

Commodore: John Flenniken
Vice Commodore: Ethan VanMatre
Secretary: Karen Finch

January 2013



Notes from the Helm

John Flenniken, Commodore

If you are reading this article, you have survived the Mayan end of time and may be looking forward to the new year on the river. The calendar is full of fun activities, cruises, races and work parties. Whether you focus on one area or another, the more you participate, the more you will feel included and involved while meeting an expanding circle of people who enjoy the water. Soup and Sail on New Year's Day will be the first event in 2013. Come on down, have a bowl of clam chowder and go out with club members for the first sail in the new year. The Greeks (modern) believe that what you do on New Year's Day may well be your fortune throughout the year. Fortune may also be translated as "abundance" if that meaning makes any more sense in this context.

The next major event will be the Commodores' Ball on February 2nd. The theme this year is "Rivers to the Sea." It is a metaphor for all who love the water. When DeWitt L. Sage wrote the script for



*John Flenniken,
2013 Commodore*

the screenplay biography of Ernest Hemingway's life he chose "Rivers to the Sea" as its title. Other writers have also written widely on power of human-kind interacting with the forces of river and sea. Here are two quotes: T.S. Eliot wrote "The river is in us, the sea is all around us." We have a course to follow and destination eventually. Leonardo da Vinci wrote "In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what had passed and the first of that which comes; so with present time." Here you find your moment of Zen. Lets come back to our own river - the Columbia. Here we can experience the power and thrill by interacting with moving water and, if we let it, find our own renewal. If we are lucky, enjoy the moment with friends and fellow sailors. In that vein, see you all at the Commodores' Ball.

Flag officers have changed positions by this reading, and I want to thank Bill Kramer for his leadership and gentle but firm hand on the helm. He has left the club in good condition as

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Wade Cornwell leads the Christmas potluck line



Jeam Silver MCs the Christmas exchange while Bob Phillips opens his gift

he moves over to assume the duties of Rear Commodore. Thanks, Bill, for all your good work. Secretary Ethan VanMatre has handled all the duties we threw at him with skill, and I look forward to having him serve as Vice Commodore. A special thanks to Chuck Silver for his sterling service and sage advice. Directors Bob Gales, Mike Hibbs and Frank Noragon are leaving the Board and take with them the thanks of a grateful Board. Bob has left a concrete token (pun intended) in the form of the pad for the ice freezer and a freshly hand painted RCYC sign you may all appreciate as you head for the ramp to the marina. Frank was the voice of the racers on the Board and nurturer of our two workboats and the club launch. His observations and advice were greatly appreciated. Frank will continue as Work Boats Chair striving to keep their gunnels above water. Two remaining Directors Ann Roehm and Rick Royce deserve our thanks for the incredibly diverse talents and enthusiasm they bring to the club. Welcome our new Secretary Karen Finch and Directors Mark Basel, Craig Cordon and Alan Boguslawski. Special thanks to Karen Jacobson and Randy Webster, who together and singularly have guided and planned for the future of RCYC. "Thanks" is not strong enough to express our gratitude.

Special thanks to Treasurer Judy Oxborrow who is known to me as keeper of all knowledge and customs that are RCYC.

Special thanks to our Legal Advisor John Kneeland who has guided RCYC through the legal landscape and to a large measure to whom we owe a huge debit of gratitude.

Thanks again to Jean Beaty who has set such high standards that we have all come to expect. As a testament to her work, we are not replacing her with another Activities Chair - no - we are replacing Jean with an Activities Committee made up of Linda Latham, JoNell McClary, and Jean Silver! Welcome the new Activities Committee. Please accept our humble thanks for all you do.

Mark and Valerie Holzmann have kept us well supplied with new members. Not a small task in a down economy! Thank you both.

Mike Moen, Work Party Chair, has put in an outstanding year. The work parties have been well-coordinated and much has been done to improve our marina.

Thanks to the Foghorn staff that have consistently produced an outstanding newsletter. Thanks to each of you by name: Alan Bergen, Joyce Jensen, Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski, Vickie Nissen, Gail O'Neil, Judy Oxborrow and Robert Phillips.

Thanks to the Dredge Czar Brad Jensen and his dredge crew without whom our marina would be a sand bar.

