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Vice Commodore: Bill Kramer  
Secretary: John Flenniken

JANUARY 2011



### Commodore's Log



*Chuck Silver, Commodore*

I am looking forward to serving as Commodore for 2011. I appreciate your confidence in me and will do my best to serve and represent RCYC. I would especially like to thank Chuck Fisher for his fine job as Commodore for 2010. He has been a steady leader through the year, and has coached me through my Vice Commodore role. I also want to thank Karl Quade, Chuck Stuckey and Bill Wright who have served on the board this past year.

As we know, it takes all members to keep this organization running in the right direction. Many of you have agreed to continue with the same position you had last year. Some have requested to step aside and let someone new have that responsibility. Welcome Rick Royce and Susan Wilcox to the Director positions. Jean Beaty has volunteered to test the waters with Soup and Sail to see if she will become Activities Chair, and relieve Rose Zehner. Coleen Moran will be our CRYA reporter and replace Carol Bobo. Fred Whitfield, who has spent years as Dredging Advisor, will pass the controls to Brad Jensen. Mark Basel will be our Education Chair, thus freeing up Bill Kramer for Vice Commodore. Joyce Jensen has been a great asset to the Foghorn, but wants some relief. I believe Jamie Mountford and Gail O'Neill have expressed their desire to help with the Foghorn this year. Alan Bergen will be our Race Captain, thus replacing Steve Ericson. John Flenniken has moved into the Secretary position, and Ships Tools will be cared for by Steve Petersen. One chair position that still needs filling is Oil Coordinator. Hans Geerling has shared with me he would like to pass this on to someone else. So, here is an opportunity for you. Please contact me and we will go over the job description. A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to take on these assignments, past and present, and please support them!

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### SOUP AND SAIL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011



Start the year off right by gathering with your RCYC friends about 10:30 AM. Bring a can of New England style clam chowder to add to the pot. Weather permitting, Commodore Chuck Silver will lead the Club in its first 2011 outing on the river. Hot clam chowder will be served beginning about noon.



MC and Head Reindeer, Anne Roehm at Christmas Ship Potluck



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach

Starting a fresh new year, all our slips are full and the waiting list is growing by two more boats. Dredging continues and by the time you read this we hope to be working on walk four. Check your lines and chafe gear. There was a recent high wind event and there will certainly be others in the next month or two. Check on those sail covers and double-check on any RF headsails still up.

Additionally, everyone should actually inspect their bilge. If you find any oily residue at all, clean it up completely so that your automatic bilge pump never pumps an oily sheen into the river.

Stay warm!

Loren Beach  
Moorage Matters.



## Secretary's Notes

John Flenniken

At the December Board meeting, the Board approved a change to Life Membership for Dave and Sally Hickman. The Board also accepted the resignation of Robert and Christine Ladd who have sold Eagle 3.

We also have two membership applications pending. Alison Mazon has applied to become a member. Many of us already know Alison as a boat surveyor, plus she has done at least one program at RCYC. She sails a Newport 30 named Amazon. Brian Goold and Robin Gunn have also applied for membership. He works for Boeing. They have an infant son. They sail a J-Boat named Strange Brew.

## RCYC Youth Sailing

The RCYC Youth Sailing Committee wants to thank you all for your support. We are excited as always to support youth sailing. Our mission is to teach sailing and safe boat handling for the young people in Portland/ Vancouver and surrounding communities; to maintain an air of good fellowship and fun for the participant while maintaining progress toward expected level of competence in sailing; and to promote water safety.

You can now find the application and reimbursement form on RCYC's web site. The application for reimbursement for children taking sailing lessons at WSC or VLSC needs to be turned in one week prior to the lessons. A youth sailing folder will be set up in the drawer where mail is received. Prior to dropping the application, please notify Pam Sesar and John Flenniken. We will leave a few applications at the clubhouse. We also want to know about any member's child 8-18 that is participating in sailing programs and regattas. Feedback from you and your child is important as we support a RCYC youth program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Pam Sesar

Youth Committee Chair



A lonely Autumn McClard on her O'pen Bic looking for fellow RCYC sailors to sail with her in the Unregatta at Cascade Locks.

