

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

May 2011



Commodore's Log

Chuck Silver, Commodore

Walk I started off the first BBQ for the year, hosted by Tom Stringfield and Vickie Nissen. It was a huge success. The Greek theme brought out many wearing their Greek fisherman hats and some food dishes including baklava. Thank you and all your helpers for an enjoyable evening.

Bill Kramer, Loren Beach, Lynn Easton and I did our semi-annual dock walk on Sunday morning, April 17. We were looking for boats in severe need of maintenance, safety corrections and legal requirements. Our findings were fairly minimal. There were a few boats that needed a good spring clean-up. You know, the green stuff primarily on the north side that needs to be power washed. There were ten boats that needed snubbers on their dock lines. Snubbers are a good thing. They take the shock out of the lines, thus out of the boat and dock. We do get wakes through the moorage, as you know, and our boats get set in motion putting a lot of stress on dock lines. The other thing we noticed was there are several of you who do not have current registration stickers installed, about 15 of you in fact. We are coming out of the cold, wet weather, believe it or not, and cannot use that as an excuse. So, clean up your boat if it needs it, put snubbers on all dock lines, and install your Marine Board stickers. I will be sending a reminder letter to those 25 people who need to comply.

May has many things happening. Opening Day is on the 7th. Join in the parade if you can. The theme is Carnival of Roses. May 19 is the Ladies Dinner. It has a western theme with food, music and dress to match. It should be a lot of fun for all you ladies. May 21 is the Medium Distance Race. At the end of the month, 28-30, is our cruise to Hadleys Landing. Start planning for that.

Enjoy the boating season.



New Members: Above Kevin Kahl and Annette Kienberger; Left Chris Payne. Be sure to make them welcome to the Club!



Vice Commodore's Report

by Bill Kramer - Vice Commodore

There has been lots of activity around the Club as we all get ready for spring and summer. The four spring work parties have taken place and the facilities are looking good. The tarp is back on the patio, the bolts on the walks have been tightened, the water is on, the lawn has been mowed and weeded, the blackberry bushes have been discouraged, flowers planted and many more tasks have been accomplished. Thank you to all of the members who made this possible.

Most members have now taken care of their work hours for the first half of the year. If you still need to get your hours in, we still need Grounds Stewards to mow the lawn for a month in the summer and a September Clubhouse Steward. Contact Jas Adams to volunteer. This is a work activity that will improve your tan. You can also contact Chuck Pennington to see what other tasks need to get done. Due to billing requirements, the deadline for getting your spring work hours done is June 10th. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Board of Directors.

On Sunday April 17th the spring dock walk inspection took place. Moorage Chair Loren Beach, Port Captain Lynn Easton, Commodore Chuck Silver and Vice Commodore Bill Kramer conducted the dock walk. We discovered that our moorage is in good shape. There were a few boats that were not displaying current registration stickers. There were also a few boats that did not have snubbers on the bow and stern dock lines. The snubbers protect your boat as well as the docks so please use them. We were very pleased to note that there were not any unsafe electrical cords. Thank you for keeping your electrical cords properly installed so they stay out of the water.

May is going to be a busy month. Opening Day is Saturday May 7th. Come and join in all the fun.

Don't forget to get your VSC which helps make sure that you have a safe boating season and it boosts RCYC's score for Opening Day. On Saturday May 14th Mark Basel has arranged for a rigging class. This should be another great class. The next week has the Ladies Dinner on Thursday May 19 and then Saturday is the RCYC Medium Distance Race. These are both fun events to participate in or to volunteer to help out. Memorial Day weekend has the cruise to Hadley's Landing May 28-30. This is always a fun cruise even if it rains

RCYC is a great Club because we all make it so. Thanks again for making it possible.



Memorial Day Cruise

May 27 - 30, 2011

The Club will be heading to Hadley's Landing on Multnomah Channel.

Let's plan a potluck for Sunday night.

Happy hour at 1400 hours and dinner at 1500 hours

If you have any questions, call

Ron Moran at 503-807-3817



Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach

The moorage is full up with seven new-member boats on the wait list. I will be filling one slip during May, and probably another one in July, as things stand now. When there actually are openings, I will email the members on the waiting lists.

