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March 2014



From the Helm

Ethan Van Matre, Commodore

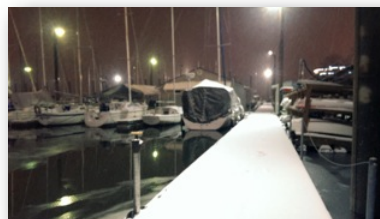
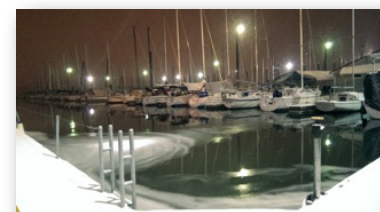
Spring is around the corner. So far, this winter has been interesting with snow, ice, wind and a lot of rain. The failed lift pump has been rebuilt and is awaiting time to get installed and then the other pump can come out and be rebuilt as well. During the coldest part of February the hose from the sump to the city sewer system froze and, well, things came to a standstill. The sump filled up and went mostly under water. Ron Billion's quick action put that at rest and we were on hold awaiting warmer weather. Over a period of days both Ron or I tried to restart the lift pump without success as the pipes were still full of ice. As the weather warmed and by luck of the draw, Natasha and I were out at the moorage and tried the pump again. Was a trickle getting through? Was the sump rising? Surely it was riding higher? Soon the trickle had melted a larger path and the sump was rising noticeably. The potties were again functional. The hose from the sump up to the city sewer system is 21 years old and who knows what condition it is in and what deposits may cause the reduced flow that we appear to have. We really need to remove "potty training" as the initiation ritual of each year's new Commodore. With 2 rebuilt lift pumps, some new check valves and a new hose, perhaps we can have a return to the reliability that others remember.

Come mid March, I will have my boat out of the water for a bottom painting, removal of some old and installation of new speed and depth transducers and to just get a look at what is down there. I've never had this boat out of the water. It should be interesting and will answer a few questions like whether there is a dynaplate and what diameter and pitch is the prop. Hopefully, there are no surprises, at least not the unwelcome ones. It is a little scary but it is better to know and set up a plan to deal with surprises than to discover a problem at the time of its choosing.

Perhaps by the time this goes to press, our dredge will be out of the water much for the same reason. Sitting on blocks in the dry moorage area exposing its bottom for all to see. Better to know than to guess.

March brings with it our first two work parties of the year, the first on March 9th and the second on March 22nd. These will be well attended and really important in getting our moorage ready for the cruising season. Get your work hours in early and enjoy working with your RCYC friends. Rick Samuels is our new Work Party chair so we are in good hands.

Hopefully I will see you at our first "play" party of the year. The St Patrick's Day celebration is on March 15th. Good food, good friends and good limericks to be had by all. I'll be there and my boat should be back in the water by then. I'm sure that I will have a few stories to tell and that's no Blarney.



Rear Commodore's Log *by John Flenniken*

The moorage at RCYC is looking no worse for wear after a one - two punch of cold, snow and ice followed by high winds and heavy rains. I really appreciated the photos Karen Billion sent out to show what the boats in the moorage looked like in their snowy cocoons. Hopefully, all is well with members boats. Now, at least for the northern part of the state we can stop worrying about whether or not we will have sufficient water for boating in the spring and summer this year. The watershed in the surrounding counties are all reporting double or more precipitation for February and forecasting more of the same for March. Next, we will be worrying about local flooding, so be prepared.

Now that we have returned to Portland after taking in the Palm Springs Film Festival, Penny signed up for the Portland International Film Festival to continue with some of the more recent international films we can only see this way in Portland or wait years for them to become available, if ever, on Netflix. There were a few films that looked to the sea or lakes for their setting but the one that caught my attention is a film from The Netherlands, "Maidentrip". It's a bio-epic featuring a 14 year-old Laura Dekker attempting to solo circumnavigate the world and in doing so, to seize the record and perhaps hold the record forever as the youngest person (man or woman) to complete this solo sailing adventure. The first hurdle to jump is The Netherlands legal system deciding whether her parents should be allowed to let their daughter even attempt such a feat or if it was grounds for the State to seize the child. Once past that step the world's oceans open as seen through a young girl's eye. An amazing film to put on your "must see" list if this type of adventure strikes your fancy.

See you at the St. Patricks Party on Saturday March 15th.

Reduce Solid Waste. Recycle Your Old Sails

Do you want to be environmentally friendly, find a way to get rid of your old sails and get something in return? Contact **Four Winds Canvas Works LLC** at Pier 39 in Astoria. Kurt Uht and Susan Schroeder, owners of the canvas works, make totes and bags with the old sails. You can contact them at (503) 325-9848 or email sales@fourwindscanvas.com



St Patrick's Day Celebration at RCYC

Host JoNell McClary

Phone 503-891-9720

When Saturday, March 15 at 5:30 PM

Where Rose City Yacht Club

3737 NE Marine Dr

Portland, OR 97211

Take the Limerick Challenge and compete for Best "Wearin o' the Green". Let JoNell know if you can help with clean-up tasks when you RSVP by March 7. Hope to see you there!

Jean - JoNell - Kathy - Linda

NEED WORK HOURS? LIMITED STEWARD OPPORTUNITIES LEFT!

