



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

May 2012



Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore

Opening Day is finally here. Come join the fun and the tradition. Yes, you have to dust off your blue blazer and get dressed up, but special occasions are what mark our time together. They make the rest of the time in between special by their presence. The events start at 0900 with a continental breakfast put on by Yvonne LaMont and Roy Renk. The Flag Ceremony is at 1000 and will feature the Sea Scouts of the SSS CITY OF ROSES and Bill Farr on bagpipes. Elden Stender will give the invocation and Ron Moran will be Master of Ceremonies. Gary Whitney will hold the skipper's meeting at 1100. It is very important to let Gary know that you will be participating in the parade of boats. Lunch will be served at 1130. We will be departing RCYC for the parade at 1300. Thanks to Jean and Steve Beaty for decorating the club house.

By the time you read this, the first walk BBQ will be over. The spring work parties, under Mike Moen's direction, have spruced up the club grounds. Thanks to all the members who have pitched in on the work parties. The first cruise is April 28-29 to East Dock. After Opening Day there is the Medium Distance Race on May 19. Let David Columbus know if you can help. The Hadley's Landing Memorial Weekend Cruise is May 26-28. You can also get involved in the knitting group on alternating Mondays. Don't forget to come down and use your boat. We want to avoid lonely boats. The best way to keep your boat happy is to use it.

The dream of running away to sea has a long literary tradition. This month's book is about a young man who shipped off to explore distant horizons in the merchant marine. *The Voyage of the Rose City* is the story of 20 year old John Moynihan who sailed on the tanker Rose City in 1980. He was the son of Senator Patrick Moynihan who pulled some strings to get him his ticket. This proved to be a sore point with the crew when they found out. The story is interesting as a personal narrative of a young man in search of himself and adventure, and it is illustrated with sketches from his journals. John wrote the story of his voyage on the Rose City for a college writing class. After his death in 2004 his mother pulled together the story and the pictures from his journals and got it published in 2011. The local angle to the story is the tanker was named after Portland.



TANTALIZING TWENTIES

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB LADIES DINNER & RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE

Thursday
May 17, 2012
3737 NE Marine Drive
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Dinner

Reservation Only
Contact
Linda Latham
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Twenties
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Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

Many hours of behind-the-scenes work, by lots of dedicated members, are underway. There is a great deal of planning and preparations for both Opening Day and the Ladies Dinner. All looks to be up to RCYC's excellent standards. A survey of the levee is underway and when it is complete the sand pile will be reduced and the parking lot graded and graveled. Until then, the parking lot can be muddy when it rains. The last work party of Spring is completed. All this work is in preparation for what looks like wonderful Summer boating, and enjoyment of the water. Members who have not put in their six work hours will need to make special arrangements to do ongoing tasks around the club.

On a more serious note: You may be aware of the marina fire in Bellingham where two live-aboards died and 10 yachts were a total loss. Closer to home, a fire aboard a yacht at Tyee YC caused burns to the owner, and property loss to his boat estimated to be \$100,000.

This is a cautionary tale and a good time to mention that the club requires all members carry insurance on their vessels, and observe the moorage rules. Electrical shorts and fuel transfers are the most common causes for fire on a vessel in a moorage. Please check your shore power cords and connections for any signs of electrical damage or damaged insulation. Replace damaged cords, plugs and receptacles with new items, don't repair them. Use a short piece of light line to secure the plug to the power pedestal on Walks 1 through 4.

Be prepared in the proper use of your on-board fire extinguisher. Mark Basel, our education chair, has scheduled a class with the fire department on how to use your fire extinguisher. Following a few very simple precautions and rules, we help avoid tragedy by fire. Please continue to do your part while you enjoy the marina and have fun on the water.



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News to Share?

Foghorn Deadline - 18th of the month

Email articles, announcements and photos with "Foghorn" in the header to the editors & graphics individuals listed below:

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Photography: Yvonne Lamont & all Club Members with cameras!

BoatU.S.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

Did you know that Rose City YC is a cooperating group member of BoatUS? Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatUS dues of \$30.00 – only \$15.00 a year! If you are already a BoatUS member, you can renew your membership at the low \$15.00 rate.

