

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

November 2012



Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore



The air is crisp and the rain has started. Fall is here, and we are working on getting the Club ready for the new year. There are many ways we can all help to get this accomplished. Joining a work party is a great way to help. Two more work parties are left this year. Mike Moen also has some extra projects that need to get done. Another very important fall project is dredging. Let Brad Jensen know how you would like to help. On the social side, the Christmas Ships Potluck is a fun event and Jean Beaty is looking for volunteers to help make it happen. If you have a boat on Walk 5 please pitch in and help with the Walk 5 BBQ. Let Bob and Mary Laird know you can help. If you are not on Walk 5 you can still help by bringing an auction item. Ron Moran will be running the auction. The funds raised will go towards new dishes and galley supplies.

This is also the time of year when we choose our Daughter of Neptune for 2013. Girls between the ages of 15 to 18, whose parents or grandparents are members of RCYC, can apply. Being a Daughter of Neptune is a lot of fun. To apply, send the Board a letter or an email requesting nomination. Tell us about yourself, your activities and about your participation in RCYC. We need to receive your applications before our Board Meeting on November 12th. The Board will interview the applicants at the November and December Board meetings and make its selection at the December Board meeting. If you have any questions please contact me.



Old Salt's was a big success!

RCYC needs the participation and leadership of many members in order to function properly. The Chairs make running the Club possible. Taking on one of these jobs is very rewarding. You get a chance to learn and to be involved while providing important leadership and service to the Club. I want to thank all of the Chairs, who have made running the Club possible this year. For next year we still need a few people for the following chairs: Activities, Programs, Refreshments and Education. These are all important and fulfilling positions. As a past Education Chair, I can promise that you will learn something if you take on these jobs. If you are interested and want more information in one of these jobs, please contact John Flenniken or me.

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Photo from Daniel Handel and Niki Chao's cruise to Riverplace





Secretary's Salutations

Ethan VanMatre, Secretary

Did you know that past minutes from the Board and General meetings are online? You need only log into the RCYC website and go to the Publications page: <http://rosecityyachtclub.org/publications>. I encourage all members to keep up to date on Club activities. The current and past Foghorns are there too!

The October General meeting is special in many ways. October is a month of change as summer truly becomes fall and with the change of the season we have a change of the Board. **By a vote of the members our 2013 Board is:**

Commodore - John Flenniken

Vice Commodore - Ethan VanMatre

Secretary - Karen Finch

Rear Commodore - Bill Kramer

Directors - Rick Royce

Anne Roehm

Mark Basel

Craig Cordon

Alan Boguslawski



JUST TWO WORK PARTIES REMAIN

A Note from the Vice Commodore (Keeper of the Work Hours Records)

**To all members: Two (2) Work Parties remain:
October 27th and November 10th**

Please sign up with either the work party leader or the lunch leader if you plan to eat lunch with the other members. Often there is enough food for those who tumble out of bed on a Work Party day and decide "Oh it's a great day to work outside! Cool, no rain and great food and friends. I think I'll go to the work party. I know they will be glad to see me. I know there is lots to do." If that sounds like the way you make your decisions then please don't be surprised if we ask all the members who have signed up to get in the chow line first. If any food is left, members who did not notify the lunch leader or work party leader, may then have their fill.

We need your service to help do the chores around the Club. So if you like to make spur-of-the-moment decisions come done to RCYC for the work party anyway. But please understand the situation with the food. Imagine what would happen if you had a party and sent out 20 invitations and 12 RSVPs came back then all 20 showed up!

You'd be happy to see them but the food and drink situation would be all messed up. That's the way it is here too. Thanks for your understanding and your help around the Club.

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

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I have been saving a treat for November. I have read many cruising stories and I can't think of a better type of book to be reading on a rainy night. If I had to choose one sailing couple to read about it would be the Smeeton's. Miles and Beryl were adventurers in the classic British mold. Beryl hiked solo through China and South America in the 1930's before meeting Miles in India. Miles was a decorated army officer. He had been stationed in Jamaica, then during WWII fought in North Africa, Burma and India. After the war they bought a yacht as a way to get their money out of England. They were going to sail to Saltspring Island, sell the boat and live on a farm Beryl had purchased sight unseen. They sailed to the farm, but they did not sell the yacht, *Tzu Hang*. Through the fifties and sixties they sailed all over the globe with their cats and sometimes their daughter. They wrote several books which are exciting to read. Miles makes their adventures seem like something you or I could do. *The Sea was Our Village*, 1973, is a good choice with which to start. It covers Miles and Beryl's search for a boat and buying *Tzu Hang*, the voyage to Saltspring Island and then their round-the-world cruise. The other books are *Once Is Enough*, 1960, which covers their first attempt to round Cape Horn. *Sunrise to Windward*, 1966, is about their trip from England to Japan. *The Misty Islands*, 1969, is about their time in Japan, sailing to the Aleutians, down the West Coast and through the Panama Canal and back to England. *Because the Horn is There*, 1972, is about their second attempt to round Cape Horn. After reading these you will want to read their biography which was written by Miles' nephew Miles Clark, *High Endeavors: The Extraordinary Adventures of Miles and Beryl Smeeton*, 2002.

