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Commodore's Log

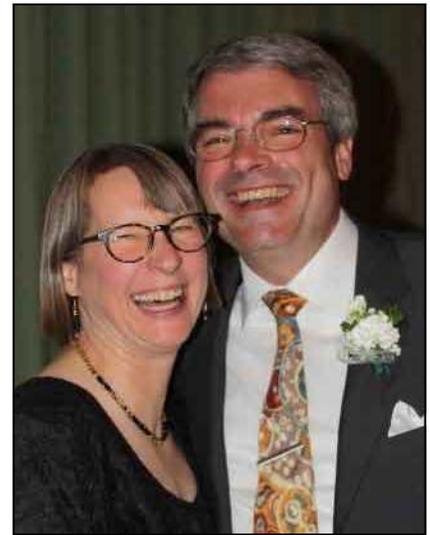
Bill Kramer, Commodore

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I want to give a very big thank you to the dredge crew. Everyone who ran the dredge, moved pipe, delivered fuel, monitored the turbidity of the water or helped out in other ways has moved a lot of sand this year. Thank you! Brad Jensen has done a super job as the Dredging Chair. We will all remember and be thankful this summer when we are able to use our boats when the river level is low. The February General Meeting program was a video that Mike Oxborrow shot. It helped us see what dredge operations are like and what is involved.

The Commodores' Ball was a smashing success. It was a wonderful evening of conversation, dinner and dancing. Thanks to Commodores' Ball Committee for making this possible. The decorations were great and they included copies of the Arthur Ransome book *Swallows and Amazons* on which the theme was based. A lucky person at each table now has a copy of a great book to read. The band was fun and had a great horn section, and the bass player is a relative of Jim and Carolyn Douglass.

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2012 RCYC Ladies Dinner Planning Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 4:00 pm

Come help plan the RCYC Ladies Dinner. We'll meet after the work party & refreshments will be served. There are many ways to get involved & many hands make the planning fun.

Our dinner is on May 17.

If you can't make it to this meeting, please call me at 503-290-6782 & let me know how you would like to help out.

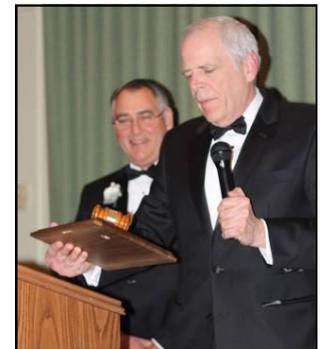
Thanks,
Nina Kramer

One of the things I most enjoy about the Commodores' Ball is the sense of history and continuity it gives as we enact our traditions. As I said in my speech, knowing our history and stories makes our life richer. One good way to learn about history is to read about it. Local author, sailor and historian Sam McKinney has written several books that cover local history. *Reach of Tide, Ring of History: A Columbia River Voyage* is an enticing book about the lower Columbia River. McKinney starts at the Columbia River Bar aboard his homemade 16' boat, Gander, and tells the history of the river as he visits sites along it. You get a mix of information about the discoverers and explorers, about people who lived and worked on the river and remembrances from his childhood. You will find out about towns that no longer exist and others that have faded from prominence. I think of books like this as part of my prep for a successful Lazy Days cruise. This book should be fairly easy to find at your library or local bookstore and is well worth reading.

Along with Spring, work parties are coming. There are two in March, the 10th and the 24th and two more in April, the 7th and 21st. Look at your calendar and pick out the ones in which you want to participate. There is coffee for the early birds; work starts at 9:00 am and lunch is provided. After lunch more time for work as tasks are completed. It is a good idea to let the lunch leaders know you are coming so they can plan for the right amount of food. Mike Moen is our work party chair and he needs your support and attendance at our work parties.

In addition to work parties there are many spring events to give us plenty of chances to get involved. Racing is one option. RCYC is putting on the Frostbite Regatta on March 24. There is the race and a social time afterward at the clubhouse. The Opening Day Regatta is on April 14 and 15. CYC is putting on the race and RCYC is putting on the social time afterward. Mike Pitarresi could use some volunteers to help with these events. This is a fun way to support RCYC racing. St. Patrick's Day is Saturday March 17 and you don't want to miss the party. Corned beef and cabbage, and dessert will be provided. Bring a potluck item to share and join in for the music and lots of fun. Let Don and Linda Belshaw know if you can help with the event. Now that spring is here we want to get our boats back in action and the East Dock Cruise is a great reason to go boating. It is on the weekend of April 28 and 29.

