



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Bill Kramer
Vice Commodore: John Flenniken
Secretary: Ethan VanMatre

February 2012



Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore

I am sitting here watching a few snowflakes fall and thinking about getting out on the water. Winter is a good time to plan and to get ready for the coming year. Brad Jensen and all of the dredge crew have been very busy getting the moorage dredged so that we can use our boats come late summer and fall when the river levels drop. They have moved a very big mountain of sand. Thank you for all of your efforts.

RCYC is very fortunate to have a full moorage and a waiting list even in these tough economic times. This is something all of us are to be thankful for. Every one of us is a part of the membership committee. Sharing about RCYC with boaters we meet is how we spread the word that this is a great place to belong and to enjoy being a member. Mark and Valerie Holzmann do a fantastic job of guiding prospective members along the path to membership. Mark organized the volunteers for the RCYC booth at the Portland Boat Show again this year. Cliff Hunter generously shares his Lee Sails booth with us and we get exposure to the larger boating community. We get to share with other boaters what a great Club this is. Thank you to all of this year's volunteers.

Soup and Sail was lots of fun this year. I always like to start my year off on the water. One gallon of pink stuff is a small sacrifice to Neptune for getting *Gypsy* away from the slip. This year the weather cooperated, it was dry and not too cold with a light east wind. *Misty* and *Windswept* had sails up for the parade, *Eagleye*, *Velic* and *Gypsy* motored and we all had a blast. Back at the Clubhouse, a crowd had gathered. The call of clam chowder for lunch turns out to be of greater force than the chance to go boating in January. Thank you to Jean Beaty and her crew for a nice lunch.



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In Memoriam

Mary Ann Cairns passed away on December 15th at the age of 92. She was a graduate of Iowa State University, and taught home economics at Franklin and Madison High Schools in Portland for many years. She and her late husband, Jack, were life members of Rose City Yacht Club, joining in 1956. They built and sailed in their 36-foot Cascade sailboat, *Hale Kai*, for many years.

Simeon Hyde passed away on December 26th at the age of 92. A graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Princeton University, Simeon spent five years in the U.S. Navy before enrolling in a Harvard University Master's in English program. He spent 23 years at Phillips Andover Academy as a teacher, administrator and acting headmaster. He then went on to graduate from the School of Architecture in Albuquerque and designed a Navajo Community Center and an Albuquerque Senior Center. Simeon and his wife (of 69 years), Ann, were members of the Rose City Yacht Club since 2005 where he most recently served as a Foghorn editor. A memorial service for Simeon will be held at the Multnomah Friends Meeting House on February 28 at 2:30 pm.

Jack Mitchem passed away January 8. Jack and Lucy were active sailors and loved being on the water and exploring the wonders of the northwest on *Wy'East*. They joined RCYC in 1985. Jack was a Commodore of RCYC and also was a Quarterdore in 1999 helping to fill a Commodore vacancy that year. Jack loved to sail and every summer he and Lucy went sailing up around Vancouver Island and the San Juan and Gulf Islands. In addition to sailing, Jack was also very involved with the Mount Hood Ski Patrol, joining the patrol in 1953 and active into the 1980's. A memorial service for Jack will be held at Portland Yacht Club on February 26 at 3:00 pm.

When we get to thinking about our cruising plans, we often get caught up in regretting that we are not able to head for exotic destinations. One of my favorite sailing books is about the joys of local cruising on a weekend. *The Magic of the Swathways* by Maurice Griffiths is filled with adventures that take place over a weekend or bank holiday. A couple of days can be an adventure even if it is cold and wet. Maurice Griffiths was an editor for *Yachting Monthly* and was an advocate for cruising on the rivers of England's east coast. This book was first published in 1932. The joys of cruising have not changed over the years. Each chapter is another adventure in this delightful book. The toughest challenge is finding a copy of the book. You can buy it new from Amazon UK or there are used copies at Powells. This is a book that is worth the trouble to locate and it is one that you will want to read more than once.

A View from the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

We are very close to completion of our yearly dredging session. There is a portion of Walk 5 to do. Hopefully, we will be able to continue without significant delay. Brad Jensen is doing a fine job in keeping the process moving forward. As you have noticed, there is a huge pile of sand to be removed. Keep your vehicles clear of the SE area of the parking lot so the big trucks can maneuver.

