

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

October 2013



From the Helm

John Flenniken, Commodore

The best days of summer cruising are a fading memory and fall weather is now upon us. The Beacon Rock cruise saw a good turn out and again we may have picked up a prospective member there. RCYC members on a cruise or a race are our best advertisement! Eight boats participated on the cruise to Riverplace along with the Beckers who came by car. The cruise to East Dock in November will be the last cruise of the year. The river is still low and slow but you have some of the best wind of the season for sailing right now. So we're not ready to put the boats away just yet.

The September Dock Walk was conducted to look at and enforce the moorage rules. The general opinion is that we continue to improve and the items we saw were mostly minor. The most frequent item needing attention had nothing to do with taking care of your boat, but rather having a key or combination to your boat in the hands of the Resident Members should, for some very good reason, they need to enter your boat. The key or combination is kept in a lockbox. We have had this rule for some time; however, the potential sinking of a boat on Walk 1 last year caused us to put out a call to get your key or combination to the Resident Members or the Port Captain.

Walk 2 went all out to throw a wonderful western themed potluck organized by the members on Walk 2. Good vittles and live music from our own band, led by Mike Oxborrow, added to the event. We even had a chance to line dance, lead by Leslie Phillips, to really get the ol' Clubhouse rocking.

If it's fall then it's time again to start fixing up the Club and getting in the maintenance we need to perform before the winter storms begin to blow. While it was still dry, the shop, storage shed and Clubhouse doors got a coat of paint and the drains were cleaned in the parking lot to handle the rains that have already begun. The grounds got mowed and debris picked up. Walk 5 got pressure washed in preparation for a sealant to be applied that will protect and extend the life of the concrete Walk. You still have four more work parties in which to complete your work hours.





Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan Van Matre, Vice Commodore

As I write this, the harvest moon is shining brightly. It is a clear night and the air is still warm. Fall is near and we are all thinking about Closing Days and the end of the cruising season. Yes, some will sail on into the winter's cold breezes, but most of us will prepare our boats for winters chill and set sailing aside till spring is upon us. Life is good.

And yet for me, activity stirs and anticipation too. I'll be Commodore next year and there is a lot to do and learn. I am mindful of the committees that are lacking leaders and activity chairs that have no owners. Brad Jensen, after so many years of outstanding service, would like to pass managing the dredge to another. This is a sweet job and I would take it but for other commitments. Apprentice this year and own it the next. Some are less demanding than the care and feeding of a dredge. How about the care and feeding of members at the General Meeting?

I really need to sit down and go through the committees and build a list of open positions. Perhaps some asking, and some imploring; perhaps some strong arming and, gasp, begging and I might be able to fill the open positions. Perhaps you cannot make it to the work parties to get your hours in. Just drop me an email and ask how you can help.

RCYC is a great Club and full of really great people. Tonight, just before the rising of the harvest moon and the start of the General Meeting a member came to me and offered to be the Education Chair for next year. This member has other jobs here at RCYC but they wanted to contribute more. As I said, RCYC has really great people.

Old Salts' Dinner by Alan Bergen

Time to sign up for the best dinner of the year - the Old Salts' Dinner. This dinner, for members and their guests (no children), will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013. Be prepared to feast on appetizer, salad, wine, bread, prime rib, two vegetables and dessert. All this and only \$12.50 per person.

Sign up by emailing me at alan-at-home@comcast.net, or for those who are not computer literate, call me at (503) 358-6981.

As in the past, I need some volunteers on the day and evening of the dinner. Call me and let me know how you would like to help.

- 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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I went up and watched some of the O'pen Bic youth sailors. What fun and energy they have. Cascade Locks is so fun to visit. There was an article in the Oregonian last week about the sailing events put on in this city. What a great venue for us.

One of our RCYSS goals is to get more children in sailboats. The challenges of sailing small boats not only give them a wonderful outdoor experience, but their problem solving and critical thinking skills are utilized. Please remember to encourage children to check out sailing and give it a try. Columbia Gorge Racing Association, Willamette Sailing Club, and Vancouver Lake Sailing Clubs' web sites are the places to look for current information. We provide reimbursements, funds and equipment to these schools.

We have some wonderful contributors to RCYSS, and even some that donate on a quarterly bases. Any amount is appreciated and used wisely.

There were several students from RCYC this year. When asked what sailing meant to them we got this response: **"Being on a boat makes me happy. I like to figure out how they work."** And, **"It is a good feeling."**

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you so very much. As always,

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Nominating Committee Report

Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers for 2014:

Commodore – Ethan VanMatre
Vice Commodore – Karen Finch
Secretary – Gary Whitney
Rear Commodore – John Flenniken
Treasurer – Judy Oxborrow

Director – Mark Basel
Director – Craig Cordon,
Director – Doug McClary
Director – Richard Pickwick
Director – Kevin Robertson

Per the By-Laws, nominations may be made from the floor at the October general meeting. In the event that any nomination is made at the October meeting, private paper ballots shall be printed under the supervision of the Board of Directors, and an election will be held at the November general meeting.

We would like to thank the departing Directors: Ann Roehm, Rick Royce and Alan Boguslawski for their years of service. They have all been valued members of the Board.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions:

October 2013

4-6	East Dock Cruise
7	Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
11	Old Salts Dinner, 6:00pm
12	Work Party, 9:00am
14	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
16	General Meeting, 7:00pm
17	Sailboat Racing Annual Meeting, 7:00pm
18	Foghorn Deadline
21	Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
26	Work Party, 9:00am

November 2013

4	Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
9	Work Party, 9:00am
9	Walk 1 BBQ, 5:30pm
11	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
13	OWSA General Meeting, 6:00pm
18	Knauti Knitters, 10:00am
20	General meeting, 7:00pm

Dredging to Begin Again in November by Brad Jensen, Dredge Advisor

It is soon dredging time again and I'm looking for volunteers to assist in one of the most important maintenance jobs in the marina. Please consider helping us as a dredge operator, helper or turbidity checker. The Club appreciates all the time and effort of the volunteers over the past years, and we're hoping you sign up again this year. We would like to see new volunteers learn the dredging process. Some of these guys have been working at this for 10 or 15 years. It usually amounts to one day a week, or less, for the two or three months we run the dredge.

If you are interested, please send me an email and let me know what you would like to do – operator, helper or turbidity – and the days you would be available. We plan to begin dredging the first of November and hope to be done before the end of January. After having taking soundings last week, Walk 3 is the only fairway with many shallow spots so we may be done before Christmas.

Since Joyce and I have purchased an old, wooden powerboat, we needed to find a boathouse to keep it in and will be joining Tyee Yacht Club. We will continue to be active at RCYC, but since we have to do work hours at Tyee I will not be heading up the dredging operation at RCYC. I'm hoping the amount of time I spent on the dredge over the last couple of years will not scare anyone away. We live close by and I really enjoy spending time around the Club, and I will be around to help out as well. I hope that someone will be interested in being the new "Dredge Czar." I even have a flag to pass on!

The Cruising Corner *by Cruising Chair, Ron Moran*

The cruising season is coming to an end with only one planned cruise left for the 2013 season, so let's jump forward to 2014.

We have submitted our proposed 2014 Cruising Schedule to the Columbia River Yachting Association and I have received word that all the dates/location are OK with the exception of Beacon Rock for the Labor Day Weekend. Tye Yacht Club got that date/location so RCYC will be going to Coon Island's East Dock for the Labor Day Weekend.

This is RCYC's 2014 Cruising Schedule:

April 25 – 27	Bartlett Landing/East Dock Government Island
May 23 – 26	Memorial Day Weekend – Hadley's Landing
July 4 th	Land Cruise at RCYC
July 19 – 27	Lazy Days Cruise Down River
July 25	Cathlamet, Washington – Lazy Days Pot Luck
August 8 – 10	Pirates Cruise – Schwitter Landing/West Dock Government Island
August 29 – Sept. 1	Labor Day Weekend – Coon Island's East Dock
Sept. 20 – 21	River Place Breakwater on the Willamette
October 3 – 5	Bartlett Landing/East Dock Government Island

This should give you all plenty of time to plan for cruising with the Club for next year, so I will expect to see more members on the Club cruises in 2014.