Add special thanks to our Port Captain and Resident Members. Lynn Easton, Connie Norton, Ron and Karen Billion watch over the club 24/7 handling a variety of tasks and duties that most members have no idea of the challenges they have faced and how ably they have handled everything.

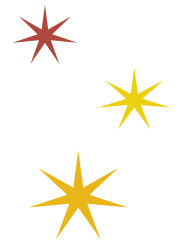
Thanks to all the Chairs and members unnamed for your participation and work which is the heart and soul of RCYC. Looking forward to fair winds and following seas in 2013.



Peter and Helen Unger



Karl Quade and Karen Jacobson



THE RACING RULES OF SAILING FOR 2013

The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016, with US Sailing Prescriptions, is now available and shipping from US Sailing. This is the one little book that every racer needs. New rules go into effect on January 1, 2013. Distributed only every four years, the arrival of the Racing Rules of Sailing marks the completion of another attempt by the rules gurus to improve the sport. I have received a new book every four years from US Sailing, and none of them ever survives four years. Pages got torn, stuck together, or worse... completely wet.

But for this latest edition, US Sailing has published an optional waterproof edition. The pages are harder to tear, and you can read it. You can even drop it in the bathtub. This model looks ready to last for four years. Rulebooks are offered as either waterproof or regular paper editions and volume discounts are available. The non-member price for the waterproof rulebook is \$34.95 and the regular paper is \$29.95. The discounted price is available to members of RCYC, through me, since our club is a member of US Sailing. The paper edition is \$15, and the waterproof edition is \$19.95. If you are an individual or family member of US Sailing, you will automatically receive a paper edition of the rule book. But, wouldn't you like to have a waterproof one to keep on your boat? When I order ten or more copies, we will receive a ten percent discount. Since there will be a limited supply, I would like to place an order by the middle of January. Shipping and handling costs (about eleven dollars) will be split among those who place their order through me.

Please email or call me if you wish to order a waterproof copy. I'll pay for the books and you can reimburse me when they arrive.

Alan Bergen,
Alan-at-Home@comcast.net, 503-358-6981



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, *Moorage Chair*

Our Waiting List has been reduced recently, and new members should look forward to having a slip in six months or so. Speaking of new members, Past Commodore Mike Oxborrow once appointed every club member to be on our membership recruitment committee, and you all should continue this duty.

Winter dredging season is here and fairways are being deepened whenever the river levels are low enough. (Our small dredge is limited to operating in up to about nine feet of water depth.) What with some periods of very heavy rain, we've had to suspend operations occasionally.

The sand haulers have been busy and many truck loads have gone away. Please continue to avoid parking in the SE quadrant of the parking lot. If the loader is operating when you come in, it's best to avoid the south side of the lot completely.

Thank you.



George Kent and Jean Silver



Matt and Laura Richards



Jean Beaty, past Activity Chair

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

The 2013 membership cards have been printed and mailed. Cards were included as part of the quarterly billing mailing. Those who receive their billings electronically will also receive an envelope with their membership cards. Those Inactive Life Members who receive no billings should have received their membership cards in a separate mailing prior to Christmas. Those members who did not receive a card or received one with a typographical error, should notify Judy Oxborrow (judy87807@comcast.net) as soon as possible. If needed, corrected and/or lost cards will be printed early in January.

Moorage rules require that all boats be insured. Members are required to provide a copy of their insurance declarations page annually upon renewal. So make a note on your calendar to send a copy of the declarations page to Judy Oxborrow to update the records. Information is kept under lock and key and outdated papers are shredded.

All reimbursement requests should be accompanied by the reimbursement form. Copies of this form are kept in the file drawer in the entertainment center and on the back counter by the telephone. If you take the last copy, please let Judy Oxborrow know so the supply can be restocked. Copies may also be downloaded from the Club's website. If you have questions on reimbursement, contact Judy Oxborrow 503-652-1549 or judy87807@comcast.net

A View from the Rear

Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore

Well, another year has gone round, and I am ready for 2013. I know you will join me in thanking John Flenniken for willing to be our Commodore this coming year. He will have great officers and Directors to support him. I also want to thank our outgoing Directors, Frank Noragon, Bob Gales and Mike Hibbs for their service to the club. I want to thank all of you for supporting me and the Board this last year. It takes every one of us to make RCYC work, so thank you for all that you have done.