Work parties will begin next month – already! Mike Moen wants to fill up the dates for work party leaders and lunch providers. Many of you have done this and enjoy it. We invite you to volunteer again. Also, we invite new members to volunteer. It is a great way to get to know and work with fellow members. Contact Mike.

Ron Moran made some cleats for one side of the upper ramp to help in the event of ice and snow to get a better foothold. These are very simple, easily installed and removed and inexpensive, but should do the job. If they pass muster the plan is to do the same on one side of the East and West ramps. Give us your comments.

Hope to see you at the Commodore's Ball at Riverside Country Club on February 4.

Youth Sailing Report

Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Chair

Just in case you missed it, we now have a new name: **Rose City Youth Sailing Society (RCYSS)**, and your contributions are now tax-deductible. There are two fund names -- the Jack Gainer Fund and the Matt and Mattie Annis Fund. Jack Gainer was an avid sailor and racer, and past commodore of RCYC. He generously gave of himself and his resources, which eventually created the Youth Sailing Fund. The Gainer fund supports local schools and events, as well as reimburses approved amounts. Many of you have given to this fund. **Thank you!**

The Matt and Mattie Youth Sailing Fund was created in memory of Terry and Kathie Annis's son and grandson killed in a private aircraft accident July 8, 2011. The Matt and Mattie Fund offers financial assistance to youngsters with an interest in sailing. The fund focuses on the summer sailing camps offered by Vancouver Lake Sailing School. Matt and Mattie loved the outdoors and anything with wings. Matt was a mentor and generously supported those in need.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP BY: Selling old equipment and donate the proceeds; helping to hold fundraisers at social and sailing events; and showing up to youth regattas, classes and events and cheering on our young sailors. You can always give directly to the Jack Gainer Youth Sailing fund and/or the Matt and Mattie Annis Fund, or both! Just mark your check! **Please send your financial support to RCYSS, 3737 NE Marine Dr, Portland, OR 97211**

Remember, Willamette Sailing Club has year-round youth sailing programs. 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 has practices several times a week in the fall and spring. Kids travel to regattas on the weekends to compete. 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. Vancouver Lake Sailing Club is working closely with WSC and Cascade Locks and Hood River. Current programs are on the Clubs' web sites.

Now, enjoy more survey responses from the participants. The question was: **If you could name one new thing you learned, what would it be?** "Sailing is hard," "how to rig and de-rig a sailboat," "I learned how to sail fast and still be in control," "switching the main sheet and rudder," "how to move the tiller," "tricks for racing," and "docking/landing on the beach."





Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

What a difference a year makes! Last winter we were looking at either arctic conditions or torrential rains or swift currents and flood stage conditions. This winter seems like a more average to milder one. The Soup and Sail was downright pleasant! Fair skies, good winds and as usual great soup and of course a great sail to start off the New Year.

Even though it appears to be a milder winter, if you haven't removed your sails, please make sure they are well secured and remember those halyards too. When the east winds blow and the temperatures drop, it is very uncomfortable work to try to save them at that moment. Which reminds me. Both the Resident Members and the Port Captain walk the docks looking for problems and will call you if they find something amiss with your boat. But you may not get the call if you don't have a current telephone number in the Yearbook next to the phone in the Clubhouse. Make sure you write in your new number there as well as calling Judy Oxborrow so that we can update the new Yearbook. Also, if you're a snowbird or just going on a long vacation, make sure the Port Captain and Resident Members know how to contact the person you've designated to care for your boat if a problem develops.

With the New Year comes the need for a current Boater Registration Sticker. 2012 Boater Registration Stickers are now required. If you're like me, my 2011 registration sticker must now be replaced and since they're two-year stickers the new sticker will read 13. If you have them but not yet put them on the boat please make sure they are visible through a porthole when viewed from the walk. If you don't have them yet, a temporary sticker is very easy to obtain on the Oregon Marine Board web site when you pay your fee on-line at: www.boatoregon.com.

Dredging is progressing and the sand pile is growing! Please park your vehicles away from the spoils pile during the day so you're not in the way of the very large equipment and trucks that are removing it. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Currently the dredge is pulling the bottom up from Walk 5 and should pull up close to 3,000 yards of sand when all is said and done. Not a record but an impressive pile. Last year's flooding deposited a large amount of sand that made it difficult for some boats to come and go as they pleased. You need to thank the dredge crew for their work to remove all those humps.

