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September 2012



From the Helm

Bill Kramer, Commodore

I have been having a great time on our summer cruises. It is such a good way to go boating. I caught up with old friends and got to know new friends. The importance of friends was driven home by starting the cruise mourning the loss of Bill Redding and learning of the passing of Ralph Jones and Don Church while on the cruise. Lazy Days was relaxing, and we had lots of fun. The best part of cruising on the Columbia River is you avoid all the stress that the coastal passage north can cause. That said, Gypsy did get to spend about two hours in the ocean when we made a detour across the bar on the way to Ilawco.

I counted at least 27 RCYC boats at Cathlamet for the Pot Luck, and there were several more members who came by car. Pirates cruise had 34 boats and lots of kids. It is fun to watch all of the kids at play. Janice Choy-Weber did a fantastic job of organizing the activities for the kids. Those activities included sand castle building and a treasure hunt. Don't forget to plan for the Beacon Rock and River Place cruises in September.

There have been some problems and misunderstandings about the proper way to dispose of trash, recycling and hazardous materials at RCYC. Brad Jensen recently discovered that someone had dumped what appeared to be diesel fuel on the sand near the dredge pond. It was not a large amount of fuel, but it had spread out in the sand, and Brad had to dig out several wheelbarrows full of sand to get rid of it. The message I want everyone to get is **never dump any oil, fuel or chemicals on the grounds or into the water at RCYC.** There are proper ways to dispose of these substances, such as METRO's hazardous waste drop off locations. Batteries are also hazardous waste and cannot go into the trash. If you have an old battery, take it to the store you got the new battery from. You are responsible for recycling it, not RCYC.

We also want to do our best to make sure that the area near the dumpsters does not look trashy. Please make sure your trash and recycling ends up in the proper dumpster or bin. We now have a second glass bin, and there are more signs labeling what can go into a dumpster. Please do not leave junk near the dumpsters with a free sign on it. If you don't want it, don't expect someone else to dispose of it for you. The Board will be sending out more detailed information on the proper way to dispose of trash, recycling and hazardous waste later in September.

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From the Rear

by Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

The Pirate's Cruise was a fun August event with beautiful summer weather.

Someone reported 34 boats were present. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast Sunday morning with blueberry pancakes, fried or scrambled eggs, sausage and orange juice. Thank you, Past Commodores, for doing the cooking.

After breakfast there was the "welcome" of new members or ones who had not been to a Pirate's Cruise. Doug and Jonel McClary, and Michael and Julie Schumann proved to be good sports in their "initiation" conducted by Ron Moran. Then came the treasure hunt organized by Tom and Janice Weber. The piñata was finally brought down by one of Dan Handel and Niki Chao's sons.

Rose City Yacht Club has had traditional events like this for years. At many of the events, there is a potluck like we had on Saturday afternoon. Another example was the potluck at Cathlamet during Lazy Days in July. Traditionally, after the food has been brought to the table, the Commodore and First Mate will say a few words at the beginning of the potluck to those assembled, thanking them for coming. Then, they proceed through the food line, followed by the membership. Older members remember this protocol, but we have many new members and some with young children, who may not be aware of this tradition. Let this serve as a reminder. Let's wait for the Commodore before we serve our plates.

During September and October I will be chairing a committee to select our new board for 2013. If you are interested in serving as a director and/or moving through the flag positions, please contact me. We will have five directors. Some but not all, of the present ones may continue another term. We will need a new Secretary, as our present one moves into the Vice Commodore position. We are a volunteer, do it yourself club, and always need members to step forward to help out.

See you on the water.



FAQ – RCYC Quarterly Billings

1. When should I expect to receive quarterly billings?

Quarterly bills are released by mail or e-mail during the first week of January, April, July, October. If you are receiving your billing by mail and wish to receive it by e-mail, contact Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net. If you change your e-mail address or no longer want an e-mail billing, contact Judy.

2. I was sent a second billing with a late fee. I thought I had mailed my check in time to arrive before the end of the month. Who do I contact about this?

Contact Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net. Judy has on-line access to the records and can check to see when your payment was received and if warranted and approved, can remove the late fee.