2012 is well on its way and it is a great year to be a member of RCYC.





Inna VanMatre

*RCYC 2012
Daughter of
Neptune*



OWSA's Sail for the Cure takes a new tack Now Set Sail for a Cause

For 12 years, Oregon Women's Sailing Association (OWSA) has mobilized volunteers to put on a first-class, family-oriented event that not only promoted sailing, but also raised money for the fight against breast cancer.

For our 13th event, on September 23, 2012, we plan to do the same, but for a different organization. In November 2011, the OWSA Board took a new tack, hearing from our membership that there were many causes worthy of our support. As a result, our 2012 event will benefit Providence Cancer Center and has a new name: Set Sail for a Cause.

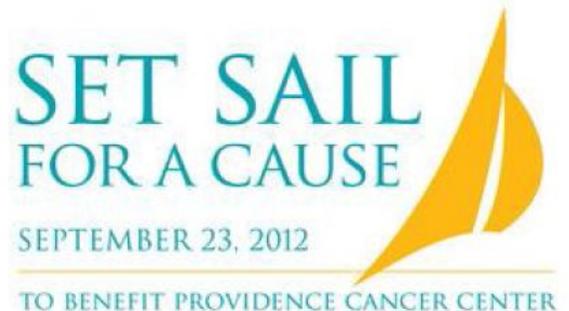
Thanks to our generous supporters more than \$270,000 has been donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure® over the last 12 years. With your help, we can achieve great success for this year's recipient.

Providence Cancer Center offers some of the finest and most comprehensive cancer services in the world, including the best in diagnostic imaging, state-of-the-art treatments, nationally renowned-research, and compassionate counseling and support, all right here in our own backyard.

The kickoff meeting in January, hosted by Providence, included tours of the R.W. Franz Cancer Research Center and Cancer Support Services center and was a great inspiration for this new venture. Visit their website to learn how Providence has made so many advances in various cancer treatments including breast cancer research.

Help us make the 2012 Set Sail for a Cause another success—join our event committee, consider making a donation or plan to sail with us and join in all the fun on September 23.

To learn more email
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**St. Patrick's
Potluck Dinner
Saturday, March 17**



**Happy Hour at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30**

Corned beef and cabbage, along with dessert will be provided. Please bring your favorite Irish side dishes, breads, hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Please call Don Belshaw at 503-557-7624 if you can help with the Potluck Dinner. We can use your help.

Join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you wearin' the green.



Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

February is now just a memory. Several nice days for sailing or just being near the river as the false spring came with weather in the mid fifties. The Commodores' Ball was a wonderful affair. All the efforts, the setting, the band, friends and food made for an enjoyable evening. It was very nice to see a good turnout for our 2011 new members. May we all relive the theme *Swallows & Amazons* this summer.

If you've been down to the club you couldn't miss the enormous spoils pile that is slowly being trucked away. Hopefully we will have a nice, freshly graveled parking lot for Opening Day, but only if we can move the sand out first. Dredging is over for this year. Brad Jensen, Fred Whitfield and all the dredge crew deserve our thanks for removing the humps of sand that prevented boats from leaving the moorage except on high tide. When you ease in and out of the moorage this summer it will be possible because of their dredging efforts during the cold months of November through January.

When I drove down to RCYC on Saturday, February 11th for Mark Basel's class on boat repair (presented by the staff at Rocky Point Boat Yard) you would have thought it was the 4th of July! Cars were parked the length of Marine Drive. No, they weren't all going to the class. However, I wouldn't be surprised to find it so in the future because his classes are so popular and worthwhile. What was really happening was one of the Portland area's winter rites: the Polar Plunge. Crowds of people were taking their turns jumping into the Columbia River for charity from the 42nd Street boat ramp. Brrrr!