The Portland Boat Show started me thinking about all the fun we will have on the water this year. Remember, you don't have to wait for the sun and warm weather to return. There have been some really nice days for sailing and boating even in January! So we are off to a great start for the 2012 and looking forward to a full year of boating activities at RCYC.

YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Preparation of the 2012 Yearbook is underway. Please review your listing in the 2011 edition. Because Anne Thompson will be out of town for several weeks, any changes to your listing should be sent to Judy Oxborrow – preferably by e-mail to judy87807@comcast.net or by telephone 503-652-1549 for those who do not have computers or e-mail. Any changes or corrections submitted after February 10 may not make the 2012 edition of the Yearbook. New members will be contacted separately about their listing. We plan to have the Yearbook go to press in February and be distributed at the March 2012 general meeting. However, in order to make this deadline, we need your cooperation in getting the information to us timely.

INSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Moorage rules require that all members who moor their boat at the Club provide updated insurance information annually. A copy of your insurance declaration pages should be sent to Judy Oxborrow when you renew your insurance each year, when you change boats or move your boat into the moorage. Also, an emergency contact list is maintained so you can be easily contacted if an emergency occurs at the Club involving your boat. So, if you moor your boat at the Club, now is also the perfect opportunity for you to update your emergency contact list. If you were out of town, who would know how to reach you in the event of an emergency at your home or boat? Please furnish name(s), relationship (friend, neighbor, brother, etc.), and telephone number(s). Please identify whether it is a home, work, or cell number. This information should be sent to Judy Oxborrow – preferably by e-mail to judy87807@comcast.net or by telephone 503-652-1549 for those who do not have computers or e-mail.

*The honor of your presence is requested at
RCYC's 2012 Commodore's Ball.*

Saturday, February 4, 2012
Riverside Country Club, 8105 N. E. 22rd Drive, Portland
6:00 pm Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm Dinner and Program
9:00 pm Dance to the Music of the Fabulous Essentials
Cost \$36.00 per person

RSVP by January 26, 2012 to Judy Oxborrow
503-652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net



Secretary's Salutations

Ethan VanMatre, Secretary

As I sat down at the table for my first Board Meeting as your new Secretary, I asked myself "what did I get myself into?" So many duties, so many new things to learn, so much to do and so many questions. But as the meeting got started I fell into the rhythm of the flow of reporting and recording and deciding the course of RCYC for the Good of the Order. And everything fell into place much like a well-versed sailing crew. I am honored to have been asked to serve our Club.

A warm welcome to Bill Barnum, our newest member. Congratulations to Janet Bradley and Jeffery Crass with their conversion to Life Members. For 2012 Colleen Moran has been elected an honorary member for her many contributions. And lastly, a moment of introspection on the passing of Mary Ann Cairns, Simeon Hyde and Jack Mitchem, who will be missed by all.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

If you have a question about your billing or reimbursement voucher, please contact Judy Oxborrow at 503-652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net.

Balance Your World Bookkeeping bases their actions upon the information provided to them by the Club. Thus, the staff cannot answer your questions and will refer your inquiry to Judy.

At its January 9th meeting, the Board approved a proposal from the Finance Committee to allow Balance Your World Bookkeeping to pay all Club bills under \$500 as part of their regular processing schedule. Thus, most bills will no longer have to wait until the Board meeting to be paid. If you have not received reimbursement within two weeks from the date of your mailed request for reimbursement, please contact Judy Oxborrow.

Sailing on Sunday

Alan Bergen

With seven races sailed since the start of this year's series, we have had more windless days than not. Here are the standings so far:



PHRF-B

1st *Misty* Pam Sesar
2nd *Katzenjammer* Jim Calnon

PHRF-C

1st *Strange Brew* Blain Goold
3rd *Windwaker* Kevin Kahl

DREDGING CONTINUES!

Brad Jensen, Dredge Chair

As of today, January 19, the pond is full and the river has just passed the nine-foot level. The timing is good!

Roth is now screening the dredge spoils and trucking it out so the mountain should shrink some. Monday or Tuesday the pond will be cleared a bit to allow for the last of fairway five. Hopefully the river level will drop enough for us to finish in the next week or so, thanks to those dedicated dredgers.

