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April 2011



Commodore's Log

Chuck Silver, Commodore

St. Patty's Potluck on March 12th was a total success. The activity was well supported, and the food was delicious, including 55 pounds of melt-in-your-mouth corned beef. The entertainment was great, as well. Jean Beaty, Activities Chair, recruited the right people (or, they just plain volunteered) for organizing the meal; Craig and Patty Fisher did a fantastic job. They were joined with many helpers to pull it all off. Thank you all for a wonderful evening!

April comes with two weekends of work parties. Get involved and get your spring hours behind you. Many of you supported the work parties in March. Much was accomplished. It was rewarding to do a "spring cleaning" if you will. We purged, recycled and salvaged to make life simpler and more organized.

Our first cruise is the 22nd -24th of April, to Government Island, East dock. There is still time to get your boat de-winterized and cleaned up in time for the cruise.

Alison Mazon was sworn in as a new member in March. She was in Brookings the day of our General Meeting, but drove back to Portland in time. Please make her feel welcome. The reason she was in Brookings was to survey docks and boats that were damaged by the recent Tsunami.

Yvonne LaMont has volunteered to be our official photographer this year. I know there are many who will continue to take pictures at our events, and please do. Hans Geerling, Vickie Nissen, Larry Wintermeyer and others are always ready with a camera. The more the better.

As of this writing, all of the boats on Walks 3 and 4, slips 1-13 respectively, have not shown any signs of leaking diesel in our marina.

There are a couple of boats yet to check. We should all keep monitoring the moorage for the source.

April 16th, is the Walk 1 BBQ, and I know there are some fine folks who are going to host the event. Don't keep it a secret and let Jean Beaty know who you are.

Opening Day is May 7th. We are not the host this year, but we will do our regular thing. Think about entering your boat in the parade. Basically, if you have a working VHF radio, your boat runs and can maintain 5 knots, and if it's pretty, at least on the starboard side, you are a good candidate.

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Alison Mazon, new member



Vice Commodore's Report

by Bill Kramer - Vice Commodore

Spring is here, the days are longer and as members of RCYC there are lots of ways to get involved, build community and use our boats. Racing has a long tradition at RCYC and the RCYC Medium Distance Race will be held on May 21st. If you are interested in participating or helping out in a supporting role talk to Rock Kent. Helping out with a race is a good way to share the excitement without having to sit on the rail.

We will have two more spring work parties April 2nd and 16th. They are a great way to get your work hours for the first half of the year done. If that does not float your boat there are other opportunities to earn work hours including mowing the lawn as a grounds steward for a month, June, July or August. You can choose your own time to mow and enjoy being outside in the summer.

The main reason we belong to RCYC is boating and the cruising season is underway. The Government Island East Dock cruise is April 22nd -24th. Opening Day is May 7th. Who can resist a parade? Don't forget to get your vessel safety check or VSC. A VSC helps you keep your boat in safe operating condition and it helps the club's score on Opening Day. Memorial Day weekend is best when it's spent at Hadley's Landing. Join the cruise May 28th – 30th.

If we can't go sailing we should enjoy food together. The Walk One BBQ is April 16th. The Ladies Dinner is May 19th. Guys you can help with the dinner. The ladies will be enjoying the dinner and you can volunteer to be a waiter.

We have a great club and these are just some of the many ways to get involved and enjoy being a member of RCYC.

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We do get points for a higher number of entries. Plus, it is fun and it is boating. At any rate, come on down for refreshments and socializing.

On April 17th, 9 AM, Bill Kramer, Lynn Easton, Loren Beach and I will do a dock walk. We will be looking at our boats, moorage slips, moorage lines, shore power cords with their respective strain relief, and just things in general. So, if you know of anything in your slip that needs attention, please take care of it.

Looking forward to boating season!

Chuck Silver, Commodore

Upcoming Education Events

Shock prevention class & boat testing

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 9:00am

Place: Club house / Walks / your boat

Instructor: Kevin Ritz, ABYC West Coast Representative

Description: Stray electrical currents resulting from faulting wiring in your boat can cost money and lives. Stray currents not only accelerate corrosion of metal parts but can prove fatal to those on the boat or in the water near a boat with this problem. In this class, we will review the causes of stray currents and how to prevent them and then Kevin will help you do a quick test of your boat to see if you have this problem.

Fiberglass build and repair techniques

Date: Thursday, April 14th

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Club house

Instructor: Jason Whitaker, Rocky Pointe Marine

Description: Jason will discuss: fiberglass repair; faulty build techniques leading to expensive deck repairs; how to prevent leaking from deck fittings; deck compression and how to prevent it.



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

Our waiting list for new member boats is now at seven, and soon will be at nine. The moorage is very full. Repeatedly, I and the membership chair are asked about when some turnover might create a moorage vacancy. This would let an active new member family bring their boat into the moorage and allow them to participate more directly in club activities.

Any prospective members should expect a wait of at least a year for a slip of their own. Anyone wanting their own PDF copy of the moorage lists posted on the club's cork board can email me and I will send one out.

