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Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore

I hope you are having a great summer getting out on your boats and relaxing. I had a rare Tuesday night off work so Nina and I tried out the Tuesday night sailing. It was a lot of fun. It is a great way to add some variety to your sailing life. Club activities are another way to meet new members and have a great time. So far this year, if you have gone on a cruise or attended a Walk BBQ, you have had great weather. Everyone on the Hadley's Cruise enjoyed mostly dry weather with a touch of late night rain while everyone who stayed in Portland got nasty thunder storms. So take a chance and join the fun.

Don't forget to come celebrate the 4th of July at the RCYC Land Cruise. Enjoy food, fun and fireworks, then load the boat for Lazy Days. Lazy Days is mostly informal, but it has one big event: the potluck in Cathlamet on July 26th. You will want to make it to the potluck even if you have to drive. The rest of the days are flexible. August 10-12 is the Pirates Cruise. It is our most kid friendly cruise of the year, and you get to dress up in a slightly different manner than the Commodore's Ball. You also get to find out which of our Past Commodores can cook a good breakfast. The blackberries are usually ripe too.

The Rose City Youth Sailing Society (RCYSS) is working on fund raising. They use these funds to help kids learn to sail.

The kids are mostly children and grandchildren of RCYC members. Please be generous and help out if you can.

Our club looks great with our new ramp decking. Karl Quade and Chuck Pennington, with the help of other members, have put in lots of hours fixing up our ramps.

Commodore's Log continues on page 2



*Messing
about at
Hadley's
Landing
2012*

Great First Impressions

RCYC's image gets better with each new improvement to our grounds. Please appreciate the time, effort and cost spent keeping our grounds looking good and complimenting our excellent on-the-water facilities. Our grounds are the first impression most people get. Let's keep them on par with what Rose City Yacht Club represents.

With a spirit of club pride please remember our gardens are not the receptacle for cigarette butts or animal waste.

- Dispose of all waste in the properly labeled dumpster.
- Keep all waste separate from recyclables containers.

We have great new dock carts. They are much more pleasant to use if they are clean and dry. They will stay dry if stored upright, just east of the new ice machine compound/pad. Please use the carts for dry cargoes only. Use the wheelbarrows for messy work.

- Store the wheelbarrows outside of the carts, otherwise they topple and scrape.
- Remember, we live in Oregon, so parking appropriately is appreciated. (Leaving carts as rain catchers or at your moorage space is not cool!)

Thank you! Your Board.

With facilities like this, we are proud of our Club, and we want our club to present a positive first impression to members and guests. Please help to keep the grounds looking their best. Please pick up after your pets and don't litter.

This summer we will be heading out to explore old favorite and new cruising grounds. A great book to have along is Jack Nisbet's *Sources of the River*. The book is about David Thompson, who is known for surveying and charting the Columbia River.

He was an employee of the Hudson Bay Company. From 1784 to 1812 he explored the Northwest and in his role as explorer and map maker, he charted the Columbia River. The book gives a good idea of what life was like as a fur trapper in the early 19th century. It was a wild and adventurous life. This is another book you will want to add to your boat library.



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RCYC 4th of JULY FESTIVITIES

RC Soling Regatta – Bob Gales
Sailing for all members – Ron Moran

11 A.M. to 4 P.M. SWAP MEET—On the
Patio. See Ron Moran or Lynn
Easton for details.

4 P.M. HAPPY 2 HOURS

6 P.M. POTLUCK – Brats and Burgers
provided. Please bring a side dish,
salad or dessert.

After dinner: MOVIE and POPCORN

10:05 P.M. FIREWORKS begin across the
river in Vancouver

Volunteers are needed for clean-up. If you
are free to help, please contact Jean Beaty.

4th of July Soling Regatta

It is time to rescue your Soling radio control sailboat
from wherever it has been sadly collecting dust and
begin preparations for the Club Championship.
Dust off the deck, wax the hull, charge up the
batteries and get ready for some exciting One
Design racing!

