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December 2011



Commodore's Log

Chuck Silver Commodore

FROM THE HELM: It is hard to believe I am writing my last log for the Foghorn as Commodore. Time has gone by quickly. That is usually the case if you are busy. I have not regretted this experience one bit. I feel as though it has been very beneficial to me, especially from the standpoint of getting to know the Club members better as well as the inner-workings of the board and all they do for the Club. The need for new board members and chair persons goes on year after year. Feel free to make yourself available in the future for a leadership role.

I would like to summarize some of the events and people that stand out in my mind:

First of all we will remember and miss those who have left us in death. We hope Cecile Tonneson, Gloria Becker, Matt and Mattie Annis, Judy Dyer, Douglas Buck, and Sally Hickman have all gone to a better place

Second, we welcome Blain and Robin Gunn, Earl Taylor, Alison Mazon, Kevin Kahl, Annette Kienberger, Chris Payne, Bruce and Amber Barertlein, Robin Fouche and Bob Hulegaard as new members. New members, be sure to attend the Commodore's Ball on February 4th and receive a complimentary dinner.

Third, there were many things we accomplished during the year. We started digital archiving of select documents thanks to Tom Stringfield, Ethan VanMatre, and Judy Oxborrow.

The infamous oil slick has disappeared (hopefully, for good).

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*Ship Stores
Christmas Sale*

DECEMBER GENERAL
MEETING

Looking for a special stocking stuffer or package for the tree? Come to the December meeting and check out the Ship Store's sale, and take advantage of the discounts.



FREE TEE SHIRT and FREE TRAINING on the operation of YOUR suction dredge. Hearing Protection and Official RCYC PFD provided.

Getting bored with nothing to do during the dreary months of winter? Join the dredge crew and you will have the chance to operate the Club workboat. There may even be a remote chance that you will get to participate in a water rescue!

The best part is that you will help make sure that you and your fellow Club members will be able to get your boats out of the moorage next summer.

Many hands make for light work. Sign up to spend a day or more as a helper, and/or learn how to operate the dredge during December through February. Dredging happens every year, and some members have put in time above and beyond the call of duty. Here is a chance to help keep RCYC a great Club to be a member.

Don't be shy! Call or email Brad Jensen at: 503-460 7591 or Jensen.brad01@gmail.com

A 501c3, non profit organization that we can donate to and receive a tax credit, has been initiated. It is the Rose City Youth Sailing Society. It will encompass the Gainer Fund and the Matt and Mattie Youth Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Pam Cesar and many others for making this happen.

We made some minor changes in our by-laws and in Club/moorage rules. This involved many meetings and a sub-committee led by Chuck Stuckey.

We are over half way with our ramp surface replacement, thanks especially to Karl Quade and Chuck Pennington and many others.

We have a new concrete pad and protective cover for the ice refrigeration machine, thanks to Bob Gales and the Fallons and all those who helped.

The new carts seem to be very popular. Good idea, Pete Unger. Thanks for getting them, Chuck Fisher. We also have been enjoying new BBQ's and patio tables and chairs.

We were touch and go with getting our dredging permit this year. With all the high water we had early in the year, we needed that permit. Thank you, Steve Barrett, for all your time and effort in dealing with the government.

I do not know where all this can stop. I just want to thank all of the members who have been involved in our board, activities, work parties and cruises and have made them successful. It has been a good year.

There is still a month left in this year, and much planning to be done for 2012.

In conclusion, thank you for having me as your Commodore this year! It has been a pleasure.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

This time of the year it is customary to remind all members to check on and reinforce their lines, chafe gear and snubbers. Add an extra fender, too. And don't forget to winterize your engines and water systems. Remove those furled genoa jibs so that a storm does not shred 'em and then later raise all of our insurance rates. Consider yourself reminded!

If your main sail cover has any loose snaps or zippers, remove that sail and cover or reinforce whatever is holding the cover on.

Once any of the canvas on your boat, whether sails, covers or dodger material starts to loosen and flap, it can sometimes be only minutes before it's torn loose by an east wind that often blows 30 knots for 24 hours. I have seen a whole genoa reduced to threads streaming from the rigging in a very short time -- a grim sight it was, too.

After the recent moorage walk-through, the Commodore had to send out some reminders to a handful of members to keep their shore power cords legal and out of the water, and to have adequate dock lines with snubbers on bow and stern. What with ship wakes from the channel and sometimes storm winds blowing up a three foot chop, we can get some serious wave energy through our moorage this time of year.

