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November 2013



Commodore's Log

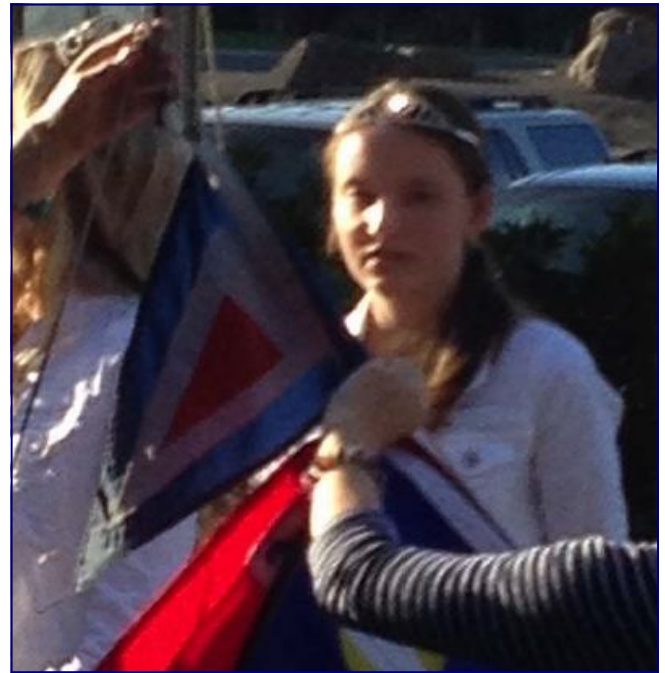
John Flenniken, Commodore

The official herald of fall at RCYC is the Old Salts Dinner, ably prepared by Alan Bergen and his crew of volunteers. After seven years, this is also the passing of the duty from Alan to Craig Cordon. We say "Thank You, Alan!" for all the wonderful meals and "Welcome Craig". Now fall has officially arrived, and this summer's sailing is a fading memory. Racers are preparing for their banquet, and trophies have been readied. Fall Work Parties have almost finished, and dredging is about to begin. The last Work Party will be November 9th, when we turn off the water until spring. Treasured items that might not survive the damp of winter and perishables in the larder should have been removed from your boat. You've located your winterization checklist and are preparing for winter's worst.

As part of our Clean Marina Program, we have redoubled our efforts at waste management and recycling. Waste oil may be left in the waste oil shed at the West end of the parking lot. Remember **only waste motor oil**. All other hazardous materials must be removed from the club by the member and taken to the Metro transfer station where it will be disposed of properly. Our Oil Czar, John Fallon, will appreciate your attention in this matter. Also our new Garbage and Recycling Chair, Jim Johnsrud and his committee will work with the membership to encourage recycling and waste management. These are all good things we need to do to make sure we are a responsible boating community.

On the social scene, the Club is moving social events indoors to our newly sided and weatherized clubhouse with the final barbeque of the season. This year's turn at the November date falls to Walk 1, as we continue the practice of rotating the dates for these events.

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RCYC's Daughter of Neptune, Inna VanMatre, at CRYA Closing Day Ceremony



Alan Bergen passes the Old Salts' meat to Craig Cordon as Bill Ormond helps serve the guests

The custom and tradition of the nautical auction will also take place at this time, led by Ron Moran, Auctioneer. Look around for some **useable** nautical items you no longer need (ones that will fit in a paper bag or wrapped in newspaper tied with string) and bring them to the Walk 1 BBQ November 9th for some good fun and the fine dining experience of a walk barbecue.

Now that we have all the necessary permits in hand, work will also begin on replacing the wooden pilings on Walk 4 with steel piling. Tom Stringfield, our Floating Docks Advisor, has laid out a plan of action and is calling for volunteers to assist in this major effort. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Tom Stringfield for more details.