3. Why can't the bookkeeping service just debit my bank account when the funds are due?

Unfortunately, banks charge a fee for this service. Our bookkeeping service is not set up for doing this. However, most banks have an on-line bill paying service available to their customers. Thus, you can go on-line and set up payment of your bill.

4. I was billed for work hours. I thought I did one of the work parties. How do I resolve this problem?

Contact the Vice Commodore. One of the duties of the Vice Commodore is to track all work hours performed. This year the Vice Commodore is John Flenniken, (503) 292-4319. John will advise the bookkeeping service if a reduction in the billing charges is in order.

5. I have notified the Moorage Chair that my boat will be out of the moorage for the summer while I am using it up North. Does this mean I can deduct the moorage fees from my billing for those months?

No. Where possible, the Moorage Chair will attempt to fill your slip with another boat during your absence. If he is successful, a credit will appear on your next billing for both moorage and electricity. If he is not successful, you are still responsible for the moorage fees in order to retain rights to that moorage slip when you return.

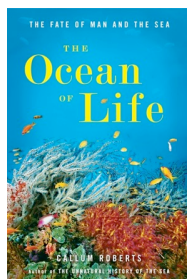
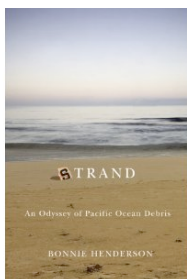
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It is time to start thinking about next year. The Nominating Committee will be appointed by September 1. Chuck Silver will be chairing the committee. They will be nominating Officers and Directors. John Flenniken and I will be looking to fill several vacancies in the committee chairs. If you are interested in a new challenge, talk to us and we will let you know what opportunities are available. Two of the positions that are available are Activities Chair and Program Chair. RCYC runs because of the volunteer efforts of our members. If we won't do it, no one else will. The jobs do take time. They also have rewards of knowing you have made a difference. Please think about how you want to be involved at RCYC.

This month's books are about the oceans. The first book is *Strand: an Odyssey of Pacific Ocean Debris*, by Bonnie Henderson (2008). Henderson is an Oregonian, and her passion is stuff that washes up on the beach. In this delightful book, she explores where the stuff came from, its history and how it got there. This book came out before all the news of the tsunami debris that is coming our way, but all the news makes this a timely book to read.

The second book is more serious. It is *The Ocean of Life, the Fate of Man and the Sea*, by Callum Roberts (2012). The book begins with the history of how the oceans formed on the earth and how they came to support life. It then looks at all of the threats and challenges that the oceans face today. The book also looks at what hope we have to save our oceans. The book is informative while being written for a reader who may not be a scientist. I learned much from reading it.



Bentley's Manufacturing

Dan Kost and Tracy Van Wyk, the sales team of Bentley's Manufacturing, gave a presentation at the June 20 general club meeting. They gave a PowerPoint slide presentation and brought three cockpit chairs from their showroom.

Now in its 45th year, Bentley's is a local business located in Milwaukie. When using suppliers, Bentley's attempts to stay local. Vaughan Bros., Perfect Fit-McDonald, and Mt. Hood Fasteners are among the local vendors they use. Bentley's primarily manufactures seats, tops, and covers of all types. The emphasis is on custom work. As an example, although Bentley's manufactures approximately twenty different models of seats, each can be customized to suit the customer's needs. Advantages of Bentley's seats over high volume mass production units include a robust build (welded aluminum brackets with either a power coated or polished finish), heavy duty coverings (29.7 ounce Naugahyde material over a variety of foams including memory, latex, and high resiliency "Q" foam), and folding arm brackets and optional reclining backrests as opposed to stationary.

With canvas, the emphasis is again on custom work. Different canvas fabrics mentioned include marine grade vinyl, Top Gun, and Sunbrella. Marine vinyl is suitable for a utility lower cost application where breathability is not important. Top gun, acrylic coated polyester, has excellent strength, durability, and water resistant qualities. Its breathability is far less than Sunbrella's. It is suitable for most top applications and is available in approximately 20 colors. Sunbrella is the industry leader for color retention and breathability. It also has the longest warranty on the market at 10 years and is available in over 50 colors.

As an example of Bentley's custom canvas work, slide pictures were shown of work done on club member Eldon Stender's boat. Eldon's boat has a fixed hard dodger. In order to provide him additional canvas cover aft, Bentley's created a camper extension for Eldon's cockpit using a stainless steel frame and Sunbrella material.

