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February 2013



From the Helm

John Flenniken, Commodore

January came in strong with a wonderful informal New Year's Eve party followed the next day with Soup and Sail. The weather cooperated and several boats had enough wind to sail. Tradition was broken however, instead of just a clam chowder lunch, you could have a bowl of chicken noodle if you so desired. What is the world coming to? In short, everyone had a great time and the new year got off to a great start.

The rains let up a bit and the river fell enough to let the dredge crews get back to their job of getting rid of the humps and underwater hills we encountered this last summer during low water. They're almost done, and ahead of schedule as usual. Their work is piled high at the east end of the parking lot. As long as there are piles of sand and heavy equipment in the area, please park away from the activity and use the north and west areas. The sand moving trucks need all the room we can give them to maneuver without hitting your vehicle.

The wind came up and the temperatures went below freezing. That's what happens every winter. There were no reports of sails being torn loose or other damage around the Club. A word of caution though. When the weather is below freezing and we are under the influence of very cold weather you cannot know if everything held together. Please make a point of checking your boat when it warms up above freezing. This is a little tip passed along from our Moorage Chair, Loren Beach.

The Club experienced a power failure when a car ran into a utility pole on Columbia Boulevard. That will cause a problem if you're in the parking lot and trying to leave - the automatic gate will not open. However, if you have your Club key you can unlock the padlock to the east gate. If you do this please remember to close it, chain it and lock it behind you. I get used to just carrying the clicker to open the gate but you should have your Club key with you just in case the automatic gate will not respond.

More gate stuff: We are upgrading the sensor on the main gate from an optical sensor to an IR sensor. The optical sensor gives us trouble when the fog is thick. It "sees" something in the path of the gate and will not close. I have been told IR sensor will not have this problem.

The next big event is the Commodore's Ball on February 2nd. You should have received an invitation by now and we are looking forward to seeing you there. So don't delay! Call Judy Oxborrow and RSVP. The evening promises to be fun with good food, good friends live music and dancing. You know, like all our great social functions.



RCYC Soup & Sail boats



Dredgers working in the cold



Commodore's Ball



Rose City Youth Sailing Society *by Pam Sesar*

www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss

It was a cool but decent wind and all the kids were happy to get out and go sailing. It started out light but picked up nicely. The stronger breeze was great because they could get a feel for moving their weight around to balance the boat.

Willamette Sailing Club www.willamettesailingclub.com, has a middle school race program, so help get the word out. These opportunities teach independence and boating skills. You may even want to build your own boat some day like RCYC's Casey. Columbia Gorge Racing Association www.cgra.org, has regattas beginning in April; and Vancouver Lake Sailing Club www.vlsc.org continues to sail some in the winter. So contact them if you would like to participate. All the clubs offer some wintertime sailing events and it may be a ride on a racing boat. I encourage you to contact them to see what they might offer.

More events may come about, so please check out the web sites and help keep us informed if we missed a change. I am happy to say it is going to be another fabulous year of children in boats!

Dredging Season is Coming to an End

Brad Jensen, Dredging Advisor

Dredging operations are almost finished for this season. I want to thank all those that have helped, some for a few hours and some for many days. Actually, all members should be thankful for the operators and helpers that are willing to put in so much time making it possible for us all to get our boats in and out of the moorage.

If you were planning to get involved with this activity but somehow the time just slipped by, there will be opportunities beginning next November. Don't be shy. Some of the volunteers have been faithful dredgers for many years and would like to see some new people step up. The dredge is a nice warm place to hang out with friends and enjoy the marina in the winter time.

Join us next year!

• 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.



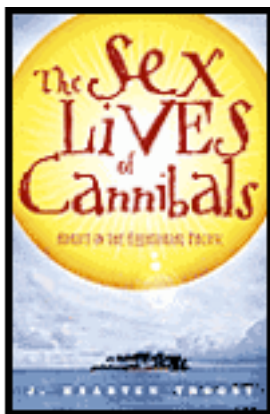
Rear Commodore's Log *by Bill Kramer*

The year is already 1/12th over and we are getting ready for the Commodore's Ball. If you have not yet responded, please get your RSVPs into Judy Oxborrow. This is a fun party and you don't want to miss it. We will be honoring John and Penny Flenniken, our new Commodore and First Mate. Come out and give them your support. If that is not enough reason to go, the band is a lot of fun. Wear your dancing shoes.

