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From the Helm

Chuck Silver, Commodore

It is time for another issue of the Foghorn. I am sure we all look forward to these newsletters; I know I do. I have been asked by the Foghorn Team to request **HELP!** They are in great need of volunteers for graphic design and editing. If you are experienced in either or both of these fields, please contact me or any one on the Team (see names and email addresses in this issue). This is another of

those jobs where many hands make light work. We have lost three of the Foghorn Team recently due to health, no longer a member or other extenuating circumstances. We owe a huge Thank You to Vickie Nissen, Bob Phillips, Judy Oxborrow, Joyce Jensen, Gail O'Neill and Dawn McClard for making the Foghorn magically appear each month. Simeon Hyde has also devoted many years to editing. Many on the staff have been at it for a long time and want to continue, but they need help, so if you are able, please step up.

It is that time of year to choose a Daughter of Neptune. If you are a teenage girl between the ages of 15 and 18 and have parents or grandparents who are members of RCYC, you qualify. Fortunately, we have several who are interested. If you have not already done so, send the Board a letter or email, requesting your nomination. Tell us about yourself, your activities and participation in the club. We will select one of you. For those of you still interested, there is next year. We will need your requests before our Board Meeting on November 14, and you will need to attend that meeting with your request. See you then.

We are moving forward with optimism toward the dredging season. We do not have an official permit – yet. Brad Jensen has done soundings and knows where the high spots are. Keep in mind this requires a lot of work, so please make yourselves available and let Brad know so he can put you on the schedule. If all goes well we will start in November.

The ramp resurfacing process is moving along nicely. The West ramp will be done this week. The East end remains, so jump in and give a hand. Contact Karl Quade; he would certainly appreciate it. Karl and Chuck Pennington have done the brunt of the work, and they deserve a lot of credit. Steve Petersen, Larry Wintermeyer, Jim Hackley and Mark Basel have done much as well. (There are undoubtedly some I may have missed). Thank you all.

We have one remaining work party this year, November 5th. Make plans to be there and help put the Club in winter mode. Contact Chuck Pennington for direction. Don't forget, the water will be shut off to the boat slips at that work party.

The famous Walk 5 BBQ is November 19th, so bring your auction item, entrée, adult beverage and appetite, and have a good time with your fellow members!



Old Salt's Dinner diners



Old Salt's Dinner cleanup crew



Old Salt's Dinner kitchen crew

From the Rear *Chuck Fisher , Rear Commodore*

Another grand Old Salts Dinner was hosted by Alan Bergen and the crew. Kudos to Alan and all the volunteers who made the well cooked meal a reality.

By the time you read this, the club will either have a 2012 incoming leadership slate voted in by acclamation at the October general meeting or, if there were nominations from the floor, we will be voting on club leadership at the upcoming November meeting. In either case, the Nominating Committee and the membership-at-large are truly fortunate that there are interested and talented members who are willing to serve as officers and directors.

Directors make a significant investment of their time and energy attending Board meetings, studying issues, and taking on special assignments. Flag officers make a particularly significant commitment which generally means at least four years of responsible involvement in club management. Again, we are fortunate that RCYC has a tradition of officers, directors, and members working together to address issues of the day. And there is a wealth of experience and assistance that senior members of the club bring to the table when issues of importance are being treated.

The divisions that seem so common in larger society are neither desirable nor welcome within the boundaries of RCYC. Each time I sit in front of the computer screen and ponder these short pieces, without fail, the first thought that comes to mind is, what a great club RCYC is. Let's all work together to keep it that way!

Old Salts' Dinner

Another dinner has come and gone, but I would be remiss if I didn't publicly acknowledge the help I received from the following volunteers: Werner and Renata Bittner, Alan Boguslawski and Rhonda Morgan Boguslawski, Judy Brandon, Craig Cordon, John Fleniken, Karen Jacobson, Kevin Kahl and Annette Keinberger, Hugh Lovell and Jean Morrison, and Carol Pick.

Alan Bergen



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We are moving along on freeing up a new slip for a boat under 30 feet. I will send out an email when it's ready. I just filled a long-term temporary slip vacancy with a Waiting List vessel. Anyone on the Waiting List wanting a temporary slip should drop me a line.

Our winter maintenance work is under way. Work parties are replacing several rotten "walers" on our concrete dock system, and dredging is about to start again. If you find a loose cleat or loose rod through a dock, either fix it or let the Work Party Chair know to put it on the squawk list.

Check your mooring lines for chafe and have some snubbers on your short bow and stern lines. It's also getting close to the storm season when you need to think about winterizing the boat and taking your RF genny off until spring.