Dinghies and kayaks should have enough rack space for this season. We presently have a few empty slots. Basic rule is that everyone on Walks 2, 3, 4, and 5 can claim and name one dinghy and one kayak space. Walk 1 folks must use the storage in front of their boat, up by the wave fence. If we ever run out of room for small boats and some members have both a dinghy and a kayak stored, they may be asked to reduce their storage need to a single small craft.

As we get into spring and summer, I expect to be temporarily renting slips to members on the wait list while member boats are up north or otherwise out of the moorage for an extended period. If you plan to be absent or are in need of a summer slip, contact me.

I just finished walking the moorage with the Officers and Port Captain. If you have a power cord dangling in the water, you must lead it such that it stays clear of the river. Most boats should have snubbers on bow and stern lines due to surge from wakes.

Your current registration sticker should now be displayed. Note that you should remove all the prior stickers and glue residue to ensure that the new stickers adhere completely.

Opening Day is approaching, so if you have moss and mold growing on your boat, please clean it off.

Days are lengthening, so remember:

Security: The ramp gate and all doors to the Clubhouse *must be locked at dusk*. If you access the Clubhouse later, you must turn off all lights and lock up all three doors when leaving. Keep an eye on the parking area as well as the docks. If someone gives you static, the sheriff's number is in the Clubhouse; and if you feel threatened in any way, dial 911.

The current runs fast and very cold during May and June, so be sure that all kids under

13 have their PFD's on at all times on the docks. Adults must be careful, also.

The "sailing on Tuesday evenings" program has started. Show up at the patio deck at 1800 hours and either go out with someone or take someone out on your boat.

From the Rear

by Chuck Fisher

The thought occurred to me how much of a positive impact newer members are making on RCYC. Last month's short piece recognized Mark Basel. This month's focuses on the contributions of newer members Jean Beaty, Activities Chair and John Tichenor, Fire Safety & Prevention.

Jean Beaty agreed, with some trepidation, to be the 2011 Activities Chairperson. She was uncertain of the responsibilities of the job and less certain of the support she would receive. But she stepped up and has "taken the bull by the horns" as it were. We are all appreciative of her attitude, spirit and effort. Jean is doing a great job. Thank you, Jean!

John Tichenor is one of those people you might not recognize. My communication with John regarding RCYC fire safety and prevention over my year as Commodore was by email. Last week, late in the afternoon I noticed a fellow walking each walk checking the fire extinguisher tags. My thought, "It had to be John."

With real pleasure, I finally got to meet the face behind the emails. It turns out John travels a lot and the flexibility of maintaining RCYC's fire safety equipment and prevention systems works well for him. John is one those members, who because of life's other commitments we may not see each day, who is working to make RCYC a better place for each of us. Thank you, John!

Photo history of the Club

The program for the May General Meeting is "The history of Rose City Yacht Club." Ron Moran has put together a photo history of the club to show at the May General Meeting.

Financial Matters

by Judy Oxborrow

YEAR BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CLUBHOUSE. One copy of the Year Book will be mailed to Inactive and Inactive Life Members. If you have a boat in the moorage, you are expected to pick up your Year Books at the Clubhouse. The Year Books will be in bins in the Clubhouse. Each member should look for an envelope with his/her name on it. Pull that envelope from the bins and take it with you.

SECURITY - With good weather fast approaching and more private parties being scheduled, now is the time for a reminder about Club security. The policy of the Club is that the gate shall be closed unless attended. If you are having a party and don't have a member lined up to tend the gate, we have a possible solution for you. Although it may be difficult, remember back when you were a teenager say, 13-15 – too young to have a regular job, but always wanting extra money in your pocket. Well, two teenagers from the Club have been hired by RCYC members to tend the gate for their parties. Both have done an excellent job, with positive comments both from members and guests. So, consider hiring Dakota Volesky (503/688-9153) or Jordan Tichenor (503/761-2131).

A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY!!

ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT IN 2011! Sign up now to be a Clubhouse Steward. 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.

ALSO, GROUNDS WORK AVAILABLE FOR WORK HOURS. Prefer to work outdoors? This year there is also the option of signing up for one month of outdoor maintenance (mowing the lawn twice) as a Yard Steward for July or August, (June is already filled) 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 as a Clubhouse Steward or a Yard Steward!

