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Secretary: Karen Finch

March 2013



### Commodore's Log

*John Flenniken, Commodore*

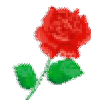
In the dead of winter, just after the groundhog saw its shadow, Chuck Silver and his loyal committee put together a most enjoyable Commodores' Ball, emceed by Jean Silver and attended to capacity. The music has stopped but the very good feelings linger from a wonderful event, much like sitting by the fire in the lodge after a great ski run down the mountain. "Rivers to the Sea" flowed!

Now we return to the realization of warmer weather soon to come and, with that, of boat projects, lining out work parties and getting the marina ready for a full sailing season. And, if you think members are just sitting around looking out the window wondering when they will be able to take their boats out again, you haven't been down at the Club for Sunday racing. When the wind comes up in the winter, it is usually more constant and a bit stronger, so it makes for great northwest sailing. Go racers.

Our Activities Committee is busy working on the next social event - St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendars for March 16th (Saturday) and get ready to wear the green. Volunteers are needed for every social event so don't be shy. Email or call JoNell McClary, Jean Silver, or Linda Latham and let them know you want to help.

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### Ladies Dinner



*The women of RCYC have the reputation of providing an especially fine Ladies Dinner.*

*On March 30 at 3:00p.m. I invite you to again gather at the Club-house to help plan this year's event scheduled for May 16th. Refreshments will be served.*

*I look forward to hearing your ideas for making this year's Ladies Dinner a success. My phone number is 503- 292-4319. Please call with advice or questions.*

*Thanks, Penny*



### RCYC Leadership 2013

L-R: Director Alan Boguslawski, Director Craig Cordon, Secretary Karen Finch, Rear Commodore Bill Kramer, Commodore John Flenniken, Director Ann Roehm, Director Rick Royce, Vice Commodore Ethan VanMatre (not pictured: Treasurer Judy Oxborrow and Director Mark Basel)

Work parties begin in March and the first is on the 9th. The main item on Work Party Chair Mike Moen's list is to turn on the water and fix all the things that broke or were damaged when ice and wind descended on Rose City. We never know exactly what we'll find but we have a good idea that it will take some people power to put everything back into working order.

Please let Mike Moen know you're coming so he can have the jobs lined-out for each member volunteer. When you sign-up for a work party, we know how much food to prepare. If you decide to drop-in without signing up, there may not be work for you or there may not be enough for all to eat.

On another note, each active member is required to work 12 hours a year - 6 in the spring and 6 in the fall. Don't forget to sign your name to the work hours list when you do put in hours. The current rate of fifty dollars (\$50) is charged for each work hour not worked.

If you miss the work party on the 9th, you're in luck! There's another scheduled for March 23rd. Two are scheduled in April. Many hands make for light work so choose a day, block it out on your calendar, and call in advance.

Thank you for being considerate to our Club's Work Party Chair, Work Party Leaders, Activities Leaders or Activities Chairs. These folks put in a great deal of effort to make work parties and the social events successful. They deserve a phone call or an email if you plan to show up for an event. Remember to RSVP.

We are a do-it-yourself Club and that extends out from your boat to the marina in general. If you see something that needs fixing and you know how to do it, roll up your sleeves and have at it.

If it is either beyond you (need more people or parts) and you think it needs to be handled quickly, remember to use the call tree. First call is to the Commodore (if I answer - your call it stops here.) If no answer, then on items you consider serious call the next on the list—Vice Commodore Ethan VanMatre. If no answer again, call the next person on the list—Secretary Karen Finch.



Chuck Silver presents gifts to Bill & Nina Kramer



Inna VanMatre, Julia Ryan, Colleen Moran, Laura Richard, Marili Reilly



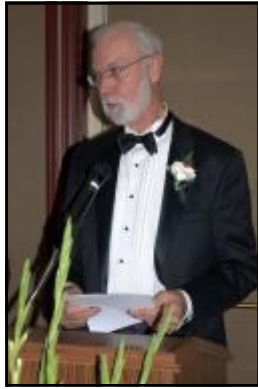
Ellen Nielsen, Vickie Nissen, Leslie Phillips



March of the Commodores lead by Wade Cornwall & Alverna (left)



Barbara Chabala



Commodore Flenniken

## Vice Commodore's Report

*Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore*



RCYC has a long tradition of Do It Yourself. Work parties take care of many of the pressing maintenance tasks that keep the Club and moorage afloat. Those hours keep the Club's expenditures low and form a sense of community.

