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July/August 2013



From the Helm

John Flenniken, Commodore

Summer is just a few days away and yet we have been enjoying summer-like weather for most of this wonderful spring. The first two cruises were, hands down, some of the nicest in recent memory for this early in the season. We are now in anticipation of wonderful adventures on the water throughout the coming months. Look at what is planned on your calendar.

The next event on our activities calendar is the Fourth of July land cruise. Please RSVP to JoNell McClary if you plan to attend so we can order enough food for all. Again the 4th of July Land Cruise promises to be a special time for family fun. The Swap Meet run by Ron Moran is back along with an additional table for items donated for sale with the proceeds to Youth Sailing. A complete list of events was emailed to all. See you there!



Racing has a full summer schedule. Please consult your Race Book for time and place. RCYC has developed a strong core of dedicated racers, and they are always looking for new competitors. Talk with Jim Calnon, RCYC Race Chair, if you are interested in learning more about this exciting aspect of sailing. Members with powerboats and cruising sailboats can also help the racers. We are always looking for people to help out on committee boats, BBQs, gate monitors and cleanup. Join the fun and excitement with this intrepid group of racers whether you're helping with the details or competing - join the fun if you can.

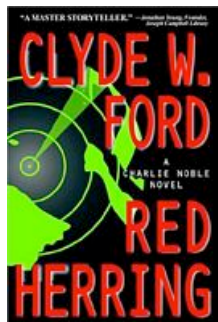
Lazy Days cruise starts off the week of July 19th with a potluck at Cathlamet on July 28th. Whether you decide to drive to Cathlamet or take a leisurely sail down river in RCYC company, buddy-boating and stopping along the way. There is no pressure on you. So plan to cast off your mooring lines and follow the river as you please, letting a spirit of adventure chase you out of your routine and enjoy the camaraderie of other boaters. Don't forget to take along some copies of our Reciprocals brochure and your Yearbook, which has an application for membership in the back. Our members are our best ambassadors for our Club. Fly your burgee proudly while cruising!

Our Clubhouse will be getting an exterior upgrade this summer. It has been eight plus years since we tore out the interior and remodeled. Now we will finish off the project that will both protect our investment and minimize our cost of maintenance going forward. Also we will fix the main gate so it opens wide to allow in and out trucks and trailers.

As you are reading this newsletter the Foghorn committee will take a month off and RCYC, as usual, will not have a General Meeting in August. Know that your Board will be working to follow through on the capital projects we have underway and keep the business of running the marina moving along. See you at the Walk 4 BBQ in August where we will catch our breath and then take another big bit of summer in the Northwest. Enough said - time to go play with your boats!

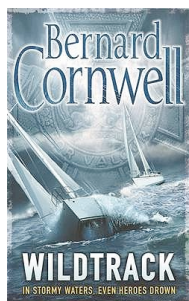
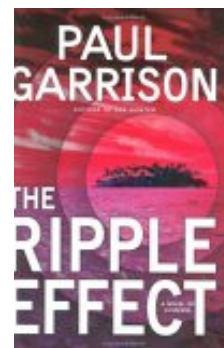
Nautical Reads by Judy Oxborrow

I love reading mysteries. And, when we are cruising on the boat, I usually have at least one or more sailing mysteries aboard the boat. Murder, mayhem, and sailing – what more could a reader want. I have several favorite sailing mystery writers. Sam Llewellyn, a British author, has written several. *Blood Orange* is a tale of world-class yacht racing, sinking, sabotage, blackmail and betrayal. *Dead Reckoning* is a tale of yacht design and sabotage set around a world-class race. *Death Roll*, *Dead Eye*, *Maelstrom*, *Rip Tide*, *Clawhammer*, *Black Fish* and *Deadeye* will all keep you on the edge of your seat and wide awake as you swing at anchor. Sam Llewellyn also wrote *The Shadow in the Sands*, a sequel to the classic *Riddle in the Sands* by Erskine Childers.



