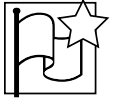


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June 2012



Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore

May has been a busy month at RCYC. We are sailing and working on our boats and we have had Opening Day and the Ladies Dinner. Members are going on cruises and our snowbirds have come home tanned and ready for summer.

Opening Day was a fun celebration of tradition.

Gary Whitney did a great job as Fleet Captain. RCYC did well in the parade and got a third place for Appearance, second place for Best Decorated Boat, third for Best Decorated Club and second in Best Overall Club. Thanks to Jean Beaty and JoNell McClary, Cathy Nelson, Janet Bradley, Patti and Smoke Fischer, Renate Bittner, Linda Belshaw, Yvonne LaMont and Roy Renk for decorating the Club, making breakfast and lunch, and for the cleanup. The Opening Day Ceremony went smoothly thanks to Ron Moran who was Master of Ceremony, Elden Stender who gave the Invocation, Bill Farr for playing the bag pipes and the Sea Scouts from the SSS City of Roses for the Flag Ceremony.



The Ladies Dinner was a great success. On behalf of First Lady Nina, I want to thank Rick "Capone" Royce and the kitchen crew for an excellent meal. Chuck Silver and the waiters for great service, Kelly and Jeff Mucha for bringing the dances of the 1920's to life for us, Jim Hackley

and his crew for gate monitoring and parking-lot duty, and all the RCYC ladies who planned and decorated and made the event a success. I think that all the ladies will agree that RCYC has the best Ladies Dinner on the



Lyn Cocklin, Brad Jensen's sister and Joyce Jensen

river. A huge thank you from Nina for all the ladies who helped out: Jean Beaty, Renate Bittner, Janet Bradley, Barb Chabala, Carolyn Douglass, Patti Fischer, Penny Flennken, Linda Latham, Yvonne LaMont, Alverna Martin, JoNell McClary, Lucy Mitchem, Leslie Phillips, Ruth Webster (apologies if she forgot anyone); bartenders Terry Foren and Brad Jensen; and Chuck Fisher for obtaining the liquor license. I also want to thank the racers



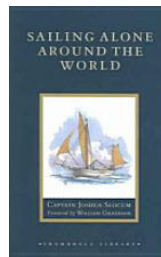
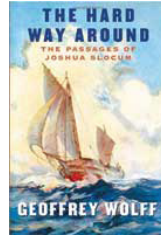
JoNell McClary and Kathy Beach

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who parked outside the lot to make room for the ladies. Part of the moneys raised at the Ladies Dinner will go to the Oregon Food Bank.

The ramps are finished and they are super. I want to thank Karl Quade and Chuck Pennington and everyone who helped with the east ramp project. The finished ramps look great and are a big improvement over the old wood decking. Our excellent facility is a source of pride to RCYC members. With our Club looking great and our boats clean and ready, we do want to make sure we don't spoil the effect with a dingy dinghy. Please take a look at your dinghy and wash it if needed.

A good question is when to revisit a book rather than read something new. A conversation with a friend led me to reread this month's book. He recommended I read a recent biography of Joshua Slocum *The Hard Way Around: the passages of Joshua Slocum* by Geoffrey Wolff. I checked out a copy of the book and was going to read it when I decided that it had been so long since I had read *Sailing Alone Around the World* that I needed to reread that first. My memory of the book was that it was OK, but it had not impressed me. I had not seen what others had in the book. As I reread the story I was surprised to find myself enjoying Slocum's humor and storytelling. My expectations had shifted. I was not looking for a manual on circumnavigation, and I was enjoying a great story. So if you have not read *Sailing Alone Around the World* or if it has been a long time, give it a try. If you want to introduce your kids or grandkids to Joshua Slocum, check out *Around the World* by Matt Phelan. It is a juvenile graphic novel that tells the story of Slocum as well as Nellie Bly and Thomas Stevens.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

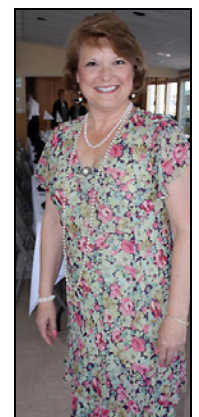
Our new member waiting list is holding steady at six boats. We have 15 boats on the Improvement List and one boat on the extended absence list. You should advise any prospective member that getting their boat into a slip of its own will take at least a year. There are several new member boats presently using temporary slips here and there around the moorage as boats go on vacation or onto the hard.