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Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach Moorage Chair

The moorage is full, with a waiting list. Due to a boat leaving, I am presently filling a smaller boat slip. We have four new members moored in temporary slips for the summer. Total waiting time for an assigned slip is running about one to two years. Port Captain Lynn is still finding ample room for short stays for reciprocal moorage for visiting yacht club members from up and down the river.

We have had several visiting boats this year, both racers and cruisers.

Shore Power cords -- If you have one plugged in, you MUST have strain relief by wrapping it at least once around the post and then securing the plug with an additional line on walks 1 through 4. Walk five boats must have their cord hanging straight down for a short way, to avoid damaging the outlet. (Outlets on walk five are oriented straight down, unlike the other four walks.) There have been lots of warnings about proper/safe shore power cord installation, so violators will get unplugged. If that happens and your fridge depletes your battery bank, and your lasagna or imported Sushi spoils, well, you've been warned.

If your electrical cord is too short the way you have it rigged and you cannot figure out how to get some slack in the dock-side portion, you might have to add another short cord. (Years ago we bought an additional 25 foot Hubbell 30 amp marine cord with the water proof seal-type twist-lock ends... you might need to do likewise.)

Our Tuesday and Thursday Sailing @ Six PM program is humming along nicely. Other than a few nights when the wind flat refused to blow, we have had a succession of evenings with 15 to 20 knot winds and rail-down sailing. We will continue this program through September, or until the evenings get too short.

With late summer and fall are the time of year that we have the lowest water levels and the most tidal influence. It's good to repeat the URL for the nearest official river gauge. <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1>

This is located just downstream from the I-5 bridge, so the indicated level will be a tad lower than our gauge readings. Note that even though we are not yet at the annual "lows" of zero or plus one, we are already seeing a difference of 2.5 to 3 feet between high and low tides. Keep this in mind when planning to enter or leave a fairway.

Every year some sand builds back into the middle part of our fairways, and every year our volunteer dredge crew removes it during the dredge season. Just be aware that our whole moorage sits on a lumpy "plateau" of sand that constantly picks up some more as those grains migrate downstream during spring high water periods. Another month or so and you will see an island emerge at low tide in front of Salty's. We usually have good depth at all tide levels, at least until the river drops to zero or minus one. Depth is something to keep in mind when you leave or enter the moorage with a deep-draft sailboat. Always check your tide tables and do the correction for Portland. (Note: It takes a total crew of about 35 volunteers to operate our dredge. When the Dredge Chair has an "open casting" call, please show up and help out as much as you can.

Finally, when entering or leaving the fairways, always sound your horn and maintain a lookout for other vessels. When returning to the moorage, do *Not* hug the edge of the river or pass too closely in front of the Fuel Dock. Besides angering the fuel dock customers, you will not be able to see or hear a boat exiting one of our fairways, nor will they be aware of you. Fair Winds, Loren.



SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Children aged 12 and younger must wear life jackets. This applies when they are walking on the docks and ramps at RCYC and when they are out of the cabin in the cockpit or on the deck of a boat.



Marine Swap Meet At Schooner Creek Boat Works Saturday, September 22

It's time to empty out your dock box and your boat lockers and sign up for the Marine Swap Meet at Schooner Creek Boat Works in Portland, OR. The event takes place Saturday, September 22nd, from 11:00am – 5:00pm. Reserve a space and bring your new or used marine gear, or just come and find that perfect treasure. The meet takes place in the boat yard at Schooner Creek, 3255 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217. There will be food vendors on hand, and you can also tour the Schooner Creek facility. The price? Only \$10.00 for a display space (please bring your own table or tarp). All proceeds benefit the Cascade Pacific Council Sea Scouts. It's sure to be a great event for everyone involved, and a great way to clean out your surplus marine supplies, or find something new that's perfect for your boat. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Eric Rouzee at Schooner Creek Boat Works. Eric can be reached at 503-735-0569, or by e-mail at service2@schoonercreek.com.