Dredging is now under way on Walk 2. The fairway on Walk 1 is done for this season. While the normal operation is done from inside the cab where the hot blast of air from the radiator almost makes up for the roar of the engine, any work outside is often freezing cold and wet. A cheery greeting and a report on the current river level is always appreciated by the crew out there in the noisy cab pulling levers and studying gauges. An occasional plate of cookies would be nice after an hour of moving swing cables in cold river water, too! (Hint...)

As to the moorage, we have a growing waiting list for all sizes of boats. I am presently getting ready to fill a small boat spot once dredging is done.

This winter we have four new members currently using the temporary occupancy feature of the moorage rules, i.e. using slips vacated for the winter. Even though it is temporary, it's nice to have those boats inside the moorage where the members can more easily join in the social activities, visit often and get acquainted with other members. The Club does not profit from this, but it's great for new members on the waiting list and it financially benefits those members with boats on the hard or out of the area for a few months.

Icy weather is here -- be very cautious out on the docks.



SAVE THE DATE

COMMODORES BALL

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 4, 2012



Vice Commodore's Column

Bill Kramer, Vice Commodore

The year is almost over. I have enjoyed being your Vice Commodore. I have learned more about RCYC and why this is such a special organization. We have more than just a shared love of boating. RCYC is a place where we all make the extra effort to reach out to each other and offer friendship, helpfulness and cooperation. I am looking forward to serving as your Commodore next year. I want to thank everyone who helped out this year, without you we would not have had a successful year. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered to try something new or to continue on helping the Club to run in the coming year -- you are the RCYC heroes.

There are some great events on the calendar. You don't want to miss the Christmas Ships Potluck on Friday, December 9th. This is a fun way to start the holidays. The holidays also have to come to an end, and RCYC is ready to help you do that in style. On December 31st there is an informal New Year's Eve party. Bring something to eat and drink and brush up on the words to Auld Lang Syne. The highlight of the New Year is Soup and Sail on New Year's Day. Going out sailing, or even motoring, is the best way to start the year. After sailing we will have potluck clam chowder for lunch. The final event to get the year underway is the Commodore's Ball on February 4. This is your chance to dress up, have a great dinner and do some dancing.

I want to encourage all RCYC members to get involved in a Club activity in 2012. At work I do a lot of training and I was reminded recently that adults don't learn well unless they get out of their comfort zone a bit. This means that if we are trying something new, we are much more likely to be learning. Let us all try to get involved at RCYC in a way that allows us to learn something new this year.

Thanks for a great 2011 and let's have a super 2012.



2012 Cruising Schedule

April 27-29	East Dock Government Island
May 26-28	Hadley's Landing - Memorial Day Weekend
July 4th	Land Cruise - RCYC
July 21-29	Down River Cruise
July 26th	Cathlamet - Potluck
August 10-12	Schwitzer's Landing Government Island
Sept. 1-3	Beacon Rock - Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 22-23	Willamette River - Riverplace
October 6-7	East Dock Government Island

A "first annual" RCYC Quileute Resort land cruise.

After Kathy and I spent a couple of days there this June, we thought it would be fun to return for a fall visit. The return trip happened at the end of October.

Cordon's and Hanson's joined us, and we all booked rooms/spaces in different parts of the resort -- the RV park, the motel, and a cabin. We all had a direct view of the Pacific and the harbor entrance. We could watch the USCG take their two 47 footers out for maneuvers. A couple of large bald eagles stared back at us through the windows while we were at the restaurant for breakfast one morning. The resort has Wi-Fi so I could check my email over at the resort lobby, but there is no TV or phone presence in the rooms. Cell phone coverage is very poor west of Forks, by the way. It's a small village and very quiet.

When we were not out walking the beach or looking around the marina and the Coast Guard station, we were reading books and planning the group dinner we enjoyed each of the two evenings we were there. Everyone brought different parts of the feast(s).

Our admittedly informal plan is to do this again in early November of 2012, with as many fellow Club members that want to join in. Drive time is just about five hours even from Portland. Drive up I-5, take the highway west to Aberdeen, then north on I01. Turn left at Forks on a paved highway for 14 miles and there you are. "It's not the end of the world, but with binoculars you can see it from there." And no, we did not see any vampires, not even at Twilight...

This sort of minimal resort experience is best for folks that like truly spectacular scenery and views. Although there are some nice local tribal-related clothing items available in the main lodge and at the restaurant, there's no gambling, water slides, and rows of tacky gift shops. The facility itself is first rate and every staff person we met was friendly and helpful.