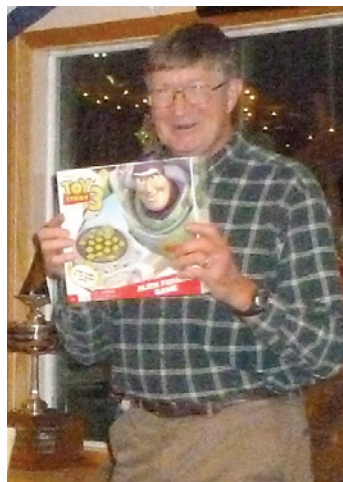
Gypsy is ready for Soup and Sail. Nina and I always like to start the year off right by leaving the slip on New Year's Day. We have always had great times. There was one cold year, but the soup and the fellowship was that much warmer for the adventure.

Soup and Sail is followed by the Portland Boat Show, and then it is time for the Commodore's Ball. The Commodore's Ball is fun because it is the one time we all get dressed up. Chuck Silver is going to put on a great ball so don't miss out. Once the Commodore's Ball is over, you can start boating again. Don't wait for Opening Day to get away.

Between boat projects, while you are waiting for drier weather, you can pass the time with these two books. They are both thrillers by Alan Furst. The first is **Blood of Victory**, 2002, which involves a plot to sink fuel barges from the Romanian oil fields in the Danube River. The second is **Dark Voyage**, 2004, which is about a tramp steamer involved with espionage work in 1941. Both books place you in the wartime setting and immerse you in the action. The heroes are people who got caught up in what was happening and decide they need to get involved.



Ruth Webster and Lucy Mitchem



Bob Phillips



Ken Purvine

*T'was the week before Christmas and all
across the town,*

*Big fluffy snowflakes came tumbling down.
While children watched with anticipation and glee,
Parents wondered, "Will a white Christmas I see?"*

*The Foghorn team was foraging ahead
Hoping to get the newsletter put to bed.
The Dredging Crews were moving sand
From fairways and moorage to the land.*

*And, the Dredge Tsar yelled, "The pond is full,
But we still have lots of sand to pull!"*

*The Activities Chairs were all a bustle,
For Soup and Sail, we must hustle.*

*The Commodore is checking weather forecasts
Wondering how long this winter weather will last.
Will the first sail of the year be cloudy and gray
Or will sunshine and blue skies rule the day?*

*And, as you share that bowl of soup
Look around the room at this Rose City group.
Different folks, different strokes, different ideas too.
But we all cherish the Rose City red, white and blue.
We may disagree but we get the job done,
And, we're all for making our work fun.
In 2013, let's continue our traditions, both old and new.*

And, fly our Rose City burgee – red, white and blue.

*Let's sail our boats – both cruise and race
And, make new friends at a glorious pace!
Let's remember those who have crossed the bar,
And welcome new friends from near and far.
Then, when 2013 begins to set with the sun,
Let's reminisce about or year of work and fun.*

Judy Oxborrow



Knauti Knitters



Susan Wilcox helping Joyce Jensen



TOP: Nina Kramer, Carolyn Douglass, Patti Fischer, Susan Wilcox,
Susan Pennington, and Barbara Chabala
BOTTOM: Ruth Webster and Joyce Jensen

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month.

*Please send your titled articles and photos to
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all Club Members with cameras!



Secretary's Notes

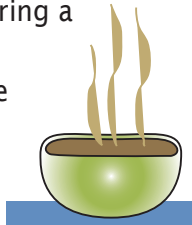
Karen Finch, Secretary

At the December Board meeting, the membership of Rick and Maryanne White was approved. They should be sworn in at the December General Meeting. The Board also interviewed prospective members Melissa Bearn and Andrew Schmidt. They met us with RCYC members during the Beacon Rock cruise. Melisa is also a US Sailing Instructor. Both have extensive sailing and cruising experience.

