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February 2011



Commodore's Log

Chuck Silver Commodore

FROM THE HELM: Soup and Sail went quite well on New Years Day. Jean Beaty, in her debut as Activities Chair, along with her helpers, did a fine job preparing the clam chowder. There were 5 boats with captains and crew that motored down the channel past the Island Café and then back to the Club. The chowder tasted especially good after a brisk, but mild, one hour trip. We will refine the timing of all of this next year.

Fred Whitfield and the dredging crew have had their hands full with breakdowns, repairs and high water. But, they are far from giving up. Something breaks so they fix/replace it, and move on. With all the high water, just wait until it is below nine feet, then fire up the dredge and pump sand. It takes a big crew over a period of eight to twelve weeks to keep our marina with eight feet of depth each winter. I really appreciate all they do. Brad Jensen, congratulations for stepping up to relieve Fred.

I enjoyed the Portland Boat Show. It was good to see familiar faces and boats from this area. Steve Rander, RCYC member, had a 48 foot Wylie

design on display. It's good enough to match up with any J boat. Our own Chuck Stuckey, president of RiversWest Small Craft Center, was there with several of their members. Dave Hickman and Eric Rimkus, among others, are building the i-550, 18 foot kit sport sailboats in their facility. They are doing a professional job. Cliff Hunter with Lee Sails shared his booth with RCYC's new member attraction group, chaired by Mark Holzmann. All of this generates positive energy for the boating world here in our area.

I read of various yacht clubs locally advertising discounts to attract new members. RCYC, by contrast, has applicants coming in regularly and a waiting list for moorage. We must be doing something right. Our club has an ideal, balanced

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Retrieval of the Dredge Outflow pipe on 12-29-2010. Terry (diver) worked in the COLD river water to locate and put a sling on the broken off piece of dredge pond outflow pipe. RCYC could then pull the piece of pipe to a manageable position and tie it off. Pipe piece will be reattached in warmer weather.

Financial and Other Matters

Judy Oxborrow, Finance Committee

At its January 10 meeting, the Board approved a change in membership status for Jim and Anne Campbell. Effective January 1, 2011, they are now Inactive Life Members.

If you have questions about your billings or need replacement keys/gate openers, please contact Judy Oxborrow via e-mail at judy87807@comcast.net or 503-652-1549.

Membership cards were mailed with the first quarter billings in January. Those members who do not receive a bill should have received their cards in a separate mailing late in December. If you did not receive membership cards or need corrected cards, please contact Judy Oxborrow.

If you are a new member and do not have a name tag, please contact Mark Holzmann at holziw@gmail.com or 503-281-1395.

A volunteer chairperson and helpers
are needed for the
St. Patrick's Day Potluck
on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

If you can step up to lead this activity or help with this event, it will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact me at:
jeanbeaty@comcast.net or
360-693-5345.

Thank you very much.
Jean Beaty, Activities Chairman



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

As the Foghorn goes to press, the river has recently risen too high to continue dredging on walk four. Hopefully, it should be down to normal levels by next week. The outer half of the walk four fairway is all that remains on the schedule for this season. Then the Big Iron Sand Pump will be put to bed for another year.

I am presently filling two openings in our moorage from the Lists. We also have three more new members now proceeding through the membership process. It looks like the wait for a new slip will remain at a year or maybe a bit longer.

If your boat (still) has 2010 Oregon registration stickers on it, you are required to get the 2012 ones on very soon. The River Patrol Deputies usually walk our moorage in January or February. If you are uncertain just how and where to display your new stickers, just read the instructions on the form that they are attached to. Documented boats have to display theirs on both sides, adjacent to the stern.

Recently a boat was spotted with a broken mooring line. Be aware that the club has authorized the Residents and Port Captain to attach new dock lines, and bill them to you at market rates. Their time to do the work is valued at a nominal \$50./hour.

Check your lines for chafe, and check your bilges regularly while you're there.

See you on the docks!



Fabrication of the dredge's new left spud pipe: Brad Jensen, Tom Stringfield, and Ron Billion.

A View from the Rear

Chuck Fisher, Rear Commodore

This month's evidence that RCYC is a great yacht club with a tradition of caring about members and their families can be found at the end of Walk I.

Through a series of events that included the passing of Steve Johnson last year, there are two vessels which are now in the estate of Steve Johnson moored at the end of Walk I. While the club has the authority to demand the immediate removal of the vessels, out of courtesy for the family of deceased RCYC member Johnson, the vessels are being allowed moorage until June 30, 2011.

