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December 2012



Commodore's Log

Bill Kramer, Commodore

The year is drawing to an end and it is a good time to look back and review the past year. It has been a good year overall and we end it with both our facilities and our finances in good shape. On a sad note we remember the members who have passed away this year: Simeon Hyde, Jack Mitchem, Virginia Adams, Bill Redding, Ralph Jones, Don Church, Connie Grate and Hugh Lovell, and former members Harold Spoelstra, Helen Hughes Worrall and Rellalee Stott. Many members also had parents and children pass away this year and we remember them.

I have enjoyed being Commodore this year and I would encourage all of you who have not taken on a leadership role in the Club to consider one. This year has had its challenges and it also has had its rewards. I have gotten to know many of you better and I have learned much about the Club and its history. I have enjoyed becoming more involved in this great community. Please consider how you would like to actively participate in the Club. All of us are needed to make RCYC run and succeed.

Many members deserve a big thank you for their help this year. You have pitched in and have seen that what needed to get done was done. This has involved work parties, social events, putting out the Foghorn and the Yearbook, Opening Day, dredging and many more tasks. Brad Jensen has overseen dredging and the repairs to our dredge pond. Karl Quade and Chuck Pennington completed the new decking for the ramps. Jean Beaty made sure all our activities ran smoothly.

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2011 Christmas Party Co-Chairs Gail O'Neill & George Kent

RCYC Annual Christmas Ships Potluck Dinner & 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 Holiday Season
on the river at RCYC!*

Contact Jean Beaty if you can help with
decorations, preparations & cleanup

Pam Sesar, Terry Annis and Chuck Stuckey guided RCYSS through its first independent year. Loren Beach kept our moorage full and arranged for best use of slips. Mike Moen saw that work parties were productive and kept our facility in good shape. Steve Ericson got us involved with the Leukemia Cup.

The Portland Boat Show is coming and RCYC will have a booth to promote the Club. Mark Holzmann will be handling the scheduling of volunteers. New members are people we always need, and each of us are part of the membership committee. We all want to spread the word about what a great Club RCYC is.

Winter is the time of year to curl up by the fire with a good book. A great choice would be *Voyage of a Summer Sun: Canoeing the Columbia River* by Robin Cody. This is the account of Cody's journey from the source of the Columbia River to its mouth, by canoe. You will find out about the Columbia River and its dams. Many of us only have experienced the lower river and this book will give you a glimpse of the Columbia that most people have not seen.



Vice Commodore's Report

John Flenniken, Vice Commodore

The last work party of the year is complete. RCYC is winterized. Most members have taken their outboards home and winterized their boats, or made other plans. The hearty souls that like to sail and race in the winter have made ready for winter's worst.

Dredging is in full swing. The dredge spoils pile is taking over the east end of the parking lot. Humps and high spots that prevented some boats from coming and going in the shallow water of late summer and early fall are being removed by a dedicated crew of dredge volunteers.

The holidays are upon us. Soon the Club will be decorated for Christmas and we can expect an evening visit by the Christmas fleet parade. This is always a fun evening. Activities Chair, Jean Beaty, says there are lots of fun things to do, and more people helping makes for an enjoyable time for all.

Through the winter your Club is working. If you are a member who has not completed his work hours for the year, there are still opportunities to do some "need to do" jobs. Please check with Work Party Chair, Mike Moen, for more details. Cruising and racing schedules for next year are almost complete.

The rate we pay for electricity has increased, like so many other things. The amount of electricity we use per Walk is under review. The amount each member pays is based on the total usage divided by the number of slips on the Walk.

Things are on an even keel as we sail into the New Year.



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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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& all Club Members with cameras!

Music as a Yacht Club Activity

Mike Oxborrow

Tuesday was my day to be a Dredge Operator at good ol' RCYC. As I was getting ready to do my dredge duty, I was talking with Ron Billion and Lynn Easton on the dock. All of a sudden an idea that had nothing to do with dredging popped into my head. A clue about this brilliant idea is in the title of this article.

RCYC membership includes several of us who are musically talented. Maybe we could get our musician members together as our own RCYC music group - sort of an extension of the occasional informal times we have played together. Perhaps such a group could occasionally provide entertainment for Club functions (BBQ's?). For me, the main thing would be getting together with friends and playing some enjoyable music.



I followed up this brilliant idea by e-mailing several of our members that I know are musicians to get some feedback. What do you know? Feedback from everyone was positive! (Thanks: Mike Finch, June Henry, Gareth Tabor, and Lynn Easton.)

Organizing things during the holiday season is always a challenge. With luck, we might get an initial organizational meeting scheduled for early December, and then get more serious in January. If we keep things simmering on the back burner, perhaps we'll eventually wind up with some good ol' RCYC musical chowder.

If you happen to be a musician, and haven't already been contacted about this music group and if you are interested in playing in a group of your Yacht Club friends, then obviously you really need to communicate your interest to Mike Oxborrow (or Finch, Henry, Tabor, or Easton).

Playing in a group can be quite a rewarding experience, and this might be a fine opportunity to expand your musical horizons. Reading music is not required, although you need to know your scales, major and minor, and be comfortable playing in various keys. A good "ear" is definitely an asset. If you have questions, give any of us a call. We're "in the book".

Now there could be a real problem with this musical group – **What to name it?** So, let's throw down the gauntlet to all RCYC members to help us come up with a group name. (I had a not-so-brilliant idea for a name – "Real Cool Yachtie Cats"- but wife, Judy, shot it down in major flames. Well, at least you know the bar is set real low!) So, put on your thinking caps and help us come up with a neat and nifty name for a group of RCYC musicians.