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**MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUIRED.** Recent matters brought before the Board for action have prompted a review of the Club's membership bond listing. And, this review found a number of inconsistencies that need to be addressed by members.

The "A" bond or membership bond is one of the documents you received when you joined RCYC. Prior to 1994, membership bonds were in the amount of \$200. We no longer have any supply of the \$200 bond. In March 1994, membership bonds were increased to \$500. Prior to 1984, it appears membership bonds listed only the name of the head of household on the bond – not the spouse. Beginning in 1984, names of both applicants from the household were listed on the bond.

We have a number of cases in which the head of household has passed away, and their surviving spouse is considered a member of the Club even though the surviving spouse is probably not listed on the membership bond. We have several cases where members have married, but their spouse is not on their bond. We have several cases in which members were divorced, subsequently remarried but the former spouse is still named on the bond. And, we have single members in long term relationships.

So how do we resolve some of these problems? Club Attorney John Kneeland has drafted a Successor Designation form the A Bond. This form can be completed to change the names on the bond. Those who became members prior to 1984 can add their spouse if that is their wish. Those who have married may add a spouse. Those who divorced may wish to delete a spouse. Those who have divorced and remarried may wish to have the current spouse's name added to the bond.

All members should first check their bonds to see how the name(s) are listed. Then if a change appears necessary, contact Judy Oxborrow [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net) or telephone (503) 652-1549. She will assist you in completing the Successor Designation form in duplicate – with one copy to be maintained with the membership bond registry listing and the other copy to be placed with the actual bond itself.

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** The 2011 membership cards are being mailed with your first quarter billing. Inactive Life Members who receive no billings had their cards mailed separately and should have received them prior to Christmas. If you did not receive your membership card, let Judy Oxborrow know.

**REVIEW OF BALANCE YOUR WORLD BOOKKEEPING** – On December 6, Carl Nielsen and Judy Oxborrow completed a review of RCYC records at BYWB offices. RCYC is well served by the staff at BYWB. However, members do need to remember to the Club's reimbursement form when requesting repayment for items purchased on behalf of the Club. The reimbursement form may be found on-line at the Clubs website, at the Clubhouse, or you may e-mail Judy Oxborrow to obtain a copy. And, those members who are authorized signers on Club accounts at local vendors are requested to forward (by snail mail to P. O. Box 23699, Tigard, OR 97281 or fax 503/808-9229) copies of the vouchers for items they purchase at these vendors to BYWB. These are matched against the monthly billing statements. Another option is to scan and e-mail to Judy Oxborrow [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net) or leave the vouchers in the mail file in the Clubhouse for Judy to pick up.

**YEARBOOKS** – If you have not yet updated your information for the 2011 yearbook, please do so as soon as possible. Updates should be sent to both Anne Thompson [annietb@gmail.com](mailto:annietb@gmail.com) or Judy Oxborrow [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net)

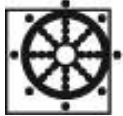
### ***RCYC Fuel Spills***

The Coast Guard has been alerted to these fuel spills on two separate occasions. The Portland Harbor Master, Ray Pratt was involved in the most recent spill on Wednesday, November 24th He was responding to a report of an oil sheen seen as far down river as Babeckose, and he followed it to Rose City. The Harbor Master was here at this club from 10 am until well after dark that day with the help of the Coast Guard and Fire Department looking for the source of the spill.

We are trying to handle this problem discretely in asking that members in the area of Walks 3,4, and 5 voluntarily check their boats for oil residue. Check if your fuel tanks are so full that some spills may occur at the tank vent or if any oil is being discharged from the bilge. If the spills continue, another suggestion would be to have each member in the suspect area operate their bilge pump with an assigned RCYC person present. And/or placing a spill stopping boom behind a few slips at a time waiting for the next occurrence.