There are other tasks that help the Club and Clubhouse Stewards come to mind. These folks keep the Clubhouse looking good and are unsung heroes in my book. Whether it be cleaning the Clubhouse, dredging, whacking weeds or looking after dry moorage, we all contribute to the Club. Work parties will be starting up soon. Don't wait until the last one to get your hours in.

A few weeks ago, I was walking through the parking lot and saw a small piece of paper there. I was reaching down to pick it up, as I normally would, and thought to do a small test. I left the paper there. A few days later the paper was still there and I still left it. A week went by and then 2 weeks. I could not leave it there any more, so I picked it up and tossed it in the dumpster. It was really a small thing. Hard to see and easy to miss in the normal hurry as we go to and fro taking care of the big things.

Dear Reader, I ask you to take a moment; see those small things and take care of them. Whether it is something so small as a bit of trash in the parking lot, some food scraps left in the galley, or a spot of dirt tracked into the Clubhouse. Every action adds to the whole.

We have a really nice Club, Our DIY spirit keeps it the best.



Anita & John Fallon with CJ Volesky



Jean Silver with Elden & Marilyn Stender



Bill Kramer presents the Golden Hammer Award to Brad Jensen who graciously accepts via cell phone

***An Irish Limerick***  
***By***  
***Linda McLatham – Jean O'Silver – JoNell McClary***

'Tis a New Season! Another Good Reason...  
To gather with friends at RCYC!  
Hear Ye – Hear Ye – Come one – Come ALL  
Answer the call to the St Paddy's Ball!  
But...ya don't have to dance – don't have to sing;  
Just have a good laugh while wearin the **GREEN!**  
Eat, drink & be merry – whatever you do!  
There's a prize to be won for the most funny too.

***Celtic Fairings***

(DETAILS)

Saturday, March 16

5:30 Happy Hour

6:30 Buffet featuring corned beef and cabbage

7:00 or so – Limericks & Irish Joke Telling Contest

Please bring your favorite Irish Side Dish,  
Appetizer or Dessert & BYOB too!

RSVP by March 10 to

Linda at 503-267-6895 or [lindalatham@comcast.net](mailto:lindalatham@comcast.net)  
or JoNell at 503-667-2676 or [jonell.mcclary@frontier.com](mailto:jonell.mcclary@frontier.com)



**Daughter of Neptune**

*Inna VanMatre*



Jean Silver & Inna at the Commodores' Ball  
Special Thanks to Jeanne Becker for Inna's flowers

By the time you read this, the first meeting of the Daughters of Neptune will have occurred. As I write, I am looking forward to this meeting. I will meet all of the Daughters, many of their parents and chaperones, as well as the organizers. We will receive our outfits and the schedules for this year.

Even though the first meeting is yet to occur, we Daughters have not been inactive. I attended the Rose City Yacht Club Commodores' Ball and was presented to the members there. Thank you for the lovely flowers, the tiara, and the confidence that you have in me. Four Daughters went to the Polar Plunge where we assisted with registrations and helped people if they needed it.

Hey girls, if you are 14-17 years old and are interested in becoming RCYC's Daughter of Neptune next year, send me an email at [daughterofneptune@rosecityyachtclub.org](mailto:daughterofneptune@rosecityyachtclub.org). It's a lot of fun and a great experience.



2013 Commodores' Ball at Riverside Country Club

# Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar



Local sailors are still enjoying themselves and are sailing very well. The children are on the up and up. They are seriously becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Many thanks to the many parent volunteers, the competitors, as well as so many of you and others who make sailing in our area possible. We are putting ourselves on the map one step at a time. If you haven't seen an event, check out club web sites and schedules. Please look for the next one, bring some good food, and enjoy the good kid energy.

For current event information:

Willamette Sailing Club [www.willamettesailingclub.com](http://www.willamettesailingclub.com),

Columbia Gorge Racing Association [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org),

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club [www.vlsc.org](http://www.vlsc.org)

West Coast Sailing [www.westcoastsailing.org](http://www.westcoastsailing.org)

Northwest Youth Racing Circuit [www.nwyr.org](http://www.nwyr.org)

Contact the clubs if you would like to participate.