Recycling and Garbage at RCYC

by Jim Johnsrud, Recycling/Garbage Czar

For the good of the order and for good relations with Mother Nature, I am stepping in as “Recycling/Garbage Czar” to hopefully improve the situation between RCYC and our provider, Arrow Sanitation. We have been acknowledged as a “Clean Marina” and most members are very good at using the correct garbage or recycling bins for our waste. The main problem stems from members who cannot read the various posted signs on the garbage bin. The garbage bin is only for garbage, and not materials that can and should be recycled. Also some members are

dumping garbage in the recycling bin, which contaminates it and must be wasted and dumped as “garbage”. Most of us in Portland and Vancouver are used to curbside garbage/recycling pickup and prepare materials appropriately at home. This should also carry over to your Club. I am open for any ideas or action plans to improve this situation. If you would like to volunteer to sit on a committee to help out, please contact me. Thank you!



Reciprocals

by Tom and Cathy Nelson

This month we are featuring Semiahmoo Yacht Club, which is located in Drayton Harbor just south of Blaine, WA and the Canadian border.

The Club uses the Semiahmoo Marina facility for its reciprocal visitors. Guests tie up along the inside of the fuel dock and check in at the marina office. The Club also assigns empty SYC member slips if the dock is full. Two nights are free--water and power are available on the dock. There are excellent laundry, restroom and shower facilities located at the head of the dock. In addition, there is also a small grocery store and a gift and coffee shop that has Wi-Fi. The marina can be reached at: 360-371-0440 or VHF Ch. 68.

SYC's Nauti-Friday potluck BBQ and social hour is every Friday night during the summer and guests are welcome to attend.

The Semiahmoo Resort is a short walk from the marina and has a nice restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. We have eaten breakfast and dinner there and found both the food and service to be very good.

This is a nice stop over if you're heading north on the Straits of Georgia, or if you're coming from Sucia Island in the San Juans and are working your way south toward Bellingham or Anacortes.



RCYC's Closing Day Cruise October 4 – 6

Come to the last RCYC cruise of 2013
Bartlett Landing - East Dock Government Island

Saturday - Happy Hour at 1700 hours
and a
Pot Luck at 1800 hours



Secretary's Salutations

Karen Finch - Secretary

Brian Terrett, a prospective member, was interviewed by the Board at the August Board Meeting.



New Members Michelle and Ed Sorenson



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

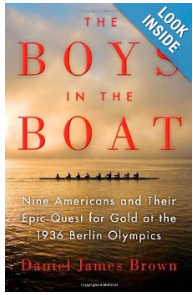
We are presently working on filling two small boat slips and have one larger boat slip coming up in October.

The recent inspection of the moorage shows that some boats need functional snubbers on their bow and stern lines. A few boats still have power cords that are sagging into the water. These must be kept out of the water, so please re-route your cord as needed.

If you have a dinghy or kayak in one of the racks, you must have a legible nameplate on your space. If it's been a year or more since you scrubbed the dirt/moss off your small boat, you need to get this done soon before the water is shut off at the last work party.

There is still more (early) evening sailing to be done and some weekend boating activities on our Club calendar, so get out there and sail and cruise before the real cold weather arrives.

Fair winds!



Book Column by Nina Kramer

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel James Brown

This summer I got to do a little bit of rowing in our new dinghy, so when someone in the Club recommended

The Boys in the Boat, I tracked down a copy at my local library.

In the mid 1930s, Al Ulbrickson, was the rowing coach at the University of Washington. He had an amazing group of young men to work with, many of whom had never rowed before they tried out for crew. They came from farms, timber country, and fishing -- backgrounds that are not usually associated with an elite sport. Mostly working class, they were young men who understood hard, physical work. Joe Rantz was one of them. This is his story. And it's the story of the Depression in the Northwest, a British boat builder, and the rise of Hitler and the Berlin Olympics.