Temporary slips are another matter, as the club's moorage rules permit the club to sublet a temporarily-unused slip and credit the slip rent back to the assigned member.

By May, we should start seeing openings around the moorage, usually on walks 1, 2, or 5, where boats have gone North for two to four months on vacation. I always ask those members planning on vacation cruises to let me know when they are leaving and planning to return. Anyone on the waiting list wanting a temporary "double fill" slip for the summer should let me know. If you cannot reach me, just contact the Port Captain or Residents.

Spring is here and longer days bring more security concerns. Whether by land or water, sometimes the club has "visitors" who are looking for a lot more than an unauthorized dock walk. Keep the slide gate closed in our parking lot when it's not monitored during a social event. At dusk, lock up all clubhouse doors and close the ramp gate.

We have important rules for "invited" guests also -- like requiring that all kids under 13 must wear a PFD on the docks and walkways. All visitors must be

Remember: All children under 13 MUST wear a PFD on the docks!

accompanied by a member if touring the moorage docks. i.e. no unaccompanied sight-seeing by non-members is allowed.

Speaking of "visitors" we expect to see the Sheriff walking our docks any day now checking for safety problems and current registration stickers. Having a at RCYC.

The sign up lists for April VSC inspections will be posted in the clubhouse. We hope to have 100% compliance this season. This is a short safety inspection and easy to pass. Port Capt. Lynn Easton asks that anyone needing an inspection outside the Saturday schedule drop him a note.

Days are getting longer. Let's get underway!

From the Rear

by Chuck Fisher

Few things are more satisfying than watching a newer member respond to a need, put their all to the task, with a result that clearly benefits members. Mark Basel agreed mid-year 2010 to take over Education to allow Bill Kramer to assume the duties of Secretary. Mark was just a bit hesitant, but after a talk with Bill, he overcame his doubt. And all of us who attended the Radar class are glad he did. As one of RCYC's newer members, Mark has done a fine job as Education Chair, creatively identifying topics of interest to the membership. The classes he organizes are lead by individuals from within and outside the club who are knowledgeable and interesting. Good job, Mark!

Let's all be sure to get our vessel tags on our boats. The Port Captain says it is time. The Commodore has announced an upcoming dock walk. Part of the purpose of the dock walk is to identify those boats without current tags. Which reminds me, I have to keep this short. It is time to get to the club and put my 2011-2012 tags on Ursa now that the weather is warming up!

Financial Matters

by Judy Oxborrow

Over the last two quarters, we have seen a significant increase in late payments. Maybe people have had too much fun skiing or have headed south in search of sunshine. Maybe it's due to the sluggish economy. Regardless of the reason, the matter needs to be addressed.

Please read Article IV, Sections 1 and 2. Members have an obligation to pay their quarterly billing within 30 days of the billing date. "Any account not paid in full within 30 days of the billing date shall become delinquent. Delinquent accounts shall be assessed a late charge of 10% for each billing period that a delinquency exists."

This means that your check should be at the bookkeeping office no later than the end of the month. If the last day of the month falls on Saturday or Sunday, the check should be there no later than the following Monday. This does not mean that the check is written on the last day of the month or mailed on the last day of the month. If the check is not timely received, the bookkeeping service has instructions to send out a second billing with a late fee assessed.

THE BOOKKEEPING SERVICE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO WAIVE ANY LATE FEE. If you are assessed a late fee and feel that due to extenuating circumstances it should not have been applied, please contact Judy Oxborrow via e-mail judy87807@comcast.net or by telephone (503) 652-1549 to discuss your situation. If your payment crossed in the mail with the second billing, you still owe the late fee. You would not have to submit a second payment as it will be added to your billing for the next quarter. If you are going to protest a late fee, please do so timely. The assessment will be considered final on the last day of the month in which the following quarter's billing is payable. For example, you are billed April 1 for the April through June quarter. If your payment is not received by April 30, you would be sent a second billing with a late fee added. You would have until October 31 (date third quarter billing is due) to protest that late fee.

YEARBOOKS – The 2011 yearbook is being printed. It will be available for pickup during the April 20 general meeting. If you cannot pick up your yearbook at that time, you will find them in tubs in an envelope with your name on it in the clubhouse. Please take the entire envelope with you. If you have a boat in the moorage, you will be expected to pick up your yearbooks at the Clubhouse. They will not be mailed to you. Inactive and inactive life members will receive a copy of the yearbook in the mail.



*RCYC'ers the Jensen's, Picks, Foren-Chabala's, & Gales-O'Neill's
ready to set sail for Panama Canal in January*

An RCYC "Notice to Mariners"

by Loren Beach

Third season of the 6 PM "Meet and Go Sailing" program is starting up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Days are getting longer now and it looks like sunsets will occur at or after 2000 hours, starting about Tuesday, April 19.

Weather is expected to be cloudy and cool, warm and dry, or rainy and damp. Wind may or may not blow. All we can be sure of is that this is the spring we were waiting for back in January.

