

#### ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: John Flenniken Vice Commodore: Ethan VanMatre

Secretary: Karen Finch

June 2013



#### Notes from the Helm

John Flenniken, Commodore

May arrived roaring in like a lion this year! Opening Day saw east winds and summer-like temperatures. It was much different than years past. I will take high winds and warm sunny weather any day over rain blowing side-ways. Being tenth in parade-order made for a long day on the water but the taco bar whipped up by the activities committee was very welcome, when we brought our boats back to the moorage and got them secured.

The weather stayed nice for the first cruise of the season up to East Dock. In all, 20 boats participated - great participation for so early in the year.



Racing has been underway throughout the winter and a growing group of intrepid racers are representing RCYC in this year's race schedule. Our Race Chair, Jim Calnon may have more to write.

Now that spring is here, the Corps of Engineers is operating the dams to facilitate recreational boating, fisheries and to move accumulated snow melt and heavy rain that fell up north to the sea. The result is increased water level and current. River conditions may make the next two cruises more challenging. Several of the wing-dams may be less visible so use your charts.

Projects are underway to maintain and improve the Club. Two new water lines are to be installed on Walks 3 and 4. These water lines will not be susceptible to freezing, saving many hours of work when we turn the water on in the spring. Chuck Pennington is the project manager for that task. For years we've discussed adding siding to the Clubhouse. That will happen this year. Chuck Silver is the project manager for that job. When we are finished, there will be new vinyl siding, new thermal pane windows that open for ventilation, soffits and continuous aluminum gutters. We will no longer have to

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# **OPENING DAY 2013**



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Soleil



Crystal Swan



Capriccio



Smoke Fisher and Brad Jensen sporting their new medical attire at the first BarBQ to wannabe Verner Bittner (using his shirt to look like a sling) and John Kneeland.

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# Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

We are fast approaching the beginning of summer. We have completed the Spring Work Parties and the moorage is looking good. One of the Vice Commodore's jobs is to keep track of hours worked. In recording the hours I find that some of our members give selflessly of their time and energies. We have over 1100 hours recorded and a few members who have worked more than 50 hours. Many members who do not have a work hour requirement come to work parties or work tirelessly taking care of the moorage. Others do not record the hours that they work. I, for one, have never recorded the hours that I spend with the RCYC website.

What motivates our members to work beyond the 6 hours required each half of the year? I'm sure there are many answers to that question, but a few answers come to mind. Friendship and pride are two that stand out. When we come together at a work party, we meet old friends and new ones, and we toil together for a common goal. This has got to strike a chord somewhere deep within our primal cores. We are proud of the results of all that work, proud of the way our Club looks and proud of the way our members come together to achieve a common goal. We make our Club what it is.

June 10th is the cutoff date to get your first half work hours in. Only a few members haven't recorded their six hours. By the time you read this, there will only be a few days left for you to complete your hours so that you will not be billed. If you are short, you should have heard from me by now.

# **Greetings from your Activities Committee!**

Be sure to **save these dates** and plan to join us:

Saturday, JUNE 1 - Walk 3 Mediterranean Festival — 5:30PM

Thursday, JULY 4 - RCYC Land Cruise & Potluck a the club

**Remember to RSVP** when you receive the flyer with details (coming soon).

Linda, JoNell & Jean

# **CORRECTION** to the May article on the Long Range Plan:

The winter 2013/14 piling project will be Walk 4. The wood pilings are in worse shape on Walk 4. Walks 2 and 3 will be done in the winter of 2014/15. The May Foghorn article shows these project dates reversed. This does not affect the financial aspects of the Long Range Plan.

Thanks to Tom Stringfield for the clarification.

