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Vice Commodore: Ethan VanMatre
Secretary: Karen Finch

May 2013



Commodore's Log

John Flenniken, Commodore

The Club is looking better and better! At the last Dock Walk on April 7th, the Vice Commodore, Port Captain and Moorage Chair (aka Ethan, Lynn and Loren) and I walked the docks between rainstorms. What we saw were boats in better condition and adherence to the moorage rules than we saw last year.

A few boats still displayed expired registration stickers. They received a letter reminding them to get the current sticker on their boat. We are doing the members a favor because if they don't have a current registration, the Multnomah County Sheriff will issue them a citation and a fine.

The owners of boats that were dirty got an email reminder that their boats miss their tender loving care. Only one really big problem stood out: a brand new mooring line attached to the bow had snapped! The boat was secured and the owner notified. So, here is what I've learned doing Dock Walks:

- One: All members want to do the right thing. They just need a reminder.
- Two: What gets monitored, improves.
- Three: We need to keep the rules simple, clear and enforced.
- Four: Things change with the weather, current and tide.

If your boat is in the water you should make a trip to the moorage now and then to check up on the condition of your boat, especially after a run of bad weather. For sail boats, it's easy to see where they are by their mast sticking up from beneath the river. Not so likely with the power boats!



Opening Day—May 4

Dress Blues & Lights
Continental Breakfast 8:00 am
Flag Ceremony 10:00am
Line up for Parade 12:30pm
Taco Salad Buffet 1:30pm

Sign up for parade with Gary Whitney
Boat pennants available at Ship Stores

Contact the Activity Team
(Linda, Jean & JoNell)
to help out with food &
Clubhouse arrangements

"Portland's Party"

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Opening Day is May 4th. Last year thirty boats participated. As a goal, let's meet or exceed that number. If you can't make the parade, come on down anyway and enjoy a good time with your Club members.

The "City of Roses" Sea Scout ship will assist in the Flag Ceremony. Our Fleet Captain, Gary Whitney, sent around a signup sheet at the last General Meeting and it is now posted in the clubhouse. You can also send him an email if you plan to participate in the parade.

Ron Moran has taken the theme "Portland's Party" to heart. S/V Honahlee will be decorated to that theme. The rest of the Club boats will be decorated with flags and colors as usual. As a note to self, only the starboard side is visible to the reviewers and judges.

The Activities Committee is planning a continental breakfast before the parade and a taco salad buffet for when you return to the moorage. If you are participating in the parade, past practice indicates it is very useful to take your boat out beforehand to see how she runs. Enough said.

The Ladies Dinner is coming on May 16th. It is always a big event for the Club. First Lady Penny says the theme this year is "Derby Days." JoNell McClary is handling reservations. More details are posted at the Club. Your Commodore is looking for waiters. If this is something you'd like to do, please contact me.

In closing, the Club is in excellent condition as we head into the opening of boating season! The dredge crew has dredged to minus seven feet. We all should be able to come and go as we choose this summer. Thank you all for helping and participating. Now it's time to go play with our boats.

See you on the river!

Rose City Yacht Club Presents A Ladies Dinner:



"Derby Days – A Run for the Roses"

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Social 6 PM

Dinner 7 PM

Cost \$22

Wear a Derby Day hat and enjoy a Southern meal of strawberry spinach salad, green beans, ham or a vegetarian option, scalloped potatoes and bread pudding from our Chef Rick Royce.

Make it your lucky day by sending payment and entree preference by May 10th to: JoNell McClary, 4020 S.W. 30th Ct., Gresham, OR 97080—Phone 503-667-2676.



Attendance limited to one hundred ladies.

Raffle and Live Entertainment.

Rose City Yacht Club
3737 NE Marine Drive
Portland, OR

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!



Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

Over the years, many members have donated generously of their time and energies, often performing essential tasks quietly in the background. There are a few tasks that require experts and these experts "retire" after years of service. At that point, we look to you our members to step up and volunteer. At this time we are searching for a Work Party Chair, Education Chair and a Legal Adviser. If you have skills to share and energy to spare, please contact me.

I got a call the other day from the Resident Members. It appears that someone, while driving out the main gate, clipped the gate. I'm sure that they looked into their rear view mirror and verified that the gate was moving. It turns out that the gate made it half way closed and then hung up, knocked off of its track. The gate would neither open nor close, locking those in -in; and those outside - outside.

After I arrived, Ron Billion and I were able to place the gate back on the track and verify proper operation. That gate is heavy! If there is a moral to the story, it would be to watch the gate cycle all the way closed if you clip it. And perhaps, cycle it open and closed again. It would not hurt to give the board a call just to let someone know. By the way, if you are missing part of a tail light, I have it.