So here's a little adventure you might want to put on your future calendar. On the web, at <http://www.quileuteoceaside.com/>

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THE LOW-DOWN ON ULTRA-LOW-SULFUR DIESEL BOAT FUEL

ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 17, 2011 - As a way to reduce particulate matter, ultra-low-sulfur diesel (ULSD), with only 15 ppm or less of sulfur, was mandated for use in most vehicles, boats and machinery as of December 2010. As a practical matter, however, ULSD has been around since late 2006 when 2007 model year vehicles with more advanced emissions control devices began requiring its use in cars. And since most fuel refiners don't have the capacity to offer more than one type of diesel, it's also been sold at marinas ever since.

During that time, the BoatUS Damage Avoidance Program has kept a close look out for any potential problems with the newer, environmentally-friendly fuel. Recently, the boat owner association's Damage Avoidance Program publication, *Seaworthy*, The BoatUS Marine Insurance and Damage Avoidance Report, investigated the issue and has these findings to share:

Lubricity: In diesel engines, having enough "lubricity" in the fuel is critical -- without it, the engine would grind itself to a premature death. A lot of publicity has been given to ULSD because the process of removing sulfur from diesel fuel also removes much of the fuel's lubricity. Contrary to what some have said, however, lubricity is not a problem with ULSD. Minimum lubricity is a requirement of the ASTM-D975 diesel fuel standard and oil companies typically use a synthetic additive to return fuel to its pre-ULSD lubricity levels.

Cetane: All diesel fuel must have a cetane rating of at least 40. Most regular diesel fuel has a cetane rating of 43 to 45, which should be fine for most boat engines. The good news is that the cetane numbers remained the same with ULSD.

Gaskets: When the transition was made to low-sulfur diesel (LSD) in 1993, there were problems with leaking gaskets. Newer gaskets that resist leaking were developed, but there were some fears that the gaskets might not stand up to ULSD. After talking to numerous marina owners and engine manufacturers, leaking gaskets don't appear to be a problem.

Water and "Bugs": Microbial growth -- bugs -- need water to grow and have always been a concern with diesel fuel. ULSD holds less water than older, higher-sulfur fuels, which means that any water entering the tank is less likely to be absorbed and instead more likely to become a breeding ground for bugs. Biocides (and cold weather) kill the bugs but their tiny little carcasses pile up in funereal goo at the bottom of the tank. Tanks may need to be cleaned more often to prevent clogged filters and corrosion. The best defense is to keep tanks as full as possible (especially over winter storage) and keep a routine eye on the water separator.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

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.

A View from the Rear

Chuck Fisher, Rear Commodore

It has been my honor, over the last four years, to write a few words each month of the happenings and good things about RCYC. As I reflect back, most of the good "things" have been about the good members who give of their time and energy to RCYC and to the community-at-large.

I am increasingly aware of significant efforts of members who serve RCYC and serve the larger community using RCYC as a base. I am thinking of the Youth Sailing Program which, barring unforeseen barriers, should shortly broaden its reach to the larger community by becoming a recognized charitable entity. And there are the members who make RCYC activities an opportunity for the charitable contribution of clothing or disposable cans. There are those members who volunteer their time to serve on public bodies dedicated to river and boating interests. There are those who are active as volunteers with organizations that promote education and safety on the water.

RCYC is a great club because of its members. RCYC members are great because of their commitment to the Club and to the larger community. It has been my privilege to serve as an Officer. Thank You. See you at the Commodores Ball!



Youth Sailing Year-End Report

Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Chair

RCYC junior sailors are supported by the generous gift from Jack Gainer and donations by members. The Gainer fund is used to support rigorous dynamic sailing programs where all children from all levels can participate successfully and safely. Willamette Sailing School is one great choice, and with our newly acquired agreement, members may qualify for discounts. Willamette Sailing Club has year round youth sailing programs available to Rose City Yacht Club members. Competitive teams include their Junior Race Program for kid's ages 8 to 12 and their High School Racing Program for kids 13 to 18. Each program had practices several times a week in the fall and spring. Kids travel to regattas on the weekends to compete. Willamette Sailing Club also offers classes for kids ages 5 to 18 as well as adults in the spring and summer. Youth classes range from half-day to full-day camps while adult classes are held on evenings and weekends. Beginner through advanced classes are available as well as private lessons on a club-owned boat or your own personal boat. For kids who have mastered the basics and want to advance their racing skills, they offer a month-long Youth Racing Program that meets weekday afternoons. Find out more at www.WillametteSailingClub.com/Youth-Programs