Recently I discovered sailing mysteries by Clyde W. Ford (a Bellingham resident) – all of which are set in the Pacific Northwest. In *Red Herring*, a Coast Guard patrol boat is sent to intercept a vessel headed towards an oil refinery. They discover the vessel was operating on autopilot and loaded with explosives, along with a note threatening the construction of a pipeline beneath an environmentally sensitive body of water. Fearing terrorism, an ex-Coast Guard commander, now a marine private investigator, Charlie Noble, agrees to find the man behind the plot. In *Whiskey Gulf*, a sailboat fails to arrive at its next port of call after crossing into a live fire naval exercise area. Intrigue, government secrecy and questions about the true identity of the couple sailing the ship will keep you guessing. And, in *Precious Cargo*, Charlie Noble is out for a relaxing cruise in home waters. When he pulls up his anchor to head out, he also pulls up a dead body. And, that is only in the opening pages. But most of all, being a sailor and from the Pacific Northwest, Clyde Ford gets the sailing parts right!!

Paul Garrison, a pen name for Justin Scott who is often called the Dick Francis of the seas, has written a number of murder mysteries under both names. The five under the Paul Garrison name are great reads. *Fire and Ice* is about a couple, both doctors, and their daughter who are kidnapped at sea in a most unusual way. *Sea Hunter* is about the hunt for a unknown creature in the Caribbean. *Buried at Sea* is the tale of a young man who is hired as a deckhand and trainer to a wealthy yachtsman headed for Rio de Janeiro. Only the boat changes course to head for Africa while being pursued by someone who wants them all dead. *The Ripple Effect* is about a young woman sailing to find her father. He was an investment banker fleeing creditors and legal inquiries, and the daughter is the only one on his trail that wants him alive. *Red Sky at Morning* takes place in New York City during Fleet Week. A tugboat captain and other hardy sailors become the only ones who can stop a plot to cause destruction and havoc.



Randy Wayne White has a whole series of novels set along the Gulf Coast of Florida. They feature a retired NSA agent and marine biologist Doc Ford. Kathy Brandt has written several books set in the Caribbean involving a CSI diver, Hannah Sampson, – *Swimming with the Dead*, *Dark Water Dive*, *Dangerous Depths* and *Under Pressure*. Bernard Cornwell, a British author famous for his Sharpe's series, has written several sailing mysteries – *Wildtrack*, *Killer Wake*, *Scoundrel*, *Crackdown* and *Stormchild*. Then there is another sailing mystery series written by a Pacific Northwest resident, currently living in Camas, -- Valerie Wilcox. In *Sins of Silence*, her character Kellie Montgomery (a sailing instructor) finds a yacht drifting outside a marina and its owners are dead. In *Sins of Betrayal*, Kellie Montgomery deals with environmentalists while searching for a missing sailing friend. And, in *Sins of Deception*, Kellie's client for a charter is arrested for murder.

And, these are just a few of the mysteries I have read and collected over the years. I haven't even touched the classical nautical books we are all so familiar with. While cruising, our boat was always known for having books, especially nautical mysteries, aboard. At the start of a cruise, we would pack a small duffle bag with books. We knew it was time to come home, when I had read all the books we had packed.



Vice Commodore's Report

The first half of the year and its work parties are over. One of the jobs of the Vice Commodore is to keep track of our work hours, work with members who have not completed their work hours and resolve any shortages. More on that later, but first some statistics: RCYC members have put in over 1335 work hours in the first half of this year. This breaks down to 6.6 hours per member family. That is not the whole story. There are 85 member families that are life members and are exempt from work hours. These exempt members have put in 287 work hours for an average of 3.4 hours each. That is the RCYC spirit -- lend a hand, even if you are not required to do so. When we factor out the hours of the exempt members, the average hours worked by RCYC members goes up to 8.8 per member family. It should be noted that Brad Jensen has the largest single recorded number of work hours (65.5 hours!) and he is exempt.