Another fisherman hanging out at RCYC.





Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

Work parties are winding down and dredging is about to start. Winter racing is beginning; and, for those who keep their boats ready for breaks in the weather throughout the fall and winter chill, the river still beckons. The recent rains are raising the river level and the dredge can now move freely in and out of its slip.

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer and, with reluctance, most members are winterizing their boats. Removing or securing sails, digging out their old check lists from their operator manual, or the workshop given by Hans Geerling years ago or trying to remember all the very important points Alison Mazon made in the September general meeting program. We know from experience -- the east wind blows, temperatures drop suddenly below freezing and if we are lucky the warm air beats the cold air into the valley raising the temperature before everything is coated with ice!

The Old Salts' Dinner was again another sign that it is fall. We gathered together and shared a great meal and conversation. Every year this is a very special event. Alan Bergen and crew did a superb job again. Thanks again to all who help make this one of the highlights to be anticipated with almost as much yearning as Christmas.

As the calendar comes to a close on 2012, I am assembling the 2013 calendar with a new twist - rotating the walk barbecues. This promises to be fun! Thanks to Annie Roehm and her committee for working on some of the challenges members have confronted when organizing their walk barbecues. All the activity that goes on behind the scenes makes for great events. There is not enough room here to mention and thank individually all who have contributed. For one person, Activities Chair Jean Beaty, there is not enough paper or ink to write her praise. **Job well done, Jean!**

Finally, members need to put in their six hours, at a minimum, this fall. When you read this article there are two more work parties and of course dredging are opportunities to complete this requirement. If for some reason you find yourself a special case and are unable to participate in the scheduled work activities, you must check with Work Party Chair Mike Moan to see if an alternate arrangement can be made. Please understand there is no guarantee this option will be available. If you are short hours worked, they will be billed at a rate of \$60 per work hour. Fair warning.



East Dock Cruise

Seven boats made it up to East Dock on October 6 for the last RCYC cruise of the year. At Happy Hour that evening, the tables were tied down and all folding chairs secured. Saturday winds were steady at about 18 to 20 knots, with gusts to 25 and sometimes above. It was warm enough, but the continuous roar of the wind was "different"!

The wind died down at about 10:00 pm and never really returned. Two more boats made it up for the day on Sunday. The concrete dock system provided excellent shelter so that we never had much wave movement.

It was one of the oddest days of Club cruising I have experienced in 30 years!

Loren Beach

2013 Daughter of Neptune Nominations Open

Do you know a teenage girl who would like to volunteer her time to represent RCYC and promote water safety during the 2013 boating season?

The Daughters of Neptune are ambassadors for their clubs and work with the Columbia River Yachting Association throughout the boating season to promote life jacket use and water safety. RCYC crowns our Daughter of Neptune at the Commodore's Ball, and she participates in Opening Day, the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade, attends various Ladies Dinners, teaches water safety at community events, and takes part in the Closing Day ceremonies.

All high school-aged daughters, granddaughters and nieces of RCYC members are eligible for nomination. The CRYA recommends high school juniors be Daughters of Neptune, although mature freshmen and sophomores may also be nominated. Please submit your 2013 Daughter of Neptune nomination to Bill Kramer before the November Board meeting. After the nomination period the Board will interview each applicant and announce our new Daughter of Neptune in December.

If you have any questions please contact Colleen Moran at colleenmoran@me.com.

New Refreshment Chair needed

After five years in the galley as Refreshment Chair, Janet Bradley is retiring, and the search is on for her replacement. Janet is willing to train her successor, with the tour-of-duty to start at our January meeting. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact Bill Kramer or John Flenniken.

Thank you Janet!



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The first major wind storm arrived in mid-October and almost tore up a loosely furled RF genoa. It took four members to get it rewound tight and tied up. The noise of the wind and banging of the sail was amazing.