RCYSS wants applications for reimbursement two weeks in advanced (the process is outlined on the brochure on the web site). We may have discounts available for children. Please contact us and continue to get the word out.

Remember: We would not have these resources if it weren't for the generosity of sailors in our Club and others. Please add us to your donation list and encourage others to support junior sailing in our area. Make checks out to RCYSS and mail to 3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97211 Attn: Youth Sailing

[www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss)



## Secretary's Notes

Karen Finch, Secretary

### Membership News

The Board approved the following membership changes at the February Board Meeting:

- Ken Purvine's membership was changed to Inactive Life Member
- Art & Rose Zehner have resigned



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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!



Loren Beach & Smoke Fischer



Jim Calnon & Dede Jensen

## Cruising Corner—Fenders

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

This month let's talk about fenders.

There are many types and styles of fenders to choose from; you can even get ones that have a built-in pump to save you the trouble of keeping them properly inflated. It's a good idea to have a least four fenders that are sized for you boat and you have three basic styles to choose from.



Wendy, Ron & Colleen

**Flat:** Flat fenders won't roll or ride up and can be store in a small space. They're often used as seat cushions, knee pads, and paddle boards. What they lack is the flexibility to absorb pressure when you boat comes against a hard object.

**Spherical:** These bulbous, often orange or white fenders have a lot of area to absorb impacts and provide a good cushion between boats or between a boat and the dock. However, they take up a lot of space and can roll out of place. On *Honahlee* I have a 15" one that we tie to the backstay during cruises. It's out of the way but can be quickly grabbed for those situations when you need a big fender NOW.

**Cylindrical:** These are the most commonly used fenders, and the line is attached to them in one of two ways:  
1—One eye fenders – have a single hole for the line to go through  
2—Two eye fenders – have a hole at the top and the bottom of the fender. This offers the advantage of being able to hang the finder sideways for those situations you need a wide surface area to protect you boat. Just remember to attach a second line before you deploy the fender.

If your cylindrical fenders have a long line that's knotted at both ends you'll find this allows you to quickly hang it either horizontally or vertically.

Remember, it's worth spending a little more and getting a good set of fenders as they will protect your boat from damage. Good ones will last for years – *Honahlee's* are 20 years old and still serving their purpose well.

One last word about fenders: please get or make a set of fender covers! They not only keep dirt from imbedding in the fender but more importantly they stop those pesky middle of the night squeaks that keep you and your fellow cruisers awake.

Next month we'll talk about anchors.

## Sea Stories

Bill Kramer

It's time to begin the Foghorn book column. I want the column to have more variety than just books that I have picked, so if you have a great boating book please pass it on. Send your recommendations to Bill Kramer at [bkramer6@yahoo.com](mailto:bkramer6@yahoo.com). I will compile the column and get it to the Foghorn staff. Here's what you need to do: send me a short summary of the book, why you liked it, the title and author. The kinds of books to include are books about boating, boating in the Pacific Northwest or other parts of the world, thrillers with sailing as a major component, true boating stories and historical fiction, and kids books. Here are two examples. Happy reading !

[Summer at Forsaken Lake](#) by Michael D. Beil (2012)  
Nicholas wasn't excited about spending the summer with his twin sisters at their Uncle Nick's but that was before he discovered his uncle had a sailboat, *Goblin*. Learning to sail, solving a mystery, making a film and finishing a small boat his dad had built keep Nicholas and his friend Charlie busy over the summer. An homage, in more ways than one, to Arthur Ransome's [We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea](#), which is a part of the Swallows and Amazons series. Beil keeps sailing front and center in this delightful story for kids grades 3-6. (Nina Kramer)

[The Tale of the Unknown Island](#) by Jose Saramago (1988) This is a gem of a book. It is a story that starts with a man knocking at the king's door and saying "give me a boat." As the tale unfolds the boat is obtained and the voyage begun. Saramago was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1998. This book is a fable about dreams coming true. An extra bonus is that the illustrations are by Peter Sis. (Bill Kramer)



Nina & Bill Kramer

# Reciprocals—Oak Harbor Yacht Club

Tom & Cathy Nelson

Our featured reciprocal this month is Oak Harbor Yacht Club. OHYC is located about three-fourths of the way north on Whidbey Island along the west side of Saratoga passage. The club has two reciprocal slips at Oak Harbor Marina (360-279-4575) on the main dock leading to the marina office. There are showers, rest rooms, and laundry facilities at the marina office, and 30 amp power on the dock. Fuel is available at the marina.