There are many reasons that a member family cannot fulfill their work hours responsibility. Waivers and deferments may be granted by a vote of the Board of Directors for health or other reasons. The key here is to not wait until the last moment to call me up and ask what you can do to get your hours. Our first fall work party is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. If you have had a hard time getting in your hours in the first half of the year, mark your calendar, get to one of the first work parties and get your obligation out of the way. If you are really pressed for time, consider signing up for one of the chair positions or Clubhouse cleaning which will allow for a flexible schedule.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month

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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

Our waiting list for initial slip assignment is growing again. The Club is subletting slips to new members as much as practical. Along with the waiting list, the updated lists for walk assignments are posted in the Clubhouse, and any member may request them from me by email.

As wakes increase during the busy summer, be sure that your masthead is not in a direct line with your neighbor's mast. It bears repeating to always have snubbers on bow and stern lines and chafe gear.

We have resumed the "Take your boat out or crew on another boat" night on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 PM. Check in at the Clubhouse patio and gather up some "crew" or go out on another boat. This is a very informal activity. I suggest you dress for the weather and wear your pfd, and maybe bring a snack if you are hungry. You will get better acquainted with other members and share some time on the water. No matter what sort of boat you own, large or small, power or sail, come on out.

Fair Winds, Loren

Knauti Knitters

Several members have been meeting in the Clubhouse the first and third Monday of every month at 10:00 am. We have enjoyed catching up with each other, telling boating tales, getting ideas for knitting projects and of course having the opportunity to receive expert help when we run into knitting problems. Many times we will meet for lunch after putting our knitting away. Originally we had planned to just meet during the fall, winter and spring months. However, at our last session we decided we might want to continue through the summer as well.

We welcome anyone that would like to join us. You may find several people there, or you may experience time by yourself in the Clubhouse, on the deck or your own boat. It is a pleasant place to be while you work on a project!



RCYC's 4th of July Land Cruise

10:00 am to 3:00 pm - SWAP MEET - On the Patio - Ron Moran
2:00 pm - RC SOLING REGATTA - Bob Gales
3:00 pm - SCAVENGER HUNT FOR KIDS (BYK)
Bring your kids!
4:00 pm - HAPPY 2 HOURS (BYOB)
6:00 pm - POTLUCK - BBQ chicken will be provided
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.
After Dinner - MOVIE & POPCORN
10:05 pm - FIREWORKS begin across the river in Vancouver

PLEASE RSVP # of adults & children
Linda Latham - 503-267-6895 - lindalatham@comcast.net
JoNell McClary - 503-891-9720 - jonell.mcclary@frontier.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are free to help, please let JoNell or Linda know which volunteer spot you can help with: Set-Up, BBQing, Scavenger Hunt or Clean-Up.

Special Request from Activities Committee

Each of us considers the RCYC kitchen to be our very own and it is! However, during special events (including the Walk BBQs) the Volunteer Team is responsible for providing quality food for over 100 members. Please avoid using the kitchen unless you are on the food prep or set-up crew. Since the 4th of July BBQ chicken will require advance preparation and use of the Club's refrigerators, please prepare your side dishes for the potluck in your own boat galley and bring them to the Clubhouse in your own cooler.

Thank you for your help & cooperation!



A View From The Rear

by Bill Kramer - Rear Commodore

I am enjoying the warm weather and the opportunities to use my boat. Speaking of boats, the Walk 3 BBQ on June 1st was the official launching of a couple of new dinghies. The Kramers' and the Websters' long awaited dinghies were rowed and sailed around the moorage. Jerry Hansen, who was the third member of the dinghy-building trio, came down for the BBQ with his partner Joy Smith, from their new home on Bainbridge Island. It was a beautiful sunny day. We had a big turnout for the BBQ. Once again Linda Latham, JoNell McClary and Jean Silver have done an outstanding job. Please remember to RSVP for Club events so enough food can be prepared.