As we go into the winter storm months, make sure, very sure, that your head sail is really rolled in tight and the sheets led back at 90 degrees and cleated well.

Far better is to remove your RF genoa until spring. Also check on the snaps and zippers that hold the main cover and any other canvas.

If you find a loose cleat or loose rod through a dock, either fix it or let the Work Party Chair know to put it on the "squawk" list.

Days are getting a lot shorter and everyone must remember to lock up all three Clubhouse doors and the ramp gate at dusk.

November is when the Oregon Marine Board sends out the two-year renewal notices. Be sure to get your renewal done by mail or on-line. The on-line version is easy and quick.

Dredging is about to start. While the normal operation is done from inside the cab where the hot blast of air from the radiator almost offsets the roar of the engine, any work outside is often freezing cold and wet. A cheery greeting and a report on the current river level is always appreciated by the crew out there in the noisy cab pulling levers. An occasional plate of cookies would be nice after an hour of moving swing cables in cold river water! (Just a hint...)

Frost and ice on the docks will be coming soon to our moorage. Be alert and cautious when accessing the docks. By December we sometimes face a week of winds over 30 knots, temperatures way under 25 degrees, and the odd power outage. Do NOT depend on an AC heater to keep your engine safe. Winterize or drain all fresh water systems.

Thank you.

Dredging

Anyone wishing to join the dredge crew this year is welcome. It can count for work hours. No experience necessary, just a desire to help make sure your boat can leave the moorage next summer. Contact Brad Jensen, Dredge guy at Jensen.brad01@gmail.com or 503-460-7591



Portland Airport Fire and Rescue Boat has been using RCYC as it's temporary home. Low water has impaired the boats ability to reliably enter and exit its berth at the Gleason Memorial (42nd Street) Boat Ramp. They appreciate the easy access to the River from the RCYC docks until the River rises in the next few of weeks.

Youth Sailing Report

Pam Sesar, Youth Sailing Chair

Please keep RCYSS in mind. We are thankful for your contributions. A new brochure is being added to a link off of RCYC's web site with copies left on the bulletin board at the Club. Feel free to leave it at your dentist office or any place you think might have an end of year giving campaign. Remember that RCYSS is using RCYC's address. Please make sure your check is payable to RCYSS.

CGRA, WSC and VLSC all have great photos and calendars' of events. If you want to get a smile watch our young sailors in boats. It is a joy.

RCYC's Katzenjammer & Yeah Baby dueling it out in 20+ knot winds during the October 6, 2012 PYC Robert A. Smith Regatta



RCYC Annual Christmas Ships Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange

Friday, December 7, 2012

Social Time: 5:30

Potluck Dinner 6:00

Gift Exchange 7:00

Dessert will be provided.

Choose a gift or steal a gift. Gifts should be \$5-\$10 and something you would like to receive, not a "white elephant". Join us as we start the Christmas Season on the River at RCYC.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

November 2012

- 5 Knauti Knitters: 10 am
- 10 Work Party: 9 am
- 10 Walk 5 BBQ: 5:30 pm
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting: 7 pm
- 14 OWSA General Meeting: 6:30 pm
- 19 Knauti Knitters: 10 am
- 21 RCYC General Meeting: 7 pm

December 2012

- 3 Knauti Knitters: 10 am
- 7 Christmas Ships Pot Luck: 5:30 pm
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting: 7 pm
- 12 OWSA General Meeting: 6:30 pm
- 14 Private Party - Mike & Karen Finch: 5 pm
- 17 Knauti Knitters: 10 am
- 19 RCYC General Meeting: 7 pm
- 31 Informal New Years Eve Party

- 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.



Bring your camera to Club functions, work parties, meetings, and related subjects and send your photos to the Foghorn team.

Walk 5 BBQ and Auction

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Happy Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Come join the crew from Walk 5 for a fun evening.

Bring what ever meat you want to grill. The Club is providing soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, salad, potatoes, rolls and dessert.

Go through your boats, hanging lockers, dock boxes and closets for items fellow RCYC members might want. Seal them in a brown paper bag and bring them to the auction.

The funds raised this year will go to upgrading kitchenware in the Clubhouse galley. If you have any questions about the BBQ, call Robert or Mary Laird, 503-292-8489. If you have questions about the auction, call Ron Moran, 503-807-3817.



