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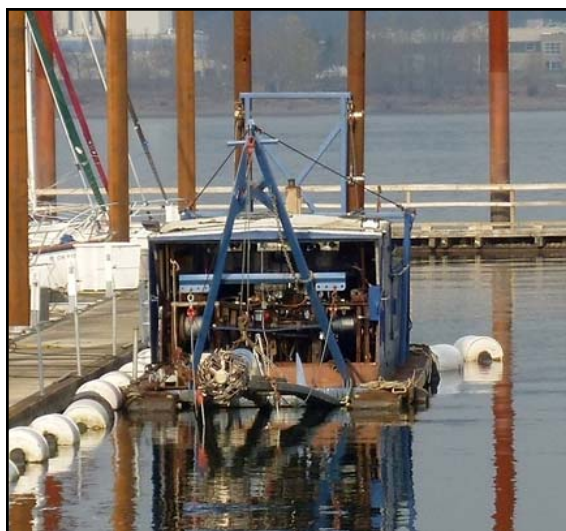
Commodore's Log

Ethan VanMatre, Commodore

Next to our members, our moorage is our greatest asset. Our dredge and dredge crew ensure year in and year out that the moorage has the depth needed for our boats. Without dredging our moorage would quickly silt in and become unusable. In August you can walk from near the end of Walk 1 to the Glisan Ramp once you get a few feet up river from the head walk. That whole area in front of Salty's is what our moorage would be like.

Our dredge has served us faithfully throughout the years. Of course it takes some care and feeding, it is a complex machine that has its quirks. It is an old beast that takes its toll on the operators in terms of bumps and bruises and such.

All machines wear out and, sooner or later, the cost of keeping them running becomes more expensive than refurbishing or replacing. (Ask me, I have a 40 year-old boat.) The cost is measured in dollars for replacement parts and the toll in the dredge crew's energy. There are risks involved as well -- fire, fuel spills, sinking, bodily injury to the operators and the like. All normal stuff for boats compounded by the power of the machine.



Let's get to the point – there is a dredge replacement in our future and it will be expensive. It could cost \$250,000. With a price tag of this size, we need to ask the right questions and do really great planning. With that in mind, I have created a Dredge Replacement Ad-Hoc Committee. The DRC, if you will.

The DRC will first get the dredge surveyed to ascertain if it poses an immediate risk. From there, the DRC will estimate its remaining life and the cost to keep it going. It may turn out that our dredge has 15 years more life left in it. But, by the same token, it may turn out that it should have been replaced years ago. On the one hand, we have 15 years to plan and save for a replacement and, on the other, we may have been risking huge fines for oil spills in the event of a sinking. In short, a catastrophe waiting to happen.

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The DRC has other tasks that will allow us to get a dredge replacement in the Long Range Plan. Thus, the potential catastrophe becomes a well planned dredge replacement project. There are many nuances to replacing our dredge.

Take dredging permits, for example. Dredging permits are tied to the type of dredge you use. I could not say how long it would take to get a permit for a new dredge, but it would not be overnight. That alone could cause a whole dredging season to be skipped.

The risks are there and not knowing them has consequences. I remember a year where, at low water, a number of boats were touching bottom, including mine. Imagine the moorage after two years of silting in. A reliable dredge is a requirement and a replacement dredge at the right time is a valuable long-term asset to the Club.

I expect that the DRC will have its report ready sometime in the summer. I am looking forward to its findings. Look for it in the Foghorn sometime later in the year.

Dredge Report

Brad Jensen, Dredge Advisor

We have finished dredging for another year, thanks to a few of your fellow RCYC members. There were 26 people involved this year, some worked a day or two, and others were there a day or two a week.

Ron and Karen Billion were always there whenever I needed some help. Jim Calnon gets the prize for being there on the worst day. He and I arrived one Saturday morning to find 40 gallons of hydraulic oil in the bottom of the dredge.