SOUP AND SAIL, SALAD AND SWEETS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2013

Kick the new year off right by gathering with your RCYC friends for soup, sail and salad. Please bring a can of New England style clam chowder OR chicken noodle soup before 12:30 to add to the pots. Weather permitting, Commodore John Flenniken will lead the Club in its first 2013 outing on the river. Hot soup will be served beginning at 1:00PM.



Everyone with holiday treats remaining post-Christmas is encouraged to bring those left-over sweet treats along for our dessert platters. Sourdough bread and salads will be provided.

Linda Latham, Jean Silver and JoNell McClary, Activities Co-chairs for the New Year

Commodore's Ball

February 2, 2013

The Commodore's Ball is traditionally held on the first Saturday evening in February. RCYC honors its incoming Commodore, officers and directors, recognizes contributions of members, and has a grand party with dinner and dancing. This year's Commodore's Ball will again be held at the Riverside Country Club. The theme for the Ball is "Rivers to the Sea." The Fabulous Essentials will provide live music.

The Commodore's Ball is an evening of fun, laughter and camaraderie, and all members are encouraged to join in the celebration. Members new to the club in 2012 are special guests of RCYC and their dinners are hosted by the club.

Watch for your invitation to this event in honor of Commodore John Flenniken and First Mate Penny Flenniken, and make your reservations early!

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

January 2013

- 1 Soup and Sail
- 7 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 RCYC Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Private Party, 6:00 p.m.

February 2013

- 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Private Party
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 OWSA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Private Party, 6:00 p.m.
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- 23 Private Party
- 26 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.

• 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.

THE CRUISING CORNER

Welcome to a new Foghorn column! Each month "The Cruising Corner" will feature news and tips from the RCYC Cruising Chair that will help you enjoy your time on the water. For this first column, let's talk about RCYC's 2013 Cruising Schedule.



April 26-28	Bartlett Landing – Government Island
May 24-17	(Memorial Day weekend) Hadley's Landing on Mult. Channel
June 22-23	Schwitter Landing – Government Island
July 4	Land Cruise at RCYC
July 20-28	Lazy Days Cruise Downriver
July 25	Lazy Days Cathlamet (potluck)
Aug. 9-11	Schwitter Landing (Pirates Breakfast) – Government Island
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2	Beacon Rock (Labor Day weekend)
Sept. 21-22	River Place – downtown Portland
Oct. 4-6	Bartlett Landing – Government Island

Many of these cruising locations are places we have visited for years. This may change beginning in 2014. CRYA is looking at the process they use to assign cruise locations and, in the future, we may not be able to keep the same date/location we currently have. I will keep you informed of these possible changes through this column.

For next month's column I will be talking about some of the equipment to have on your boat for safe and successful cruising.

Ron Moran, RCYC Cruising Chair



Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

As I write this, we all are wrapping up the end of 2012 and wrapping up presents for the holidays. Snowflakes are falling. The year went by quickly, and I, for one, did not get nearly enough sailing. I spent a lot of time on the boat working on projects. Oh, the many joys of a project boat. (Note to self: Cruise more next summer.)

I'm big on learning and education, especially with seamanship and navigation. For those who want to voyage beyond the river, perhaps a New Year's resolution might be to take a navigation class. There are a number of classes to take but the local Power Squadrons have a full range of courses at a reasonable price. Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting cover everything from basic boat handling to running fixes and dead reckoning.

Lastly, take a moment to think about the members who have passed away this last year and to welcome our new members to a great club.

DAUGHTER OF NEPTUNE

Hello, my name is Inna VanMatre. It was an honor and a lot of fun representing Rose City Yacht Club last year as your Daughter of Neptune. I look forward to a great year again representing the Club as your Daughter of Neptune. I am sixteen years old and a sophomore at Union High School. I had many exciting experiences last year. We taught life jacket safety to children. Riding on a float in the Starlight Parade was amazing, and I really enjoyed riding on the Christmas ships. During the summer, I studied for and passed my boaters education card test. I had many great experiences as the RCYC Daughter of Neptune. And, I am really looking forward to representing RCYC again as your 2013 Daughter of Neptune. Thank you for this opportunity!





Just what I wanted said Tom Stringield

Wecome New Members



Rick and Maryanne White



Ron and Autumn McClard



Jackie and Steve Erickson


**Happy New
Year
to you all!**

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