For information about BoatUS benefits, check out their web site:

www.BoatUS.com.

BoatUS Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 600 marinas. Locally, Rocky Point Marina on Multnomah Channel offers fuel and repair discounts.
- Low cost, high protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- On-the-water towing, with your choice of service levels – from \$50 per incident (free with membership) up to unlimited service – provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatUS
- BoatUS Magazine – a full year's subscription is included with membership!

If you were thinking about joining and just didn't get around to it, now is the time. Membership applications are available in the clubhouse, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your BoatUS Membership, be sure to mention Rose City Yacht Club, and our Co-op group #GA84669Y to get the special \$15.00 rate.

This is not be construed as an endorsement of BoatUS by Rose City Yacht Club or its officers. However, more than forty RCYC members have taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.



On June 9, 2012, RCYC and PYC will be hosting the Leukemia Cup Regatta. This event is held annually, in venues all across the United States, to raise money to fight cancer. You have an opportunity to help in this important endeavor. Almost everyone knows of someone who has had cancer of some form – a friend, a relative, a neighbor or coworker. Some have survived and some have not. This is your chance to honor him (her) with your donation.

Money raised by participants in the Leukemia Cup will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to fund their disease fighting research. Any amount you can donate will help. If you normally donate to this organization or if you don't, you can donate now through the Oregon Leukemia Cup Regatta web site. Maybe you can skip a stop at Starbucks, and donate five dollars that you didn't spend on a cup of coffee. Or perhaps you can skip going to a movie this week and donate ten dollars instead. If you don't play a round of golf, or if you don't ski this week, you can donate even more. The amount you choose to contribute isn't what's important. What is important is that you contribute. Every little bit helps.

When you donate through the web site, you will receive a return email receipt from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The person whose fund raising effort you supported will be notified that you contributed. Just click on the link below and click on sailor/boat search. Pick a skipper whose fund raising effort you'd like to support, click on the link to his or her web site and make your donation.

<http://or.lcr.llsevent.org>

A vertical advertisement for Cook Engine. At the top, it says "Locally Owned Since 1962" next to a logo featuring an anchor and the text "COOK Engine". Below the logo, it lists services: "* SALES * SERVICE * PARTS * INSTALLATIONS *". The website "WWW.COOKENGINE.COM" is prominently displayed. It also states "We Ship Parts Anywhere! CALL or EMAIL 24 HRS!". Contact information includes the phone number "1.888.849.8466" and email "sales@cookengine.com". At the bottom, it lists phone and fax numbers: "Phone: 503.289.8466 • Fax: 503.286.2836" and the address "530 NE Tomahawk Island Dr Portland, OR 97217". The bottom of the ad features logos for various boat brands: MERCURY, VOLVO PENTA, KOHLER, Crusader, WESTERBEKE, NORTHERN LIGHTS, and YANMAR.

Captain Pit's Race Corner

Mike Pitaressi

RCYC Frostbite Regatta

Cruising Class

1 st	Cool Change	Frank Noragon
2 nd	Misty	Pam Sesar
3 rd	KA-SL	Gary Whitney

PHRF-A2

1 st	Wave Dancer	Steve Moshofsky
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PHRF-B

1 st	Howdy	Allan Weber
2 nd	Katzenjammer	Jim Calnon

PHRF-C

1 st	Kamikaze	Steve Erickson
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Other RCYC racers included: Randy Bauer, Dan Handel, Alan Bergen, Jerry Barnes, Kevin Kahl, Phil Owen and Eric Rimkus.



Frank & Crew on Cool Change

Frostbite Photography by Dena Kent



Jim & Crew on Katzenjammer



Alan & Crew on Thirsty

RCYC/CYC Opening Day Regatta

The sun was bright, both days, for the Opening Day Regatta, but the wind failed to cooperate. After waiting for more than an hour each day, the races were abandoned. CYC was responsible for "on the water" activities and RCYC hosted the social event. Of the thirty-one entries, nine were RCYC members. RCYC has gotten a reputation for running races, but apparently our reputation for hosting social activities did not go unnoticed. Our parking lot overflowed onto Marine Drive, and the day didn't end until the keg of ale was empty.