Randy Webster, Long Range Planning

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### Reciprocals

Tom & Cathy Nelson

This month we highlight Rose City Yacht Club's new brochure for our Reciprocal Club visitors. Last year, the Board discussed providing more information about RCYC for our Reciprocal Clubs.

to Rhonda Boguslawski early this spring. Rhonda drafted a few ideas to present to the Officers and Directors. They offered suggestions and gave their approval to proceed



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with the effort. Foghorn staff jumped in with graphic (very special thanks to Vickie Nissen) and editorial expertise (especially Joyce Jensen and Gail O'Neill).

True to our Do-It-Ourselves pooling of talent and resources, we now have an exemplary brochure that we can be proud to display and hand out to visiting guests.

We will have a display rack with printed copies of the brochure next to the new Guest Book on the east counter of the Clubhouse. It will also be available on our website http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/reciprocals



# Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Waiting list just grew by three new members, and we are on track to add several more in the next couple of months. We have pretty well maxed out our ability to temporarily moor boats.

Thanks to all who responded to my request for old line donations for the use of the Club. Whether towing, mooring our dredge or workboats, or lashing stuff down, they really come in handy.

If your boat has changed location in the Club in the last year, check in with the Residents to be sure that your emergency key is on the proper hook in the secure key box.

Dinghy storage is filling up. Be sure that your nameplate is on your chosen spot.

River Current velocity through the moorage is increasing as it always does in the spring. Be careful when entering or leaving to keep the bow well upstream and "crab" when moving in or out of fairways.

The 6:00 pm casual sailing program is off and running. Wind has been absent some nights and OK on others. Meet up on the Club deck with your PFD and dress for the weather. Get acquainted and choose which boat to go out on for an hour or so - Tuesday and Thursday evenings until September. "No rules, just right" as the saying goes.

# **Welcome New Members:**



Jenny Linder- Colleen Sealock



Jim Everitt and Diana (not pictured)

# Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar

Student Name:

Please encourage children to sign up for sailing. We are eager to get more and more children out of the house and into sailing vessels.



RCYSS has agreements with VLSC and WSC, again, this year for reduced tuition. Please complete the application (information found at www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss) and email it to rosecityyss@gmail.com, two weeks prior to the event. You will need to provide it early enough for us to process and approve your request. You may be approved for discounts plus up to 80% reimbursement; but we do need the applications at least two weeks in advance. The schools often fill up fast, so now is the time to get signed up. You can obtain the most up-to-date class schedules and other school information at Willamette Sailing Club's site: willamettesailingclub.com, or by calling the Club at 503-730-7245. If you prefer, you can contact Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's site school director, Ray McCormack at 360-525-3801 or sailingschool@vlsc.org.

The sail-a-thon at WSC was a great success. Junior sailors raised over \$4,000. Thanks to the new matching grant this was doubled. Great job kids!

RCYSS raised about \$575 at the walk five barbecue and club members got some nice sweat shirts too. Thank you RCYC for supporting the children. If you know of some kids who can benefit from this program, please pass our information on. The following is the application information.

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RCYC Member	☐ Family Member	☐ Member	☐ Non-member		
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Sailing Event Location:  WSC UVLSC Other: Specify other location:					
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City, State, Zip:					
E-mail address:		Telephone#_			
Describe what sailing	means to you. Tell somethi	ing about yourself:			

#### A View from the Rear

Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore

We all like to be involved at RCYC. This is a do-it-yourself Club and pitching in is what we do. One way to pitch in is to be a part of the Board as an Officer or a Director. The Board consists of 5 Directors and 4 Flag Officers: the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary and Rear Commodore. The Board oversees the running of the Club as its governing body. Being a part of the Board, as a Director, gives you a new perspective on what is involved in running the Club. You really get to appreciate all of the members' efforts to make RCYC a success. This is a good experience to have. Being a Director is an important job in itself and also a good way to test the waters before getting on the Commodore track as Secretary. Directors do not have to become Flag Officers, but we hope some will. Many of our members have been officers and I bet they will all tell you it was a great experience.