The Boys in the Boat captures what it took to transform nine raw young men into one of the greatest boats ever, a single beautiful entity that took on the world and against incredible odds, won. I couldn't put it down.

From the Rear Bill Kramer - Rear Commodore

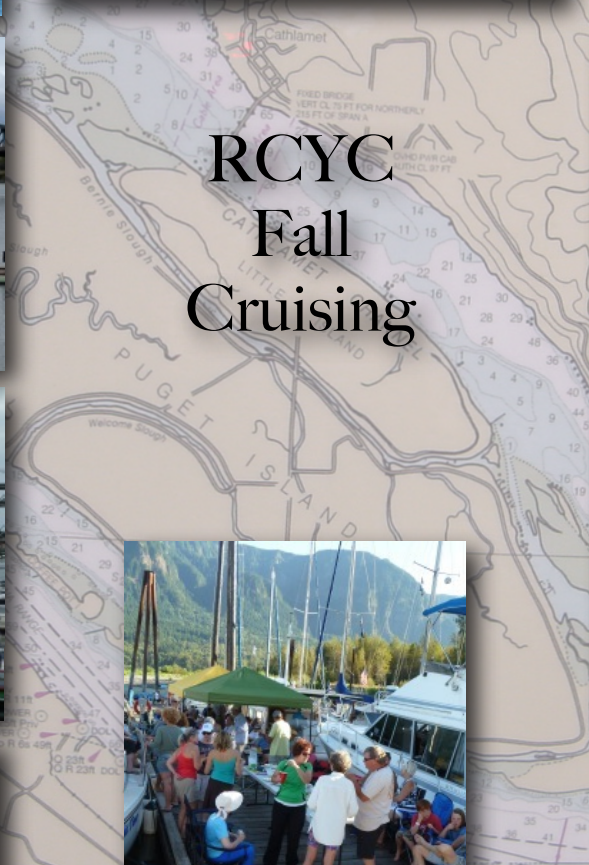
It has been a great summer of boating I am always reminded of all of the good camaraderie at RCYC when I go on a cruise, and the Beacon Rock Cruise was no exception. We had lots of socializing at the dock, climbing parties that scaled the rock and small boating adventures. The Potluck was top notch too. On the way home, two members had engine trouble and they were promptly rescued. Thanks to Tom and Jeanne Becker on Crystal Swan for assisting Christophe and Lori Murphy on Loi Kai, and Eric and Kim Rimkus on Gladiator for assisting Jim and Alverna Martin on Flight Time.

I have also been busy with Nominating Committee duties. Dorothy Glynn, Marili Green, Chuck Silver and I served on this year's committee. Everyone had good suggestions of whom we should talk to about serving on the Board. We found that we had plenty of willing members and have also identified several more members who are interested in serving in the near future. It is really wonderful to see this kind of commitment from our members. It is a good sign of a strong and vibrant club.

The nominations are in a separate article in this month's issue of the Foghorn.

RCYC September Work Party





Pictures clockwise from top left: Brad Jensen sailing Tom Weber’s dinghy, Beacon Rock Cruise fleet from the top of Beacon Rock, Fischers, Dees and Picks at Cascade Locks, RCYC members and guests socializing at Beacon Rock, RCYC boats going through Bonneville locks, RCYC fleet at Beacon Rock, Beacon Rock Potluck, Leslie Phillips at the helm of “America” on San Francisco Bay, RCYC boats at Riverplace in Portland, RCYC boats passing under the Hawthorne Bridge.

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OLD SALT'S DINNER FRIDAY, OCT. 11TH

12.50 PER PERSON

PRIME RIB DINNER WITH SALAD-VEGETABLES-BREAD-WINE AND DESSERT.

BYOB HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00 – DINNER AT 7:00

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 90 PEOPLE – RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. SORRY, ADULTS ONLY, NO CHILDREN.

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