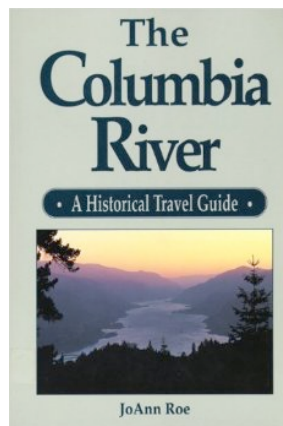
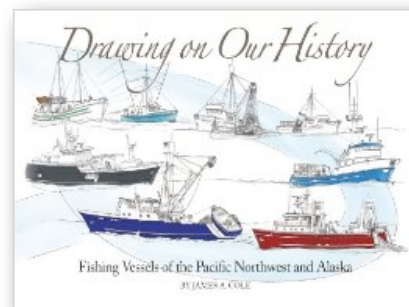
Need to rack up RCYC work hours? Has your schedule interfered with making the work parties? Here's the solution! Serve as the June Clubhouse steward, involving light housekeeping tasks you can do each week on your own schedule. Or, stay outdoors in June or August and mow the lawn on your own schedule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

Foghorn Book Column by Bill and Nina Kramer

One of the fun parts of boating that I enjoy is meeting colorful characters. I met one at the Seattle Boat Show. Jim Cole is a naval architect. Now in his 80's and semi retired, he has worked for four naval architecture firms in the Puget Sound area. He enjoys making pen and ink drawings and paintings of fishing vessels at work. He has written a book *Drawing on Our History, Fishing Vessels of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska*, published in 2013, that tells the story of the

boats that have fished the northwest. The book is full of Jim's drawings and paintings. It was fun to meet and talk with him at the Captain's Nautical booth at the show. His book will be a great addition to your bookshelf and a fun way to learn about boats.



I'm always on the lookout for books about the Columbia River or for history of the area that has a local and locally written feel to it. My latest find is *The Columbia River: An Historical Travel Guide* by JoAnn Roe. Published in 2013, it celebrates her time on and around the river in 1990-91. Roe travels from the headwaters to the ocean and covers history of the geology of the river including stories of native and pioneer populations up through more current times. It's a book worth meandering through whether your travels are on the river or along side it. A charming survey of the whole river, including maps and some illustrations.

Dredging and Work Hours

by Brad Jensen, Dredging Advisor

As most know, there is an opportunity open to get your work hours in by being involved with the Dredging Operation within the Club. There is talk among the Board members about splitting up the duties of Dredge Advisor between two people. One would be responsible for organizing the crew, posting a schedule and sending required reports at season end. The other would be responsible for overseeing mechanical maintenance of the dredge, trouble shooting problems during the season and helping train new volunteers.

This is an "on the job" learning experience with lots of help from past and present dredge crew. Some mechanical aptitude and enjoying a challenge is all that is required. Doing a very important and appreciated service for RCYC is the reward.

By the way, either one of these openings would probably fulfill your work-hour requirements.

RCYC Committee Opportunities

Would you like an opportunity to get all your work hours in for the year? There are three committee chair positions still available. If you are interested, contact Ethan Van Matre to sign up.

These positions are:

- Dredge Chair(s) (jobs may be split up)
- Oil Czar - manages oil recycling program
- Programs - Provides programs for general meetings

Foghorn Copy 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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Spring is coming and it's time to remind our children to get signed up for sailing. Go to Willamette Sailing Club, Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and Columbia Gorge Racing Associations' web sites for the latest schedules. RCYSS may provide discounted tuition as well as 80% reimbursement. RCYSS is eager to support.

Application Process

- Applications due two weeks prior to commencement of class.
- Please send your application to RCYSS, **AND** email to: rosecityyss@gmail.com

Student Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Affiliations:

☐ RCYC Member ☐ Family Member

☐ _____ Member

☐ Non-member

Date of Event: ____/____/____

Event Title: _____

Cost: _____

Sailing Event Location:

☐ WSC ☐ VLSC ☐ Other

Specify other location: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone # _____

Describe what sailing means to you. Tell something about yourself:

Please send all correspondences and contributions to: **RCYSS** c/o Rose City Yacht Club, 3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR; Attention: YOUTH SAILING



2014 Commodore's Ball

Photos : Top to Bottom & Left to Right

RCYC 2014 Board, The March of the Commodores & First Ladies



Commodore Ethan Van Matre & First Mate Natasha, Daughter of Neptune Elsa Douglass



John Kneeland accepting award for years of service to RCYC. RCYC Directors receiving flags, members socializing, presentation of Larry Corderman Golden Hammer Award for Judy Oxborrow being accepted by Karen Jacobson.



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Functions

March

- 03 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 04 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 08 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 11 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 12 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 15 St Patrick's Day Party, 5:00 pm
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 19 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 20 SYSCO Race Clinic Night, 6:00 pm
- 22 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 22 RCYC Frostbite Regatta

April

- 05 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 07 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 09 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 12 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 12 Opening Day Regatta
- 13 Opening Day Regatta Social
- 14 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 19 OWSA Spinnaker Handling Class, 8:30 am
- 19 Walk 3 BBQ, 5:00 pm
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 22 OWSA Cool Maneuvers, 5:30 pm
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- 25 – Bartlett Landing Cruise
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Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC
www.rosecityyachtclub.org
Need something added to the calendar? Contact Vice Commodore Karen Finch
kk_finch@hotmail.com



New Members - Carl & Pam Corey

When you visit the club, drop by the resident member house on walk 4 and introduce yourself to Carl & Pam Corey. They recently became RCYC members and purchased the residence from Lynn and Connie Easton and have become our newest resident members. Carl and Pam have extensive sailing experience and have an Islander Freeport 38.

RCYC members dining at the Lahaina Yacht Club where our burgee hangs from the rafters. The second photo shows the RCYC entry into the ship's boat building contest. The only rules on the boat building contest were that we couldn't dismantle the ship for parts and that the boat had to be big enough to carry a six-pack of beer the length of the swimming pool and back.. Finally, the RCYC members who escaped the cold grasp of winter for a cruise from SF to Hawaii.



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