

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

December 2010



Commodore's Log

Chuck Fisher, Commodore



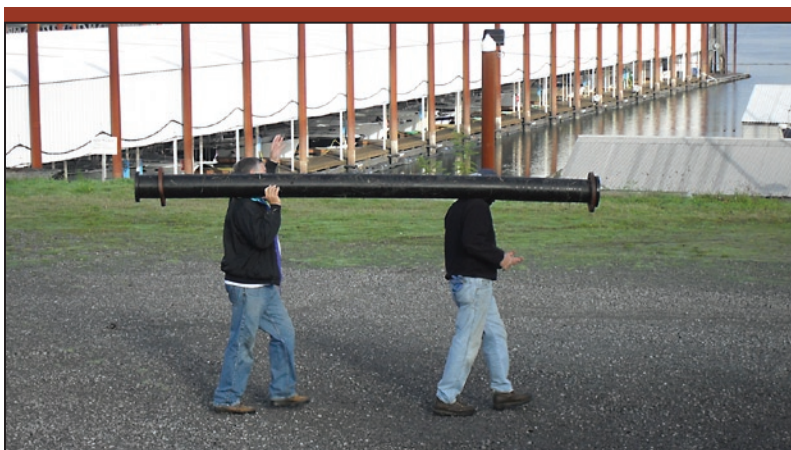
Can you believe it, December is here already! A year that I will admit I approached with some reservation, not being fully sure what being Commodore would really be like, is coming to an end. And, RCYC members, I am going to reveal the little secret those who have had the opportunity to serve as Commodore don't often share. That is, being Commodore is simply a blast!

From Soup and Sail on New Year's Day to addressing Members concerns to making those decisions that inevitably have to be made by somebody for a year is fun. Work at times, for sure, but fun! The second secret is what makes being Commodore fun.

Now, what makes being Commodore really fun is all the support from RCYC members. RCYC members recognize that the efforts of one person with a title of Commodore, no matter the amount of skill, are not enough. Over the course of this year, members have actively come forward to get yacht club business done.

The success of Columbia River Yachting Association's Opening Day, hosted by RCYC, was completely due to RCYC members. It was RCYC members who, a year before 2010's Opening Day, recognized that smaller CRYA member clubs were struggling. RCYC members stepped

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IT TAKES MEMBERS TO MAKE A CLUB

Earn your hours or just give a little extra.

► Editor and graphics designer needed to join the Foghorn team.

The Foghorn team is thinning down next year, we need to rebuild the team. We are looking for Members with experience in editing and layout to fill in approximately two to four times a year.

Contact any of the Foghorn Team or our 2011 Commodore, Chuck Silver, if you have any interest. Become a Fogger and help share the joys of producing the monthly newsletter.

► Always Wanted Flexible Work Hours?

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! Sign up now to be a Clubhouse Steward for 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 (and yes, you do have to follow through and actually do the light tasks). This is a convenient and flexible way to meet your RCYC work-hour obligation.

Prefer to work outdoors? Next year there is also 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. Again, the work hours to be a Yard Steward are completely flexible.

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

up and accepted the challenge of fulfilling Opening Day responsibilities well before the schedule would dictate. And a fine job we did!

Examples abound of individuals accepting responsibility for Club operations who thoughtfully, carefully and diligently fulfill their responsibilities. These fine members continue to do so with Commodores coming and going.

This closing Log is not about identifying individual members who have contributed to the success of RCYC this year. That would not be possible because, inevitably, I would overlook a person whose efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary.

This log is addressed to members who may be thinking of taking the plunge and stepping into an RCYC leadership role. When you serve as a director or officer it is important to know that you do not serve alone. With you, in your office, is each and every member of RCYC.

Yes, being a director or officer is time consuming. Sure, being Commodore can be a real pain, but there are very real benefits. So next year, as the Nominating Committee approaches you to serve, don't lose sight of the benefits of Club leadership.