While Roth is removing the mountain and later the pond, we need to be aware of the truck movement. Please park only on the north side of the parking lot. The trucks turn around inside the gate and then back in through the south side of the parking lot.



Roth moving berm

Take your name off the USPS mailing list and save the Club the cost of printing and mail services. The December issue cost the Club \$215.28.



Brad & Craig at work on the dredge



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

I get questions from members, lately... like, how to choose and mark a dinghy spot. And, shouldn't most boats have their 2013 registration stickers on?

And then, I see some concerns when I am wandering around the docks... like the mother of all powerboat wakes that roiled through here on the 17th.

So, if you want to park your dinghy or kayak you need a permanent (i.e. rain proof) label for any open space without a dinghy on it now. I know that some spare dredge pipe is stored on the dock beside the Clubhouse, but that will be going away by February and that dock is indeed open for occupancy.

Speaking of those docks, the original three-level one, farthest west, is getting old and its logs and stringers are nearing the end of their useful life. Let's talk about building a replacement dock this spring or fall. We will have to find four logs of the right length. Thanks (!) to Tom Becker's great plan, I hope to build yet another copy of our two recently completed docks. Stay tuned.

Stickers should indeed be on, i.e. those old 2011 stickers should be replaced. You need a dry day and ambient temp over 45 or so. I find that a heat gun helps a lot to loosen the old sticker. Note that the old sticker and all old adhesive must be removed first. I just use some acetone for the initial clean up. The OSMB also advises a final rinse with water after that removal process. Note carefully the required location, either a specified distance aft of the bow numbers or within a foot of the transom for documented vessels.

Wakes are a hassle year around. It looks like the "one percent" always can afford unlimited diesel for their monster yachts, and the only way they can show off their wealthy/manly status is to create illegal and damaging wakes to torment us lesser beings. (Heavy Sigh.)

One of our regular advertisers, Columbia Marine Exchange, has moved and expanded to a new location. They are still nearby, just off 33rd Ave. I mention this because they have a much-expanded display of snubbers of both the black rubber kind and the fabric-covered shock absorber kind. For reference, they are now located on the other side of the building from another advertiser, North Sails.

The moorage waiting list is growing again. We have every longer-term winter opening filled and will have to do some quick juggling this spring and summer to find other temporary homes for those slip-less members. As you schedule your summer vacations, please let me know your departure and return dates so I can assign boats to your slips. Your billing will be credited per Moorage Rules (D) (5).

Thanks for your help and support



Q: HOW CAN YOU ARRANGE ALL YOUR WORK HOURS FOR 2012 IN ONE FELL SWOOP?

A: Sign up now to be a Clubhouse Steward for 2012. 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 2012. This is a convenient and flexible way to meet your RCYC work-hour obligation.

Act today to secure one of the last remaining months!

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

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Send titled articles and photos to all listed in this box!

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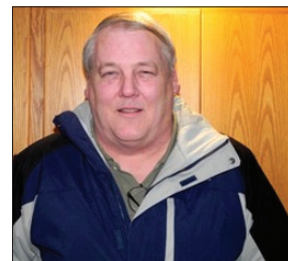
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Welcome new member, Bill Barnum

Bill Barnum was sworn in as a new member at the January General Meeting. Bill owns and is working on a 1971 C+C 30 named *Patriot*. He has lots of experience sailing on San Francisco Bay on a number of boats his family owned. He is a Portland resident, has two grown children. His experience with carpentry, electrical, landscaping, painting and plumbing should make him a great resource for work parties.

Welcome Bill!



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

February 2012

- 4 Commodore's Ball, 6:00 pm
- 6 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 7 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 SYSCO New Member Welcome
- 20 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 21 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm
- 28 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm

March 2012

- 3 Rivers West Membership Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 5 Nauti Knitters, 10 am
- 6 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm
- 10 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm
- 14 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 17 St Patrick's Day Party, 5:30 pm
- 18 Private Party, 12 – 6:00 pm
- 19 Nauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 20 OWSA Class, 5:30 pm

- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22 SYSCO Race Clinic, 6:00 pm
- 24 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 24 Racing – RCYC, 1:00 pm
- 24 Frostbite Regatta & Party



Bring your camera to Club functions, work parties, meetings, and related subjects and send your photos to the Foghorn team.

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



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