At the January general meeting, Steve Ericson presented information about this year's Leukemia Cup. You will want to be involved in this very worthwhile event. Also, at the January meeting, I got to swear in our newest members, Melisa Bearns and Andy Schmidt. The year is off to a good start.

I want to thank Brad Jensen and all of our dredgers. They have created mountains out of the sand that was causing us grief last fall. It is wonderful to see evidence of deeper water piled up in the parking lot. By the time you read this, Nina and I will have tried our hand at dredging. We didn't want to miss out on the fun.

It is February so my book selection is about somewhere warm. Martin Troost's *Sex Lives of Cannibals* tells the story of what happens when you mix westernization and a traditional society on a tropical island. Troost, an unemployed graduate student, follows his wife to Kiribati when she gets a job there with an NGO. She goes off to work and he goes for a swim in the lagoon that is filled with non- biodegradable trash. It is a funny light-hearted story that you will enjoy. We have come a long way from Gauguin in Tahiti.



Greetings from the Activities Chairs!

by Linda Latham, JoNell McClary and Jean Silver, Activities Co-Chairs

Here is the 2013 Event Volunteer Coordinators Calendar so you can plan your activities for the year. If you would like to volunteer to help throw any of these parties, please get in contact with the Coordinator listed on this calendar (and posted on the bulletin boards), by either phone or e-mail, to sign up and have some fun!

Please contact Jean Silver if you are interested in volunteering for the "**Wearing of the GREEN**" this year. Additional details will be listed in the next Foghorn. If you would like to organize either the September 14 or November 9 Walk Parties, please let Linda Latham know as soon as possible.

Thanks again to all members who participated at the Soup and Sail. We look forward to seeing you at the St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 16.

February 2	Commodore's Ball	Chuck Silver
March 16	St. Patricks Party	Jean Silver
April 20	Walk 5 Party	Bob/Mary Laird
May 4	Opening Day	Jean/Linda/JoNell
May 16	Ladies' Dinner	Penny Flenniken
June 1	Walk 3 Party	Linda Latham
July 4	4th of July Land Cruise	Jonell McClary
July 25	Lazy Days Potluck	Cathlamet
August 9	Pirates Breakfast	Chuck Silver
August 17	Walk 4 Party	JoNell McClary
September 14	Walk 2 Party	TBD
October 11	Old Salt's Dinner	Craig Cordon
November 9	Walk 1 Party	TBD
December 6	Christmas Ships Party	Jean/Linda/JoNell
December 31	Informal NY Eve Party	TBD

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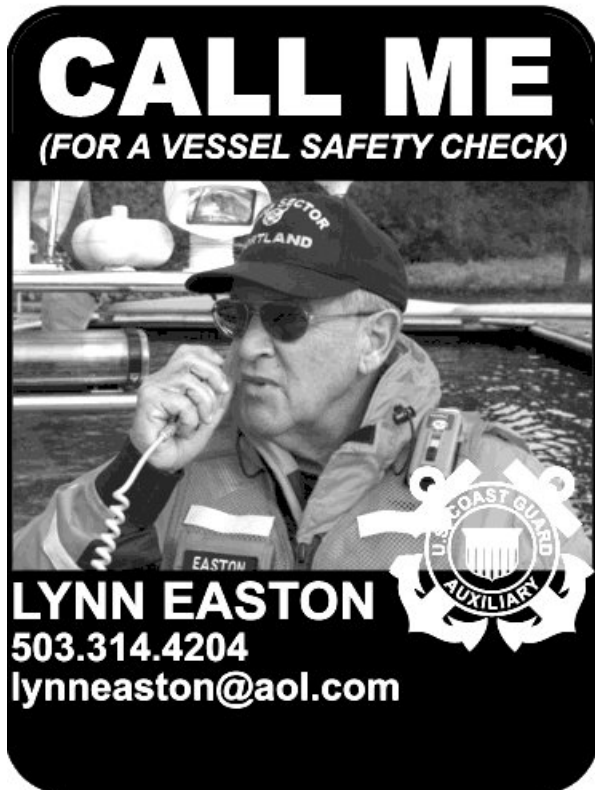
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Vessel Safety Stickers *by Lynn Easton*

I now have the 2013 Vessel Safety Stickers and am ready to inspect RCYC boats. Please give me a call or email to set up a time, or flag me down on the docks.