All radio controlled sailboats are welcome and non-
Solings will race in the open class. If you do not
plan to race your Soling, please consider finding a
skipper to race it for you. Make sure the boat's
name/number is displayed.

WHAT: Soling One-Design Club Championship
WHEN: Wednesday, July 4, Around 2 pm
WHERE: Walk Two Fairway
WHY: We got 'em, so let's sail 'em!
REGISTRATION: Day of the event
FEE: \$ 0 (Hey, haven't we spent enough on
these things?)
PROTESTS: All protests will be promptly ignored



Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

Summer is finally here! The water is calling so take your
boats out and enjoy the pleasure of being on the river.
The next scheduled cruise is the 4th of July Land Cruise.
The Walk #2 BBQ was an excellent event that helped
prepare for summer. The club is ship shape. New con-
tainer gardens are pleasing to the eye. The BBQs have
been readied for hot dogs and hamburgers. The parking
lot has been re-graded and graveled. So make your
plans now to participate in the many activities your club
has to offer. Even the river is cooperating with fairly nor-
mal flows for late spring/early summer. If the water flow
continues we should have plenty of water in the river for
the Lazy Daze cruise.

While we are enjoying all that RCYC has to offer, please
remember we are a "Do it yourself" club. That means
when you use the club's facilities—whether it's the
shower, galley, BBQs, Tool Shed, or Clubhouse—leave
it as you found it or better. If you find something broken
and you can fix it that's even better. If you can't fix it, re-
port it to one of the Club's Officers.

The work parties have been completed for spring but
there are additional projects you can tackle this summer.
To learn more about those projects, contact the Work
Party Chair, Mike Moen. If you are planning to take your
boat out of the club for an extended time—a week or
more—let Loren Beach, Moorage Chair, know of your
vacancy. If you are going away for an extended vacation,
let the Port Captain and the Resident Members know
you're away and who to contact if something needs
tending. See you on the river.



There will be a minimum of three and maximum of five races, with
points awarded based on the number of boats. Start times and
post-race awards banquet details to be posted at the club.

De-Mystifying the Asymmetrical Spinnaker

Cliff Hunter

Types & choices of asymmetrical

Radial head has a full bodied shape with big shoulders. It is constructed of vertical panels on top and horizontal panels on bottom. Its best use is as a downwind sail.

Tri-radial has a similar shape, but its construction is different with vertical panels on top, horizontal panels in the middle, and lower panels that radiate from tack & clew toward the center. Its best use is downwind and reaching.

Star cut spinnaker has a flatter shape and is constructed with all panels radiating from tack and clew toward the center. This is the strongest construction & is more expensive than the radial head. Its best use is reaching in heavy air.

Gennaker has the flattest sail shape of all, closer to a genoa than the others. It is sewn of heavy spinnaker cloth with a rope luff. Its best use is beam reaching. Cloth weights are determined by boat size, displacement and intended use. Larger boats and heavy air will normally require heavier cloth.

A longtime RCYC member, Cliff is the area representative for Lee Sails.

Lee Sails are made in Hong Kong to customers' specifications.
Cliff measures on site.

The sails are high quality and competitively priced. Lee makes all types of sails including mains, headsails, symmetrical & asymmetrical spinnakers.

Cliff gave this presentation at the May 16 RCYC General Meeting.



Asymmetrical spinnaker operation

Set up The spinnaker halyard ideally is run through a block on a tang at the top of the mast above the forestay sheeve. Although boats with hank-on headsail can use their headsail halyard, this is not optimal because the halyard will ride over the forestay when gybing.

The spinnaker tack should be run through a block located as far forward on the bow as possible. Although it can be cleated at the bow, it is better to run the line back to the cockpit so the sail shape can be controlled from there. The tack line should be tight in heavy air, looser in light air.

Spinnaker sheets' length should be from 1 3/4 to 2 times the boat length. They need to be this long in part because they need to be led around the forestay and outside everything including stanchions. This allows for an outside gybe.

