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From the Helm

Bill Kramer, Commodore

It's April, spring is arriving and there is an increase of activity at RCYC. The spring work parties are happening and 18 members helped out at the first work party on March 10th. When you are participating in a work party please remember to let the lunch leader know you are coming so enough food can be prepared. Our work parties as well as the social events are a

good way to get to know fellow members and have a fun time. Both also involve food. The St. Patrick's Day party was lots of fun and Nina and I had a great time. A big thank you to Don and Linda Belshaw for heading up the event. Thanks also to Doug and JoNell McClary and to Tom, Janice, Tanner and Joshua Weber.

The work parties also help get the club spruced up for Opening Day. Opening Day is May 5th. You are encouraged to use your boat before Opening Day. Racing starts with the Frost Bite Regatta on March 24th which is sponsored by RCYC. Our first club cruise is the East Dock Cruise on April 28 & 29. Since your boat is already ready to go all you need to do for Opening Day is scrub the starboard side and fly your flags. If you don't have flags, Ships Stores and Terry Foren will get you set up. The theme this year is Rockin' Roses so if you want to decorate your boat, go for it. Gary Whitney is our Fleet Captain for Opening Day. Let him know that you will be participating so he can make plans.

I went to the CRYA Commodore's Meeting this week. It was good to talk to the Commodores of other clubs and learn of their concerns. We like to have an attitude of rivalry between clubs, but the number of boaters is a small percentage of the population and the number of yacht club members is an even smaller number. What I learned was we have much more in common than we have disagreements. We need to work together. All the clubs are concerned with membership. Members are getting older and many clubs are experiencing declining membership. We all need to attract people to boating, especially younger members. Another big concern was safety on the water. We all want to prevent accidents and keep our members safe. Another concern is improving communication between clubs. We all want to see ourselves as a larger community of boaters rather than parochial communities.

I thought hard about what book to include this month. I decided that the prolonged winter we were having called for a solid favorite, so I chose Erskine Childers' *The Riddle of the Sands*. This adventure story was written in 1903 and takes place on the Friesland coast of Germany. Carruthers, a young Englishman is bored with his job and gets a telegram from Davis, an old school mate, asking him to join him for a sail and some duck hunting. Carruthers joins Davis and soon learns that Davis suspects the Germans are up to something. They investigate and uncover a German plot to invade England. They not only save England, but Davis gets the girl, who is the daughter of the German ringleader who, of course, ends up being an English traitor. So all's well that ends well, except that is a different story by another Englishman and it does not involve a boat.



Dave Kibby doing electrical repairs



Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

I recently returned from the Caymans to a cool and drippy Portland. I went down to RCYC the next day to pick up the work hours from the first work party of the year. The marina looked great. The water was on and you could tell many members had taken the opportunity to clean the winter's worst off their boats. We have one more work party in March and then two in April. Mike Moen has a great group of work party leaders and lunch leaders lined up for the year. So each and every work party will be a meaningful and useful experience. The esprit de corps is contagious. Come down and lend a hand, arm and a leg to the effort and join in the fun with other club members.

The sand pile is ever present. With that much sand still sitting around and all that heavy equipment on the east end of the parking lot remember to park well away from the pile and the equipment so the large trucks can do their best to haul off the remaining spoils.

St Patricks Day celebration was especially enjoyable this year. The weather held off and we even saw a spot of sun. And what a glorious day to wear the green. Thanks to all who made this another day to remember. Good fun, good food and drink and friends with whom to share it all. What a great way to shuffle off winter's wraps.

The calendar for using the clubhouse is still mostly open. So now is a good time to reserve a date for that special event that may be in your plans.

On my way out of the marina I walked past the river depth gauge. It read seven feet plus. I remember the reading was sixteen feet last year and the river flowed at three and a half knots. We worried about logs and other debris causing damage to the floating docks and we had to cancel the Hadley Landing cruise because the area was flooded. The chance that the river will reach flood stage this year seems remote so we can look forward to a full cruising schedule. In short, better weather is just around the corner and summer fun will soon be here. See you all on the river soon.

FULFILL YOUR WORK HOUR COMMITMENT ON A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE!

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](tel:503-349-0840) or orjadams@teleport.com.

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From the Rear Chuck Silver - Rear Commodore

I would like to thank Mike Moen for stepping up to Work Party Chair. He was a little hesitant at first, but after about a week of contemplation he said "Yes!" He is doing a fine job of organizing work leaders and lunch providers. We are now well into the first two work parties this March with more to come.

