

Commodore: Chuck Silver  
Vice Commodore: Bill Kramer  
Secretary: John Flenniken

### March 2011



### From the Helm

*Chuck Silver, Commodore*

The Commodore's Ball was very enjoyable, a lot of fun. Karl Quade and his committee did a fine job of preparation and keeping all going smoothly. Thank

you, Greg Leo, for filling in at the last minute as MC. Steve Petersen tried to fill that spot, but his voice and flu aftermath would not cooperate. The Essentials were great to listen and dance to. There was still a fairly large group that stayed until the very end. We look forward to having the Essentials back next year.

March is coming up fast and will be filled with much activity. The first work party will be March 5<sup>th</sup>; the second, the 19<sup>th</sup>. March 12<sup>th</sup> is the St Paddy's Potluck. Don't miss the food, live music and dancing on that Saturday. Our Board and General Meetings fall in the same week again in March. The Frostbite race is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dredging is done for the season, and the dredge with all its related pipe and equipment is put away. Thank you to the large crew of volunteers (over 30) that worked on the dredge over the past three months.

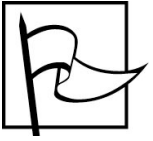
We had two new members sworn in at our February General Meeting, Earl Taylor and the couple Blain Goold and Robin Gunn and their baby too. We welcome you! Please, everyone, introduce yourself to make them feel our welcome.

RCYC members come forth when needed. Our oil recycling chair has been filled by John Fallon. Thank you, John. We could use another photographer. Hans Geerling is always willing to take pictures at the Club when he can, especially when we swear in new members, and Vickie Nissen seems always to keep her camera handy and takes pictures voluntarily when on the scene. But still, we need in addition someone to take pictures at other events – cruises, races, walk bbq's and work parties – in other words, any place and time, wherever our members are, pictures to be put into the Foghorn, our website and a slideshow at the end of the year.

For several months now we have been trying to find the source of a mysterious recurring oil slick in our marina. We have narrowed the area of observation to the vicinity of Walks 3 and 4, slips 1-13 of each. We plan to check the bilges of boats in these slips to see if there is any possibility of diesel being discharged. If you are in this area, you will soon receive a letter, if you haven't already, describing this procedure and the date(s) for it.

Come on, Spring!





## Vice Commodore's Report

*Bill Kramer, Vice Commodore*

It's March and we all hope the cold weather is behind us. Now is the time to think about work parties. Our work parties take care of Club maintenance and get our facilities ready for us to enjoy in spring and summer. The first two will be on Saturday, March 5th, and Saturday, March 19th. Work parties are also scheduled for April 4th and 16th. Please let Chuck Pennington know which ones you are attending so that lunch and tasks can be planned. Chuck's email is [Puffin36@msn.com](mailto:Puffin36@msn.com); his phone, 503-238-1506. We have a great club in a beautiful setting; so come out and take part in a spring work party. This is a great way to get to know other members and build a spirit of community.

I want to remind us all to think about safety, both yours and others', while we are at a working at the Club. Wearing ear and eye protection, gloves, work shoes and knee pads while working – all are easy and inexpensive ways to prevent injuries. If you see an unsafe situation, speak up. Accidents are preventable. We do not want any member to be injured while working at the Club. If we all practice working safely we encourage each other to be safety conscious.

Members are required to do half of their annual work hours in the first half of the year. Due to billing requirements, the deadline for your spring work hours is June 10th. If your schedule does not allow you to attend a work party, a great option is to be a Grounds Steward for one of the summer months. You can earn your work hours by mowing the lawn. We also need a Clubhouse Steward for September. Contact Jas Adams to sign up for these opportunities. Jas's email is [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com); his phone, 503-238-6298.

We all need to remember that it takes a lot of work hours to keep RCYC in good condition. The required twelve are just the minimum. Thank you for pitching in and contributing your part. We all share the efforts and the benefits.

## St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner



**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

**Social Hour – 5:30**

**Dinner – 6:30**

**Entertainment: Paddy Buckley**

**Corned beef-and-cabbage and mixers will be provided. Please bring your favorite **Irish** d'oeuvres, side dishes, breads and desserts.**

*Jean Beaty - Activities Chair*



## Secretary's Salutations

*John Flenniken - Secretary*

Member News

Jim and Anne Campbell have sold Highlander and changed their membership to Inactive Life Member.