Gybing In this maneuver, the working sheet is released first so the wind can blow the sail clew forward until it extends ahead of the boat. With the spinnaker clew extended in front of the boat, the boat is turned under the sail. It is best to turn slowly and deliberately to obtain a feel for how the boat is responding. Then, the opposite sheet is gathered in and the sail is re-trimmed to complete the gybe.

Socks The raising and dousing sequence is best worked out ahead of time on the dock. This is especially true if sailing with crew unfamiliar with the routine. Raising and dousing are best done with a sock that contains an internal continuous line. The line gathers the sock up to the top to raise the sail. Pulling on the other line end lowers the sock for dousing. The sock remains at the top of the sail during operation. The sock can also be lowered while sailing to partially furl the sail if it is getting out of control.

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Cathlamet Channel Is Shoaling In

John Dees

There have been reports this spring of more shoaling on the up river approach to Cathlamet in the area of buoys 7A to 6 including 5 (which comes before 6). Generally, the river is filling in on the downstream side. In the past buoy 5 has been the biggest problem, and it is now worse. Some people say to stay a little more down river from it. Also between 7A and 7, stay closer to the island (officially Little Island but seems part of Puget Island). So far, boats have been coming through just fine— just go slower, be more careful, look for boats that seem to have stopped and listen for what others have experienced.

I guess the river bottom is rising faster than global warming is raising the water level itself. On a related topic, if the State thinks they own the bottom sand upriver from RCYC that gets deposited under us each year, shouldn't it be their responsibility to come and remove it (instead of us having to remove it and pay mining fees as well)? Oh well, I guess sand rolls down hill too.

Just trying to Keep Afloat.

Lazy Days Cruise

July 21 – 29

Saturday, July 23 - Martin Island
Sunday, July 22 - Behind Walker Island
Monday, July 23 - Cathlamet
Tuesday, July 24 - Astoria West Basin
Wednesday, July 25 - Lay Day, Astoria
Thursday, July 26 - Cathlamet – Pot Luck
Friday, July 27 - Walker Island
Saturday, July 28 – Martin Island
Sunday, July 29 – R.C.Y.C.

Some members can't take a full week;
others may take two.

Whatever your plans are, let's meet in
Cathlamet on Thursday, July 26th
Happy Hour @ 1700; Potluck @ 1800.

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

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(Photos below and Cruising World article by Alan & Rhonda Boguslawski)



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RCYSS Youth Sailing

Pam Sesar

So much is going on. WSC and VLSC and Columbia Gorge Racing Association are the sites to visit for current information. Thank you all for supporting the Walk 2 youth sailing fund raising raffle and auction. Please watch for more opportunities to get some fabulous items and help our children with the expenses of sailing.

Following is information about a national championship event we are happy to see in our area. If you can make the trip to watch this, it is a fabulous time! Let me know of any questions or concerns.



**US Youth Sailing Championship—August 14- 18, 2012
Columbia Gorge Racing Association—Cascade Locks, OR
Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial, 29ers
For more information see the following web site:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/>**

Rose City Youth Sailing Society Begins Fundraising Effort

Gail O'Neill, RCYSS Fund Raising Committee

With sailing season underway, RCYSS is receiving applications from young people eager to take lessons at either Vancouver Lake Sailing Club or Willamette Sailing Club. Many of these youngsters are the potential sailors of tomorrow and possible future members of Rose City Yacht Club.

Not all of them have the means to pay for the entire cost of sailing classes, which is where RCYSS comes in. We offer partial reimbursement to those children who submit the RCYSS application form along with a letter explaining why they want to learn to sail. RCYC members' children and grandchildren, as well as nonmembers, are encouraged to apply. An early season application in April or May assures the best choice of class dates. Our RCYSS board assesses applications and makes selections.