It is wrong to drive lag screws through the bottom of your dock box into the wood "walers", so to prevent the box from being blown off your dock by the wind, put five gallons of sand inside in a bucket or bag.

Days are getting shorter and you must remember to close up the clubhouse and the ramp gate at dusk. By December we sometimes face a week of winds over 30 knots, temps way under 25 degrees, and the odd power outage. Do NOT depend on an AC heater to keep your engine safe.

It's Excellent weather for warmed mince pie and hot toddies, however!





Vice Commodore's Report by Bill Kramer - Vice Commodore

October has been a good month at RCYC. Alan Bergen and crew put on a very tasty Old Salts Dinner. The tiramisu was a great finish to a fine meal. Thanks to all of you. Karl Quade has been overseeing the new decking for the ramps that lead down to the moorage. The new decking is a non skid fiberglass material that looks great and is very strong and long lasting. Thanks to everyone who has been working on the ramps.

To help take care of the new decking we are getting 4 dock carts to try out. The wheel barrows have a steel cross member in front that digs into the decking when you are going up the ramp. The dock carts won't do this. They also won't rust. We hope the dock carts will work out. If so, we will get some more. We will keep the wheel barrows for work parties.

The fall work parties have been getting the club in shape for the winter. A big thank you to all of the members who have helped out on the work parties. The last work party is Nov 5. If you still need to get your work hours covered this would be a good opportunity. Larry Roberts is the work party leader and he can find work for you to do. Helping with the dredge is another option. Brad Jensen is our dredging chair and he needs workers also.

It is never too early to start thinking about next years work hours. For 2012, Dave Kibby is our new work party chairman and he needs work party leaders and lunch leaders. Being a clubhouse or grounds steward is another good way to cover your work hours. Jas Adams would be glad to get you on the schedule for next year. The Foghorn is looking for at least two people to help with producing the newsletter.

If you want to check on your work hours or have questions please contact me. 503-290-6781 or bkramer6@yahoo.com.

Youth Sailing Report by Pam Sesar

Wow, we have had some great reports of families using Willamette Sailing School and Vancouver Lake Sailing School this Fall. It is wonderful to see those schools working with Youth Sailing programs in Cascade Locks and Hood River. The Columbia Gorge Racing Association helps coordinate regattas, races, and committee work. What a great group of people.

A special thank you to the following members that contributed through their generous donations: Tom & Jeanne Becker, Mike & Olga Moen, John & Kathie Kneeland, John & Penny Flenniken, Bill & Louise Redding, David & Sally Hickman, Richard & Sally Hewitt, Steven Pipoly & Michelle Forrer, David Kibby & Anne Lemcke, Jim & Bette Johnsrud, Kelly & Debbie Martin, and Lisa Petersen. I know that I may have missed a name or two, and I know that many of you have also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help make this program successful. The youth sailing committee is grateful to you all.

We sent out a survey to all children (that we know of) that participated in local sailing schools to help understand what was "fun" and what could be "more fun." We will be going over the results as we plan for next year. Some of the responses will be published in the Foghorn. The following is what some of the children wrote to the question: Did you have a thrilling moment? If so describe briefly!

"The boat got so close to capsizing that it started to fill up with water." "I don't think so, or when I won." "spinning in circles." "When I was going super fast and I was heeling, and the boat capsized and I didn't fall off . . . I used the dagger board to get back in the boat."

"Sailing to get ice-cream across from OMSI."

"Coming in first in a race." "Yes, right before I capsized the boat."

RACING REPORT

PYC Fall Regatta

Martin Fleet
1st Apple Pi Rock Kent

PHRF >124
1st Swifterly Ken Park/Pam Sesar
2nd Howdy Allan Weber

CYC Fall Regatta

Martin Fleet
1st Apple Pi Rock Kent

PHRF-B
2nd Cool Change Frank Noragon

PHRF-C
1st Swifterly Ken Park/Pam Sesar

PYC Grand Prix

PHRF >124
1st Hare Brained Dave Hickman
2nd Honey Badger Eric Rimkus



New members Robin Fouche and Bob Hulegaard

Winterizing Boat Thru Hulls from Boat US

If the boat must be left in the water, the thru-hulls have to be protected by closing all seacocks and gate valves. Leaving a thru-hull unprotected over the winter is like going on an extended vacation and leaving your home's front door open. Failure to close thru-hulls is a major cause of loss in the BoatUS insurance program. In a recent study of 40 winter-related claims, seacocks or gate valves left open caused or contributed to the sinking of seven of the boats in the sample group. It should be noted that raising and refurbishing a boat that sinks, even at a dock, is a daunting job that can keep the boat in the repair yard for many weeks over the spring and summer. Whenever a boat is stored in the water over the winter, all thru-hulls, with the exception of the ones for cockpit drains, must be closed or it could be on the bottom next spring. And all thru-hulls, especially the ones for the cockpit drains, must be double-clamped with stainless steel hose clamps at each end. This is critical. When water freezes it expands and will lift a poorly secured hose off of a fitting. The hose itself is also important. Lightweight hose and PVC tubing can rupture or crack. Use only a heavily reinforced hose, especially at cockpit drains.

