM
- 5 Hansen Brunch, 9 AM
- 10 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:30 PM
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Knitting Group – 10 AM
- 31 Informal New Year's Eve Party

• 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