Contact RCYC Clubhouse Chair Jas. Adams at 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com.

OPENING DAY ACTIVITIES

May 7th, 2011

9:00 am Continental Breakfast will be provided

10:00 am Opening Day Ceremonies

11:00 am Skipper's Meeting

(The above are approximate times.)

RCYC will be in the last position of the parade this year.

If anyone would like to help decorate RCYC for Opening Day, we will be decorating at 5:00 pm on Friday evening, May 6th. Let's go out and have pizza after decorating.

Please contact Jean Beaty at 360-693-5345 or jeanbeaty@comcast.net if you can help.

CRUISING ETIQUETTE

It's time to start the 2011 cruising season. With that in mind let's review some items that will make for a safe and fun season for all. If you have any questions regarding club cruises, please contact your Cruising Chair – Ron Moran at 503-807-3817.

When participating in a Club cruise, the following will help make it a safe and enjoyable experience.

EQUIPMENT:

- Fenders: The minimum to have is four, sized for your boat.
- Use fender covers to stop squeaks.
- Lines: The minimum is four lines.
 - Have a bow and stern line, also two spring lines.
 - Use 3-strand line, which has some stretch and will not squeak as much as braided line does.
- Anchors: The minimum is one, but you should have both a bow and stern anchor.

The boat rafting up or docking is responsible for providing the necessary lines and fenders to complete the task safely and securely.

- Have your fenders and lines in place ready to go.
- Approach at a slow speed.
- When docking, come in as parallel to the dock as possible.
- When rafting up, approach from the stern if possible, coasting to a stop beside the raft. Do not push the raft around by bumping into it.
- The first line off your boat should be a mid ship line.
- Next get your bow and stern line in place. The only time to deploy your bow and stern lines first is if both can be passed to line handlers at the same time.
- Line handlers work together to move the boat in parallel to the raft or dock.
- If rafting up, adjust boat so spreaders are 2 to 3 feet for or aft of the boat next to you.
- If rafting up, you must be willing to deploy anchors if needed.
- *Lunch hooks are not acceptable.*

It's the responsibility of the boat skipper to check all lines and fenders after tying up.

ETIQUETTE

- When rafted up and crossing another boat, good manners dictate you cross forward of the mast.
- Use care not to rock the boat you are crossing.
- Use care not to stress equipment not intended as foot steps or handrails.
- Always ensure your feet, shoes & person are free of sand, mud, dirt and trash when getting onto other members' boats.
- Sound carries exceptionally well over water. Audio output should not be enjoyed by adjacent boats without permission. Also remember comments you make may be heard by others.
- Secure halyards away from your mast to prevent slapping.
- Tie up your dingy/inflatable securely so that it will not hit your neighbor's boat. A good way to accomplish this is to tie it off across your stern with two lines, using a fender to protect your stern.
- Keep your pets under control – no running loose. During Pot Lucks it's best to keep them on your boat or on a short leash.

RCYC Education Event

Boat Rigging

**9:00am Saturday May 14, RCYC
Clubhouse and Walks**

Instructor Ian Weedman, will be discussing rig safety (detecting corrosion, etc.) and tuning, followed by a "dock walk" where we will be looking at different types of rigging.

RCYC Frostbite Regatta – 26-March-2011

by Rock Kent

As the first race of the year, the Frostbite Regatta kicks off the sailboat racing season on the Columbia, except for the dedicated Sailing-on-Sunday folks who've been showing us how it's done all winter long. It also seems, each year, to catch the racers by surprise. I was a little worried when, two weeks prior to the race, I heard we had only two entries. Our racers came through though, in their procrastinative manner, and we had 26 boats join us on the river come race day. We were able to put together four fleets -- PHRF-A, PHRF-B, Merit 25, and No-Fly Sails.

Frostbite weather can sometimes be as challenging to the race committee as it is to the racers. Bob Henry graciously volunteered the Nordic Tug "John Henry" as committee boat -- a really luxurious platform for the race committee. Our six-person race committee had great visibility, fresh coffee and munchies, and they were warm and dry ... need I say more?