CALL ME
(FOR A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK)

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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

If you still have expired 2012 stickers displayed, please get your 2014 registration stickers onto your boat by March.

Current registration is required to occupy an RCYC slip and "it's the Law." Oregon owners can easily obtain theirs online at

<http://apps.oregon.gov/ecommerce/osmb/Renewal.aspx>

Washington-registered boaters will need to check with that state.

Thank you.



Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

February will soon be here and if you are like me, you will be thinking of all those projects you would like to do in the spring. So often I get ahead of myself and yet, it is still winter. I try to get down to the moorage at least once a week to check the boat out, more so when the weather is acting up. I check the mooring lines, check for water in the bilge and am always on the lookout for moisture and mold.

One thing that we all should be planning ahead for are the upcoming work parties in March. Mark your calendars, get out your gloves and grubby clothes and sign up. Meet with friends, enjoy good food and keep the Club going strong.

I'm working on a security/safety webpage for the Club. Of course in the event of a fire, police or medical emergency, call 911 first and get the EMS system working. The webpage will be a printable resource for any number of events that may come your way. As a DIY club, you are encouraged to take care of problems that you come across and that you are comfortable handling. For those larger problems you should call the Commodore who will then get those best able to take care of the problem. If the Commodore is not available, then call the Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and then any member of the board in order till you get someone. Do not place yourself in danger. Please feel free to send me suggestions and comments.

Knowledge is a big factor in successful sailing and cruising. Now is a good time to plan to take a class or two. There are race clinics, seamanship and piloting courses available. Fort Vancouver Sail and Power Squadron has a number of courses available this year. Take a look at: <http://fvsp.org/classes.htm> Smooth sailing and fair winds.

The Cruising Corner *by Ron Moran, Cruising Chair*

For this column we'll talk about lines. Having the proper type, size and length will make cruising easier, safer and more enjoyable.

LINES

Let's start by talking about what **does not** make good mooring lines when cruising. At the top of that list is braided line. Braided line has little to no stretch, and a little stretch is desirable in mooring lines. Braided line also squeaks more when under load than 3-strand line. Some of you are probably thinking "Ok then, I'll use braided line with rubber snubbers. That's what I use at the moorage so it'll work great for cruising, right?" Not quite. There are two problems with snubbers when cruising. First, snubbers are usually placed in the center of a length of line. When you pull up to your cruising anchorage and try to toss that line to a fellow sailor, the snubber (being heavier than the line) ends up falling in the water. This leads to a frantic scramble by your deckhand to fish the line out of the water while your boat flounders, unmoored, in the anchorage. Also, if you're rafting up to other boats, quite often there isn't enough open space between the boats for the snubber to fit. So when you're rooting through your storage lockers looking for mooring lines to use on a cruise, reach for the 3-strand line. By its nature 3-strand will stretch – providing a little give when lines are pulled taut. For most of us 9/16-inch line is a good size.

Now, how long should those lines be? Think about your anchorage location. If you're tying to a dock, the stern cleats will be closer to the dock than the bow cleats, so those lines could be shorter. Also consider what conditions will be like when you leave your anchorage. For ease of getting under way it's best not to tie the line directly to the dock. Have lines long enough that they can run from your cleat to the dock, loop around the dock and return to your deck cleat. If you do this you and your crew can get safely underway even if there isn't anyone on the dock to untie your boat. On *Honahlee* I've found that bowlines of 25' (her bow is high) and stern lines of 15' work well. For the spring line I like one that is long enough so that you can tie the middle to the boat and run the ends towards both the bow and the stern. For *Honahlee* a 20' spring line works well. Other members prefer 25' lines, especially in windy anchorages where you may not be able to bring your boat into place easily. Whatever length you use, consider your docking prowess and your crew's needs. You can always replace a long line with a shorter one once you're tied up.

Remember, at minimum your boat needs three mooring lines (bow, stern and a spring line). However, it's often easier to dock or raft up if you have six lines out (bow, stern and spring lines on both the port and starboard sides). Having six lines prepped and ready for use before you reach your moorage spot saves precious minutes when the dock master informs you of a quick change in docking locations. Next month we'll talk about anchors and fenders.