Don't forget to put the Club cruises on your calendar. They are always lots of fun. Pirates Cruise, August 9-11, is a great family cruise. This is our most kid friendly cruise with lots of activities. Bring your children or grandchildren. Adults can't participate in the treasure hunt, but there is still a lot that they can do.

Reciprocals

by Tom & Kathy Nelson

Our featured club this month is Kingston Cove Yacht Club in Kingston, WA. It is located in Appletree Cove about 13 nautical miles north of Seattle and almost directly across Puget Sound from the town of Edmonds.

KCYC has two reciprocal slips at the head of the guest dock (part of the Port of Kingston) and allows guests to stay for one night free. There is water and 30-amp power on the dock. The marina office has showers, a laundromat, and a large floating fuel dock. The clubhouse is a short walk across the city park and their bar is usually open Friday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. During the summer their outdoor grill is available and they will provide salads and baked potatoes for a fee of \$5.00 per person.

Kingston has a number of cafes and restaurants within easy walking distance. The large grocery store is a number of blocks away, but the Port of Kingston has a small electric car that is free to use for local shopping. We have used the car a couple of times when we needed to stock up on groceries.

During the summer the city park, adjacent to the marina, has a Saturday farmers market and in August there are evening concerts and a beer garden. Adjacent to the park and marina is the terminal for the Washington State Ferry that runs between Kingston and Edmonds. Passenger fare round trip is \$7.70. The town of Edmonds is fun to explore and it too has a large Saturday market and is also the home and headquarters of Rick Steves, the travel guru. His main office is about a ten-minute walk from the ferry and houses a myriad of travel information, books, videos, and travel gear. We often stop here to plan our upcoming trips. An additional option is to take the train from Edmonds into Seattle for the day. The trip is short and inexpensive -- a unique way to explore Seattle while on the boat.

Kingston is one of our favorite stops on our way north to Oak Harbor or Anacortes, and we often stay two nights.



Secretary's Salutations

Karen Finch - Secretary

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

Scott and Marie Griffin
Dawn Redmond
Richard Samuels

The Board also approved a request to resign membership from Gene Church; and the Board unanimously approved Ron Moran's application for Life Membership.



Dawn Redmond



Scott Griffin
(missing is)
Maria Griffin



Richard Samuels
(missing is)
Elizabeth Samuels

The Cruising Corner

by Cruising Chairman, Ron Moran

This is the last Foghorn edition until September, so let's go over this summer's scheduled cruises.

- June 22 – 23 Schwitter Landing Cruise
- July 4th Land Cruise at the Club
- July 19 – 28 Lazy Days Cruise
 Sat., July 20 - Martine Island Lagoon
 Sun., July 21 - Walker Island
 Mon., July 22 - Cathlamet
 Tue., July 23 - Astoria
 Wed., July 24 - Lay Day – Astoria
 Thu., July 25 - Cathlamet – Pot Luck
 Fri., July 26 - Walker Island
 Sat., July 27 - Martine Island Lagoon
 Sun., July 28 - R.C.Y.C.

August 9 – 11 Pirates Cruise – Schwitter Landing

August 30 - Sept 2 Beacon Rock Cruise – Remember this may be the last chance to be at Beacon Rock for Labor Day for the next few years, so don't miss it.

As always there will be more detailed information regarding each of the above cruises posted at the Club when it is closer to the cruise time.

If you have any question, contact me at ronmoran@gmail.com or call me at 503-807-3817.

RECALL of Composite Propane Cylinders manufactured by the Lite Cylinder Company

Anyone who has purchased a composite propane cylinder should check out the recall notice on the following website:

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/portal/site/PHMSA/menuitem.ebdc7a8a7e39f2e55cf2031050248a0c/?vgnnextoid=7c7384ae997be310VgnVCM100000d2c97898R CRD&vgnnextchannel=d248724dd7d6c010VgnVCM10000080e8a8c0RCRD&vgnnextfmt=print>



The Hadley's Landing potluck, the Weber boys rowing and go ducks!