For those members who may be wondering, the estate is paying all regular fees associated with moorage and is fully responsible for maintenance of the vessels including keeping registrations and insurances current. The representatives of the estate have contracted with local boat mechanic, Norm Gustafson, to care for the vessels.

Of course, as with any vessels in the moorage, if a problem should arise, the Board can immediately terminate the vessels moorage.

The time is being allowed the estate is to facilitate the orderly conclusion of Steve Johnson's affairs.

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personality that reflects and thus attracts others to our club. Keep up the fine work of giving more than receiving! And, please continue to include new members in your boating and cruising plans.

One other important task to fill in our chair list is Used Oil Coordinator. Hans Geerling has been doing this for years and would like a replacement. The job consists of monitoring the used oil holding tank and, when it is full, calling for a truck to pump it out. In the meantime, this person makes sure the used oil is not contaminated with water, gasoline, antifreeze, etc. Simple. I know you are out there, give me a call.

Well, I need to figure out what I am going to say at the Commodores Ball. See you there, and we will talk about it in the March Foghorn.



Vice Commodore's Report

Bill Kramer, Vice Commodore

Spring is not too far away. Dredging is wrapping up, and we are looking forward to our work parties. The first work party is Saturday, March 6th. That's about a month and a half away. Chuck Pennington is our Work Party Chair, and he needs your help. We need more work party leaders and lunch leaders. This can be a fun learning experience. Let Chuck know when you can help. When you are coming to a work party remember to sign up so the lunch leaders can prepare the right amount of food. When you participate in a work party, you get a great lunch.

If you aren't able to attend a work party, being a clubhouse or grounds steward is a flexible way to get your work hours and fit them into your schedule. We need clubhouse stewards for September and November and grounds stewards for June – Aug. Let Jas Adams know you are interested.

If you change your phone number, note the changes in the clubhouse copy of the yearbook. It is kept by the clubhouse phone, and it is the book that the Resident Members and Port Captain look in when they need to call you about problems and emergencies with your boat. It is in your interest to make sure they can contact you. If you can't make it down to the clubhouse, send an e-mail to Judy Oxborrow (judy87807@comcast.net), and she will see that the information is distributed to all parties.

Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with the dumpsters in the parking lot. One is for recycling, and one is for garbage. Check the signs and only put the correct things in the dumpsters. This keeps the garbage company happy. Used motor oil can be recycled at the chapel. We only recycle motor oil. The oil must be in a container with a proper lid. Please, no gasoline, antifreeze or diesel. You need to take those to Metro Disposal yourself. Their website, www.oregonmetro.gov, has a wealth of information on what is garbage, recycling or hazardous waste. Locations are also provided so you can find the one closest to your home.

I am looking forward to boating season and we can all do our part to make sure that our club is ready too.

RCYC EDUCATION

Thursday, February 10th, 7:00 PM, RCYC Clubhouse

Come hear Larry Brandt talk about Radar and AIS. If you attended the Seattle boat show, you may have heard Larry's seminar on Radar. Larry is an American Sailing Association certified instructor for keelboat levels up to and including Advanced Coastal Cruising, Marine Radar, and Coastal Navigation. He holds an FCC General Radiotelephone License with ship radar endorsement, and an amateur radio license as well. He holds an FAA Airline Transport Pilot License, and an FAA Commercial License. He also holds FAA Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor ratings.

Mark Basel, Education Chair

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month.

Send titled articles and photos to all Foggers!

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WELCOME ABOARD FOGGERS!

Foghorn has a full team!

► Gail O'Neill and Jamie Mountford have joined the Foghorn team! Many of the Foghorn team have been members of the team for years. Having a 'team' really eases the impact of editing and graphics so there is no big burden on any one person every month. The Foghorn Team also makes it easy to work around holidays and emergencies. Vacation backup is readily available allowing freedom for cruising and other adventures.

Welcome new and returning Foggers!

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

February 2011

- 1 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Private Party, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 RCYC Knitters meeting, 10 a.m.
- 8 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 SYSCO Social, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 RCYC Knitters Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 22 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.

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- 1 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
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- 8 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 RCYC Education, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 OWSA Sailing Sisters Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Private Party, 12:00 p.m.
- 24 SYSCO Race Clinic, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 RCYC Frostbite Race

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.

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