ALISON MAZON RCYC PRESENTATION

RCYC member Alison Mazon gave our program at the September 19, 2012 general meeting. Alison, a professional marine surveyor and member of ABYC, NFPA, IAMI, and the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors, spoke on oil spill prevention and wintertime boat heating.

During her surveying work Alison has seen oil spills result from a number of causes. Examples include loose oil attachments, such as injection pump fittings, oil coolers, fuel fill hoses, oil filters, gaskets, even rubber dipsticks, as well as crankcase breather hoses that are not attached to the air cleaner as they should be. Spare oil containers (both lubricant and fuel) are another problem. They need to be isolated in tubs, labeled, have sealing lids, and be anchored to prevent upsetting.

Oil will eventually find its way to the bilge and, if the bilge pump is working, will then get pumped out. Oil spills violate federal law, and any perceptible sheen is a violation. Alison's recommendations for containment start with a clean bilge. While pads are useful, they will not absorb all the oil in a dirty bilge. The problem of a bilge pump automatically pumping oily water may be avoided by the use of a solid state bilge pump switch—they are designed to not pump if they detect oil or fuel only. Also recommended is a oil catch tray under the engine. It can be designed to allow the passage of water through an integral conduit.

Alison's recommendation for winter boat heating is to use only enough to keep the boat from freezing. The problem of sustained wintertime heat on a boat is that the temperature differential between inside the boat and out causes moisture condensation. Unless the boat has exceptionally good air circulation, this will lead to mold and mildew. For those who elect to use sustained wintertime heat, common danger areas Alison has noticed include the use of non-ignition protected heaters, and inadequate wiring in general. The latter extends to basic boat wiring, AC sockets, extension cords, and adapters. Anytime a wire, socket, cord, or adapter is carrying

too much current it will heat up. And corroded wiring and/or bad connections will have increased resistance, which means they will heat up also.

Safe electric heating following ABYC standards typically includes the following: a tip-stable heater that will not fall over or a built in heater, thermostats that allow protection against freezing but will not run continually and overheat the vessel interior, do not use extension cords under any circumstances, ensure the AC heater is protected by a properly sized circuit breaker (typically 15 amp), ensure the wiring to the AC heater outlet is at least 14 gauge and that the outlet is properly grounded, check the wiring connections to the AC outlet to ensure they are tight, and place the heater where it is not near any flammable surfaces and where nothing can fall on it in the event the boat is heavily waked. If you are comfortable doing so, check that all of the AC connections at the shore power connector and the master AC breaker panel are tight otherwise -- have a marine electrician do this at least every few years. But, the best protection against freezing is to visit your boat frequently so no gremlins can surprise you. And remember, no amount of AC heat is any help if the power fails.

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th Of The Month.

*Please send your titled articles and photos to
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Old Salts Dinner

During and after dinner, I received many compliments about the meal.

I appreciate your kind words, but the compliments should also go to all the helpers, without whom the dinner would not have been a success. Remember to thank the following people when you see them at the Club. In no particular order: Craig Cordon, Chris Payne, Dave Reilly, David Columbus, George Kent, Randy Webster, Hans Geerling, Phil and Sue Owen, Alan & Rhonda Boguslawski, Karen Billion, and Werner Bittner.

Alan Bergen



HELLO EVERYONE:

Thanks to Mark Basel we now have a new way to sign up for work parties online: <http://goo.gl/6rL9E>.

If you can make this work party, you can sign up online now for a future work party. Sign up here: <http://goo.gl/6rL9E> (best way to sign up), or call 503-869-7804, or email moen.mike@gmail.com.

Only one work party left after this one. Next Saturday October 27th starting at 9:00 AM, is the fourth work party of the season. Doug McClary will be leading the work party and JoNell McClary will be providing lunch. If you are planning on attending, please notify JoNell at e-mail jonell.mcclary@frontier.com or phone 503-667-2676 Please let JoNell McClary know by thursday night, so that she can make adequate lunch preparations for all attendees.

Thanks, Mike Moen, Work Party Chair



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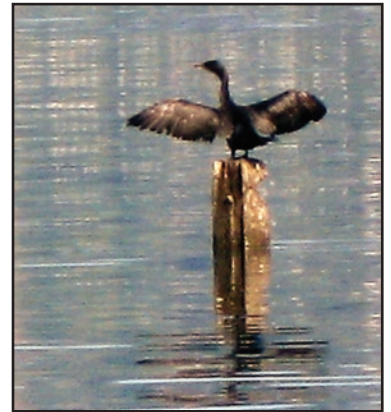
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