Finance Matters

Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer

The Finance Committee has completed a review of the membership bond records. There are a number of outstanding bonds listed as a liability on the club records and issued to persons no longer associated with RCYC. We are attempting to resolve these bonds so that our liability is accurately reflected on Club financial records. If you have any information about the past members listed below, please advise Judy Oxborrow by phone (503) 652-1549 or e-mail judy87807@comast.net.

Gordon/Mona Dobbin
Richard/Lou Ann Goodrich
Wayne/Natalie Savage
C. Campbell
Frank/Carol Allman
Theodor Green
Richard/Idamae Morris
MaryJane/Jim McGoodwin
Jack Smith
Robert Buttler
Rick Palicar
Dale Dixon/Rosalind Bell
Harry/Ann Brault

Rowland Doyle
A. F./Rita Gwinner
Clyde/Helen Brown
Daniel/Nadine McMahan
Leslie/Marthellis Grosz
Stewart/Nina Sinclair
Harry/Gayna Joy
Ronala Normanson
Hank/Sue Kingsbury
R. Lyon
R. Banton
John/Kelly Archer
Robert G./Catherine Buttke

Otto/Lois Gaither
Richard/Joyce Holmes
T. George /Dorothy Britton
Lynn/Cynthia Meredith
Denny/Judy Wilcox
Frank Batey
Gene Clausing
Gary/Michelle Young
Dick/Heather Chrisman
D. McMahon/Mildred Sandwick
David/Suzanne Francis
Michael Vannett
Glenn Cook/Dawn Redman

RCYC Long Range Plan

Randy Webster

Long range planning is about capital projects that add to the value of the Club's assets, or protect and extend the life of our existing assets. We plan for these projects so that:

The Club is safe and well-maintained.

There are no surprises (we hope); no unexpected failures.

We can afford them. Our challenge is to anticipate projects and plan for them in future years to match available funds with the cost of the projects.

The role of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is to maintain and monitor a 20 year capital plan for the Club. The LRPC keeps track of all the significant projects that are necessary or that the Club might consider desirable. It builds and maintains a financial forecast of the Club's funds in order to present options to the Board for the sequence of projects and their funding. The goal is to fit projects within the Plan to delay as long as possible any increase to your Capital Improvement fee, while keeping the Club safe and functional.

Projects that we know of today sort into three categories each year: Utilities, Moorage, and Facilities. Cost estimates are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Slight differences in costs for similar projects in 2014 are due to estimated inflation.

Projects for 2013 are budgeted as follows:

Utilities

Water Pressure Reducer: \$3K

Replace a water line on the next walk (Walk 5 is done): \$1K

New Utility Post for Walk 5: \$500 – if boathouse is sold and moves out.

Moorage

Replace wood piles on Walks 2 & 3: \$55K

New T-Slip for Walk 5: \$10K – if a boathouse is sold and moves out.

Facilities

Parking Lot Upgrades: \$1K

Clubhouse Siding: \$12K



Projects 2014 are planned as follows:

Utilities

Replace a water line on the next walk: \$1K

New utility post for Walk 5: \$500 – if boathouse is sold and moves out.

Moorage

Replace wood piles on Walk 4: \$56K

New T-Slip for Walk 5: \$11K – if boathouse is sold and moves out.

Big projects ahead

Water line replacements continue until all walks are done.

Replacing the Dredge is on the Plan, but we are researching more accurate costs which may affect timing.

Replacing the Breakwater is the big ticket item in the Plan. It is currently planned in 2020 for about \$400K. We expect that the wood breakwater can be made to last until then.

A current consideration for the Board is a new project to move lighting from pilings to dock level pedestals, similar to those now on Walk 5, including GFCI breakers at each pedestal. This will increase safety in the moorage.





Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar

Columbia Gorge Racing Association has some youth clinics and some world-class events. They race out of Cascade Locks and what a venue they have. Check them out. If you want a pick-me-up, just take some time and watch the children. It is a joy to behold!

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club has their 2013 classes listed. Please check out their web site. Willamette Sailing Club also has their classes and camps posted. A Sail-a-Thon is coming up soon. Please take the time and look at all the events scheduled.

All sailing class applicants must provide RCYSS with a complete application form at least two weeks prior to the start of a class to be processed and approved. Applicants may be approved for discounts and up to 80% reimbursement, but again, the applications must be submitted at least two weeks in advance. The application form is found on the RCYSS brochure on the Club website and there are also brochures on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.