Water is now turned on, removing one big hurdle that may prevent you from cleaning your boat.

Port Captain, Lynn Easton, says "Its time to get your boat inspected and put on your new VCS sticker!" He also says, "I am available to help with that." Lynn has been available as long as I have been with the club to do Vessel Safety Checks. He usually schedules these during the spring work parties, or individually scheduled times, in preparation for Opening Day and beginning of boating season.

Another important matter that our in-house electrician, Dave Kibby, has brought to our attention is make sure your shore power cords have a proper restraint line attached to them and the power tower. Walk 5, our newest dock, has a more up-to date way of doing this. However, the other four docks require a little knot tying skill to secure a small line from the plug end to the metal ring on the shore power tower. The intent is to relieve pressure from the twist lock plug connection into the tower. Instead, transfer this pressure to the restraint cord.

Speaking of knots, many of you may be familiar with the website, animated knots.com. This is a great resource for learning how to tie over 120 knots, with frame by frame pictures, in slow motion, to help you get it down. Now, they even have an app for your smart phone (\$4.99) so you can have it on the go. You might find a good knot for tying on your restraint cord. Try it out.



Moorage Matters
Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

Spring has arrived with rain, hail, sunshine, and snow flurries -- All in a few short hours on the same day! I am not seeing too many members out for a sail yet, but the busy season is about to begin

I presume that all members have their new registration stickers on by now. The next visit by the Sheriff will likely get you an expensive citation rather than the written warnings that several boats received in January.

Work parties are happening, and if you see broken parts of docks, water system, or something amiss in the electrical system, be sure to mention it to the Work Party Chair to get repairs listed.

A few members have inquired about when we all resume the Tuesday and Thursday sailing-for-fun-at-six. I would imagine that by late April or May this casual "unofficial club program" should get underway again. If you are interested, drop me an email. There's a list of members who have taken others out on their boats in the past, and more participation would be appreciated.

The annual VSC program is under way in April. Contact Port Captain Lynn to get your boat inspected and receive your stickers.

Fair Winds, Loren

Youth Sailing Report by Pam Sesar

We met with Willamette Sailing School and Vancouver Lake Sailing School March 12th. They are excited to work with us and we with them. The RCYSS board and committee members will now be getting together to finalize plans for the up-coming season.

RCYC has a young sailor currently enrolled in the middle school racing program at Willamette Sailing School. Casey Morley and his sister have been sailing at VLSC and WSC. Casey is sailing in all kinds of weather, in all kinds of boats, and even learning to work on boats. His hard work and dedication bring back my youthful enthusiasm. I will try to keep you all up on how he's doing.

Your generous support helps maintain our local programs and assist our young sailors. We have many young sailors in need of financial assistance and Casey would like to see more of his friends out on the water. WSC needs scholarship monies, six new Optimists and four new Lasers. VLSC needs dock storage, instructor training and curriculum. Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA) is in need of scholarships. The RCYSS can not at this time support all these needs but if you are able, any contribution helps. Please keep getting the word out. A newer brochure is on our web site. A big thank you goes out to all that have helped us with this.

Survey responses to the question: How can RCYC help grow youth sailing? (We considered all these ideas and we appreciate the honesty.)

"Keep doing camps," "Pay for more sailors so more people can be sailors," "Scholarships for kids outside of RCYC," "I had quite a few friends interested in the summer classes yet 'they' found it too expensive," "Offer sailing classes for parents," "Of course, any monetary amount help allow kids to take classes they may not have taken. Any publication of classes and regattas always helps encourage members to participate as well as be spectators 'and this' will continue youth sailing momentum," "Have boats at RCYC I can sail," and "Advertise more."

The RCYSS will now be using RCYC's address: 3737 NE Marine Dr., Portland, OR 97211 for all correspondence. Please make sure your check, letter, or note is clearly marked for youth sailing. We will be checking the mail at least once a week at the club. If you do not get a receipt, please check with us to make sure we received it. Feel free to call or email me. My contact information is in the yearbook. I love hearing from you. Please keep me busy.