It was a light year as far as yards of spoils go. Fairway 3 was the shallowest. I hope we didn't leave any humps to run into. Roth Trucking is in the process of taking care of the pond and parking lot. I have suggested that we hire a professional to spray grass seed and mulch to cover the surface of the pond area to stop sand from blowing into the parking lot.



**Yes, we have some
dirty jobs.**

**Thanks to all involved
in cleaning them up!**

The Clubhouse System is a Go!

Matt Richard headed up a special work party consisting of Ken Gervais, Jim Calnon, Dennis Stewart and Rick Royce.

They replaced the cracked and broken clubhouse discharge sump basin. They also replaced the outlet piping with galvanized pipe.





Boat Owners Association of The United States

Alan Bergen, Boat US

Embarrassing Boating "Moments" That Many Recreational Boat Owners Are Likely to Experience - but Won't Likely Admit to - in the New Year

Landlubbers make resolutions for the New Year. Recreational boaters, however, will usher in 2014 wishing for good fishing, wind in the sail, or a full tank of fuel. But that's not all that sometimes happens on the water. Murphy and his "law" make appearances. "It's hard to track some of these things, because no one likes to admit it," said [BoatUS](#) Vice President Public Affairs Scott Croft. "But based on past experience, we know some of these boating 'moments' will happen to boat owners in the New Year, so we've gathered some tools and tips to avoid these troubles."

Hit the dock a little too hard: Wind, waves or current can foul up the best-laid docking plans. Here's a video, "How to Dock in Four Easy Steps," that can help improve your technique: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKc7ApajCzQ>. If you need more help, try the Dock-IT online docking game: BoatUS.com/dockit.



Misjudge the weather: Some smart phone apps can help track summer weather patterns and keep boaters out of trouble. Check out the online story, "Weather Wonders: How To Know When To Get Off The Lake," at: BoatUS.com/trailer/2013/february/WeatherApps.asp.

Hit bottom: Whether it's a motorboat prop or a sailboat keel, for many boaters it's not a question of if you will strike the bottom, but when. The good news is most boat groundings are not serious. Boat owners can practice this winter staying out of thin water by using an online boating simulator at BoatUS.org/games. If the worst still happens, a good back up plan is to have an [on the water boat towing](#) plan and a solid [boat insurance](#) policy with full salvage coverage.

Go on the wrong side of the marker: Street signs for boaters are much different than those for motorists. Here's an online "toolbox" with nautical rules of the road, along with many other practical safety topics: BoatUS.com/foundation/toolbox.

Swim from a marina dock: Other than the issue of dangerous boating traffic, electric shock drowning as a result of poorly-maintained 110V dock and boat shore power wiring is a threat to swimmers near docks with electrical power: To learn about "ESD," go to the online story: "ESD Explained: What every boater needs to know about Electric Shock Drowning," at BoatUS.com/seaworthy/magazine/2013/july/electric-shock-drowning-explained.asp

Pay a lot of money for fuel: There isn't a power boater who does not talk about the price of fuel they just put in the tank. In the New Year boaters can save up to 10 cents per gallon of fuel at over 350 BoatUS Cooperating Marinas across the country: BoatUS.com/ServiceLocator.

Put a child in a wrong-size life jacket: It's a big mistake to put a child in an adult-sized life jacket, especially when you may be able borrow one for free at one of 570 locations across the country. Find a kids jacket loaner site near you with the BoatUS Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner program: BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner.

Fall overboard: Do you have a way to get back in the boat? Here's a look of the different types of boat ladders and some video showing how difficult it can be to get back aboard - even on small boats: BoatUS.org/findings/44/.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar

RCYSS supports rigorous dynamic sailing programs where all children from all levels can participate successfully and safely. Willamette Sailing School is one great choice with current information provided on their web site at www.willamettesailingclub.com. They also support several local high school sailing teams. Please encourage any high school student to check them out.