If your boat has thru-hulls below the waterline that can't be closed, either because they are mechanically frozen open or have broken (typical with gate valves, which is why they are not recommended), it should be stored ashore for the winter.

Seacocks are closed by moving the handle down so that the handle is parallel to the hull. Gate valves are closed by turning the wheel clockwise. After the seacock or gate valve has been closed, remove the hose so that it drains and then use an absorbent cloth or turkey baster to eliminate any residual water, which can freeze and crack the nipple. (Taking off the hose also assures you that the valve has closed properly.) Reinstall the hose immediately and secure the two clamps.

It should be noted that thru-hulls above the waterline are not required to have seacocks and most don't. That doesn't mean that these thru-hulls aren't vulnerable. Ordinary plastic thru-hulls deteriorate in sunlight and have been broken when they were shoved underwater by the weight of snow and ice in the cockpit, which then sinks the boat. Plastic thru-hulls near the waterline are especially vulnerable and should be replaced with bronze or Marelon (the latter is the only type of plastic approved for marine use by U.L.).

Fly our Burgee on Mt. Hood!!

Tis the change of the seasons. Looking at our eastern backdrop of our Sailing Season we notice a new layer of white. It is nearing time to put away our sails and winterize our engines; perhaps it is time to redirect communion with Mother Nature by creating our own wind, flying down the slopes of Mt. Hood, riding the terrain. We have a direct line to Adult Midweek Ski Bus Programs throughout the Metro area Monday through Thursday. Annie Roehm has all the information needed. (contact info below)

Mt. Hood Meadows www.skihood.com. Discounted programs/Coach buses (57 passenger)

See posters and on-line registering information posted in the clubhouse

- Season Openers -- December 7th & 8th
- 6 or 8 weeks starting January 3rd through February 24.

Timberline Lodge Discounted programs/Shuttle (24 passenger airporter)

- Season Opener -- Monday December 6th
- January & February -- at least two weeks of each month
- March & April -- as demand requires (Spring Pass \$99 good through May).

Silcox Hut Adventure -- upper Timberline Lodge = full alpine experience at 7000'

- April 1-2 = April Fool's Day defying the odds for perfect conditions at the full moon phase
- 2 meals, bedding, snow cat ride 2-way
- we own the lodge for a full day and night
- \$145/person -- deposit for reservation deadline December 15, 2011 (lift not included)

Annie Roehm has the details at ski4fun@q.com or roehma@q.com or phone 503.768.3936 to get you registered and on board.

Carpooling is also available. Talk to me!!

WALK 5 BBQ AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Join the members of RCYC for the final Walk BBQ of the year. Don't miss out on a chance to purchase the 'valuable' auction items. This is the time for you to go through your lock boxes, hanging lockers and closets to find those items your fellow RCYC members would love to buy at the auction.

Wrap those items so no one can see what they are -- a real surprise. Bring them to the BBQ and drop them off for the auction.

Please bring your protein choice to BBQ and your own beverage. The rest of the meal will be provided. Hope to see you at the BBQ and Auction.

HAPPY HOUR: 5:30 P.M.
DINNER: 6:00 P.M.
AUCTION: 7:00 P.M.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month

Think a month in advance for any time sensitive articles or events.

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Christmas Ship Parade

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Christmas Ships Potluck

December 9th

5:30 pm - social time

6:30 pm - dinner

7:30 pm - gift exchange

Join other RCYC members and guests for a fun evening of food and fun while we welcome in the 2011 Holiday Season with our annual Christmas Ships Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and a gift for the gift exchange. More details will be out in the December Foghorn.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2011

5	RCYC Work Party	9:00 am.
7	RCYC Knitters	10:00 am.
9	OWSA General meeting	6:00 pm.
10	OWSA workshop	6:00 pm.
12,	OWSA Awards Dinner	6:00 pm.
14	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm.
16	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm.
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31	RCYC Informal New Years Eve Party	TBA

- 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