The OHYC bar and lounge are open Wednesday to Saturday from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. On Fridays they have a hamburger and potluck night. Wednesday is chicken or steak night and is reasonably priced. Be sure to call ahead if you plan to participate. The members are very friendly and welcome reciprocal clubs. We always have a drink at their bar and enjoy chatting with their members. There is also a nice picnic area in front of the club house.

The town of Oak Harbor is located about a mile and a half away. We have walked it, but if you need groceries, the free bus service runs Monday - Saturday and stops right in front of the marina office. There is also a free bus that will take you around Whidbey Island to the towns of Coupeville, Langley, and the Deception Pass bridge for a great view of the waterway below.

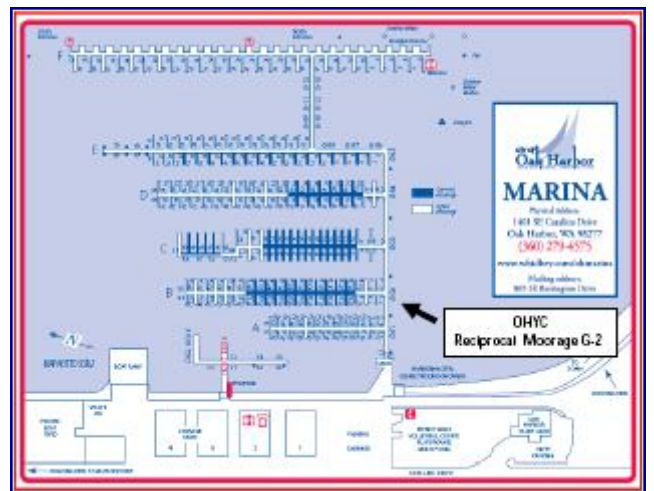
We often overnight at Oak Harbor on our way to the San Juan Islands. It's a good location from which to depart when transiting Deception Pass or Swinomish Channel.

Oak Harbor Yacht Club

<http://www.ohyc.org/index.html>

Oak Harbor Marina

<http://www.oakharbor.org/page.cfm?pageId=11>



## Flags Are Us

Commodores' Ball 2013

Jean Silver presents the flags to the 2013 Officers & Directors John, Ethan, Karen, Judy, Bill, Chuck, Rick, Ann, Craig & Alan



## Moorage Matters

*Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

What with several boats being for sale around the Club, I reasonably expect to move most of our new boats into slips from the Wait Lists by summer.

It looks like the mild winter has left the membership eager for opportunities to turn wrenches and get at the project list. I just moved a finger dock to better accommodate a boat and my one request to the "all members email list" brought in double the help needed. This is Really Gratifying in a volunteer club. By the night before the work was scheduled, I was turning down offers of help!

"You've all done very very well!" So stand by for more opportunities in the 2013 spring work party Saturdays. If you are not available Saturdays or have other weekend obligations, just contact the Work Party Chair for assignments you can complete on your own on other days.

Improvements to our moorage and maintenance to the docks and structures is on the menu for the spring work parties. Note that, unlike our little three hour impromptu project on the 18th, you MUST get your name in before the regular Saturday Work Party happens so that you will get your lunch. Also, it's a whole lot easier to prioritize a project list and plan ahead for staging tools and supplies when the Work Party Chair knows how many members are showing up.



Next time you "crack a pot" ...

## Crab Cakes

4 servings

- 12 oz (1-1/2 c) cooked crab, flaked
- 1/2 c red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/3 c bread crumbs
- 1/3 c celery, finely chopped
- 2 T onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/4 t lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 T butter

Combine all ingredients except butter, mix well. Shape into 4 patties about 1/2 inch thick (will be soft & sticky). Melt butter in skillet over medium heat until it sizzles. Add crab patties & cook 6-8 minutes or until brown & crisp, turning once.