WALK 4 BBQ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 HAPPY HOUR AT 5:30 DINNER AT 6:30

BYOB and your own main dish. Walk 4 will provide hors d'oeuvres, compliments to the dinner and a dessert.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW RCYC MEMBERS FOR A SPECIAL EVENING BEFORE SUMMER SLIPS AWAY

Willamette River Cruise Sept. 22-23

We will be going to the breakwater at River Place on the Willamette.

PLEASE CONTACT RON MORAN IF YOU PLAN ON GOING.

If a large number of boats going, we can, for a fee, reserve the breakwater for the club.

Because the breakwater is open to anyone walking along the waterfront there will be no potluck. We should have to request opening of only four bridges – Vancouver Railroad, St. Johns Railroad, Steel and Hawthorne.

If you want to leave the club as a group, I will be getting underway Saturday at 0930.

On Sunday, if possible, let's all leave River Place at 1100 hrs to minimize bridge openings. To facilitate this, I will contact the bridges as needed for openings.



RCYC Recycling & Garbage

RCYC provides the waste disposal and recycling service for use by members and guests of the club. It is important that all members use the service wisely and put items in their proper place. Refer the guidelines below and the information provided in Metro's Curbside Recycling Guidelines to the right.

- Please do not recycle plastic bags. They clog the recycling shredders and create a mess.
- Please do not put food, garbage or containers which have food waste on them in the recycling.
- Do not leave containers of fuel or oil near the dumpster even if you label it as free. No one wants your discarded fuel or oil. Recycle the oil in a clear or translucent container in the oil shed near the chapel.
- Do not leave your cans, or bottles at the clubhouse. Take the time to drop these off in the appropriate bins at the top of the ramp. There is a place for returnables which go to charity. Do not throw them in the garbage can.



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2012 CHRISTMAS SHIPS POTLUCK DINNER

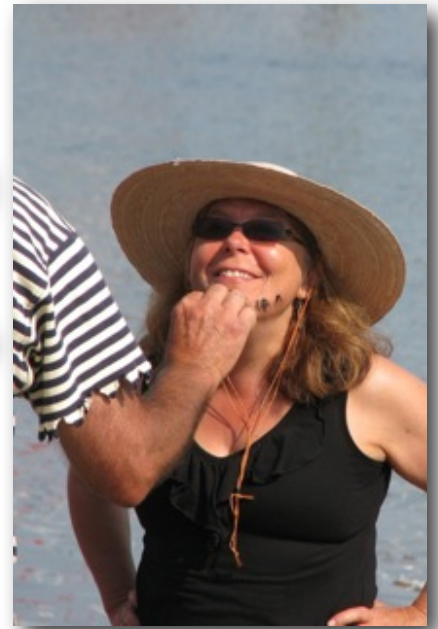
On the calendar in the 2012 yearbook, the date for the Christmas Ships Dinner is listed as TBA. The dinner will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6 p.m. Please update your books and join us at this special event.

A chairperson or co-chairpersons are needed to lead this event. Information will be provided to help the volunteers run this event smoothly. This is a great annual event here at RCYC. If you are new to RCYC, please consider helping out. What a great way to get to know our members.

I would like to line up volunteers to chair this event now, so please let me know (360/693-5345 or jeanbeaty@comcast.net) that you can lead this event. Thank you. Jean Beaty



RCYC members and guests enjoying themselves at the 2012 Pirate's Cruise at Schwitter Landing



August/September Cruising Opportunities



**August 30 - Portland Waterfront
Listen to the Oregon Symphony**

**August 31 - September 3 Beacon Rock
Potluck on Sunday**

September 21-23 Riverplace Breakwater

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September 2012

1-3 Beacon Rock Cruise
8-9 Long Distance Cruise
10 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12 OWSA General Meeting 6:00 pm
15 Work Party 9:00 am
15 Walk 4 Party 5:30 pm
17 Nauti Knitters 10:00 am
19 RCYC General Meeting 7:00 pm
22-23 Portland Riverplace Cruise
29 Work Party - 9:00 am

October 2012

1 Nauti Knitters 10:00 am
6-7 East Dock Cruise
8 RCYC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10 OWSA General Meeting 6:00 pm
12 Old Salt's Dinner 6:00 pm
13 Work Party 9:-00 am
15 Nauti Knitters 10:00 am
17 RCYC General Meeting 7:00 pm
27 Work Party 9:00 am

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