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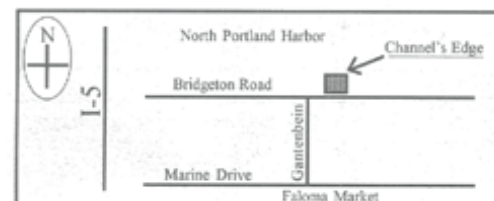
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The Boatyard at Rocky Pointe Marina joined club members at the clubhouse Saturday, February 11, 2012 to answer questions about their facility and services. Representing Rocky Pointe were Owner Stan Tonnesen, General Manager Jason Whitaker, Yard Foreman Travis Wonderling, Systems Tech Mark Torsen, and Coatings Tech William Nagel. All participated in the question and answer session.

Areas Covered:

1. Services. They do all aspects of boat repair and maintenance including haul outs, glassing, electronics, electrical, installations, painting, finish carpentry, systems, mechanical, fuel tank replacement, and general customizations. Flat rate is \$79/hour. This is NOT a DIY yard although there is no policy against owners working on boats the yard is repairing. All owner projects need to be approved by management because potential liability precludes certain owner activities, such as grinding or painting.

2. Wet Deck, Hull Repair. They have two Hot Vac Hull Cure machines for wet decks and hulls. They are one of seven boatyards in the US, and the only one in the NW to have this technology. The process involves, if necessary, drilling a small hole into deck or hull. Most often moisture removal can be achieved by removing hardware (for deck drying) or simply pulling a thru-hull if peeled. A combination of 120 degree heat and high vacuum removes moisture. This process can also expedite curing in partially cured fiberglass. It is helpful to run a moisture meter first to identify wet areas.

3. Bottom jobs. Customers will be given an estimate based on boat size. The estimate will cover the basic job, which consists of haul out, pressure wash, blocking in yard, hand sanding, and two coats of paint. They recommend copperless Pettit Eco paint. Additional problems, such as blister repair, will require a change order. Change orders must be signed (or emailed acceptance) before work proceeds. Blisters are generally repaired with a hand held planer having tungsten steel blades. This technique, known as peeling a hull, can remove up to two layers of glass at a time a quarter inch thick. It is both faster and cleaner than grinding. An epoxy barrier coat is applied after the peel is completed.

4. Owner maintenance. They recommend removing and re-bedding deck fittings every couple years. They have found Sikaflex 291 to be the best product for bedding. They also recommend tightening electrical connectors, e.g.: on breakers etc, once a year.

5. Facility. The facility has a 35 ton travel lift that handles boats to 60 feet. They can step masts up to 45ft. Any taller masts will require them to rent a crane. They also have a scissor lift, forklift, two covered shelters each 60 feet long, and a floating workshop that will accommodate up to a 50ft vessel. A typical yard workload is eight or nine boats at any given time, sometimes more. Three or four days lead time is generally sufficient to have work begun this time of year.



“Sea Lions” Terry Foren and Lynn Easton terrorizing Columbia River salmon

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

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RCYC Ladies' Dinner Needs You

One of the great attributes of RCYC is our spirit of DIY (Do It Yourself). In the past, many members have created wonderful donations for the Ladies' Dinner Raffle. .

The Ladies' Dinner is coming up this year on May 17, so I'd like to extend an invitation to all members to put that creativity to work. If you knit, turn, weave, assemble, draw, sew or make beautiful things, please consider putting together a donation for the best Ladies Dinner Raffle on the river. I look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Nina Kramer, 503-290-6782, ninakramer@yahoo.com for more information

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

April 2012

2	Nauti Knitters 10 am
7	Work Party 9 am
9	RCYC Board Meeting 7 pm
11	OWSA General Meeting 6 pm
14	Racing - Opening Day Regatta
15	Racing - RCYC Regatta & Party
16	Nauti Knitters 10 am
18	RCYC General Meeting 7pm
21	Work Party 9 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 am

May 2012

5	Opening Day
7	Nauti Knitters 10 AM
9	OWSA General Meeting 6 PM
12	OWSA Adventure Sail
14	RCYC Board Meeting 7 PM
16	RCYC General Meeting 7 PM
17	Ladies Dinner 6 PM
19	RCYC Medium Distance Race & Party 1 PM
21	Nauti Knitters 10 AM
26-28	Hadley Landing Cruise
26	Private Party 12 PM

• 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

Start the Season of Right!

Attend the Walk 1 BBQ on April 21st following the work party. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 pm with the BYOB & BYOM dinner beginning about 6:30 pm.

Salad, rolls, soft drinks, mixers and dessert will be provided. Be sure to attend and enjoy the beginning of the walk party season.