After five years of providing funds for lessons, RCYSS must assertively replenish it's coffers. I have designed a fund raising packet, with technical assistance volunteered by our own Vickie Nissen, professional graphic designer (Thank you, Vickie) to be mailed to members along with their July quarterly dues statement. Members who receive their statement electronically, will receive the fund raising packet in their mailbox.

It's an opportunity for members to make a contribution to RCYSS for the advancement of the sport of sailing in our community. Please give as generously as you desire and remember our 501(c)3 status makes your donation tax deductible. You may specify your donation to the Matt and Mattie Annis Memorial Fund which reimburses classes at Vancouver Lake or to the Jack Gainer Fund which supports classes at Willamette. Both funds contribute to children's sailing events at large and in the local community. Many thanks for your support.



Gail with Antoine Philippon, winner of the RCYSS raffle at the Walk2 BBQ. He bought 12 tickets.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The Waiting List for initial slip assignment extends over a year for larger boats and might even be as long as two years. I did just fill a small slip with an appropriate-size boat. We have several double-fill situations around the club, where members have removed their boats to a yard or have left for long vacations. If you are taking your boat out for a month or more, please let me know when and the return date.

As wakes increase in the busy summer season, be sure that your masthead is not in a direct line with your neighbor's mast. It also bears repeating to always have snubbers and chafe gear on bow and stern lines.

We have resumed the "Take your boat out or crew on another boat" night, on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Check in at the Clubhouse patio and gather up members for crewing or go out with another member. This is a very informal activity; I suggest you dress for the weather, wear your PFD, and maybe bring a snack if you are hungry. If you schlep along an extra can of pop or other beverage to share, that might be appreciated. You will get better acquainted with other members and share some boating time. No matter what sort of boat you own—large or small, power or sail—come on down.

Current Note: You need to keep your bow upstream when "crabbing" in and out of fairways. Spring runoff current will be with us for several weeks yet.

If you use shore power, you must have a strain relief line on that cord to keep it from tearing out of the AC connector on the dock post.

Fair Winds.

No Foghorn in August so make note of these September events now!

Beacon Rock Cruise
Labor Day Weekend

Long Distance Race
to St Helens
Sept 8 & 9

River Place Cruise
up the Willamette
Sept 22 & 23



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How many Sailors does it take to change a light bulb?

AdventureSail at RCYC

Gail O'Neill, RCYC & OWSA

The first Girls, Inc. AdventureSail event of the season occurred on Saturday May 12 at RCYC. The Oregon Women's Sailing Association partnered with Girls, Inc. to bring the National Women's Sailing Association AdventureSail to Portland. The event was created by NWSA to give middle school age girls the opportunity to enjoy the empowering experience of learning to sail.

OWSA member Julie Schuman and I offered to captain our boats Blue Heron and Soleil for the event, along with OWSA Commodore Susan Gierga, skipper of her Westsail 38, Penelope. Before heading out to the boats OWSA facilitator, Judi Davis, led an orientation and refresher course in sailing basics and safety. The girls each got to build their own miniature sailboat identifying parts of the boat.

Lilian Boatwright, Lolita Huddleston, and Cadie Godula joined me on Soleil with Ashley Scherman, their Girls, Inc. mentor. We had Edie Felix and Bob Gales on board for our crew. This was the second year the girls on my boat were participating in the AdventureSail event, and they jumped right in to assist as needed.

Lolita had been the recipient of an OWSA sponsored Island Sailing Club camp last summer and she was very comfortable on the foredeck, helping to raise and trim the sails. Lilian was our VHF radio person and was fluent in calling our sister boats to check in with everyone's progress during our two hour sail. Cadie was a patient helmswoman, as I continually assisted her to keep the boat on track. We tacked and jibed against prevailing easterlies and strong spring river current as far as the 42nd Street boat ramp before heading back to port.

After Dena Kent took photos of the young sailors and their mentors, we all were treated to a Celebration picnic in the clubhouse, catered by OWSA members. The sunny, warm weather made for an enjoyable day on the water sharing the joy of sailing with the young women, our sailors of tomorrow.