After the Commodore wrote to several members about cleaning up their boats, all have done so or arranged to have it done. On the whole our boats all look cleaner than they have in several years. Along with the recent completion of the painting and new flooring for the east ramp, the whole place is really looking good. "You've all done very, very well!"

Longer daylight means that it's more likely that uninvited strangers may try to access the grounds and docks. Even though our property is posted, a few are going to get in to do more than "walk the docks". So do keep the ramp gate locked after sunset and ditto for the three Clubhouse doors.

The Tuesday Night Sailing at 6 PM program is running nicely. We had excellent winds and some great sailing the last two weeks. I've been out on two different boats and look forward to

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Barb Chabala's daughter Carol Goff | Carol Donaldson | Susan Dorn & Lucy Mitchem | Anita's daughter Kassy Matlock & Anita Fallon | Jean Silver | Leslie Phillips

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getting our own boat under way within a week or two. (Our spring project list is 'bout done for this year, or at least declared done.) Join in, either as host or crew. Just be at the patio deck with your PFD and a smile, at 6 PM Tuesdays.

Safety: As we go to press, the river is holding at 10 to 11 feet, so be careful working or playing on or near the water. Do wear your PDF, and point the bow upstream, i.e. "crab" when under way in or out of a fairway so that you do not get washed down onto the front of the next walk. Current is averaging about two knots.

Be careful out there.

Remember 2004...



Vice Commodore's Report



John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

The first half of 2012 is over. The spring work parties are complete and the Club is looking shipshape. Thank you for all your hard work. Karl Quade and Chuck Pennington and a few dedicated Club members have removed the old deck, ground off the old paint, painted and re-decked the east ramp with the new nonskid material. It looks great just like the west ramp - great. The four new carts are an improvement over the wheelbarrows. We will have ten when the last six are put together. The dredge crew left a very large pile of sand that is being used to re-contour the levee just above the dredge pond and spoils pile. Heavy equipment will be in the southeast corner of the parking lot area on an unpredictable schedule. Not knowing when the equipment will be working, I want to remind all the members to park along the northwest side of the parking lot when you take your boat out for a cruise. If you missed the work party opportunities to fulfill your spring work hours, you should get in contact with Mike Moen, our Work Party Chair, for an assignment before your account is charged. That concludes the business part of my column.

Now for some fun words: The sand has been removed and the humps that kept some of the vessels from leaving the marina are gone, as is your excuse to leave your vessel in port. Loren Beach has started his unofficial Tuesday sail. Come on down Tuesday evenings and meet in the Clubhouse and form up, then take your boat out or go out on someone else's boat. The goal is to use the boats and get them away from the dock. It's been good fun. The summer offers a full schedule of Walk barbecues, racing and cruising in which to partake. We've worked hard - now it's time to play!

Additional activities include the Starlight Parade on June 2nd. If you're downtown to watch the parade, the Daughters of Neptune will be on a float, so wave to Ina VanMatre, RCYC's own Daughter of Neptune. Remember, one of their principle missions is to promote water safety and the proper use of personal flotation devices (PFDs). Karl Quade mentioned that boating fatalities were at a near record number last year. Let's not join that number -- while we're on the water having fun lets do it safely and wear your PFDs.

On a personal note, I successfully sold "Penelope", my faithful Catalina 22 swing keel, and bought a new-to-me Catalina 27 named "River Rose." Such joy! They say the two best days of a boat owner's life are the purchase of their boat and the second is

the sale of their boat. When these two events happen so close together elation is supreme. The only greater joy I've experienced was the birth of our two sons.