This fall I will be heading up the nominating committee, looking for a Secretary and filling vacancies on the Board. If you have questions, or are interested, let me know.



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Date:

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# Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month.

Please send your titled articles and photos to ALL Foghorn volunteers listed below:

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> Robert Phillips: rlphillips@web-ster.com Rhonda Boguslawski: rhondalmb@netzero.net

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Hans Geerling, Yvonne Lamont &

all Club Members with cameras!

#### **NAUTICAL READS**

We all like to go cruising and when we go cruising we like to have a couple of good guidebooks on board so we know where the good anchorages are and what we may want to see or do. There are a number of good guides to the Pacific Northwest. A relative newcomer is the Dreamspeaker Guides. They have good information and lots of hand drawn maps of anchorages and harbors. There are six guides: Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island, Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands, Vancouver, Howe Sound and the Sunshine Coast, The San Juan Islands, The Broughtons and The West Coast of Vancouver Island. Nina and I like the colorful layout and useful information they contain. Check them out at Powells or your favorite nautical book store.

Bill & Nina Kramer

#### **ANOTHER SUGGESTION**

Elden alluded to a book, "The Kid on the River", at the Commodore's Ball. The author, Capt. Dean Nichols, has generously donated two copies to the Club. The books are currently circulating among Club members, and should end up in the Club library. The book is an easy read, and should be of interest to anyone who sails/motors on the Columbia River. The captain is not asking for compensation. However, after you have read it, he would like to hear from you regarding the book. He is a friend of ours, and a delightful 93 years of age.

Elden and Marilyn Stender



PAINTING? DIDN'T USE A DROP CLOTH? LEAVING PAINT SPILLS ON THE DOCKS? PLEASE CLEAN UP AND SPILL NO MORE.



# Secretary's Notes

Karen Finch, Secretary

The following new members were approved by the Board at the May Board Meeting:

- Jim and Dianna Everitt
- Richard and Elizabeth Samuels
- Gini Linder and Colleen Sealock

The following prospective members were interviewed by the Board at the May Board meeting:

- Scott and Marie Griffin
- Dawn Redmond and Nolan Johnson were interviewed by the Board

The Board approved a request to resign membership from Marian and Ron Egberg.

A motion was made and unanimously passed by the Board to hire a contractor to put siding on the Clubhouse.

#### FINANCE MATTERS

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	Rowland Doyle	Otto/Lois Gaither
Richard/Lou Ann Goodrich	A. F./Rita Gwinner	Richard/Joyce Holmes
Wayne/Natalie Savage	Clyde/Helen Brown	T. George /Dorothy Britton
C. Campbell	Daniel/Nadine McMahon	Lynn/Cynthia Meredith
Frank/Carol Allman	Leslie/Marthellis Grosz	Denny/Judy Wilcox
Theodor Green	Stewart/Nina Sinclair	Frank Batey
Richard/Idamae Morris	Harry/Gayna Joy	Gene Clausing
MaryJane/Jim McGoodwin	Ronala Normanson	Gary/Michelle Young
Jack Smith	Hank/Sue Kingsbury	Dick/Heather Chrisman
Robert Buttler	R. Lyon	D. McMahon/Mildred Sandwick
Rick Palicar	R. Banton	David/Suzanne Francis
Dale Dixon/Rosalind Bell	John/Kelly Archer	Michael Vannett
Harry/Ann Brault	Robert G./Catherine Buttke	Glenn Cook/Dawn Redman

# RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

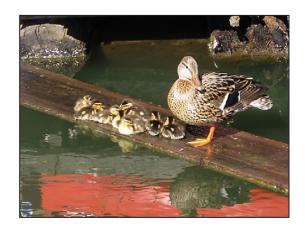
## **June 2013**

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

### **July 2013**

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4	4th of July Land Cruise	10:00 am
5	Beer Can Race	6:30 pm
8	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12	Beer Can Race	6:30 pm
14	Wade Private Party	4:00 pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
20	OWSA Adventure Sail	
17	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
20-28	Lazy Days Cruise	
21	RCYC Music Group	

• 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.



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#### THE CRUISING CORNER

The first scheduled Club cruise is behind us and we are all looking forward to the rest of the season, so let's do a review of "Cruising Etiquette".

- When rafting up and crossing another boat, good manners dictate you cross forward of the mast.
- Use care not to rock the boat you are crossing.
- Use care not to stress equipment not intended as footsteps or handrails.
- Always ensure feet, shoes and your person/child/pet are free of sand, mud, dirt and trash before boarding another person's boat.
- Remember, sound carries exceptionally well over water. Audio output should not be enjoyed by adjacent boats without first getting their permission. Also remember that comments you make may be heard by others.
- Secure halyards away from you mast to prevent slapping.
- Tie up your dingy, inflatable, or kayak securely so that it will not hit your neighbor's boat. A good way to do this is to tie it off across your boat's stern with lines fore and aft on the smaller vessel. Use a fender between them to protect your stern.
- Keep your pets under control. Loose animals running around a dock are a hazard to all and not safe for the animals.
- If you need to charge your batteries or run a generator, do so between 1000 and 1400 hours.

Following the cruising etiquette outlined above will help everyone have a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

If you have any cruising questions your Cruising Chair is just a phone call or email away.

Ron Moran, RCYC Cruising Chair







First cruise, East Dock, Government Island. There were a record number of boats that attended. Unlike last year's cold flooding, there was plenty of warm beach. Velic & Summer Wind were the last to leave on Sunday.

# 4TH OF JULY SOLING REGATTA

It is time to rescue your Soling Radio Control sailboat from wherever it has been sadly collecting dust, and begin preparations for the Club Championship. Dust off the deck, wax the hull, charge up the batteries and get ready for some exciting One-Design racing!

All radio-controlled sailboats are welcome and non-Solings will race in the open class. If you do not plan to race your Soling please consider finding a skipper to race it for you. Or post a For Sale sign at the Club or in the Foghorn and make your Soling happy! Make sure the boat's name/ number is displayed.

WHAT: Soling One-Design Club Championship

WHEN: Thursday, July 4

WHERE: Walk One Fairway

WHY: We got 'em, so lets sail 'em! REGISTRATION: Day of the event

FEES: \$0 (Hey, haven't we spent enough on these things?)

PROTESTS: All protests will be promptly ignored

There will be a minimum of three and maximum of five races with points awarded based on the number of boats. Start times and post-race awards banquet details to be posted at the Club.

Our First Lady, Penny Flenniken

# **RCYC 2013 Ladies Dinner**

"Derby Days -A Run for the Roses"



Our Daughter of Neptune, Inna VanMatre



June Henry and Jean Silver



Natasha VanMatre, friend of Roxana and Roxana Alivar-Volesky



Lucy Mitchem, Linda Latham, JoNell McClary





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Dear Members,

With the sound of horses hoofs now headed away from the RCYC Cubhouse, I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you who worked on our Run for the Roses Ladies Dinner. Members contributed time to get us ready for this event, doing jobs that weren't much fun including set up and tear down and clean up. Rick Royce put on an especially wonderful meal, unlike any I had ever eaten. Others contributed handmade objects, baskets of great fun and restaurant coupons.

The women who helped make this event a success were amazing, they did everything like cutting out paper horses to hang, while figuring out how to make black glitter stick (a bit of knowledge we will be happy to pass on to others). Patti Fisher got us a lion's share of raffle items, while keeping track of tent cards and a spreadsheet of donors. JoNell McClary kept a cool head as reservation head counts changed.

Now that it is over, I realize that putting on a "ladies night out" is a very special occasion for those who attend, while giving members who work to put on this event yet another excuse to visit and play. I want everyone to know how much I appreciate your efforts.