Here is a "Thank you" to all the many members who contributed their talents to making 2010 a wonderful year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nauti Knots

Come join the fun at the Clubhouse where both new and experienced knitters work on knitting projects, share ideas, learn new techniques, chatter and get to know one another. The knitters meet on the first and third Mondays, through April, at 10:00 am. Some bring their lunch while others go to Sextants. For those knitters who cannot make it on Monday mornings, a group meets on some Saturdays. The next Saturday meeting is scheduled for January 8. If you have any questions, contact Susan Wilcox at walkaways.susan@gmail.com or Sue Owen at namanugirl@comcast.net.

Fly our Burgee on Mt. Hood

Now that it is nearing the time to put away our sails and winterize our engines, perhaps you want to redirect your communion with Mother Nature interests by creating your own wind, flying down the slopes of Mt Hood. Yes, we have a direct line to Midweek Ski Programs throughout the Metro area (Tues/Wed/Thurs) with Mt. Hood Meadows in December, January, and February with discounted six to eight week programs. Walk Ons and all ability levels are welcome.

Annie's bus with West Metro picks up in Beaverton and Gresham on Wednesdays. Over 11 of our members already have joined her bus group experience. See posters and on-line registering information posted in the Clubhouse.

Season Opener = December 8 & 9

Sessions Begin = January 4, 5 & 6

See Annie Roehm for details: ski4fun@q.com or email at roehma@msn.com or by phone 503.768.3936.

We also combine efforts with optional carpooling to Timberline the whole season, plus an over-niter at the Silcox Upper Lodge in March.

DREDGING CREW - DIGGING INTO THE SEASON.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

All slips are filled and the waiting list has nine members on the First Priority List (Improvement), one on the Second Priority (extended absence), and six on the Third Priority list (new member boats).

As we go to press, one open slip has just been filled from the "First" list and I am working on filling the resulting opening out toward the end of Walk 3.

There are several new members currently using the temporary occupancy feature of the moorage rules, i.e. using slips vacated for the winter. Even though it is temporary, it's nice to have them inside the moorage where they can more easily join in the social activities, visit more often and get acquainted with other members.

WAIT LISTS: Sometimes we have more small boats than slips and other times (like now) we have a lot more large boats than we have slips open. Also, the Club still has ongoing difficulties with fitting in boats on Walks 2, 3 and 4 due to having no uniformity of the two-boat bays on those walks. This is because we had to fit our new concrete fingers around the existing piling. As we pursue a piling replacement program to replace rotting wood with steel over the next several years, we can also re-position the piling so that we can have uniform slip sizing. As you might notice, moves in to these walks are complicated by the need to juggle boats around to sometimes have a wide and a narrow boat sharing a bay.

On a positive note, our moorage is amazingly better built than it was 15 years ago -- including walks, slips, electricity, and water lines.

KAYAKERS TAKE NOTE: Since we have unoccupied slots for dinghies on the new docks, I suggest that we designate the dock beside the south side of the Clubhouse for kayaks. We could designate diagonal parking there for kayaks. We are all booked up for 'yak storage on the third levels of the new docks and I am getting requests for more. (That dock south of the Clubhouse would be a difficult carry for a hundred pound dinghy anyway.) All those in favor raise their double-paddle and say "Aye." Seriously, let me know your opinion on this idea.

WINTER: Hear Now! Get your winterizing done -- whatever you do to protect your engine and internal water systems. If you have been tying up the boat with an old piece of halyard, replace it with proper-size three-strand nylon. Use chafe gear and a snubber for bow and stern lines. While it's possible to have a fender that's too large, I seldom see it happen. If possible, remove your RF genoa for the storm season. Tie halyards away from the mast and/or lead the shackle end to a rail fitting. In a good wind storm, an external halyard banging on a mast can wear right through the paint or anodizing in short order. The noise is very discourteous to the residents.