RCYSS has some very cozy sweatshirts (limited supply) as thank you gifts for a \$75.00 donation. Please do not forget us in your giving.

Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Presently, we are filling two dock openings. Recently, I received some questions about dinghy storage. Remember that you *Must* have your name plate on your chosen storage spot. If you have been using an old piece of paper or tape that's faded away, you need to renew it. Plastic or metal is much better.

At this time, there are only a few openings for dinghies, and there might be one for a kayak, as well. If you are storing an old dinghy at the Club that you never plan on using again, please consider taking it home and making room for newer members needing a spot. In that case, do remove your name plate.

From now on through June, we will have to deal with higher water levels and about two knots of current running through our moorage. Remember to "crab" when transiting a fairway and don't let your boat get pinned against a downstream head walk. If you do get "pinned", *stop* trying to motor forward and abrading your gel coat. Just use a long line, thrown to someone on the opposite upstream dock, to pull the bow straight up-stream; then cast off and motor out (or in).

If you were one of the members who donated some old rope to our Club supply in the shop, thanks very much. If you have some old rope laying around, we could always use it for work parties, towing, and general maintenance work.

Fair Winds.



Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

I need your suggestions for destinations for club cruises. First some history. As most of you know, Rose City Yacht Club is a member of the Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA). All CRYA member yacht clubs coordinate their cruising schedules and share them in the CRYA Cruising Guide. This ensures we avoid two clubs showing up at the same location at the same time for a cruise.

CRYA recently updated their cruising guidelines. For more than 25 years, clubs that traditionally went to the same anchorage at the same time year after year for a cruise knew that their club would have priority for that spot the following year, even if another club requested that anchorage. That guideline no longer applies. Now if two clubs want to travel to the same anchorage at the same time, CRYA will award the location to whichever club has not been there in the past two years.

What does this mean for us? RCYC likely will not cruise to Beacon Rock for Labor Day Weekend in 2014.

With that in mind, I'm requesting suggestions for a new Labor Day Weekend cruise location. For that matter, new locations for any other scheduled Club cruise are welcome. These new guidelines are an opportunity for us to develop a new list of cruising spots, especially places members could easily travel to and return from within 5-6 hours.

Ideas can be emailed to me at ronmoran@gmail.com, called in to me at 503-807-3817 or you could just tell me when you see me around the Club.



Memorial Day Cruise At Hadley's Landing On Multnomah Channel

MAY 24-27

Potluck Sunday
Happy Hour at 1700 Potluck at 1800

If you have any questions contact your cruising chair
Ron Moran
ronmoran@gmail.com
or
503-807-3817



April 19, 2013

Dear BoatU.S. Member,

Do you own a federally documented vessel? The U.S. Coast Guard is proposing to charge an annual fee of \$26.00 for the renewal of certificates of documentation for recreational boats. While the Coast Guard charges to issue new certificates of documentation for boats, currently there is no charge for annual renewal.

This fee will only apply if your boat is federally documented and would be in addition to any state registration fees. For current information on federal vessel documentation, visit the [United States Coast Guard Documentation Center](http://www.uscg.gov/DocumentationCenter/).

We encourage you to share your thoughts with the Coast Guard on this proposal before **May 3rd, 2013**, by going to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail:D=USCG-2010-0990>

Please forward this email to fellow boaters with documented vessels. If you have any additional questions, please contact BoatU.S. Government Affairs at GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com.

Thank you for being a BoatU.S. member!

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Reciprocals

Tom & Cathy Nelson

This month, as members begin making preparations for heading North this summer, we would like to review some thoughts regarding the use of reciprocal yacht clubs.

In the RCYC 2013 Yearbook, on pages 86 and 87, is the list of clubs that we have reciprocity with in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia which will be the ones you would primarily be using. Each club is listed by geographic area including a phone number and a website.

If you take your smart phone, pad, or laptop along you can log onto the site you are interested in and find a wealth of information about any particular club. They often list a map or the reciprocal dock, a monthly events calendar, newsletters, and related links around the area. Be sure to take your RCYC burgee and 2013 membership card so you can register with other clubs. Many of the clubs have bars and some have restaurants that welcome visiting guests. It's a great way to meet new boating friends in other areas.

We have a few late additions that didn't get into the Yearbook:

Seattle West Seattle Y.C. 206-356-7130 www.westseattleyachtclub.com

Seattle Duwamish Y.C. 206-767-9330 www.duwamishyachtclub.com

Cathlamet Cathlamet Y.C. 360-849-4133 www.cathlametyachtclub.org

Hood River Hood River Y.C. 541-490-7846 www.hoodriveryachtclub.org

If you find discrepancies this summer, with what is listed in the Yearbook, please let us know at tcrcyc@gmail.com and we'll get it corrected.