Top each cake with a poached egg & hollandaise sauce, if desired or available & your heart can stand it.

Also fine with ranch-type dressings or tartar sauces & green salad/coleslaw.

Make smaller patties for a nice snack.

... don't let all that trouble go to waste!



## Music, Music, Music

*Mike Oxborrow, Lynn Easton, Gareth Tabor, June Henry & Mike Finch*

You might have heard something about the newest activity at your favorite yacht club. We're referring to the newly formed musical group, which has yet to be named.

For only the second time, your fellow members got together on Sunday afternoon, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to work on songs and just plain get themselves somewhat organized. Since the Clubhouse was booked for a private party, June, Gareth, Mike O, and Mike F met at the Gateway Elks Lodge. The club manager placed us on the stage in the main lodge room and we (sort of) wound up entertaining the tail end of their Crab Feed. Nonetheless, we musicians did, in fact, do our musical thing (and actually got some compliments from some of the Elks!).

Next month, we should be back at the ol' RCYC Clubhouse – we're on the calendar for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM (unless we get bumped by another paying booking!). So, if you are around the Club on that day, you're welcome to stop by and check us out. If you are a musician and/or a singer and think you might be interested in participating in this musical activity, please contact any of us. Your RCYC musical group – coming soon to an RCYC BBQ!



## View from the Rear

*Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore*

How are you going to join in at RCYC this year?

We are in a new year and the question is: how are you going to be involved in the Club this year? RCYC is a do-it-yourself Club. This means that it is up to us to make sure that 2013 is a good year.

Several of our peer clubs have paid staff that take care of the chores. We don't. How do you want to be involved this year? The great thing is that there are many ways to participate.

You can join a work party. You can help out with a social event like the St. Patrick's Day party. You can take your boat out of the slip and join us on a cruise. Consider service to the Club as a committee chair or an officer.

All of these are fantastic ways to be an active part of RCYC.

Mike Moen is our work party chair. Talk to him if you have questions about helping on a work party.

Jean Silver, Linda Latham and JoNell McClary are in charge of activities. Ask them where you can help out.

Commodore John Flenniken is looking for a refreshments chair and Penny Flenniken will need help with the Ladies Dinner.

Opening Day is coming and we also have a great calendar of cruises lined up.

If you want to be a director or officer, talk to me.

Working on the dredge is a great way to end the year. If you are interested in dredging, talk to Brad Jensen.

These are just some of the ways to get involved so don't miss the boat.

See CRYA's website for the full 2013 Cruise Schedule

[www.webnautica.us/CRYA/pdf/CRYACruiseSchedule.pdf](http://www.webnautica.us/CRYA/pdf/CRYACruiseSchedule.pdf)



See SAILPDX for the full 2013 Racing Schedule

<http://www.sailpdx.org/events-calendar/racing-schedule>

## RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

### March 2013

4	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
5	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
6	OCSA Race Mgmt Clinic	6:00 pm
9	Work Party	9:00 am
11	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
13	OWSA General Meeting	6:00 pm
16	St Patrick's Party	5:30 pm
17	RCYC Music Group	
18	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn April Deadline	
19	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
20	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
21	SYSCO Race Clinic	6:00 pm
23	Work Party	9:00 am
23	RCYC Frostbite Regatta	
30	Ladies Dinner Planning	3:00 pm

### April 2013

1	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
2	Ladies Dinner Planning	10:00 am
6	Work Party	9:00 am
8	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
13-14	Opening Day Regatta	
15	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
17	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn May Deadline	
20	Work Party	9:00 am
20	Walk 5 BBQ	
21	OWSA Class	8:30 am
23	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
24	OWSA Class	5:30 pm
26-28	RCYC East Dock Cruise	
27	OWSA Class	5:00 pm

*Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC*  
[www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org)

*Need something added to the calendar? Contact Vice Commodore Ethan VanMatre*  
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Many Thanks to this year's Commodores' Ball Committee —Terry Foren & Barbara Chabala, Dave & Marili Reilly, Randy & Ruth Webster, Jim & Alverna Martin, Laura Richard, MC Jean Silver, origami sailboats by Chuck Silver, flowers by Alverna, Laura, Jeanne Becker & Barbara, photos by Ann Roehm & John Dees—It was beautiful!

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*RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED*