

Commodore: John Flenniken  
Vice Commodore: Ethan VanMatre  
Secretary: Karen Finch

September 2013



### Notes from the Helm

*John Flenniken, Commodore*

All hands agree July and August are the best cruising months! Some 28 boats participated in the Lazy Days potluck in Cathlamet. We had a few drive down from Portland, your Commodore included, to share in the festivities made brighter with Holly and Earl Taylor sharing their wedding cake with everyone.

The Pirates' Cruise and Breakfast lead by Rear Commodore Bill Kramer, saw a good turnout of 36 boats. Many youngster swashbucklers swarmed the docks along with adults who participated in the events. This cruise is the most family oriented, of all the cruises RCYC holds, and this year was no exception. Members dug in to bury treasures, prepare sumptuous potluck entrees and a Pirate Breakfast of cakes, meat, eggs and grog (I mean orange juice). Friday night anchorage saw an electrical storm display and Saturday's Happy Hour was washed clean by a "scattered shower" that was more like heavy rain. The food was protected under a canopy. After breakfast, more games and events for kids and adults including initiation of members new to the Pirates' Cruise. Special thanks to Janice Choy for games and activities for the children, Ron Moran

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*Our Commodore talking over Club improvements with Tom Stringfield.*

### Lifejacket Tips

When is the last time you inflated your PFD? In my case, it has not been inflated in many years. After reading an article that was sent to me, I know that I should be testing it on a regular basis. Click on this link [http://www.racingyachtmanagement.com/misc/caring\\_lifejacket.pdf](http://www.racingyachtmanagement.com/misc/caring_lifejacket.pdf), [http://www.facebook.com/hAQGuihoZAEKNvTL9qYqy-REt62ywCzax3hZ0ucGM\\_M6nQ/](http://www.facebook.com/hAQGuihoZAEKNvTL9qYqy-REt62ywCzax3hZ0ucGM_M6nQ/) [www.racingyachtmanagement.com/misc/caring\\_lifejacket.pdf](http://www.racingyachtmanagement.com/misc/caring_lifejacket.pdf), and be safe. (Remember to completely deflate it after doing the test, or it will burst when it's inflated by the cartridge.)

*Alan Bergen*



**NEW SIDING \* LAZY DAYS · PIRATES' CRUISE · WALK 4 BBQ**



## JULY 4th- RCYC Land Cruise, Potluck, and Celebrating Wade's 99th Birthday!



## Rose City Youth Sailing Society Fund Raising

*Pam Sesar*

**THANK YOU MEMBERS!!** You are all so appreciated. The annual July 4th celebration at RCYC enjoyed fabulous sunny weather and a bit of wind for the Annual Soling (Radio Control) Sailboat Race. The crowd cheered sailors Brad Jensen, Bob Gales, and Ron Billion as they maneuvered their boats up and down the fairway between Walk 2 and 3. Ron Billion's boat crossed the finish line to win the race! Pam

Sesar, Rose City Youth Sailing Society chair, presented 2013 winner Ron with the RCYSS 1st PLACE PERPETUAL TROPHY which he eagerly accepted!

The Trophy will reside on Ron's mantel until the next July 4th Soling Race when all RCYC members will have the opportunity to compete for this coveted award. The RCYSS board encourages all RCYC

members to get their Soling Radio Control Sailboats ready for the big race in July 2014. If you don't have one, contact one of the racers for details on how to get one! It's the best fun you'll have on July 4th!

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## A View from the Rear

*Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore*

One of the highlights of the summer is the Pirates Cruise. It was so wonderful to see all of the kids having so much fun at the Pirates Cruise. **Janice Choy-Weber did a great job** organizing the games and activities for the children during the weekend. We had some rain, which is rare for the Pirates Cruise weekend. Luckily the rain fell mostly between Happy Hour and the potluck on Saturday. Dinner was not rained out. On Sunday, breakfast was cooked by the Past Commodores. Thanks to John Dees, Lynn Easton, Terry Foren, Ron Moran, Bob Phillips, Karl Quade and Jerry Randall for cooking. Ron Moran, with the assistance of Colleen Moran and Leslie Phillips, was the master of ceremonies for initiating new members on Sunday morning. We had a good turnout and everyone had a great time.

## Reciprocals

*Tom & Kathy Nelson*

Maple Bay Yacht Club is located just north of Sansum Narrows and west of Saltspring Island, British Columbia. It has a large club house with a lounge, a bar that is open daily, and a beautiful sun deck that overlooks their marina and Saltspring Island. On Friday nights, dinner is served in their dining room. Wednesday is movie night and a supper is also available. They have room for a number of reciprocal boats along a 400 Ft. breakwater on a first-come-first served basis with water and 30 amp power. The clubhouse also has showers and washrooms, and free wi-fi. It's a short walk to the public marina where there is full service boat repair with a 50 ton travel lift, the Shipyard Restaurant/Pub which serves good food, a general store, laundry facility, fuel dock, and a chandlery. MBYC is a nice stopover on your way north to Nanaimo or when heading south to Sidney or Butchart Gardens in Tod Inlet.

Dockmaster: [clubdockmaster@mbyc.bc.ca](mailto:clubdockmaster@mbyc.bc.ca), Phone: 250-746-4521





## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Current. It's great when it helps you back out of the slip and again when you enter and want to come to a gentle halt beside your finger dock to tie up. The transitions in and out of fairways can sometimes be tricky when there's a knot or two of current running.

When entering your row behind your head walk, or leaving, always keep the bow upstream. You want to be "crabbing" with enough angle that you are not carried downstream to contact the front of the leeward head walk. The angle you steer will depend on your forward speed. Safest method is to go slow and maintain enough upstream vector to maintain your course along the fairway without tapping the sterns of the upstream boats or contacting the next dock below you with your transom.

If you ever get "pinned" against a head walk by current, do NOT try to power your way out attempting to turn back upstream. This will just put deep scratches in the side of your boat and dents in your ego. And then there's the awarding of the "boner's bib" at the next general meeting!

When pinned that way, stop quickly and once halted, stuff in a fender or three. Then toss or float down a line from a finger dock upstream, tie it to the bow, and then pull the boat straight upstream so it can get underway again safely.

Our moorage is super-handy for accessing good sailing in the main river channel, but slow motoring in moving water does call for some additional boat handling skills.

And speaking of fenders, do put one or two on the side facing the neighbor boat in your slip. Just recently someone asked me about some "paint transfer" observed on the side of another member's boat. They said that they were pretty sure whose boat caused it, and hoped that the person that got a bit out of control offered to have the marks buffed out or whatever remedy was needed.

I did not see it happen but know from personal experience just how an unintended bump can occur. Heck, I once whacked the side plank of our outer dock after releasing another member's disabled boat we towed in. Not one of my better days of boat handling.

Have fun, be safe, and get out on the water as much as you are able.

Fair winds.



New siding gives our club a great new look.



## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### 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
- 14-15 Long Distance Race
  - 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

### October 2013

- 4-6 East Dock Cruise
  - 7 Knauti Knitters. 10:00am
  - 9 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00pm
  - 11 Old Salts Dinner, 6:00pm
  - 12 Work Party, 9:00am
  - 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
  - 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
  - 18 Foghorn Deadline
  - 20 RCYC Music Group Practice
  - 21 Knauti Knitters. 10:00am
  - 26 Work Party, 9:00am

• 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](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).

Chuck Silver and Tom Stringfield inspecting the new siding.







Beware of low tides in Astoria west dock.

# Lazy Days



Tom and Vickie's land yacht ready to raft up in Cathlamet during Lazy Days.



## CRUISING NOTICES, Ron Moran, RCYC Cruising Chair

### Labor Day Cruise

Destination: Beacon Rock

Date: Aug. 30 - Sept. 2

Activities: Saturday Aug. 31 Potluck  
Happy Hour @ 1700 hrs  
Pot Luck @ 1800 hrs

**NOTE:** To accommodate as many boats as possible it is requested that the east/west dock, the one coming down from the parking lot, be used for stern ties only.

If you have any questions contact Ron Moran @ 503-807-3817

### River Place Cruise

Destination: River Place Breakwater on the Willamette

Date: Sept. 21 & 22

Cost: There is a flat \$20.00 fee per boat payable to Ron Moran

There will not be a Potluck as this dock has a lot of people walking on it.

**NOTE:** To facilitate bridge opening I will be leaving the club Saturday at 0930 hrs and will contact the bridges as needed. On Sunday I will be leaving River Place at 1000 hrs and will again contact the bridges as needed. I will be asking for openings of both Rail Road bridges, the lower deck of the Steel Bridge and the Hawthorne. If you require the upper deck of the Steel Bridge or the Broadway to open it is up to you to give them the two hour notice required.

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## Where Are They Now?

When I undertook the task of resolving the outstanding membership bond issues, I had no idea what I was getting into. However, I love to read mysteries and figured this was my chance to play detective. I started with a list of 45 bonds and so far, have resolved about a third of the listing. The information I learned surprised me.

Harry Joy left the Club when his company transferred him to Atlanta, GA. He still resides in the Atlanta area. He chose to donate his membership bond to the Rose City Youth Sailing Society in honor of his friendship with Tom Woolcott. Tom Becker also chose to donate the membership bond from his mother Gloria Becker to the RCYSS.

Leslie Grosz left the Club in 1986 to go to Alaska. He regaled me with the tale of that move. He left a sunny, 70 degree Portland on March 29, 1986 to head north to Alaska – just like the song says – and towed along his Cascade 29. However, he encountered one blizzard after another and minus 50 degree temperatures. Plus, he and his wife were living in a camper. He now resides in the Longview, WA area.

And, who knew that a search for missing bond holders would end up being a member recruitment tool for not one, but two, new members. And, after tracking down Dawn Redman, it was like old home week. Rather than have us refund her old bond, Dawn chose to put more money into the pot and rejoin RCYC. She still has Witchcraft and is living in Kalama, Washington.

*Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer*

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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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**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Hans Geerling, Yvonne Lamont & all Club Members with cameras!



## Secretary's Notes

*Karen Finch, Secretary*

The following new members were approved by the Board at the August Board meeting but won't be sworn in until the September General meeting:

Sam Lanahan

Andrew Schmidt

Michelle and Ed Sorrenson

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## THE CRUISING CORNER

*Ron Moran, RCYC Cruising Chair*

As our cruising season sails into the final days of summer, I have two items I want to cover in this issue of The Cruising Corner.

The first item is docking. As more members and larger boats join cruises, it's getting harder to find space at the dock. There are two ways we can accommodate more boats:

- **RAFTING UP** – According to the RCYC Guide to Cruising Etiquette, "Because of limited dock space on club cruises, boats may be required to raft next to a boat already at the dock. When doing this every effort will be made to have boats of appropriate size next to each other."
- **STERN TIES** – A highly efficient way to accommodate more boats and still allow everyone access to the dock is to tie to the dock stern-to (when conditions allow). Although not all boats are designed for boarding from the stern, you'd be hard-pressed to find a club member who wouldn't allow their cruising neighbor to get on and off the dock from their stern. During a recent cruise I observed nine boats from St. Helens Sailing Club use stern ties to dock in the same space that only accommodated three boats side-tied a few days before.

For those of you going on the Beacon Rock Cruise, please be ready to raft up or do a stern tie. Your Cruising Chair and the Board of Directors respectfully requesting that the east/west dock (the one coming down from the parking lot) be used for stern ties only. This is an especially good option for families with small children.

The second cruising subject is the River Place Cruise on September 21 & 22. RCYC paid to reserve space on the breakwater. By doing this, the club earned a discount on docking fees. If you plan on joining this cruise, please note there is a flat fee of \$20 payable to Cruising Chair Ron Moran. Please do not use the pay envelopes at the dock. Also, let's plan to travel as a group to facilitate bridge openings. We will leave the club Saturday morning at 0930 hours and will leave River Place Sunday morning at 1000 hours.



as Master of Ceremony; and to all the participating club members.

A week later, we were back at the club, preparing a luau of roast pig with all the trimmings for the Walk 4 BBQ. JoNell McClary organized and assembled a capable crew of Craig Cordon, C.J. & Roxana Volesky to cook and serve up the Kalua pork. Port Captain Lynn Easton was our MC and Connie Norton organized the Hula Loop and hula contest. The weather was balmy and if the Washington shoreline was not clearly visible you could imagine for the moment you were in Hawaii. The party went on till sunset and a few club members were able to see how the new dock lights Director, Mark Basel and the Board are

considering as replacements for the piling-mounted lighting. To all who helped and to JoNell especially I say, "Mahalo!"

While all this good fun was happening, Chuck Silver watched over the clubhouse siding project that was completed just in time for him to load his truck and travel trailer and head for Port Townsend to build himself a new wooden boat. Thank you Chuck, the clubhouse looks great!

Chuck Pennington, Water line Project Manager, completed installing the new water line on Walk 4, and he and Susan still managed to take S/V Puffin on the Lazy Days cruise. We still have Walks 3, 2, and 1 to complete. They are scheduled for upcoming years. The new water

line is less susceptible to damage caused by freezing, which means less maintenance in the spring when we turn on the water. In the process of installing this line we learned that a few members attached equipment to the walers and dock boxes to the plastic triangles on the fingers. Our moorage rules do not allow this, since it damages the waler. This allows water to enter into the wooden unprotected core, shortening the waler's life and making a lot of work for those who will need to replace it. Screwing a dock box into the plastic triangle makes it difficult to work with the fingers. Our next Dock Walk will be in September. This item is high on our inspection list. If it applies to you, please contact your Commodore.



## Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

Security at the moorage has come again to the forefront. With my encounter with an older man who helped himself to a bag or 2 of ice and Larry Wintermeyer's confronting three young men who were in the process of motoring away with his dinghy we need to take a good look at security. It is my goal to develop a security handbook that covers all aspects of security at the moorage.

Security at RCYC will cover many aspects from securing our personal possessions that we have on our boats and docks, to individual security when we encounter a less than pleasant person in the moorage. I anticipate that during the research for this handbook I will come up with suggestions and changes to the moorage including the installation of more and better cameras as well as physical barriers to prevent nighttime visitations by those who walk along the bank.

We have a future opportunity in which the Sheriff will do a physical inspection of the moorage. This inspection will



Lazy Days potluck in Cathlamet

help highlight the strong and weak aspects of physical access and risk here at the moorage.

You can help as well. Please feel free to send me an email or talk to me, when we next meet, if you have any thoughts or observations on the club's security.

Oh, I should add that those 3 young men tried to steal the outboard on my dinghy, also. They broke off part of the motor using a small anchor in their attempt. What stopped them? I tie the dinghy and outboard to the dock using a 1/8" stainless cable and an old lock. I could chew through this cable but it was enough to stop them.

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## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar

There is still a children's event scheduled through Columbia Gorge Racing



Association. Please encourage children to sign up or go and watch. If you would like support, we would love to give it! The regattas take place in Cascade Locks. Sign up at their web site and check for any changes.

- O'pen Bic Gorge Sailing Camp August 29-30
- O'pen Bic UnRegatta August 31

Willamette Sailing Club provides classes all year. Check out any changes when you review their web site.

Each summer, more than 600 kids and adults learn sailing, water safety, and river adventuring skills from WSC's staff of certified instructors. WSC also serves as headquarters for local youth, high school, and college sailing teams, providing the young sailors with boats, coaching, and a base on the river. These programs are currently putting seventy-five youths, representing more than 20 Portland-area schools and colleges, on the water, three to five days a week throughout the year. Weekend regattas attract as many as 200 sailors to the Willamette, from all over the northwest.

To find out more about sailing opportunities at WSC, contact Club Manager LauraLee Symes at 503-246-5345 or email: office@willamettesailingclub.com. You can also look at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's site. For more

information contact Ray McCormack the Sailing School Director 360-525-380 or sailingschool@vlsc.org. Their events are for adults and children who are new or who are returning to sailing. VLSC provides classes, social events, and racing opportunities. Vancouver Lake is also a great place to learn to sail! There is no commercial boat traffic or river current, the only motor craft on the lake are safety vessels for the school, and the property is private with a great family atmosphere.

Please contact me at any time. We encourage all children in the area to get out in boats.

*Thank you so very much as always, Pam.*

## 2013 Leukemia Cup Regatta

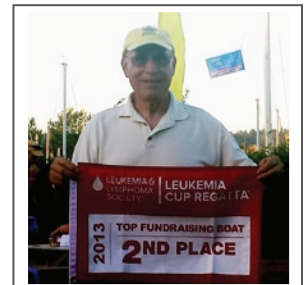
by Steve Erickson

The second year of Portland's Leukemia Regatta was another success, with participants from RCYC including, Alan Bergen, Phil Owen, Dan Handel, Jeff Crass, and myself. Additionally, the principal race officer, Eric Rimkus and his race committee, were able to complete four races in a condensed racing timeline with conditions varying from "I wonder if I can get back up river" in the first race to, "hold on everyone!" in the final race. It was nice to get a race off, unlike our inaugural event in 2012.

I became involved with the event during 2011, shortly after I had lost a good friend to Leukemia. Throughout 2011 and 2012, I worked with the Stainsby's and other members of PYC, along with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's local chapter to bring the event to the Columbia River. This year's event proved to be a little more challenging without the added support of PYC. However, we still held a successful event with fundraising totals exceeding \$18,000, including my boat, Kamikaze, as the top fundraising boat and Beth Shuck as the top individual fundraiser of \$4853, earning her the Jack Mitchem memorial award.

I have always approached this race as a time to have fun and to share my sailing experiences with others who have been touched by leukemia and lymphoma. On my boat this year were Beth Shuck and John Sheahin, widow and father-in-law of Mike Shuck, my inspiration for the regatta, along with Terry Dusenberry who is currently battling the illness.

Unfortunately, many of us have been touched by blood cancers. Maybe it was a loved one, a friend, or just an acquaintance that was diagnosed. Regardless, it was great to see the sailing community out on the river to remember those who have fought the battle. Equally touching, was the support of RCYC members as volunteers and guests during the after-party, with most notably, the presence of Lucy Mitchem.



### Top Fund Raising Boat

Alan Bergen - 1st place PHRF-A  
Alan Bergen - 2nd place Top Fundraising Boat (\$1400)

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## PARKING

*Please do not block the Dry Moorage Area.* Club members sometimes block the trailers when Dry Moorage members want to take boats in and out of the water.

*Sue Rimkeit - Dry Moorage Chair*

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## Walk 2 Barbecue



**Saturday, September 14th** with Happy Hour beginning at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:45 pm. The theme is "**Country Hoedown**" with western attire recommended. Dinner will be country baked beans, corn on the cob, salads and watermelon. Live "country" music will be provided and there will be a chance to do some line dancing. Bring your own meat to BBQ and your own adult beverage.



# Pirates' Cruise











# Pirates!





## FAQ – RCYC QUARTERLY BILLINGS

### 1. When should I expect to receive quarterly billings?

Quarterly bills are released by mail or e-mail during the first week of January, April, July and October. Payment is due no later than the end of that month. If you are receiving your billing by mail and wish to receive it by e-mail, contact Judy Oxborrow 503-652-1549 or [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net). If you change your e-mail address or no longer want an e-mail billing, contact Judy.

### 2. I was sent a second billing with a late fee. I thought I had mailed my check in time to arrive before the end of the month. Who do I contact about this?

If you have any questions about the amount of your billing or the charging of a late fee, contact Judy Oxborrow 503-652-1549 or [judy87807@comcast.net](mailto:judy87807@comcast.net). Judy has on-line access to the records and can check to see if your payment amount is correct or whether it was received on time. If the amount is disputed, she can recheck the billing. Payment is due at the bookkeeping office by the end of each month. The bookkeeping firm has instructions to issue second billings on the first of the month and to assess a late fee. They DO NOT have the authority to remove the late fee. Club By-Laws require the assessment of a late fee on all billings not paid on time. If you feel the late fee was assessed in error, call Judy. Do not just ignore the late fee as it will be reflected in your next billing. A timely appeal of any late fee is required or the Board will allow the late fee to stand.

### 3. Why can't the bookkeeping service just debit my bank account when the funds are due?

Unfortunately, banks charge a fee for this service. Our bookkeeping service is not set up for doing this nor does the Club wish to pay for the additional costs. However, most banks have an on-line bill paying service available to their customers. Thus, you can go on-line and set up payment of your bill.

### 4. I am planning to be gone for several weeks and will not be home to receive billings. What should I do?

You have several options. First, you can pay your quarterly before you leave. Secondly, if you will have e-mail access, you can arrange to receive the billing via e-mail and either mail a check or pay on line through your bank's bill pay system. Thirdly, you can leave post dated checks with Judy or another RCYC friend and ask them to mail them when due. By doing this, you will avoid late fees.

### 5. I have notified the Moorage Chair that my boat will be out of the moorage for the summer while I am using it up North. Does this mean I can deduct the moorage fees from my billing for those months?

No. Where possible, the Moorage Chair will attempt to fill your slip with another boat during your absence. If he is successful, a credit will appear on your next billing for both moorage and electricity. If he is not successful, you are still responsible for the moorage fees in order to retain rights to that moorage slip when you return.

### 6. I was billed for work hours. I thought I did one of the work parties. How do correct this?

Contact the Vice Commodore. One of the duties of the Vice Commodore is to track all work hours performed. This year the Vice Commodore is Ethan Van Matre 360-909-2003 or [evm@arafel.org](mailto:evm@arafel.org). Ethan will coordinate with Judy and the bookkeeping service if a reduction in the billing charges is in order.

### 7. I just had surgery for a torn rotator cuff and will not be able to do work hours this fall. What should I do?

If there is no other family member able and available to do the work hours for you, you should bring the matter before the Board. The Board may opt to postpone the work hours until the next six months or waive the work hours, depending on your situation. Cutoff dates for work hours are June 10 and December 10. The matter should be discussed with the Board before the billings are completed – not after you are billed for the work hours.



## Full House at the Walk 4 BBQ: Pulled pork, hula contest, and ukulele concert.







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