The wind at PDX in the morning was ESE @ 13, but all of the forecasts called for it to lighten and swing to the SW in the afternoon. We positioned "John Henry" over by the Ryan Point launch ramp so that we could be flexible in choosing courses as the wind clocked. With the wind holding as we approached the start time, I made the decision to send everyone off on relatively long courses. The big boats prefer the longer courses and I figured we might not get the chance later. So, folks were out on the first race for a little over an hour.

As we worked toward getting the second race off, a little after 2:00, the weather started to get fluky. I spent a little time moving the starting mark to try and square up the line before giving it up as a lost cause. Some 45 minutes later in lightening winds, after a few 90-degree wind shifts and a squall gusting to 25 knots, we managed to get a second race off for all but the No-Fly Sails boats -- I just wasn't confident they could make ground in the light winds.

With all boats done racing around 4:00, we retired to the Clubhouse for the after-race Social. Randy and Becky Bauer did a great job running the social. I heard quite a few compliments on the meatball subs and beer.

Kim Rimkus had arranged for awards appropriate to the season and appreciated by the racers -- warm and fuzzy scarves, hats, and vests.

We did manage to finish racing with one protest to be held -- a hearing that finished up a long day around 9:00 that evening.

My thanks to all of the volunteers.



RCYC Youth Sailing

by Pam Sesar

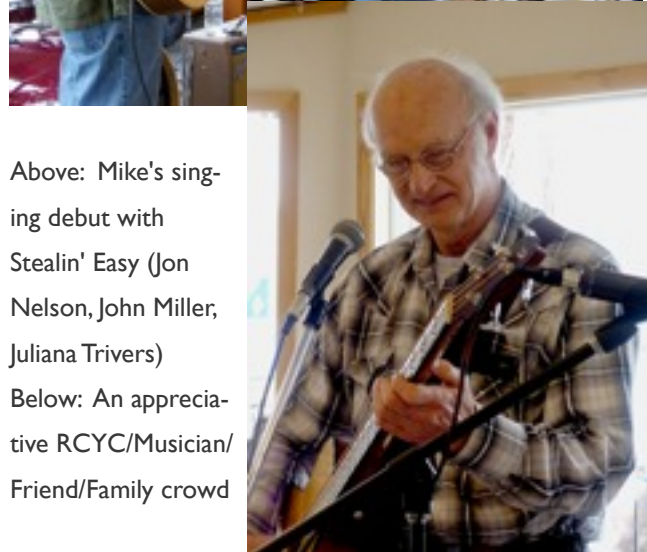
What a great start this year! Your support encouraging children to enroll in programs and your support financially is so appreciated. We currently have seven children participating and more to come. Please continue to refer children to VLSC and WSC whenever possible.

We are having so much fun!

Our website has the forms and process for reimbursement, but the dates and classes are on Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's website and Willamette Sailing Club's site. The latest quote, "I like driving MY boat backwards!"



CJ and Dakota Volesky manning the gate



Above: Mike's singing debut with Stealin' Easy (Jon Nelson, John Miller, Juliana Trivers)

Below: An appreciative RCYC/Musician/Friend/Family crowd



*RCYC Ladies Dinner
Thursday May 19, 2011
"A Western Roadhouse"
Music and Entertainment
by Stealin' Easy
Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Cost: \$20
Make your reservation early
(by May 8), as seating is limited
to 90 attendees.
Payments should be made in
advance to Linda Latham.
Western attire is encouraged!*

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RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

May 2011

7 Opening Day Ceremony
9AM
9 RCYC Board Meeting 7PM
10 OWSA Class 6:30PM
11 OWSA General Meeting
6PM
14 Rigging Class 9AM-1PM

18 Foghorn Deadline
18 RCYC General Meeting
7PM
19 Ladies' Dinner at RCYC
6PM Social Hour, 7PM Dinner
21 RCYC Medium Distance
Race
21 OWSA Class 9AM
28-30 Hadley's Landing Cruise

June 2011

4 OWSA Class 9AM
8 OWSA General Meeting
6PM
9 Education 7PM
13 Board Meeting 7PM
15 General Meeting 7PM
17 Walk Two BBQ 6PM
18 Foghorn Deadline

•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