February also brought a dock walk by the Multnomah County Sheriff looking for current 2012 boater's registration stickers. Normally RCYC members have the required stickers displayed, but not this year. Members without the required stickers have been mailed a letter. March will also bring high winds and heavy rains so if you haven't looked in on your boat lately it would be wise to check her out for leaks, proper drainage, and secured lines and rigging.

Racers haven't let a little winter weather slow them down! There is a full schedule of events this month but this year you will need to buy a race book (includes OCSA membership) to get the schedules. This is new for 2012. For more information talk with race captain Mike Pitarresi.

March also brings the first two work parties of 2012. There will be a full list of jobs from turning on the water to fixing all the things that failed or need tending. Work parties can be a great way to meet other members, and it's fun coming down on a Saturday to work. You'll share a galley-crew prepared hot meal, and make the club sparkle getting it ready for summer boating. Yes, you read it correctly, Summer is just a few short months away.

From the Cayman Islands, John



Moorage Matters
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Registration Stickers were mentioned at our February general meeting. A Deputy Sheriff walked our docks in January and quite a few written warnings were received by members. If you have not yet applied your 2013 stickers, you need to get that done. Evidently, the officer told the members present that temporarily displaying the new stickers (still on their mailer) inside a window was not sufficient. Besides avoiding a fine, you are also required to have current registration, properly attached, as a condition of mooring your boat here.

Water turn-on is scheduled for the first work party in March. Keep a close eye on your faucet, the connections in the riser post, and the supply lines for leaks. Report any leaks immediately. Speaking of work party chores, we regularly need to tighten up the threaded rods that hold the walk sections and finger docks together. Check on the ones in your vicinity. Look for nuts with no thread showing on the rod end. Sometimes they back out from water movement. Check the bolts that hold your dock cleats, too.



THANK YOU DREDGE CREW!

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped keep the dredge working from November into the first week of February.

We moved a lot of sand out of the moorage this season, more than in any of the last five or six years. Hopefully no one will find any thin spots this summer.

We will be making some repairs on the levee as Roth's Construction clears out the dredge spoils. That should happen before Opening Day. I hope to see some new volunteers next fall.

From the sunny south,
Brad Jensen, Dredge Advisor

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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 the last remaining month!

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

From the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

The Commodores' Ball was enjoyed by all. Another huge Thank You! to Chuck Fisher and all, and there were many, who helped. I may never have learned about *Amazons and Swallows* if it were not for Bill Kramer picking this theme. We have secured the same facility and the band, Essentials, for next year.

Dredging has been completed for the season. The sand still remains to be removed and parking lot restored to normal. We also need to satisfy the authorities with regard to keeping the levee intact after removing the sand.

Please be mindful of getting your new marine registration stickers properly installed on your boat. We are well into the year and the patrol will be checking for compliance.

Mike Moen, our Work Party Chair, has openings for meal preparers and leaders of the work parties. Please contact him if you are available for this spring or fall.

Hope to see you all at the St Patty's party on March 17. Don and Linda Belshaw are spearheading the event. They need volunteers to cook the corned beef and cabbage, and for clean-up.

Our new yearbook is right on schedule to go to print. We should have it at our March General Meeting. Thanks to the Pickwick's and Cordon's for speedily getting sponsors on board.



Captain Pit's Race Corner

Mike Pitaressi

The **2012 Racing Season** is quickly approaching. RCYC has committed to facilitate or support the first three races of the season and a fourth in September. We are looking forward to this as a great opportunity for RCYC members to show the Columbia River racing community that we know how to run great races and how to put on well organized and fun events.

The first race, the **Frostbite**, is on Saturday, **March 24**. RCYC is responsible for both the race and after race festivities including the food and drinks afterward. Rock Kent is Race Captain on the water and Becky Bauer is in charge of food for racers after the race. Alan Bergen is in charge of drinks. A keg of beer will be provided. We need volunteers to help serve food after the race. To volunteer to help on or off the water, please call Rock Kent at 503-630-3443 or Becky Bauer at 503-665-7767.