So come on down to your yacht club, stop by the deck at six pm and find a boat or some crew, and just go out for an hour or so. If you wish to motor around in your motor boat, you can show up and have an equal opportunity to leave the dock.

Getting better acquainted with other club members is a great benefit of our work parties and BBQ's, but getting out there on the water is the reason we own boats in the first place. (!) Life's Good. Just don't spend too much of it on lawn care....

Show up with your PFD and a smile. If you are taking your own boat out, be sure to check the club deck for crew before you cast off. This might be called the "No crew left behind" program.

Fair Winds!



Above: Rick Royce (meet to go sailing);
Right: Loren Beach and friends under sail

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.

Sign up today to secure your month! Contact RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams at 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com.



Very Special Contest

by Bob Gales, Director

A **Very Simple Conclusion**: Any Walk worth their salt would willingly accept a **FREE** keg of beer! With spring coming and walk parties on our minds, wouldn't a free keg of beer make a grand addition to the menu?

And any sailor worth their salt would make sure their vessel is ready for anything as they know how **Violent Seas Can** make for some **Very Scary Conditions**. Rose City members want all boats to be prepared and be able to return us home safely. Thus the Rose City Board of Directors offers this exciting challenge and prize.

So here is the simple challenge to all walks: Get your free **Vessel Safety Check** before Opening Day. The walk with the highest percentage of boats that have their **VSC** stickers displayed by noon on Friday, May 6 will be the winner.

Getting the **VSC** sticker is easy, just make a **Very Simple Contact** with our own U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Inspector Lynn Easton to schedule a time. Lynn is setting up the inspection schedule for most weekends in April, but the easiest times will be during the two work parties, April 2 and 16. Look for the schedule posted on the cabinet near the front door of the club house. Lynn will also do weekday inspections with prior notice.

Last year I had everything ready for Lynn's inspection. Easy access to all areas of the boat and items from the list displayed in the main cabin. Before Lynn even got on the boat his first words were, "Where is your bow running light?" No matter how many times I had recently walked past the bow I had not noticed the broken light! It is so easy to take for granted that all is well on my carefully maintained boat. Lynn's observant eyes really helped. Who knows what near disaster he saved me from!

Check your boat and inventory of required safety equipment and be prepared to sign up for an inspection in April.



CALL ME
(FOR A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK)

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AUXILIARY



What Is A Vessel Safety Check?

The Vessel Safety Check is a complimentary check of your boat conducted by members of the Auxiliary, confirming that it meets both federal and state requirements for safety. No citations are issued and the results of the safety check are not reported to any enforcement agency, but a decal is awarded to display if the vessel has passed the examination.

The Vessel Safety Check gives you a risk-free way to check that you meet the legal minimums and to potentially avoid a citation later.

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is performed at your boat – whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway – by a certified Vessel Examiner, at a mutually-convenient time, and usually takes 30 to 45 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat.

What Type of Items Are Checked?

- 1 Life Jackets**
- 2 Registration and numbering**
- 3 Navigation lights**
- 4 Ventilation**
- 5 Fire extinguishers**
- 6 Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.)**
- 7 Battery cover and connections**

All of these items are currently required by state and federal laws and, if missing or non-operating, can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the Coast Guard.

RCYC Youth Sailing

by Pam Sesar

Please continue to get the word out to children interested in sailing. The application and reimbursement procedures are posted on our RCYC web site and the bulletin board at the club house. We are so grateful for all the support and sponsorships that the RCYC membership has given.

WSC and VLSC have schedules up. Please check them to see what best works for you and children attending. Let us know names of kids and dates they'll attend classes, whether you apply for reimbursement or not. We want to build a RCYC youth group and keep in touch with the children, if possible.

Some recent comments have been: "They let me in a boat on the first day.?" "I was scared and now all I want to do is tip the boat over!" "Did you see me? I was driving with my feet!"

Again, keep getting the word out!
Thank you.



Kids at Vancouver Lake learning to sail the Open Bics.

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RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

April 2011

2 Work Party 9AM
4 Knitters Meeting 10AM
9 Electrical Shock Prevention Class
11 RCYC Board Meeting 7PM
13 OWSA General Meeting 6PM
14 RCYC Education 7PM
16 Work Party 9AM
16 Walk One BBQ 5:30PM
18 Foghorn Deadline
18 Knitters Meeting 10AM

18 OWSA Class 5:30PM
19 OWSA Class 5:30PM
20 RCYC General Meeting 7PM
22-24 RCYC Government Island
Dock Cruise, East Dock
28 Finance Committee Meeting
6PM
30 OWSA Class 8AM

May 2011

2 Knitters Meeting 10AM
7 Opening Day Ceremony

9 RCYC Board Meeting 7PM
10 OWSA Class 6:30PM
11 OWSA General Meeting 6PM
12 RCYC Education 7PM
14 Rigging Class 9AM
15 Knitters Meeting 10AM
18 Foghorn Deadline
18 RCYC General Meeting 7PM
19 Ladies' Dinner at RCYC 12PM
21 RCYC Medium Distance Race
21 OWSA Class 9AM
28-30 Hadley's Landing Cruise

•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