With the removal of the wooden piling, it is first necessary to take down the overhead wiring and lighting on Walk 4. Director Mark Basel, working with Dave Kibby, Tom Stringfield, Tom Weber and Jim Calnon will relight the walk using LED light standards mounted to the walk. Mark and his group have been busy researching all the options and gathering comments from the membership. This will be the first walk to receive the new lighting.

The plan is to continue both replacing all the old wood piling next year and walk lighting over the next several years. With these upgrades the club will no longer face the task of changing out the overhead bulbs, will convert to highly energy efficient LED lighting and begin to remove the electrical service lines for lighting from the water.

Dredging begins in November. Our Dredge Czar, Brad Jensen, starts the process with the October 28th Work Party, laying the pipe to the spoils pond. Dredging is an essential task to keep our moorage deep enough for us to enjoy our boats in the low and slow water of late summer and fall. Please contact Brad if you wish to help on the dredge crew.

So if you are like many at RCYC and don't feel like hibernating in front of a fire all winter, break out your old all-weather gear. Then come down to the club and join in on some serious work that sets our club apart from all others with our tradition of "Do It Yourself."

Walk 1 BBQ, Spaghetti Feed & Auction Saturday, November 9th



Happy Hour: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:15 pm
Auction: 7:30 pm

RCYC to provide Spaghetti – Meat & Vegetarian Sauces / French bread / Green salad / Hor d' oeuvres / Drinks (BYOB).

Grills will be available if you choose to bring your grill entrée. Club members are invited to bring a Salad or Dessert.

In keeping with tradition, we will have a nautical-theme auction to be auctioneered by our own Ron Moran (thank you Ron).

Please bring your nautical item wrapped in a bag or newspaper to disguise.



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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Welcome New Members!



Brian (& Diane) Terrett



Sam (& Elizabeth) Lanahan

View from the Rear

Bill Kramer, Rear Commodore

Another milestone has passed. The Officers and Directors for next year have been elected. The Club will again be in good hands. The new Board is:

Ethan VanMatre, Commodore
Karen Finch, Vice-Commodore
Gary Whitney, Secretary
John Flenniken, Rear Commodore
Mark Basel, Director
Doug McClary, Director
Craig Cordon, Director
Richard Pickwick, Director
Kevin Robertson, Director

Please wish them well and support them as they take on this important roll for the club. I also want to thank the departing Directors for their efforts. Thanks to Alan Boguslawski, Rick Royce and Ann Roehm for all you have done.



Vice Commodore's Report

Ethan VanMatre, Vice Commodore

Today was a grand fall day with full sun and 70 degrees. The leaves have turned golden, and the white snow on the mountain shines brightly. The full moon is just rising, and the weatherman tells me that tonight will be the first freezing temperatures of the coming fall and winter. Perhaps by the time you read this, sunshine will have turned to gray, and the wind and rain will be pounding down.

I've been tidying up the boat in preparation for the coming winter – cleaning up the deck, checking lines, moving some things off the boat. We do take Morgan out in the winter months mostly for day sails but sometimes overnight. With the water tanks drained, a few jugs of water meets our needs. Preparation is the key.

Changing the engine oil is another task in preparation for the winter months. Having run the engine all summer, its oil is now "dirty" with corrosive combustion byproducts. Rather than let that oil sit in the engine all winter, it is time to warm up the engine and replace the dirty oil with clean. I do one additional step - I take a sample of the oil and send it off to an oil testing lab. I use Blackstone (<http://www.blackstone-labs.com/>) but there are others. For just a few dollars, I get a report that tells me of the condition of the engine. Having a single report is nice, but having a history is better. This oil analysis can detect problems in your engine and forewarn of big problems.

Lastly, the winter months are a great time to take classes. The Coast Guard Auxilliary and Power Squadron both offer classes in Navigation and Seamanship. The Vancouver chapter of the Power Squadron offers Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting each fall and winter. And for a challenge, you might consider taking a Celestial Navigation class. It is fun. One RCYC member lost boat electronics on an ocean passage and had to rely on their sextant to get where they were going.

With our boats safely ready for the winter snows, it is time to get the skis out and get them ready too.