Bert and Chris Hill have resigned their membership.

We have four new members: Alison Mazon, Earl Taylor, and Blain Goold & Robin Gunn.

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## Daughter of Neptune

My name is Patricia Morgan and I go to Gresham High School. I am in an honors English class, and I am proud to say that I am a band geek, choir freak and an actress for Gresham High School's Drama Department.

I was born in Caribou, Maine, and moved to Oregon when I was only six months old. I've lived in the same house ever since. When I was about three years old, my parents got a divorce. Like any other kid, I had a hard time coping with it. But things started to get better, and eventually, I was introduced to my mom's new boyfriend, Mike Finch. It wasn't too long after that that they got married. Mike introduced my mom, brother and me to sailing, and I fell in love with it immediately. Ever since I can remember, I have been sailing the Columbia River. Our boat, Willow, has become our home and a place we go to relax and be lazy. Every year we go out on the boat as much as possible, especially after some renovations. I know RCYC's docks like the back of my hand, and I even remember when I was a little kid and was required to wear a lifejacket, which I always hated.

Along with sailing, I spend my spare time hanging out with my friends and playing some sports like basketball, volleyball or just anything that catches my interest – although, sometimes instead of being active, I hang around the house talking to my mom, Karen, brother, Robert, or even sometimes my dreaded step dad, Mike. When I think about it, I'm really glad my mom met Mike, because, if she hadn't, my life wouldn't be full of all the fun Mike brings.

I am honored to be the Daughter of Neptune for 2011 and plan on meeting as many new people as possible this year because being the Daughter of Neptune isn't about me, it's about RCYC and the boat loving RCYC members.



## The Scoop on Dredging *Fred Whitfield Dredging Adviser*

The 2010-11 dredge season came to a close February 6 when the dredge crossed the “finish line” to a resounding boom of the famous Billion spud gun. Good thing, too – if you look at the pond you'll see it's been transformed from a rather large hole to a big sandbox full nearly level a couple of feet below the top of the dike. I figure we removed about 3000 cubic yards of sand since the first of November. A special work party held on February 8 returned the famous dredge to its slip and disassembled the pipe and stowed it away for the rest of the year. It was quite an ordeal this year. We had several small mechanical problems and two fairly large ones, having to replace the main pump shaft “in midstream” and also fabricate and replace a broken spud. We were shut down for quite a while because of the high river levels or freezing weather.

I want to thank everyone for their patience. I want to give a special thank-you to over 30 club members who worked on the dredge or on special work parties required for moving pipelines or repairing the dredge. Dredging is a big program made pretty easy thanks to the great cooperation from everyone. This is really appreciated when some sort of unusual thing happens and people just drop what they are doing and turn out to solve the problem and get us going again. I know everyone will give our new “Dredge Czar,” Brad Jensen, the same high level of cooperation, as I turn the levers over to him. Somehow, I think I'll still get my work hours in next season helping out where I can as one of the dredge crew who do “whatever floats your boat”.



RCYC Radar Education Class

## Youth Sailing *Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Chair*

Hello RCYC membership!

The youth sailing committee wants to invite you to help sign up young sailors. We have set ourselves some goals this year in order to build up an RCYC Youth Group. Please go to our web site and check out the schedules at VLSC and WSC. Vancouver Lake's is already up! ( HYPERLINK: "<http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/>) There is also a brochure on our main web page, and all needed forms are there too. If you need a form now, they are posted on the bulletin board or in the drawer at the clubhouse. Please remember that we want the applications for reimbursement at least one week before a class begins, with a message to both me and John Flenniken. We don't want to miss anyone!

Also, please let us know what children you have sponsored so we can follow up with them even if you aren't applying for reimbursement funds.

Thank you for giving to the Gainer Youth Sailing Fund. We are so very grateful. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I love doing this,

## From the Rear *Chuck Fisher, Rear Commodore*

Some number of members have expressed reluctance to "go through the chairs". Serving on the RCYC's board, becoming an officer and eventually Commodore, seems a daunting proposition. Certainly it is not a commitment to be made casually. However here are some very good reasons to serve. Here is reason thirty-five.

After being Commodore, you get to swear in new members as I had the opportunity to do for the first time this past General Meeting. Swearing in new members who are taking the same oath that you took however long ago – in my case some twenty plus years) causes it to hit home just what a special organization RCYC is.

