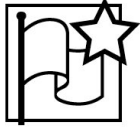


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Vice Commodore: Karen Finch  
Secretary: Gary Whitney

June 2014



### From the Helm

Ethan VanMatre, Commodore

May was an eventful month. Opening Day, Ladies Dinner, the passing of long-time members Jerry Randall and Elden Stender, the dredge out of the water, our loan

refinanced at a lower rate and the Club's insurance renewal, just to name a few items and events out of the many.

Opening Day – pomp and circumstance. I attended the awards ceremony afterwards and discovered that some take the awards quite seriously. Although I am proud that RCYC took First Place in Seamanship, we could have done better in Appearance if we had matching foul weather gear.

We had a break-in during opening day. Someone came into the parking lot and smashed a car window out then went through the things in the car. They could have tailgated in or the gate could have been opened for them. I might have opened the gate for them myself and watched them park next to the car that was hit. They likely smashed the window with scores of people in the parking lot as a jet flew over and departed as we were raising the flags. The sheriff thought that they could have done it in less than a minute. Truly blatant, and not much we can do to prevent someone who would smash and grab with 30 people just 100' away. The Ladies Dinner was a success from all that I could see. I was a waiter and there were many happy faces smiling and shouting as their numbers were called for the raffle prizes. About half the proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Elks Children's Eye Clinic with the Casey Eye Institute at OHSU. We were packed to capacity and had to turn some away due to lack of space. Our chef and staff (Rick Royce and Douglass) produced an outstanding menu and all the waiters served our ladies and guests with joy. A special mention to waiters Carl Corey, Kelly Martin and Jim "Rosie" Hackley who stayed past 11:30 cleaning up in the galley. Lastly, the entertainment was one not to be forgotten for some time to come. *(continued on page 2)*



Opening Day Photos - top to bottom, Activities co-chairs, JoNell McClary and Kathy Pickwick prepared a wonderful opening day breakfast. 3rd co-chair Linda Latham and Jean Silver and resident member Pam Corey remains hidden also helped prepare the breakfast and with cleanup. Club members listening to Bill Kramer describe the proper formation in the boat parade. RCYC Officers and Directors during the flag raising ceremony. Sea Scouts performing the flag ceremony.

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## From the Rear

by John Flenniken, Rear Commodore  
Postcard from Southern Italy

A month has passed since Penny and I set sail from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on Easter Day. We crossed the Atlantic to Rome. The crossing was gentle and warm as we were just below a major spring storm. We stopped off at Madeira, Gibraltar, Sardinia and Sicily before turning north into the Bay of Naples and then on to Rome. Sightseeing in Rome, a visit to the Vatican, then by train to Sorrento. We met many wonderful people, learned a little Italian, ate delicious pasta dishes,

took a boat to Capri for the day, and toured Roman and Greek ruins. I felt like an antique looking at the relics of our Western Culture.

We learned what made Rome an empire naval strength. Then, we headed for Amalfi and toured the rugged coastline stopping for three days in Minori on the Bay of Salerno. It was on this body of water that General Clark and his Rangers landed in Italy on September 9, 1943, during World War II, fighting their way North to Monte Casino. This is a land that has been fought over for the length of recorded history and each group has left a mark on the people, the architecture and the culture.

Communications were spotty at best throughout the trip. Presently I'm writing from a WiFi hotspot. I must say, each time I opened my email I learned of the death of dear club members - Jerry Randall, Eldon Stender and former member Doug Hepburn. I was getting a little nervous about opening emails or reading messages from home for fear of more bad news. I was starting to believe we were on some sort of Homeric Odyssey. Luckily that was not the case.

Penny and I return home from this wonderful trip to pickup where we left off with our family and friends, and of course - sailing on the Columbia River on *River Rose*.

## Commodore's Log *(cont. from page 1)*

Our loan comes up for renewal every 5 years or so. This cycle, we were able to drop the rate of interest paid and save quite a bit. Rather than pay a lesser amount, your board elected to pay the same that we have been and use the "extra" to pay off the loan at an accelerated rate. It has been years since we reviewed our insurance policy. The review shows that our exposure has gone up with no corresponding increase in coverage. We are correcting that. Additionally, we are checking to be sure that our coverage actually covers us. It is easy to get lost in the "insurance speak" but it turns out that we can request a plain English description of the policy. That will be a useful read.

The dredge is out of the water at Schooner Creek. I hear that it does not look too bad, and that no impending doom was discovered. I'm sure that a complete report will be coming.

Today I thought I would leave you with a few words of wisdom that came my way. They appear to apply to so much of what we do.

["It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage."](#)  
[George William Curtis](#)





## Moorage Matters

by Loren Beach Moorage Chair

Going into June, I plan on filling a couple of port- tie slips for smaller boats. Temporary relocation of a group of boats on walk four delayed filling one of these, and then another slip just recently opened up. I expect to get those temporarily-moved boats and their finger back in place by June.

The folks on the #1 Improvement List will get first priority for these openings. Once they have chosen, I will contact the members on the #3 List.

Dinghy storage: If you remove your little boat from the rack for summer cruising, be sure that you have a readable, durable name plate marking "your" spot.