Reciprocals *by Tom & Kathy Nelson*

Over the past decade we have cruised the waters of Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, Gulf Islands, Vancouver, and points North to the Broughtons almost every summer. In doing so we have overnighted at a number of the reciprocals that are listed in the RCYC yearbook. As the new co-chairpersons of the reciprocal committee we thought it might be helpful for those members heading North next summer to know a little bit about some of our experiences. We would like to feature a reciprocal each month that we have visited and enjoyed, and share some information about it.

This month we'll feature Nanaimo Yacht Club located on Vancouver Island on the inside passage. There are two docks for guest boaters (approximately 700 ft.) on a first come, first served basis. The club house has showers, laundry facilities, wifi, and there is 30 amp power on the dock. The first night is free & power is \$5.00 There is always someone on duty in the office to help answer questions.

The grocery store is a long walk (about a mile) from the club, so we take our dinghy to the Nanaimo Port Authority docks, tie up, and make a short two block walk to a shopping center that includes a big Thrifty Foods supermarket, a liquor store, and a large pharmacy. Nearby is an excellent chandlery, and the Port has a large fuel dock facility. Across the channel (a short dinghy ride) is Newcastle Island with great walking trails and lots of history.

Nanaimo is the second largest city on the island. It is an enjoyable town with a number of boat yards, coffee houses, restaurants, and a farmers market near the port that is open Friday mornings. We always plan to stay two or three nights to explore the town and enjoy the restaurant scene. It's also a great place to wait out a weather window for crossing the Strait of Georgia.

Christmas Ships Donation *by Lynn Easton*

The RCYC Board of Directors voted to make a Rose City YC \$200 donation to Christmas Ships to support the work they do each year. All of the individual Christmas Shippers supply and pay for their boats, decorations, fuel and more on a volunteer donation basis. The organization does have expenses for insurance, mailings, etc.

If you enjoy the show each year, they also would appreciate our personal contributions. To make a donation, please send it to:

David Ridley
Christmas Ships, Inc.
1521 N Jantzen Ave., 418
Portland, OR 97217

Or, check out their web site at www.christmasships.org and go to: "make a donation" and follow the directions. Major credit cards and PayPal are accepted.

I know we plan a special Christmas Ships night each year at the Club so we can enjoy the show -- what a neat way for each of us to say "Thanks".



Secretary's Salutations

Karen Finch, -Secretary

We had some bad news at the start of this new year. Patti Cordon's father passed away recently. Please keep Patti and Craig in your thoughts and prayers.

At the January Board meeting, the Board approved the membership application of Melisa Bearn and Andrew Schmidt. They were sworn in at the January General meeting. Welcome Melissa and Andy!!!!

The Board also approved several motions at the January Board Meeting. The following were approved unanimously:

- Allow Dry Moorage Chair to adjust the published waiting list in a manner similar to that used by the Moorage Chair.
- The addition of one more dry moorage space.
- Donation of \$200.00 to the Christmas Ships organization.
- Increase in the Club bandwidth.

I'd like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Secretary this year. I have a lot to learn and welcome any pearls of wisdom you may have. Feel free to call or send an email with any and all advice!

Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association Seminar Invitation North U Rules & Tactics with Dave Perry

The Rules are Changing for 2013! Are you Ready?
Attached is an announcement concerning the upcoming Seminar being hosted by OCSA.

Dave Perry, Rules Guru and Chairman of the US Sailing Appeals Committee, will be the instructor. Few people can make a discussion of the rules as entertaining as well as informative as Dave Perry; this will certainly be the seminar of the season and is being supported through a generous contribution from OCSA.

For further information or to register for the seminar: visit: www.northu.com <<http://www.northu.com/>> or contact: Kimberly Rimkus @ rearcommodore@sailpdx.org

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Alan Bergen



New members Melisa Bearn & Andrew Schmidt



Lynn Easton confesses to having committed a boating goof.

Ask Lynn for advice on how to tell the difference between your fresh water and fuel fill caps.

Rose City Yacht Club January 1, 2013 Soup & Sail



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

February 2013

- 2 Commodore's Ball 6:00 pm
- 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.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Private Party



March 2013

- 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 OCSA Race Management Clinic
- 9 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 St Patrick's Party
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 OWSA Class, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 SYSCO Race Clinic
- 23 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.



**Get Active
in 2013.**

Visit your boat,
attend a club
meeting, go to a
social event, join
a race or attend
a cruise.



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