Oregon Offshore Race

by Alan Bergen

The Oregon Offshore was a result of a challenge set forth by Jack Gainer (Raindrop) and Richard Kipp (Vagabundo) to all the Portland area sailors. They wanted an event that would put the Oregon racing community into "offshore" racing rivaling Seattle, BC, and even California. The organizers of the Oregon Offshore tried several courses over the years and the boats now finish in Victoria, B.C. The spirit of that first race lives on in Yaquina Bay YC's Bridge to Bridge race.

By the time you read this, the Oregon Offshore race will be just a memory. Racers were racing Swiftsure on May 25, while many of us were enjoying a cruise to Hadley's Landing. This year, the Oregon Offshore had twenty-seven entries, seven of whom were RCYC members.

Cool Change, a C&C Landfall 38 was skippered by Frank Noragon. Frank has sailed several Offshore races, first as crew on Thirsty, and for the past several years on Cool Change.

Jerry Barnes was skipper of Desperado, a New York 36. This was Desperado's first Offshore, but Jerry obtained notoriety when a whale hit his previous boat, L'Orca, shortly after the start of the 2011 race. News of that unfortunate incident reached around the globe via the internet.

Katzenjammer, a C&C 34, was skippered by Jim Calnon. This was Jim's third Offshore, and he was taking the race very seriously. Jim spent several weeks practicing bar crossings with his crew.

Rage, with Steve Rander at the helm, is a perennial winner, and holds the record for the fastest time from Astoria to Victoria.

Joby Easton was racing Raindrop for the first time on this race. Joby and his crew Bill Huseby, raced (and won) the double-handed race to Hawaii several years ago.

Souffle raced in the cruising division (without spinnaker). Phil Lewis has crewed on a number of Offshore races, but never sailed his boat. He just wanted to see what it would be like.

Finally Wave Dancer, with more than any other Offshore races under her keel (except for Rage). Steve Moshofsky is back, year after year.

Results by fleet:

PHRFA	2 Rage
PHRF B	3 Desperado
	4 Wave Dancer
PHRF C	1 Raindrop
	3 Katzenjammer
	6 Cool Change
Cruising Class	2 Souffle

Home built dinghies built by Bill Kramer and Randy Webster. More information to follow in a future edition of the Foghorn.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions



Top photo: Bill & Nina Kramer's two-part home-built dinghy
 Second photo: Randy & Ruth Webster's dinghy assembled
 Third photo: Ruth rowing the Webster dinghy
 Bottom photo: Kramers and Websters sailing

July 2013

- 1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 4 4th of July Land Cruise, 10:00am
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 14 Private Party, 4:00pm
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 RCYC Music Group Practice
- 27 OWSA Adventure Sail
- 27 Leukemia Cup Race
- 20-28 Lazy Days Cruise

August 2013

- 5 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 9-11 Pirates' Cruise
- 12 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 14 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00pm
- 17 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:30pm
- 18 RCYC Music Group Practice
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 30-9/2 Beacon Rock Cruise

September 2013

- 8/30-9/2 Beacon Rock Cruise
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00pm
- 14 Work Party, 9:00am
- 14 Walk 2 BBQ, 5:30pm
- 15 RCYC Music Group Practice
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 20-22 River Place Cruise
- 28 Work Party, 9:00am

Swap Meet

July 4th
On The Clubhouse Patio
1000 to 1500 Hours
Boating related items only

Want to help the Youth Sailing Program?

Donate your unwanted boating items to the Youth Sailing Program and deducted the value from your taxes

The items will be sold at that Swap Meet with all funds going to Youth Sailing

A collection box is located in the front of the clubhouse or bring your items down on the 4th.

If you have any questions contact Ron Moran



June 22nd potluck at Schwitter Landing

- Check the web site for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
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