Gail, Bob, Cadie, Ashley, Lilian, Lolita & Edie Felix



Back: Michelle Williamson, Susan Holtof Front: Theresa Martin, Sabine Authier, Lexi Santiago & Julie Schumann



View from the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

We enjoyed an energetic Walk 2 BBQ on June 15. The berries, ice cream and toppings for desert were a nice treat. Mike Finch entertained us with great singing and guitar/harmonica playing. The raffle raised money for Rose Cilty Youth Sailing Society. Thank you, to all the Walk 2 hosts!

Next month, July 14th to be exact, Walk 3 has the privilege of hosting the BBQ. But, don't forget the 4th, an all day event at the Club. And, on the 26th we have the potluck at Cathlamet, a centerpiece for Lazy Days.

August 10-12 is the Pirates' Cruise to Government Island West Dock, a nice new dock with quiet waters for cooling off. This is always a fun event. Past Commodores cook a hearty breakfast. There is a treasure hunt for young members and a "welcoming" of new members. Ron Moran, our Cruising Chair, and the Rear Commodore will make you all feel welcome! We will be calling on someone out there to spearhead the treasure hunt. Or, you could volunteer in advance.

Let's enjoy our summer break and socialize together. We always have a good time.

See you on the water.



Above: Chuck & Jean Silver with Jean Beaty

Walk 2 BBQ

Below: Tom Nelson & Bob Phillips scooping it up



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Pirates Cruise

August 10-12

Argh Maties!

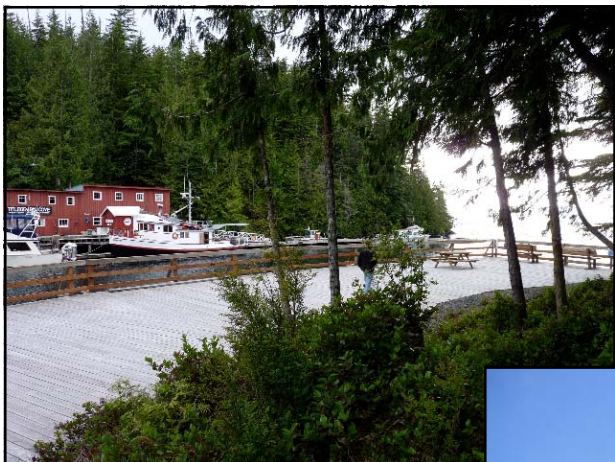
**See you at Government Island
West Dock aka Sandy Beach
aka Schwitter's Landing**



Bob and Gail's Highlights of the Broughton Archipelago

Gail O'Neill

RCYC sailors cruising north with plans to visit the Broughton's, the group of islands on the British Columbia mainland across from northern Vancouver Island, may want to consider our recommendations below with photos we took on our 2010 cruise.



1. On your way to Port McNeill, gateway to the Broughton's, stop for a night at scenic Telegraph Cove on Vancouver Island with spectacular views of northern Johnstone Strait.



2. Visiting the fascinating Telegraph Cove Whale Museum. It's free.



3. At Port McNeill marina you may get to see the resident eagle who hangs around the fish cleaning station.



4. How impressive is this?
Bob and the Burl!



5. Across Queen Charlotte Strait on North Broughton Island you'll find quaint Sullivan Bay.

6. It's a full service, friendly place & the restaurant serves excellent food.



7. Crowd waits for Jambalaya on Cajun Night at Jennis Bay on the BC mainland.



8. Welcoming Jennis Bay owners Tom & Allyson Allo, along with their two children, do all the work but they invite visiting mariners to participate in Cajun Night cooking.



9. Soleil tied up behind the breakwater at Greenway Sound.



10. You can enjoy solitude at the end of the long docks at Greenway.



11. Beautiful Echo Bay Marine Park on Gilford Island.



12. Dinghy fun in calm Echo Bay.



13. Billy Proctor and his museum at Echo Bay is not to be missed!



15. Pierre's pig roast at his Echo Bay marina.



14. We spent an afternoon perusing Bill's collections & listening to his stories of the days when the waters of the bay were silver with salmon during spring Chinook runs.