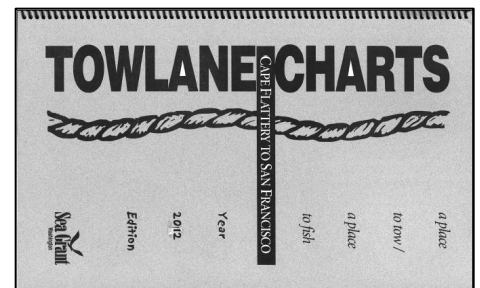


Cape Flattery Lighthouse on Tatoosh Island—Juan de Fuca Strait Entrance

TOWLANE CHANGE

Towlane on the north Washington Coast near Cape Alava was moved slightly westward/seaward in 2012. See Chart 1 at the chart website for Waypoints and details.

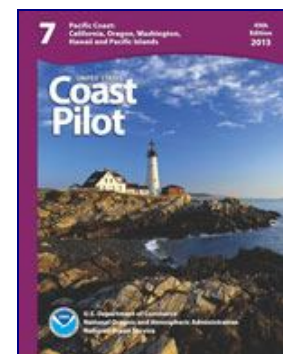
Website <http://wsg.washington.edu/mas/econcomdev/lanes.html>
Charts <http://wsg.washington.edu/mas/pdfs/2013Towlanes.pdf>



Sea Grant programs on the US West Coast help broker an agreement that provides navigable towboat and barge lanes through the crabbing grounds between Cape Flattery and San Francisco. Recreational boaters can try to avoid both hazards by traveling on the edges of the towlanes. ALWAYS maintain a sharp lookout.



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Coast Pilot 7 here:



www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot_w.php?book=7

Nautical Reads

Bill & Nina Kramer

This month we welcome Rhonda Boguslawski to the column. She recommends Life of Pi by Yann Martel (2001).

Shipwrecked, 16-year-old Pi is alone on a 26-foot lifeboat on the Pacific Ocean with a zebra, a hyena, an orangutan and a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. This is an intriguing, irrational tale of truth and survival. Not exactly Steve Callahan's Adrift. I haven't seen the movie, but Callahan did provide technical support for the Life of Pi film produced in 2012 – see his BoatUS article at <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2012/december/Behind-The-Scenes-With-The-Original-Pi.asp>

[Bill's note: having read the book and seen the movie, the movie is fun, but it leaves much of the story out. Read the book to get the full sense of this wonderful tale. In the book, you really get to know Pi and the story of his life in Pondicherry, India and aboard the lifeboat.]

Nina also wanted to suggest a book. The Last Voyageur: Amos Burg and the Rivers of the West by Vince Welch (2012).

In October 1924, 22 year old Amos Burg set off from the source of the Columbia River in a 17' canvas and wood framed Old Town canoe called *Song o' the Winds*. Growing up in Portland, Burg had probably spent more time on the Columbia River and slough than he had in school. An indifferent student, but avid reader, he was determined to voyage all the major rivers of the west and write about them, hopefully selling his articles to National Geographic.

His voyages were undertaken before the rivers were dammed. He set off on the beginning of his adventures in snowy weather. If that wasn't enough, he was also on crutches, with a bum knee. His Columbia River was very different than the one we know, but Amos Burg's travels on it give a sense of how wildly it once flowed. I've just started the book and I can't wait to see what his other river journeys were like.

SAVING SPACE, TIME & MONEY WITH AN E-READER

Rhonda Boguslawski with Bill Kramer

Concerned about *Summer Wind's* limited amount of shelf space and my voracious appetite for books, Alan gave me a basic Kindle as a gift last Christmas. I am quite fond of printed words on paper and never thought I would like reading some electronic gadget. Wrong! This inexpensive, basic black & white Kindle is easy to read with multiple font size options. It's simple to set up and use. E-books purchased from Amazon are less expensive than print versions and download immediately via WiFi. It came with the entire Oxford English Dictionary and will hold over 1,000 books.

I enjoy people's stories of their sailing adventures. As E-Books are so much easier (and cheaper) to produce and distribute, many of these stories are now readily available at minimal cost. While not all of them are exactly "literary" quality, it is good to "hear" the individual voices and find other surprises in the stories. For example, near the end of Werner Kraus' Beyond the Horizon: Sailing Around the World on Columbine (2010 - \$3 Kindle), he met up with Bob and Dolores on *Summerwind* in Panama as both boats began the final legs of their circumnavigations. Bob and Dolores (Rolfe) were the previous owners of our very own *Summer Wind*. They transited the Panama Canal in December 1994.