Similar interests bring us together, but it is membership in RCYC that forms a bond of fellowship that can be strained by circumstance but is rarely broken.

The acceptance of the oath you present as a past Commodore, by people who are largely strangers committing to be active members of RCYC, will, with time, change them and RCYC in unexpected ways.

Each person who repeats and fulfills the oath to be an active member makes an impression on RCYC that is as unique as their personality and skill.

Remember reason thirty-five when you are approached to serve as a director or officer. It is a commitment no doubt. But how else will you be able, formally, to bring individuals into the RCYC family?



2011 RCYC Officers and Directors



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# Long Range Planning

*Randy Webster, Chair Property Development and Long Range Planning*

Long range planning is about large capital projects that add to the value of the club's assets or protect and extend the life of those assets. We plan for these projects so that: (a) the Club is safe and well-maintained, (b) there are no surprises (we hope) and no unexpected failures, and (c) we can afford them. Our challenge is to anticipate projects and plan for undertaking them in future years to match available funds with project costs.

The role of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is to maintain and monitor a 20 year plan for the Club. The LRPC keeps track of all the significant projects that are necessary or that the Club might consider desirable. It builds and maintains a financial forecast of the Club's funds in order to present options to the Board for the sequence of projects and their funding.

Projects that we know of today sort into three categories: Utilities, Moorage, and Facilities. Potential projects known today are listed below:

## Utilities

- Install a water pressure reducer to protect the club's water system

- Replace the water lines on Walks 1 through 4; Walk 5 is done.

- Upgrade electrical service to the gate, sign, and chapel.

## Moorage

- Replace the breakwater:

- Replace the last of the wooden piles.

- Replace or renovate the dredge.

- Re-deck the gangways like the new Clubhouse ramps.

- Repair riprap on the bank.

## Facilities

- Replace main club gate.

- Upgrade the parking lot.

- Replace clubhouse siding.

- Replace the patio deck awning with something more durable and attractive.

- Install a concrete slab for the trash and recycling bins, and wheelbarrow corral.



Recommendations We recommend to the Board the following principles of long range planning:

- Regularly monitor and assess the condition of assets to inform operations and routine maintenance, major renovations or replacements. The goal is to have no surprise failures. We should aim for preventive maintenance rather than wait until catastrophic failure.

- Replace assets with designs and materials that increase asset life and reduce operations and maintenance costs and effort. While we are a volunteer "do-it-yourself" club, DIY sailing is more fun than DIY dock work.

- Consider the life cycle and total cost of ownership of the asset, not just initial project costs. The cheapest today may not be the cheapest in the long run, considering a full accounting of all costs.

The next steps for the Board and the LRPC are to complete the list of potential projects and then fine tune the estimated project costs. After that, the complete list of projects and estimated costs will be published to the members along with a survey about priorities for the Club and these projects.

Members who have any questions or suggested projects are asked to contact one of the flag officers or any of us on the LRPC. The LRC members to contact are Randy Webster, Mike Oxborrow, or Karen Jacobsen.



## Moorage Matters

*Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

The moorage is full, and the waiting list for a new slip has grown to six member boats. We expect to add about three more to that list in March. Current Lists are posted in the west hallway of the clubhouse; if you want your own PDF copy, just send me an email request.

We should be able to fill one more large-boat slip by June. Any other opening will happen only if a member decides to sell or donate an older boat that is no longer in use. There are several that have been "parked 'n locked" for well over a decade. If you are through using your boat, it might be time to stop spending moorage and insurance dollars and let that boat go. We desperately need slip openings for our newer members.

At press time the Board has authorized boarding and inspection of bilges of over a dozen boats, searching for a mystery diesel leak that threatens to cause us trouble with the Coast Guard, not to mention fouling the river. You should regularly check and clean up the bilge in your boat, and there should never be any oil or fuel residue there. Check the deck fill hose and vent hose and all connections for integrity as well. If those hoses are over 20 years old, replace them with new USCG-approved ones.

Recent high winds have ripped some tarps and rolled some fenders out of the water. Check your boat for fender placement and line chafing, and, if you have a power cord, be sure its lock-ring is tight.

The club's water system will be pressurized soon so we can all clean off the moss. Let's all celebrate spring and go cruising and racing.