Walk 5 BBQ & Auction getting underway

NEW CLUBHOUSE GALLEY GEAR

There has been a growing interest in replacing our well used dishes and flatware. This year the Ladies Dinner and the Walk 5 BBQ auction have raised about \$850 to go towards replacements. The Board voted at the November Board meeting to add additional funds so there is enough money to cover the expected cost of new dishes and flatware.

At the December General Meeting we will have samples of dishes and flatware and we will take a vote of the membership on what our choice is for new dishes and flatware. If you know of any community organizations that could use our old dishes and flatware contact John Flenniken or Bill Kramer with that information.



Colleen & Ron Moran raising funds at Walk 5 BBQ

RCYC CLUBHOUSE & YARD STEWARD OPPORTUNITY

Sign up now to be a Clubhouse or Yard Steward for 2013. This light duty can be done completely on your own schedule. Signing up (plus performing the tasks!) will satisfy your work commitment for the entirety of 2013. This is a convenient and flexible way to meet your RCYC work hour obligation for next year.

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Mark Basel & Linda Latham at Walk 5 BBQ



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Youth Sailing

Pam Sesar

The current sailing season is slowing down. Most of the boats have been put away for the winter, and now is the time to remind people to give to support our sailors. All of the children we supported had the time of their lives, or at least a very memorable experience. Some of them are going to continue on through middle school and high school and possibly college.



RCYSS supports our local schools and is building relationships with other local sailing clubs in order to coordinate efforts among the sailing community and further promote youth sailing. Please help us by letting us know of young sailors who would benefit from our reimbursement program, to further their competitive sailing. Some of you may have benefited (way back when) from a youth sailing program and would like to help carry on that tradition for the next generation by donating some of your hard earned cash (of course you all knew I would get to the begging for money part).

The following is a quote: "We are 12 years old and our grandparents have taken us sailing since we were born. We want to learn ourselves."

So, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further about youth sailing in the Portland area, please contact me. An updated brochure is now on the web. And, if you haven't seen the Open Bic video check it out on the Sailing Anarchy web site. This truly is what youth sailing is all about.

www.sailinganarchy.com/index_page1.php

Thank you!

Portland Boat Show January 9-13

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to volunteer
for RCYC's booth



Werner & Renate Bittner with John & Kathie Kneeland at Walk 5 BBQ



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Moorage Matters
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Dredging is under way and we are moving some boats around in order to deepen slips. There are several openings where member boats are in the yard, and that's very handy for temporarily moving a boat and still having power available. If it is necessary, we can use the breakwater walk, but will not do so unless there are no other vacancies.

When you visit the moorage during any hours that the dredge is operating, be sure to check the piling gauge(s) for river level and hold up fingers to show the operator what that current river level actually is. Some independent confirmation is helpful for the crew working inside the noisy machine, and a smile is always appreciated too.

Water is turned off on all Walks as of the last fall work party, to protect the lines and risers from freezing and breaking. Do NOT turn on any Headwalk supply valve. Lines are all blown dry with air pressure to get them through the freezing months.

While we have several medium and larger boats continuing to wait for slips, there is an empty 20 foot slip on Walk 2A, by the jog in the Headwalk.

Parking Lot: keep an eye out for any heavy equipment operations on the east or south sides. Best not to park in those areas. A heavy truck and big low-boy trailer or sand hauler will take up a lot of room turning and also lining up to go in or out through the slide gate.

Be careful on the docks and ramps during periods of freezing rain or snow. This time of the year, it's customary to remind members to check on and reinforce your lines, chafe gear, and snubbers. Also a reminder to winterize your engines and water systems. Consider yourself reminded!

Happy Holidays!



Smoke Fischer, Tom Stringfield & Bill Kramer



Roy & Maxine Ciappini

RCYC Annual Soup & Sail

**January 1, 2013
Sailing at 11:00 am
Lunch will be served
at 1 p.m.**

Start the New Year out right
at RCYC's Soup & Sail.

Bring a can of New England
clam chowder to share.

Bring a dessert if you like.

French bread and salad
will be provided.

Walk 5 BBQ



Chuck Pennington
& Ethan VanMatre

View from the Rear

Chuck Silver, Rear Commodore

It is hard to believe this year is almost gone. It has been a busy one for me – retiring, selling our house, buying a new one, moving to another state, two-week vacation in Mexico! Work was almost easier. This also brings an end to my serving on the Board at RCYC. From Director to Rear Commodore, it has been an enjoyable five-year commitment and has really gone by quickly. My last duty is to oversee the Commodores' Ball, scheduled for February 2 at the Riverside Country Club. I hope to see you there.

I am looking forward to our new Board next year. We will have some new faces. It is nice to have newer members volunteer for the various jobs that are available. Keep this in mind for future years. Let's all give our new Commodore, John Flenniken our support, and thank you Bill Kramer and the retiring Directors for the steady course we had in 2012.

One reminder, if you haven't already done it – winterize your boat. It is like reefing, better to do it sooner than later. Change the oil and filters; top off fuel. It is nice to have that done come the start of boating season in the spring.

See you on the water.

Welcome!



Matt (& Laura) Richards
joined RCYC in November

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

December 2012

3	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
7	Christmas Ships Potluck	5:30 pm
10	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
14	Private Party (Finch)	5:00 pm
17	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn January Deadline	
19	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
31	Informal New Years Eve Party	

January 2013

1	Soup & Sail	11:00 am
7	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
9-13	Portland Boat Show	
13	Private Party (TBA)	
14	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
16	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn February Deadline	
21	Nauti Knitters	10:00 am

*Check the website calendar
for updates and more
information about RCYC
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*Need something added
to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore*

Coming February 2—Commodores' Ball

Happy Holidays!



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