Bill suggests finding out more about selecting an E-reader in the December 2012 issue of Consumer Reports. Also see online reviews such as <http://ebook-reader-review.toptenreviews.com>.

The main choice is between:

- 1) a black and white E-reader is great for reading text (photos or diagrams may not be large enough to be clear), has long battery life and can even be read in bright sunlight; or
- 2) a color tablet which will work for web surfing as well as E-books. The down side is they are not as good in bright sunlight, have a shorter battery life and cost more. The color tablets are an expanding part of the market and offer lots of choices.

You can borrow E-Books from your library. Talk to your librarian to find out how. You can also get books for free from Project Gutenberg, Amazon and other online sources for out of copyright and freely distributed materials, including lots of old sailing stories.

You will also need to decide which vendor you want to buy your books from. The two main formats are:

- 1) Amazon's Kindle, and
- 2) iPad and Nook E-pub format.

Some devices only work with one format, others can work with both. Spending some time doing research will help to insure that you are happy with your choice.



Secretary's Notes

Karen Finch, Secretary

The following prospective members were interviewed by the Board at the April Board Meeting:

- Jim and Dianna Everett
- Richard and Elizabeth Samuels
- Jenny Linder and Colleen Sealock

The memberships of Cody & Ruth Allen and Bill Ormond were approved by the Board. Welcome!!!

Facebook Group for RCYC Members

Did you know RCYC has a private group on Facebook? If you'd like to join:

- 1) Log into Facebook (or create an account if you haven't yet—go to www.facebook.com).
- 2) In the "search" box, type Rose City Yacht Club. You should see our group listed as possible matches—*Rose City Yacht Club, Portland, OR Closed Group* The label "Closed Group" means only folks approved by the group administrator will be allowed to access the group.
- 3) Click on the link to request to be added to the group and wait for an administrator to add you.

Note that although outsiders can't see any posting on our group page, they can see the names of members. Just wanted to let you know that, in case you don't want anyone to even see your name.

If you want to join and need help with Facebook, just let me know - kk_finch@hotmail.com

Welcome New Members!



Ruth (and Cody) Allen



Bill Ormond

View from the Rear

Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore

Opening Day is almost here. It is a fun day of tradition and boating. You should take part on the water. Fly some flags, leave the dock and join the parade. Show your RCYC pride by being part of the parade. RCYC is one off the largest yacht clubs and we should have lots of participating member boats. Let Gary Whitney, our Fleet Captain, know that you will be participating in the Opening Day parade.

We have a full cruising schedule lined up. There is a new cruise in June this year to Schwitter Landing on Government Island. Cruising is a fun way to enjoy your boat and socialize with fellow members. The Tuesday night sails will start up again for another opportunity to go sailing. The more you can use your boat, the happier you will be.

So make plans to be happy this summer.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

May 2013

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| 1 | Club floor work | 10:00 am |
| 4 | Opening Day | 8:00 am |
| 5 | Noragon Private Party | 4:00 pm |
| 6 | Knauti Knitters | 10:00 am |
| 8 | OWSA Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| 11 | OWSA Adventure Sail | |
| 13 | RCYC Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 15 | RCYC General Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 16 | Ladies Dinner | 5:30 pm |
| 18 | Medium Distance Race | |
| 18 | Foghorn June Deadline | |
| 19 | RCYC Music Group | |
| 20 | Knauti Knitters | 10:00 am |
| 24-27 | Hadley's Landing Cruise | |

June 2013

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| 1 | Walk 3 BBQ | 5:30 pm |
| 3 | Knauti Knitters | 10:00 am |
| 5 | OWSA Cruising Class | 5:30 pm |
| 8 | OWSA Class | 8:30 am |
| 10 | RCYC Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 12 | OWSA General Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| 15 | OWSA Class | 8:30 am |
| 16 | RCYC Music Group | |
| 17 | Knauti Knitters | 10:00 am |
| 18 | Foghorn July Deadline | |
| 19 | RCYC General Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 22-23 | Schwitter Landing Cruise | |

Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC
www.rosecityyachtclub.org

Need something added to the calendar? Contact Vice Commodore
Ethan VanMatre
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All the commotion didn't ruffle this Mom's feathers

**Walk 5 BBQ
A Smashing Success!**



Dorothy, Mary & Susan



Mike F, Lynn, Mike O & June



aka Neil Young



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