Thank you,

Penny Flenniken, First Mate

# **OPENING DAY 2013**



Osprey and Gypsy



Serenity Now



River Rose



Lining up

Officers preparing for the Opening Day cerimony.

## **OPENING DAY 2013**



Officers and Directors



Elden Stender and Ron Moran



Ron Moran

If you missed the Opening Day Parade, this year, you missed a real treat. Island Sailing Club boats sailed in and out of the parade, with one of them crashing into Lynn Eastons boat, doing major damage. Oh, I said treat. The treat was the way Ron and Coleen Moran decorated Honalee for the parade

The theme was Portland's Party. Ron created a plywood cutout of Portlandia, and an illustrator friend of Coleen's turned a plain piece of plywood into a facsimile of the statue with a few cans of paint. Fun fact: Portlandia is the name of the statue on the city management building. She was there long before the television show of the same name

Originally Portlandia was the only decoration, but they needed something to represent the party part of the theme. Some extra plywood and an idea led to a small herd of [practically life-size] pachyderms. Of course it wasn't enough for Ron to simply paint wood to look like adorable baby elephants: They needed to do something. Packy squirted water, out of his trunk, over the stern (with the aid of a bucket, pump and hose), while Lily sat demurely on the bow blowing a noisemaker (courtesy of a long cord and an air compressor). The description, here, doesn't do it justice.



Ron Moran and Bob Laird



Colleen and Ron Moran



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paint the outside of the Clubhouse. Only the two doors will require ongoing maintenance. Tom Stringfield is the project manager to replace seven wooden pilings with steel pipe on Walk 4. The first phase will be completed by the end of the year. While replacing pilings, we are investigating removal of the overhead electrical lines on the walks and upgrading the pedestals to accommodate GFCI's, eliminating the chance of stray electric current in the marina. That was the cause of the accident that killed an eight-year old boy in the Multnomah Channel a few years back. The new pedestals will also be capable of illuminating the walks at walk level. Moving the lighting to the walk will save at least a month's worth of electricity (lowering our electric bill into the future) and it will remove the hazard associated with changing bulbs on the overhead lights. It will also eliminate the possibility of heavy ice pulling down the lines on the walks. If you would like to see what lighting at the walk level looks like Ron and Karen Billion have installed a lighting package in the last three pedestals on Walk 5. All of these projects will be managed to minimize the impact on members' cruising schedules and summer plans.

RCYC's Ladies Dinner "Derby Days - A Run for the Roses" is in the history book. First Lady Penny did a super job. Chef Rick Royce put out a wonderful southern meal. Intrepid men of RCYC dressed smartly served the meal to all assembled. Bar tenders poured wine. Raffle items were distributed. The waiters and crew put the Clubhouse back together at the end. Thanks from the Commodore for everyone's help.

Reciprocals at RCYC have a new look! With input from Tom and Cathy Nelson, Loren Beach and Board members, Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski created an outstanding flyer for the Club. The flyer is on the website and there are copies by the front door. Some old-timers reading through the flyer learned a few new things about the Club too.

### **Opening Day Crash**

Lynn Easton has quite an interesting story about *Eagleye3* getting hit by an ISC boat on Opening Day. A guy on the ISC boat didn't have a clue about his responsibility for the accident or that he'd just run into the Coast Guard. Sheesh. I can just picture the look on his face when the Coast Guard showed up with guns and bulletproof vests. Still doing paperwork...estimates (around 6 large) surveys and waiting. May be grounded about a month. Just happy nobody was seriously hurt.



As you can see in the photo, there were quite a few boats trying to sail in and out of the parade boats ... several of us had to "get out of line" to avoid hitting them. Guess that is just part of the business. You can see the damage from the photos that Lynn sent.









Sunset off of Gray's Harbor. Oregon Offshore Race May 9, 2013, from Jim Calnon's boat, "Katzenjammer"



Opening Day — lining up.



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