RCYSS and Vancouver Lake Sailing School have partnered to build a new Open Bic fleet. RCYC members are given a reduced rate with reciprocal privileges. Please check out their web site for school photos, junior sailing events, and class schedules: www.vlsc.org. Their newsletter often provides additional information.

The Columbia Gorge Racing Association www.cgra.org/ is committed to bringing world-class sailing events to the Gorge. It is located at the Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon. This is a beautiful setting. Anytime you want a few hours to enjoy the gorge, please check out the location.

Please let families and children know about these wonderful opportunities that we are eager to support. The application is on the brochure found on RCYC's web site. As always, remember us in your giving. We are grateful to RCYC for the use of their website, address and all the generous donations.

Everything is pretty quiet around the moorage this month. I have recently filled all of the smaller slips except just one. There is now immediate openings at slip six on Walk 2 for a boat in the 20-foot range, like a Ranger or a Cal.

We presently have one larger boat on the waiting list without an assigned slip, and another one coming through the application process.

By March every boat in the Club moorage should have their 2014 sticker or their new 2015 registration stickers attached. So take advantage of any sunny day and get those installed.

You might notice that dredging is complete for this season, the sand pit having been filled up twice. Our volunteer workers accomplished a lot of work over a lot of days.

Check your dock boxes and any canvas or tarps. The recent strong winds caused some minor damages, but nothing extensive that I know of.

Fair winds to you all as the spring boating season gets underway.



From The Rear

John Flenniken, Rear Commodore

January started off with calm weather. An eager group of RCYC members made the effort to begin the new year with a short sail and a bowl of soup in typical RCYC fashion. The tradition lives on thanks to the work of our activities committee: Linda Latham, JoNell McClary, Jean Silver, and Kathy Pickwick. The turnout was great thanks to good organization and our hardy membership.

A quick check of my boat after the hard freeze showed my winterization efforts were successful. I hope all were as fortunate. Looking in on my boat, I noted several projects that should be undertaken before the coming year and have ordered the pieces and parts for the work. The one thing I must do differently is to finish the projects before the boating season begins.

With Portland winter weather hanging on, Penny thought we should take a sunbreak to Palm Springs where she could indulge her interest in film at the Palm Springs Film Festival. I asked her to see if they had juried any films with a nautical theme like last year's remake of Kon Tiki but no luck. But as luck would have it, I did manage to see "All is Lost" with Robert Redford. It is a film an intrepid sailor should see before they contemplate single-handing in the blue waters of the Pacific.

I hope to see many of you at the Commodores' Ball where we will formally install our new Flag Officers and Directors.

Foghorn Deadline - 18th of the month

Email articles, announcements and photos with "Foghorn" in the header to the editors and graphics individuals listed below:

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Photography: Hans Geerling, Yvonne Lamont
and all Club Members with cameras!

Coming up—St Patrick's Day Party Saturday March 15

Happy Hour will begin at 5:30

Dinner will be served at 6:30

Corned beef & cabbage will be the main fare. Bring your favorite Irish appetizer, side dish or dessert.



Save the date and look for your invitation with more details soon!

If you can help out, please contact JoNell McClary at jonell.mcclary@frontier.com or sign up with the Activities Committee at the general membership meeting on February 19.

Hope to see you there!
JoNell, Jean, Kathy & Linda

NEED WORK HOURS? LIMITED STEWARD OPPORTUNITIES LEFT!

Need to rack up RCYC work hours? Has your schedule interfered with making the work parties? Here's the solution! Serve as the June Clubhouse steward, involving light housekeeping tasks you can do each week on your own schedule.

Or, stay outdoors in June or August and mow the lawn on your own schedule as a grounds steward.

Any one of those three slots will meet your annual work hour quota for 2014. Easy!

Contact the Clubhouse Chair today:
Jas. Adams 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com



Favorite Spot—Gig Harbor

Rhonda Boguslawski

Beautiful, busy and beachy Gig Harbor was a highlight of our quick loop around Puget Sound last summer. The entrance can get quite shallow at low tide so time your arrival and departure accordingly and stay in the center of the channel (we draw 6-1/2 feet and felt lucky our timing was good). Also be



aware of the Tacoma Narrows currents, fog and the Vashon to Ruston ferry route if you are coming from or going to Tacoma.