Speaking of our hard working residents, do you have a current boat key (labeled, of course) in the Moorage Key Box? Please contact Karen Billion to confirm. It is wonderful to have the Billion's and Easton's living there to

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"watch over" our boats. Having said that, note that each of you have to practice "due diligence" and have your own boat properly tied. Our residents do their best to watch out for the facility, but we ALL have a duty to watch out for each other as well.

Dredging is happening now and as we go to press the mighty machine is about to start on deepening the Walk 3 and 4 fairways. A cheery greeting and a report on the current river level is **always** appreciated by the crew out there in the noisy cab pulling levers. An occasional plate of warm cookies would be nice after an hour of moving swing cables in the rain, too! (Hint hint...)

And finally, a recent moorage "problem" from above -- we appear to have a persistent cormorant perching on several different mastheads out toward the ends of Walks 2, 3, and 4. He (she?) leaves an awful mess on decks and docks. If you have not been out to check up on your boat in the last week, do so. Bring a bucket and scrub brush, too. This is really a *Dirty Bird!*



Rose City Yacht Club

Cordially invites you and your first mate to honor our

Commodore Chuck Silver and

First Mate Jean

at the

2011 Commodore's Ball

Saturday, January 29, 2011

At the Riverside Country Club

8105 N. E. 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon

6:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 Dinner and Program

9:00 Dance to the Music by The Fabulous Essentials

Cost \$35.00 per person

RSVP to Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net

By January 21, 2011

Please indicate choice of prime rib or halibut for each reservation.

Holiday Special at Ships Stores



If you need another excuse to come to the **December meeting**, come to take advantage of the **Ships Stores sale!** Everything will be on sale, and I mean **EVERTHING**, at one-half off regular price. Of course the sale is limited to merchandise on hand.

Terry Foren, Ships Stores



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Silver, Vice Commodore

This year has really gone by quickly. Here it is December. There are a number of events happening this month and in January, here at the Club, to get us off to the New Year. December 4th is the CRYA dinner. On the 10th we will have the Christmas ships potluck. There has typically been a gift exchange then as well. December 31st is an informal New Years Eve Party, and January 1st is the Soup and Sail event. And, last but not least, January 29th is the Commodore's Ball. There is much to look forward to and opportunities to help out as well.

As for the rest of the year, the calendar is filling in nicely. Several private parties are scheduled, CRYA has picked their dates, racing events are posted, and cruises are all set up. RCYC BBQ's, meetings, and socials are all there. So, if you want to schedule anything, let me know soon.

I have enjoyed this year as your Vice Commodore and look forward to serving as your Commodore for 2011. I have learned that, the more active you are in the Club, the more you get out of it, and the more you learn about fellow members. I know I will learn even more in the year to come. I have also come to appreciate there are many who have filled these shoes before, and are ready with their support. I will acknowledge all of your suggestions as to how to keep this Club in top form, in every aspect. We race, cruise, party, publish, dredge, maintain, litigate, permit, moor, reside, build, grow, and improve. We all make this happen with our volunteer labor and financial support. I want to thank all of you in advance who have stepped up for the coming year to take the lead to make all of this happen.

It has been a great 2010. Let's have a great 2011!



Secretary's Notes

Bill Kramer, Secretary

Member news for November: Alverna and Jim Martin have both spent time in the hospital and they are both back home. We send them both our wishes for a full and fast recovery. Doris Iverson has sold Nimbus and has resigned her membership at RCYC. We are sorry to see her go. Cynthia Johnson has been approved by the Board for inactive membership. Patricia Morgan has been chosen as our 2011 RCYC Daughter of Neptune. She is the daughter of Mike and Karen Finch. Patricia is a freshman at Gresham High School and is looking forward to a great year representing RCYC. Speaking of the Daughter of Neptune, Colleen Moran will once again be a Chaperone for the Daughters of Neptune. She will also be our representative to CRYA. The Board has approved Colleen for another year of honorary membership in RCYC so she can carry out these duties.