RCYC
Medium Distance Race
Saturday—May 19—1:00pm

For more info contact
Mike Pitaressi or
David Columbus

Youth Sailing

Pam Sesar

Casey Morley is mastering his sailing technique on the Laser. He is working hard and showing perseverance, courage and tenacity. He took a knock down the first day out and kept on going even without all the proper clothing. It is wonderful to hear news about Casey and all our other young sailors. Please keep me up to date.

Last year was a great success. We doubled our participation with 17 kids participating – far and away our biggest year! With that kind of success, the board made changes to our reimbursement procedure. We will be reimbursing approved participants who successfully complete a sailing course for 80% of their tuition. Applications are on the brochure found on RCYC's web site or on the bulletin board at the club. Applications are due two weeks before a class, but email me regarding any exception. Currently schedules are found on the WSC, VLSC, and Columbia Gorge Racing Association's web sites.

Please remember that RCYSS is now using RCYC's address. Please make sure your check is payable to RCYSS. We have a folder at the club for all mail and will check it at least once a week. If you do not get a receipt from us we may not have gotten your donation so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you to Don Belshaw for his generous gift to the Matt and Mattie Annis fund! Your donations and gifts help grow sailing and safe boat handling, as well as maintain and grow strong programs. Again, thank you all for your continuing support.



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100 members were receiving the Foghorn by mail. The list is now down to 63.

Members can still take their names off the snail mail list and download their full color Foghorn electronically. The link for Members to fill out the form is the same. (If the link won't work, you may have to copy and paste it into your browser.)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dENBRVVQYS1fMTk5NUk1TUISNkptM3c6MQ>

Thanks to Mark Basel for setting up the link to the spread sheet that keeps track of Member's delivery preference.

Thanks to all who have responded & taken their names off the mailing list.

Get your Foghorn at www.rosecityyachtclub.org/foghorn



Secretary's Salutations

Ethan VanMatre, Secretary

Spring is here and opening day is just around the corner. We are all busy getting our boats in shape and ready for the season. With the influx each spring of eager, happy and sometimes unaware new boaters my thoughts go to boater education. How are your seamanship and navigation skills?

It has been a long time since I took a Celestial navigation class (from Hal Spoelstra!) and of course we do not need this on the River or the typical trip up the coast. With GPS you might not think that you need it at all. But then again being able to figure out where you are when the electronics fail is a good thing too, and learning new skills can be fun.

With that in mind I went looking for a Celestial class and found that we have a great resource for marine education here in the form of the Power Squadron. You may, like me, want Celestial or perhaps to brush up on seamanship or piloting. In any case the local Power Squadron chapters have a number of classes that you or your spouse will find useful and informative.

My wife, daughter and I will be taking a Marine Weather course starting May 7th. There is something for everyone.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

As we go to press the river is high and cold so wear your PFD when you go out. Remember that all kids under 13 must wear a PFD anywhere on the RCYC docks. The spring "dock walk and boat inspection" is coming right up. You should already have your current registration sticker on.

Slips—All of our winter temporary openings are rented to new members and there will have to be some boat movement as absent boats get relaunched for the summer. Anyone "going North" for the summer please let me know when so that I can use your slip for a new member on the Waiting List. Wait List is holding at about seven boats, which is usually about a year or two for a new member to get his own slip.

By May we should be assigning one or even two new member boats to a slip. Filling a slip takes some time due to offering openings to the Improvement List members first. Thus the actual "opening" sort of moves around as people exercise their options to change slips when we get an opening.

Sailing on Tuesdays—With the lengthening daylight, the club's Tuesday Evening Sailing For Fun program is getting under way. Bring your PFD and a smile on May 1st. Let's hope for some wind and no rain. Take someone out on your boat or go out on another boat. Go for a short or long sail. Motor around if there's no wind. Get better acquainted with other members. No big expectations -- just leave the dock and enjoy some time on the water. Look at this as yet another way to meet other members.

Six PM on Tuesday, on the floating patio deck. If some of the Trawler contingent show up to lure us out to enjoy the dark side, that's fine, too, especially if it rains. This RCYC casual "program" never competes with the organized racing. It's just an excuse to go sailing and enjoy the company of other members and friends.