It would be very prudent for these spills to be stopped before a future incident results in a fine or fines.

After checking your boat please drop an email to [Karen@SVDraco.com](mailto:Karen@SVDraco.com) or a quick phone call to Ron or Karen Billion at 503-528-1348. just to we can check your boat off of the list. Thanks for your help.



*View from the Rear*

*Chuck Fisher*

One of the things that being a Commodore does is give the individual an understanding of all the people it takes to make RCYC the fine yacht club that it is. Some members' work is more obvious than others work. Some work, by its very nature, draws attention to the worker. Other, equally challenging and time consuming gets done with little notice. To those who do the jobs of notice and those who perform equally difficult work that goes unnoticed, either because of the nature of task or the personality of the doer, thank you. Thank you for all your time and effort in 2010.



Gail O'Neil looking over her letter to Santa. Has she been a good girl?



Coleen Moran Looking for RCYC party goes to wash their own dishes.

# Christmas Ship Potluck



Wow, I get all the good gifts!



Not another dumb adult gift?



An RCYC captive audience wonders whose gift will be stolen next?



Another present ripe for the taking.

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Regarding plans for club improvements, the board has several ideas on the table. Some do not cost much, some cost a lot. To list a few, there are new tables for the clubhouse, improvements to the parking lot and gate, new cladding for the ramps, new piling, new water lines, and the list goes on. Our Long Range Planning Committee will give us a report this month on their recommendations and priorities. The Finance Committee, with the Board's input, has set forth the budget for 2011, with capitol improvement allowance. Permits are a big issue in many cases. Steve Barrett seems to work endlessly on this. To say the least, we are planning ahead.

We are also looking at refinements of our club by-laws, and structuring responsibilities of flag officers and directors so as to evenly distribute work loads. Chuck Stuckey and his committee are putting together their recommendations for the Board's review.

I look forward to the Commodore's Ball on January 29th and hope to see you there!

Chuck Silver  
Commodore



Chuck Stuckey cleaning the dredge.

Ron Billion cleaning sand out of the dredge with a putty knife and garden spade while waiting for the new shaft to be made.



*Vice Commodore's Report*

*Bill Kramer*

2011 should be a fine year for RCYC. The club is in good shape, and we will soon be planning more improvements to make it even better. Helping us to take care of our club is Chuck Pennington. He is continuing as the Work Party Chair. Many thanks to Chuck for doing this very important job. RCYC is a do it ourselves club, and it is our work hours that make it possible to have a club of this caliber. One of the Vice Commodore's duties is to monitor and record the work hours, and I am sure we will see everyone participating for the good of the club.

Keeping the RCYC calendar is another of my duties. Please contact me to get your events on the calendar. Renting the clubhouse is a benefit of club membership, and I am the person to contact if you wish to use the clubhouse.

Nina and I joined RCYC in 1999. We sail a Cascade 36 Gypsy, it is the colorful Cascade on walk 5. We both look forward to a great year of boating and good fellowship.

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RCYC Knitters Group.

**RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:**

January 2011

- 1 Soup and Sail
- 3 RCYC Knitters Meet – 10 AM
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting – 7 PM
- 13 RCYC Education-7 PM
- 17 RCYC Knitters Meet – 10 AM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC General Meeting- 7 PM
- 29 Commodores Ball

February 2011

- 1 OWSA Class - 5:30 PM
- 5 Private Party – 6 PM
- 7 Knitters Meet – 10 AM
- 8 OWSA Class - 5:30 PM
- 9 OWSA General Meeting – 6 PM
- 10 RCYC Education – 7 PM
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting – 7 PM
- 15 OWSA Class – 5:30 PM
- 16 RCYC General Meeting – 7 PM
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 SYSCO Social – 6 PM
- 21 Knitters Meet – 10 AM
- 22 OWSA Class - 5:30 PM



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