New members

Robin Gunn &  
Blain Goid

J-24

New member  
Earl Taylor

Passport 40



**Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month**  
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# BoatUS Smart Phone App

Alan Bergen BoatUS Coordinator

## Will Get You Home When Your Boat Won't, Will Share your Location, Back up Your GPS

When your boat breaks down on the water or runs out of gas, calling for an on-the-water tow is simple. The hard part, sometimes, is being able to tell the BoatUS towing fleet precisely where to find you, which can delay a safe tow home. Now, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) offers the only smart phone "App" that helps you call for a tow in a hurry and also adds helpful location and tracking features just for boaters, sailors and anglers. And you don't have to be a BoatUS or BoatUS Angler member to download the free App. The new [BoatUS App](#) can greatly improve towboat response times because of the accuracy of the GPS latitude and longitude technology built into these high tech phones. The moment you hit the App's "Call Now for a Tow" button, it automatically provides critical information before the response crew even answers the phone. Available for iPhones and Android phones, the App is available by going to [www.BoatUS.com/app](http://www.BoatUS.com/app). Once uploaded to your smart phone and information entered, the App is ready to go and gives boaters three choices: Call Now for a Tow, Share Your Location, or BoatUS Directory.

### Call Now for a Tow

When "Call Now for a Tow" is activated, the App operates similarly to the roadside assistance operator system built into General Motors vehicles. Data, including your boat's precise latitude and longitude, it's make and length, your emergency contact information, whether you have a working VHF radio aboard, and your smart phone number, are automatically provided to the BoatUS 24-hour dispatch centers before voice communication takes place. First they'll ask whether everyone on board is safe, and then they'll use the critical information to arrange for a tow. BoatUS members with the association's nationwide roadside Trailer Assist service can also take this App with them from the water to the road to summon help for a disabled vehicle or boat trailer while towing. Trailer Assist will even winch your rig out of a slippery boat launch ramp when you're stuck in the mud.

### Share Your Location

The "Share Your Location" feature makes it easy to send private text messages or emails containing your latitude and longitude with a Google map link, alerting your friends to where the fish are biting, or where the big raft-up is on Saturday afternoon. Additionally, anytime the App is activated it automatically displays latitude and longitude at the top of the phone's display – regardless of cell coverage. This feature turns a smart phone into a backup GPS, essentially allowing boaters to use the latitude and longitude information to give to rescuers via VHF radio. (BoatUS reminds boaters that a VHF marine radio should be any boater's first choice for emergency communications.) The BoatUS Towing App can also work well with your float plan, allowing you to easily text or email loved ones ashore, allowing them to track your trip on the [BoatUS online Member Service Locator](#) map. The App also gives smart phone users the option of seeing their own location on Google maps when their cell phone's Internet connection is operable.

### BoatUS Directory

Lastly, the "BoatUS Directory" feature allows boaters to use the phone to join or renew membership with the association very easily, get a quote for BoatUS insurance, file an insurance claim, see BoatUS news online, or speak to the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. For more information, go to [BoatUS.com/app](http://BoatUS.com/app).

- 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](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org)

Spring work parties are just around the corner, as listed below. Don't wait till the last minute to get your work hours completed. If you cannot participate in the regularly scheduled work parties then contact Chuck Pennington to find out about special projects.

March 5                      April 16  
 March 19                    May 5  
 April 2                        May 16



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

**March 2010**

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1	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
5	Work Party	9:00 am
	Hobie Fleet 72	4:00 pm
6	Radar Class	9:00 am
7	Knitters Meeting	10:00 am
8	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
9	OWSA Meeting	6:00 pm
10	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
12	St Patrick's Party	5:30 pm
13	OWSA Meeting	12:00 pm
14	RCYC Board Mting	7:00 pm
15	OWSA Meeting	5:30 pm
16	RCYC General Mting	7:00 pm
19	Work Party	9:00 am
20	Private Party	1:00 pm
21	Knitters Meeting	10:00 am
24	SYSCO Race Clinic	6:00 pm
26	Frostbite Race	

**April 2010**

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2	Work Party	9:00 am
4	Knitters Meeting	10:00 am
9	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
11	RCYC Board Mting	7:00 pm
13	OWSA Meeting	6:00 pm
14	RCYC Education	7:00 pm
16	Work Party	9:00 am
	Walk 1 BBQ	5:30 pm
18	Knitters Meeting	10:00 am
	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
19	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
20	RCYC General Mting	7:00 pm
22-24	RCYC Cruise East Dock	
30	OWSA Class	8:00 am