Nautical Reads

Bill Kramer

If you are an avid reader, you will have found yourself wondering what is new and interesting to read. The problem is that we often read faster than new books are written - at least faster than new boat books are written. If this happens to you, it is a good time to revisit a classic work. This summer I reread Treasure Island in preparation for the Pirates' Cruise, and I have just finished Robinson Crusoe.

Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island was published in 1883. He knew how to write a page turner. This is a great story that you will not want to put down until Jim is safely back home with his treasure. The villains, led by Long John Silver, are nasty and they almost win. The great thing about a classic is that it has stood the test of time, and you know it will be a good story. Also familiarity lets you pay attention to details and the author's craft that you missed the first time.

Robinson Crusoe is less of a page turner. Daniel Defoe wrote a good tale, but in 1719 the pace was a bit slower. I still enjoyed the story. I last read this book in the early 1970's so I may have changed a bit too. After reading Robinson Crusoe, I am sure that if I am ever shipwrecked on the Columbia River I should be able to create a viable life for myself on the front lawn of the waterfront property I wash up on.

OCSA Tropical Awards Party

Racing awards will be presented to Portland area boats at the OCSA Tropical Awards Party, Saturday, November 9th, at PYC. The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 for persons registering by November 3; registration after November 3 will be \$40.

To register for this event, go to <http://www.sailpdx.org/racing/event-notice-board>



RCYC Old Salts' Dinner

Alan Bergen

We had another successful Old Salts' Dinner, with about seventy attendees. (Successful means I didn't overcook the prime rib.) Everyone seemed to have a good time, and the food choice must have been good because not much came back to be thrown out. I always receive thanks and positive comments from club members, but no dinner of this size can be a success without help from volunteers.

Be sure to thank the following members for assisting me: John Flenniken, Loren and Kathy Beach, Dave Reilly, Bob and Mary Laird, Craig Cordon, Bill Ormand, Chris Payne, Jim Latham, Alan and Rhonda Boguslawski, Hans Geerling, Werner Bittner, Cathy Nelson and Sue Rimkeit.



Letter from the Board

Dear Members:

Your Board is reviewing Club rules regarding "guests." The Board derives its authority in this area under Article IV Rights and Obligations of Members, Section 4 which states: *"Subject to the terms of the By Laws, members shall have the right of the use of the properties, moorage, and facilities of the club. **Guests**, dependents of members, and visiting members of recognized yacht clubs shall have such privileges of use as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have discretion to extend such privileges to other persons for a limited period of time or for a particular purpose."*

Under the authority of this section, the Board of Directors has published specific rules for "Guests" in the Moorage Rules E 1, 2, & 3, and F; and, in RCYC Clubhouse Use Rules 2. Responsibilities of Sponsoring RCYC Members, 3. Facility Rules b; and, 7. Safety and Security.

Currently these overlapping rules have been interpreted tightly by the Board. However, in practice, invited guests have "tailgated" through an open gate to meet with the member who invited them. To a degree, this practice of "tailgating in" minimizes a safety issue because remaining parked on Marine Drive exposes everyone entering or leaving the Club to potentially hazardous traffic. The properly functioning RCYC gate will remain open for a minimum of 45 seconds. If additional traffic is arriving or departing, the gate may appear to be open but unmonitored. This is a common occurrence at the beginning of well-attended events.

PYC and Tye open their gates for special events. The gates are not monitored and by leaving the gate open, it prevents frequent cycling of the gate mechanism, thus saving wear and tear and maintenance. We need a common sense approach on how we handle "guests." To some, an old man walking through the marina may be regarded as an intruder while he just happens to be a member's father coming to an invited visit with his son who is on his boat. As a Club, we need to be cautious but let's not throw away the welcome mat.

Please review the rules cited. Should you feel moved to take pen in hand or peck away at your keyboard, your Board would love to hear from you. All Board meetings are open to the membership should you wish to actively participate in the discussion. The membership will have an opportunity to vote on whatever modifications are proposed by your Board. We need your input on how to be a welcoming, friendly club while at the same time preserving the security and safety of our members.