If you get an invite to crew for one of the boats racing on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, by all means go and enjoy. I used to do that a lot and it was the best way to learn to sail a boat efficiently.

Security—The ramp gate and all doors to the Clubhouse must be locked at dusk. If you access the Clubhouse later, you must turn off all lights and lock up all three doors when leaving. Keep an eye on the parking area as well as the docks. If someone gives you static, the sheriff's number is in the Clubhouse. If you feel threatened in any way, dial 911.

Dinghies and Kayaks—Be sure that you have a legible name plate on your spot on the small boat racks. Otherwise someone else might claim "your" spot when you and your small boat are gone on vacation.

View from the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

This past Saturday I had the privilege to helm a 44.7 Beneteau in the Blakely Rock Benefit Race, from Shilshole, around Blakely Rock and back, sponsored by the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club in Ballard, WA. I will be the first to admit I am no racer, but I do love sailing.

So here we are, a crew of seven, in amongst ninety-six other boats at the start area, tacking, jibing, stalling, falling off, coming up, and dodging other boats getting ready to cross the start line with the thirteenth out of fourteen fleets. Very intense to say the least! We did get a reasonable start, went around Blakely Rock and missed the shallow rocks, where the water changes to a different color of green (you know what I mean) and made it back to cross the finish line. Wind was very light on the return. One of our competitors, a Swan 45, didn't quite get around the rocks, had to stay lodged there awhile. Bottom line, all in all, what an exhilarating experience!



Where am I going with this? Sometimes we all need a little nudge to get out on the water and use our boats. That can be what it takes to get us pumped up. After my excursion last weekend, I can't wait to de-winterize, clean up, put the sails on and go out sailing. It only takes that first step to get out there and you soon realize your passion for sailing/boating is still very much alive.

I really admired Larry and Beth Anderson. They would come down to the club 2-3 times a week, usually late afternoon after they had supper and take their boat out. They would go up river almost to the 205 bridge, turn around and come back. It would take about an hour +/- . The point is, they did it and did it routinely. It seemed to be so simple. They were a good example of how to enjoy your boat. It doesn't need to be an overnighter or several nights, a big production, just get out and do a little day sail now and then. Maybe Tuesdays are your free nights, or Thursdays, or Saturdays – but schedule one night to go boating.



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Starting May 1st, Loren Beach is restarting the “come on down Tuesdays at 6 PM, bring water, an energy bar, a PFD and suitable clothing, and go sailing on your own or someone else’s boat.”

Let's do it.

Warning - it may be habit forming.

See you on the water.

Memorial Weekend Cruise Hadley's Landing May 26-28



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

May 2012

5	Opening Day	
7	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	OWSA General meeting	6:00 pm
12	OWSA Adventure Sail	
14	RCYC Board meeting	7:00 pm
16	RCYC General meeting	7:00 pm
17	Ladies Dinner	6:00 pm
18	Foghorn June deadline	
19	RCYC Medium Distance Race & Party	1:00 pm
21	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
26	Private Party	12:00 pm
26-28	Hadley's Landing Cruise	

June 2012

2	Private Party	
4	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
7	OWSA Class	6:30 pm
9	OWSA Class	9:00 am
11	RCYC Board meeting	7:00 pm
13	OWSA General meeting	6:00 pm
15	Walk Two BBQ	6:00 pm
16	OWSA Class	9:00 am
18	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn July/Aug deadline	
20	RCYC General meeting	7:00 pm
23	Private Party	12:00 pm

Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC
www.rosecityyachtclub.org

Need something added to the calendar? Contact John Flenniken



Summer Wind at Butchart Cove, Saanich Inlet, BC
Beautiful mooring is free with tickets to the Gardens

Do you have a favorite sailing spot, adventure or memory?
Share your joy!

Send us a photo or two with descriptions & we'll get it in the Foghorn!

Rhonda is a Very Happy Girl on a mooring in Bedwell Harbor while Alan bakes up some orange cinnamon rolls for breakfast



The Boguslawskis want to express our appreciation for Royal Victoria Yacht Club's warm hospitality & convenient Canadian Customs check-in. Thanks RVYC!