Portland/Vancouver Leukemia Cup raises \$30,000

Steve Erickson, Leukemia Cup Chairman, RCYC

Despite a lack of wind, Leukemia Cup participants enjoyed being on the water Saturday, June 9th, for the first Portland/Vancouver Leukemia Cup Regatta. The scavenger hunt for power boats & cruisers provided some challenges, a lot of laughs & an eventual winner.

The on-the-water events wrapped up months of fundraising by skippers and their crews. It was topped off with the Mount Gay Rum After-Party Caribbean feast & silent auction at Portland Yacht Club. The final result was \$30,000 raised for blood cancer research. After-Party attendees were especially pleased to learn that a significant portion of the money raised actually stays in our local area to fund research at Oregon Health Sciences University, a national leader in finding treatments for blood cancer research.

RCYC coordinated the sailing races. PYC provided the venue for the Kick-Off Party in April and the After-Party. Special thanks to Eric Rimkus, along with the rest of the race committee, for trying to get at least one race completed & to PYC member Laura Mack for creating an extraordinary Caribbean feast at the After Party. The event would not have been possible without the work of my fellow core committee members Mike and Mary Stainsby, Susan Dorn, Gayle Timmerman, Skip and Mary Anne Nitchie of Portland YC; Beth Shuck, and Amelia Pitts.

Local event sponsors included Schooner Creek Boat Works, Baxter Auto Parts, Freshwater News, Full Sail Brewing, Green Building Services, and Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland. Sponsors of the Scavenger Hunt included Island Café, McCuddy's Marinas, Channel's Edge, Salty's, District 5 International Order of the Blue Gavel, and Sell's Marine Service. Many other businesses and individuals donated items to the silent auction or provided in-kind services which made a significant impact on the success of the event.



Top Individual Fundraisers: (left to right) Charles Turner raised \$1,075 (3rd place), Beth Shuck raised \$2,196 (2nd place), Amelia Pitts (Campaign Manager with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society), and **Kent Sisk raised \$2,700 (1st place)**.



Top Fundraising Boats: (left to right) Steve Erickson and Beth Shuck from Kamikaze raised \$2,811 (2nd place), Frank and Lynne Bocarde from Bluefin raised \$1,320 (3rd place), Amelia Pitts (Campaign Manager), and Kent Sisk from No Worries raised \$4,585 (1st place).



Scavenger Hunt winners Skip and Mary Anne Nitchie from Gilligan pose with their crew.

Photos courtesy of Robert Knauer, PYC

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

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 AdventureSail
- 21-29 Lazy Days Cruise
- 26 Cathlamet Pot Luck 5:00 pm

August 2012

- 8 OWSA General Meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 Racing—Beer Can Race
- 10-12 Pirates Cruise
- 11 Private party
- 13 RCYC Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Sept Foghorn deadline

September 2012

- 1-3 Beacon Rock Cruise
- 8-9 Racing—Long Distance Race
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 OWSA General Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Work Party 9:00 am
- 15 Walk #4 BBQ 5:30 pm
- 17 Nauti Knitters 10:00 am
- 18 RCYC General Meeting 7:00 pm
- 22-23 River Place Cruise
- 29 Work party 9:00 am

*Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC www.rosecityyachtclub.org
Need something added to the calendar? Contact John Flenniken*



*Karen
Finch
turns
the
Big 50!*

*Thunder,
Lightning
& 3/4" Rain
didn't stop
this party!*



Yes, that's the Birthday Cake!



Clockwise Alan Bergen, Kathy Beach, Linda Shaw, Gary Whitney, Mike & Judy Oxborrow

Did you know Karen was formerly a Captain in the Air Force?



**Walk 2 BBQ
Was great fun!**



**Walk 3 BBQ
July 14
Be There!**

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