Next, the **Opening Day Regatta** is on **April 14 & 15**. We will be partnering with CYC on this event. CYC will manage the on the water action, RCYC will provide refreshments on Sunday. On Sunday, April 15, we need volunteers for food preparation and service to racers. To volunteer to help with this race, please call Mike Pitarresi at 503-453-4604.

The **Medium Distance Race** is on Saturday, **May 19**. David Columbus will serve as Race Captain, managing the racing and after racing activities for this one-day event. If you can help David, please contact him at 503-504-2421.

RCYC hosts the **Long Distance Race** on **September 8 & 9**. This is a two-day event that takes racers downriver on Saturday, an overnight stay on Sand Island, then race back upriver on Sunday. RCYC needs to provide one boat to start the race on Saturday & finish the race on Sunday. We also need to provide a race committee boat in St. Helens to serve beer Saturday afternoon and to start the race Sunday morning. Alan Bergen will supply the beer keg and arrange for delivery of the keg to Sand Island. To volunteer to help with this race, please call Mike Pitarresi at 503-453-4604.

Hope you will join in the fun of another great race season.



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Thank you for your continuing support. A big thank you to Ron Moran, Margaret and Nathan Hanson, Karen Jacobson and Chuck Fisher just to name a few. You make the difference! I know there are many more of you that have given so much to help our young people learn the joy and skill of sailing. Remember, it is easy to give. Just make out a check to RCYSS and mail it to RCYC attention Youth Sailing.

RCYSS will be meeting with Willamette Sailing School and Vancouver Lake Sailing School in March. We are developing the reimbursement process, and putting together some fund raising ideas. I will keep you informed and look forward to more RCYC children participating.

The latest responses from our children to the question: "Did you make any new friends?" "Yes," "Yes," "Yes," "Yes," "Yes," "Yes, I also brought some friends with me to the class," and "Most of the people there were already my friends, 'and I got closer to them.'"



JOIN US!



The Rose City Yacht Club and The Portland Yacht Club invite YOU to join them in the inaugural Leukemia Cup Regatta benefitting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Kickoff: Monday, April 9, 2012

Join us as we kick off the Leukemia Cup Regatta at the Portland Yacht Club with legendary sailor and Lymphoma survivor **Gary Jobson**. As national chairman of the Leukemia Cup Regatta, Jobson will share his personal story and inspire all who are lucky to attend!

Regatta: Saturday, June 9, 2012

On June 9th Portland and Vancouver sailors will raise their sails and thousands of dollars in the race against blood cancer.

For more information, contact:
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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	Schwitters Landing Government Island
Sept. 1-3	Beacon Rock - Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 22-23	Willamette River - Riverplace
October 6-7	East Dock Government Island



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

March 2012

3	Rivers West meeting	5:30 pm
5	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
6	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
10	Work party	9:00 am
10	Ladies Dinner Planning	4:00 pm
12	RCYC Board meeting	7:00 pm
13	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
14	OWSA General meeting	6:00 pm
17	St Patricks Party	5:30 pm
18	Private Party	12:00-6:00 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	Frostbite Regatta	1:00 pm

April 2012

2	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
7	Work Party	9:00 am
9	RCYC Board meeting	7:00 pm
11	OWSA General meeting	6:00 pm
14	Racing—Opening Day Regatta	
15	Racing—Regatta & RCYC Party	
16	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	RCYC General meeting	7:00 pm
21	Work Party	9:00 am
21	Walk One BBQ	5:30 pm
24	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
25	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
27-29	East Dock Cruise	
28	OWSA Class	8:00 am

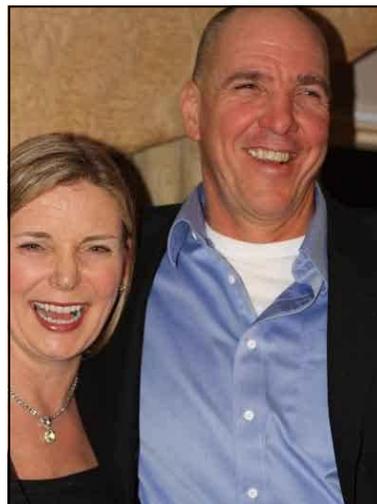
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Thanks to Yvonne Lamont for capturing the laughs at the Commodores' Ball!