Leukemia Cup Regatta

The Rose City Yacht Club and The Portland Yacht Club sponsored the inaugural Leukemia Cup Regatta benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on April 9th. Gary Jobson, the legendary sailor and Lymphoma survivor shared his personal story to stir up support for the June 9th Portland and Vancouver sailors race to raise funds to fight blood cancer.



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A View from the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

Nina Kramer and her support staff put on a great, elegant Ladies Dinner this past Thursday evening. I had the privilege of rounding up the wait staff as well as final clean up and putting the Clubhouse furniture back in place. I want to sincerely thank all who participated. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", and that is what we had. Again, thank you all!

We are at the mid point of the year -- can you believe it? Speaking of work and the coming year, some of you might want to consider joining the Board as a Director for 2013. There seems to be those who stay and those who resign, so there are continually spaces to fill. The Board is made up of five Directors and four Flag Officers, for a total on nine. Our Club will need someone to step up to the Secretary position as well, and subsequently, moving through the Chairs. Give these opportunities some serious thought and approach me or any of the other Board members if you are interested. Remember, we are a working Club and all have a part in making it succeed.

See you on the water.

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**



Casey Morley racing his Lazer at WSC.

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."

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Nauti Knitters

Rather than meeting on the first and third Mondays in the Clubhouse, the Nauti Knitters will be bringing their projects on cruises. So if you have a project or need some help, bring it along as we cruise up and down the Columbia. The Knitters will resume their normal schedule on the third Monday of September.

Dredging

The Dredge Crew T-shirts arrived, and were passed out during the May Club meeting. If you were a member of the dredge crew last winter and have not received a T-shirt, please send me an email or give me a call and I can leave one on your boat or get one to you one way or another.

We have applied for a permit to repair the levee at the dredge pond site. We expect to receive a response the first part of July. At that point, it should not take long to make the repairs and clean up the parking lot. Roth's has mentioned that they may move some of the sand out of the parking lot before we make the repair, but we have no control over their schedule. That may or may not happen, so please keep in mind that if you are leaving your car at the Club, please park on the northwest side of the parking lot. As always, if you are going to leave your car for a long period of time, it is a good idea to leave a key with either the Eastons or the Billions.

Happy Sailing!

Brad Jensen, Dredge Advisor



First Cruise of 2012 - East Dock Government Island



Cat's Paw, Bandit, and Amaterasu were at East Dock for the first cruise to Government Island. The weather was pretty good, but the water was high and swift, and the island flooded, so I suspect that kept most boats away for the weekend.

Joshua and Tanner Weber enjoyed playing in the flooded section of the picnic area



Opening Day 2012



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

June 2012

- 2 Private Party
- 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 2 BBQ**, 6:00 pm
- 16 OWSA class, 9:00 pm
- 20 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:00 pm
- 23 Private Party 12 PM

July 2012

- 4 **RCYC Land Cruise**
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 Racing - Beer Can Race
- 14 **Walk 3 BBQ**, 5:30 pm
- 18 **RCYC General Meeting**, 7:00 pm
- 21 OWSA - Adventure Sail
- 21-29 **RCYC Lazy Days Cruise**
- 26 Cathlamet Pot Luck, 5:00 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

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

► **May 26 - 28, 2012**

The Club will be heading to Hadley's Landing on Multnomah Channel for the Annual RCYC Memorial Day Cruise.

- A potluck is planned for Sunday night.
- Happy hour at 1600 hours
- Dinner at 1700 hours.

If you have any questions, call Ron Moran at 503-807-3817

Thank you Members for sending photos in for this months Foghorn!

- Janice Choy-Weber
- Marilyn Stender
- Hans Geerling
- Yvonne Lamont
- Pam Sesar



**Welcome new member,
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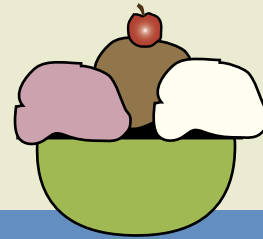
COME TO THE WALK 2 BBQ JUNE 15TH

*Happy Hour starts at 5:30
(BYOB = Bring Your Own Beverage)*

*Dinner will be served at 6:30
(BYOM = Bring Your Own Meat)
The rest of your dinner will be provided.*

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