Sincerely,
John Flenniken
Commodore



Columbia Riverkeeper
presentation at the
October General Meeting



East Dock Cruise October 2013

Coming up in December! Annual Christmas Ships Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange

Date: Friday, December 6, 2013

Social Time: 5:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
(Dessert will be provided.)

Gift Exchange: 7:00 p.m.

Please choose a gift or steal a gift. Gifts should be \$5-\$10 and something you would like to receive, not a "white elephant". Join us as we start the Christmas Season on the river at RCYC.



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

November 2013

4	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	Work Party	9:00 am
9	Walk 1 BBQ & Auction	5:30 pm
11	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
13	OWSA General Meeting	6:00 pm
17	RCYC Musicians	3:00 pm
18	Foghorn December Deadline	
18	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
20	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm

December 2013

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
6	Christmas Ships Potluck	5:30 pm
9	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11	OWSA General Meeting	6:00 pm
13	Finch—Private Party	
15	RCYC Musicians	3:00 pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn January Deadline	
18	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
31	New Years Eve Party	6:00 pm

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

Need something added
to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commadore
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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

November is when the Oregon Marine Board sends out your two-year renewal notices. Be sure to get your renewal done - by mail or on-line. The on-line renewal process is easy and quick.

As we go into the winter storm months, make very sure that your head sail is really rolled in tight, the sheets led back at 90 degrees and cleated strongly. Actually it's far better to remove your roller furling genoa until spring. Also check on the snaps/zippers that hold the main cover and any of your other canvas.

Days are getting a lot shorter, and everyone must remember to lock up all 3 clubhouse doors and the ramp gate at dusk. Due to lessening daylight, we have ended the Tuesday evening fun sailing program for this year. However, the informal Sunday afternoon fun racing series (currently sponsored by CYC) has just started. If you are not taking your boat out in mid-winter, be sure to winterize the raw water circuit of your engine.

Reciprocals

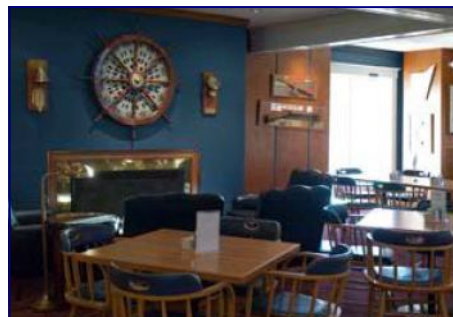
Tom & Cathy Nelson

Our column this month will spotlight the Seattle Yacht Club <http://www.seattleyachtclub.org> located in Portage Bay. To access this club, you must transit the Ballard Locks from Puget Sound. If you have never done this, you might want to Google "Navigating Through the Hiram Chittenden Locks". Capt. Gerry Santillan takes a 61 ft. sail boat through explaining the step-by-step procedure. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upH9wOHZFQ>

Once through the locks, proceed to the S.E. side of Portage Bay--1/2 mile S.W. of the Montlake Bridge. The club has 220 feet of reciprocal dock space on a first-come-first-served basis. The clubhouse, dating back to 1892, sits on a beautiful park-like setting and houses two restaurants. The Ward Room is set-up for fine dining. The Marine Room has a bar and serves a more casual menu. It is located on the second floor of the clubhouse, has an outdoor patio, and overlooks Portage Bay and the club's marina.

Guests may stay two days and use the restaurants at the club. Seattle city bus service is about three blocks away and will take you to downtown Seattle. From the club it is a short run by boat into Lake Washington (16 miles long), where you can cruise to Kirkland or perhaps overnight at Meydenbauer Yacht club <http://www.mbycwa.org>, another one of our reciprocals.

Navigating through the locks is a fun adventure, but best done on a weekday. The weekends are very busy and often there is a long wait.





East Dock Cruise—October 2013



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