RCYC and Vancouver Lake Sailing School have partnered to build a new Open Bic fleet. RCYC members are given a reduced rate with reciprocal privileges. Please check out their web site for school photos, junior sailing events, and class schedules at www.vlsc.org. Their newsletter provides additional information. In 2011, VLSC employed three U.S. sailing instructors, taught level 1 & 2 programs to approximately 90 juniors, youth, and adults. The school supported CGRA with the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Assoc. College Nationals at Cascade Locks; hosted three race camps, formed Cascadia Interclub Racing Circuit (CIRC) with WSC, CGRA, Eugene Y.C. and Hood River, and hosted four successful regattas with a championship. They supported the CIRC Mid-Summer Classic Regatta with 19 sailors, doubling participation from 2010. They partnered with CGRA to run programs and camps in O-pen Bics and Laser 4.7's for the month of August, with special thanks to Dave Cannard of CGRA. Maintained the ten O'pen Bics and six FJ's, and the Boston Whaler chase boat and trailer outfitting it for race committees. RCYC's Gainer fund supported the purchase of new sails for the FJ fleet. David Collins of VLSC sent a special thank you to RCYC for all our support over the last four years.

During the past year the RCYC youth sailing committee worked together to grow sailing and support our young sailors. The Gainer fund sponsored nine children at VLSC and eight at WSC. Yippy!

Now, for more survey responses from the participants. The question was: What was your biggest challenge? And the responses: "steering," "hiking out," "strong wind," "unturtling my boat," "racing," and "getting out of the wind." I believe these are challenges for many of us!

If you would like to contribute to the Matt and Mattie Annis Scholarship fund, please contribute to RCYC attention the Matt and Mattie Scholarship fund; or contribute to the Gainer Youth Sailing for RCYC's program. Thank you all so much for your support and help.



Secretary's Notes

John Flenniken, Secretary

We are sorry to report that Sally Hickman passed away in October. As mentioned in her obituary, she and Dave were married for 51 years and Sally worked at the David Hickman Associate Architects. A profoundly generous and compassionate person, Sally adopted the elderly and cared for the sick. Among other activities, she served as President of the local chapter of Soroptimist International, an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. She enjoyed many years of dedicated service to Madeleine Parish and as a Eucharistic Minister at Emanuel Hospital. Remembrances of Sally can be made to the Haitian Project (<http://haitianproject.org/donate.html>), one of many causes Sally cared about.

Larry McCagg and Chris and Ebie Mountford have resigned their Inactive Memberships.

The Board approved requests for Life Membership at their November meeting to the following: Tom and Jeanne Becker; Kenneth and Mary Lou Purvine; and Fred and Sheila Whitfield.

Digital Selective Calling

Have you ever tried to call an individual boat on your VHF radio using that boat's MMSI number (also called DSC number)? All you have to do is program your radio with that boat's MMSI number, and when you make the call, that boat's radio will ring, just as though you were calling on the phone. Another thing you can do is call a group number. Suppose you wanted to call anyone who is a RCYC member. The radio, on any boat which has the RCYC group number programmed in its radio, will ring. This is an especially nice feature when you are cruising up north and you want to get in touch with any RCYC member who might be cruising near you. RCYC's group MMSI number is 036680319. Program it into your radio, and your radio will answer when someone calls the group number. Your radio's instruction manual has information telling you how to program it.

Alan Bergen

RCYC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & GIFT EXCHANGE

- ✓ **Friday, December 9, 2011**
- ✓ **Social Gathering at 5:30 PM**
- ✓ **Potluck at 6 PM**

Bring a hot dish or salad to share. The Christmas ships will parade near Salty's about 7:00 p.m. Then we'll have our gift exchange where you can steal the gift of your dreams – this is not a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts can be \$5 - \$10, something you would like to receive yourself.

Come join in the Holiday fun.



RCYC ANNUAL SOUP AND SAIL

January 1, 2012

Don't forget to put SOUP AND SAIL on your calendars for January 1st, 2012. What a great way to start the New Year.

- Everyone, please bring a can of chowder. If you wish, you may also bring a dessert.
- French bread and salad will be provided.
- Lunch is planned for around 1:00 pm.



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

December 2011

- 5 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Informal New Year's Party

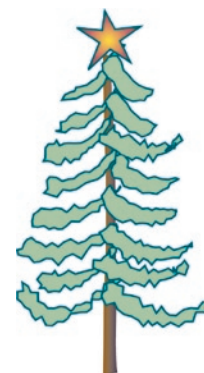


January 2012

- 1 Soup and Sail, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Remember to take your camera to Club functions, work parties, and related subjects and send them to the Foghorn team.

Check the website for updates and further information about RCYC: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.



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