RCYC EDUCATION

Bill Kramer, Education Chair

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 7:00 PM, RCYC CLUBHOUSE

Randy and Ruth will present their use of weather fax and other sources in planning for and crossing the North Pacific to Hawaii and return to Oregon. The North Pacific weather pattern during their return trip in September changed significantly from the historic climatological pattern. This provided an immediate opportunity to practice weather analysis and sailing route tactics. This will be a very practical discussion from the perspective of sailors who are not trained meteorologists, but who learned about and used 500mb charts, surface analysis charts and forecasts, wind and wave forecasts, pilot charts, grib files, and onboard observations including the barometer and hygrometer.

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



**WALK 5 BarBQ &
Oral Auction - you should
have been there!**





Boating Safety Starts at Home with New BoatUS Foundation Online Learning Center Includes No-Cost Online Boating Safety Course Approved in Over 30 States

ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 25, 2010 - Learning about boating safety from the comfort of your own home just got a lot easier with the new BoatUS Foundation Online Learning Center at www.BoatUS.org. The website offers a no-cost online Boating Safety Course that makes learning easier and retention stronger with the use of new animations, videos and interactive activities.

The course is great for boaters or anglers who need to take a boating safety course - it's valid proof of boater education in over 30 states - and it's also a great option for those wanting to brush up on their boating safety. It is designed so you can start, stop and continue where you left off at any time, making it easier to fit today's busy schedules.

"We believe in reducing the barriers to boating," said BoatUS Foundation Director of Boating Safety Chris Edmonston. "Some boating safety courses can cost over \$100, which can present a big hurdle, especially if several family members want to run the boat. Also, in some parts of the country it may be hard to find a classroom course near you or that fits your schedule. By making our course free, available at home and doable on your own time, we hope to ensure your boating remains fun and everyone makes it home safely."

The difference between the BoatUS Boating Safety Course and other online courses - beyond the cost issue - is the scope of the material. "We don't just tell you basics," continued Edmonston. "We go beyond the minimum amount information you need to know."

"For example, most boats must have a fire extinguisher aboard. But if you have a larger vessel, we'll show you why it is wise to have more than the minimum requirements and understand what to do in the event of a fire on your boat," added Edmonston. "We also will tell you, for example, not only how many life jackets you need to have aboard, but demonstrate in a short video how to actually fit a life jacket to a child so they won't slip out."

Upon completion of the course, you can also print your own certificate to provide your state's boating agency as proof of boater education (for states that accept the course). In addition to the certificate, a few states require a small fee to issue a boating safety card or document. As an option, the Foundation can also provide a certificate suitable for framing for a nominal \$5 fee.

Alan Bergen, Boat/US Coordinator

RCYC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK, GIFT EXCHANGE...



...and

Christmas Ship Viewing

Friday, December 10, 2010

Social Hour, 5:30 pm

Potluck, 6:00 pm

Gift Exchange, 7:00 pm

This year the Club will be providing salad and dessert. Please bring a hot dish to share.

The Christmas ships will be assembling in the area of the 42nd boat ramp at about 7:00 pm, and will head down river.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift. This is not a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts need not be expensive (\$5 to \$10), but something you wouldn't mind receiving yourself.

Hope you can come and join in the Holiday festivities.

Rose Zehner, Activities Chair

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

December 2010

- 3 CRYA Dinner Prep, 6:00 PM
- 4 RCYC Sponsor CRYA Dinner, 6:00 PM
- 5 Private Party Brunch, 9:00 AM
- 6 Knitters Meet, 10:00 AM
- 9 Education, 7:00 PM
- 10 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:30 PM
- 11 Private Party, 4:30 PM
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Knitters Meet, 10:00 AM
- 31 Informal New Years Eve Party

January 2011 - Happy New Year!

- 1 Soup & Sail
- 3 Knitters Meet, 10:00 AM
- 8 Knitters Meet, 10:00 AM
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 13 RCYC Education, 7:00 PM
- 17 RCYC Knitters Meet, 10:00 AM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 29 Commodores Ball



*Merry Christmas
and a very
Happy New Year
to you all!*



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