The harbor is very protected with plenty of room to anchor well in 10-30' depths. 5mph speed limit inside the harbor keeps the water calm and is perfect for dinghy sailing, kayaks and rowing.



The Tides Tavern is a good Happy Hour spot and has its own guest dock – take the dinghy and you might be able to squeeze in!

There's a farmers market and music in Skansie Brothers Park, sidewalk chalk art, ice cream, gift shops, Ship to Shore Marine & Kayak, small West Marine, Ace Hardware, and Whole Foods within easy walking distance from the public dock.



Gig Harbor Yacht Club's (www.gigharboryc.com) reciprocal dock at Peninsula Yacht Basin's Marina (peninsulayachtbasin.com) at 8812 N Harborview is near Anthony's Restaurant, Finholm's Market and other shops.

New free pumpout on the Maritime Pier float—3003 Harborview Drive.



NEW DREAMSPEAKER GUIDE TO PUGET SOUND

Anne and Laurence Yeadon-Jones have recently released a new guide to 110 destinations in Puget Sound from Port Townsend to Olympia including Lake Washington and Hood Canal.

Their sailboat, Dreamspeaker, is a 36' S&S with 6' draft.

When we see Dreamspeaker anchored or docked in a location, we have more confidence that Summer Wind can get in and out of an unfamiliar area.

We have all of the Canadian Dreamspeaker Guides and highly recommend them. We look forward to using this new one when we go north next summer.

www.dreamspeaker.com





Member News

Gary Whitney, Secretary

Barb Chabala membership status was changed to Life Member effective January 1, 2014.

Dan Handel has resigned membership due to moving to South Carolina effective December 31, 2013.

Doug Crombie has been accepted as new member.

Carl and Pam Corey were interviewed as prospective new members and possible Resident members. They have an Islander Freeport 38.

Mary Anne Roberts is recovering from a broken foot at Friendship Healthcare, 3320 SE Holgate, Portland, OR 97212

Gail O'Neill is recovering from back surgery.



Welcome Doug Crombie!

Greetings from Jean, JoNell, Kathy & Linda!

We still need coordinators for the following Walk BBQ's:

May 31: Walk 4

Aug 16: Walk 5

Sep 06: Walk 1

Nov 15: Walk 2



Now that this rotation occurs every year, it's important to get your Walk's BBQ on your calendar so you can help throw another fun party. Please let us know if you can be the main point of contact for your fellow walk residents and if you need any help creating a flyer, e-Vite, or where to find decorations you might want to use. Alverna stepped up for the lead role for Walk 3 on April 19.

We look forward to another busy fun-filled calendar of events with your fellow RCYC members!

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

February 2014

1	Commodores' Ball	
1	Private Party	
3	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
4	OWSA Sailing Basics	5:30 pm
10	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11	OWSA Sailing Basics	5:30 pm
12	OWSA General Meeting	5:30 pm
14	Valentine's Day	
15	SYSCO Chateau Social	6:00 pm
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	OWSA Sailing Basics	5:30 pm
18	Foghorn March Deadline	
19	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
25	SYSCO Fleet Night	6:00 pm

March 2014

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4	OWSA Sailing Basics	5:30 pm
8	Work Party	9:00 am
10	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
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12	OWSA General Meeting	5:30 pm
15	St Patrick's Day Party	5:00 pm
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn March Deadline	
18	OWSA Sailing Basics	5:30 pm
19	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
20	SYSCO Race Clinic	6:00 pm
22	Work Party	9:00 am
22	RCYC Frostbite Regatta	



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

Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore
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*What did you do for your
Winter Vacation?*

*Here's George Kent
with the RCYC Burgee
at Lahaina Yacht Club
In Hawaii!*

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

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