Regarding mooring lines and snubbers; we recently had a mooring line break due to two apparent problems: 1) a very powerful wind gust, and 2) the line was some sort of poly line with an inadequate breaking strength. Note that some of the colorful braid-on-braid the chandlers sell is not up to the task. I would advocate half inch (or larger) three-strand premium nylon. New England Rope makes a high quality product, and there certainly may be other comparable brands. Please do not go too cheap on this. (Of course that's just as true for your anchor line, too.)

If you are going on vacation for a while, whether two weeks or two months, drop an email to the Billions and the Coreys with your departure date and estimated return date. Sometimes a slip is needed for a *reciprocal moorage* visitor.

Security Note: On opening day there was a rather daring daylight break-in of a vehicle in our parking lot. Always make sure that the clubhouse and ramp gate are locked up at sundown. Keep an eye out for unauthorized visitors. If you leave your vehicle in the lot for any period of days, consider removing your registration papers and garage door transmitter taking these with you.

## Secretary report by Gary Whitney

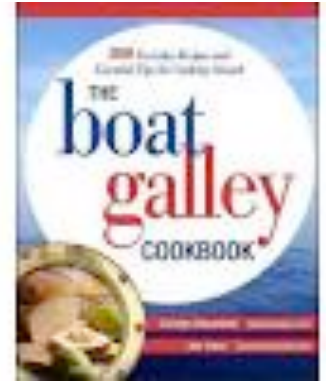
In the past month we lost two longtime members, Jerry Randall and Elden Stender.

We gained new members, Sean and Faye Whitacre. There were several changes in member status. Mike and Judy Oxborrow became Life Members, Bill and Ellen Farr moved to Inactive members and Ralph "Cork" and Linda Inman became Inactive Life members.

## Foghorn Book Review

by Nina Kramer

With cruising season just around the corner, it's time to start reprovisioning the boat. I'm beginning to figure out what we need to balance quick weekend stocking and stocking for longer trips. Since I love to read cookbooks, this month's book, The Boat Galley Cookbook, can help with the first and indulge me in the second. Written by longtime boaters Carolyn Shearlock and Jan Irons, the book is full of practical advice for eating well aboard. While it's geared toward Mexico and Caribbean sailors, there is still good information about food storage, substitutions and hundreds of hearty recipes. It even shows fishing novices like me how to



## The Dredge Survey

by Dredge Czar Doug McClary

Some of you may have noticed a hole in the moorage where the dredge used to be! Well, the dredge, J. Randall, was towed to Schooner Creek Boat Works to be hauled out for a survey and a look at the bottom (of the dredge). As part of our investigation into the future of our dredge and dredging at RCYC, the committee was tasked with having a survey done so we could establish its condition, and possibly a value if we were to sell it. The trip to Schooner Creek was uneventful, and we made it there in just under an hour due to the extra 2-3 knots of current in our favor. The guys at Schooner Creek did a great lift job and Alison Mazon performed the survey. As of this writing, we haven't received Alison's report. If there are no serious problems with the hull, we'll recoat the bottom and return the dredge to RCYC. The trip back may be a bit more challenging because we'll have to fight the current that was so helpful going down. My thanks to the intrepid crew: Loren Beach, Steve Beaty, Mark Basel, Terry Foren, Cliff Hunter, Brad Jensen, Bill Ormond, and Rick Royce for their skillful boat handling. I'll continue to keep the club informed as we move forward.





## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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by Pam Sesar

I am so thankful for my friends at RCYC. Since I broke my leg, I have received so many good wishes.

I am thankful for all the donations and support for youth sailing. During the walk 3 barbeque \$192 was raised. I received a partial list of donors which include, Alison Mazon, Karen Finch, Pam Corey, Chuck Fisher, Vickie Nissen, Don Belshaw and Lauren Smith, just to name a few. A big thank you to those of you whose names I did not get. Many contributed and it all helps.

Our children are off to a great start. I know of three who are all signed up and ready to go! There may be more before I finish this article. Please, as always, help us get the word out. Again this year RCYSS has agreements with VLSC and WSC for reduced tuition. Please ask for it when you sign up. If you would also like reimbursement of up to 80%, please complete the application found on our web site [www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcyss) and email it to [rosecityyss@gmail.com](mailto:rosecityyss@gmail.com) or mail it. to RCYC with the address listed above.

Please provide us with an application two weeks in advance. The schools often fill up fast, so now is the time to get signed up! You can obtain the most up-to-date class schedules and other school information at Willamette Sailing Club's and/or Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's web sites.

If you hear any children's sailing stories pass them along. Any descriptors or comments are appreciated. Their voices say so much.

And, as always, your donations help. Thank you!

## The Cruising Corner *by Ron Moran*

For the last two months the topic of this column focused on safety equipment. I am going to finish up the subject with this very short column about Personnel Flotation Devices (PFDs).

### **PLEASE, WHEN OUT ON YOUR BOAT, USE ONE**

The type you use is up to you. There are styles that will fit almost any activity you want to do on the water: recreational use, water sports, day sailing, offshore sailing, fishing, offshore power boating, paddle sports and so on. Most styles can be had in inflatable and are inherently buoyant. PFDs are available in all sizes from infant to adult. You can even get them for your pets.

Remember, **PFDs don't do you any good if you don't wear them.** Develop a policy on your boat for when you, your crew and your guest will wear PFDs. The best policy is to have them on any time you are out of the cabin, no matter what the weather. Even on hot days, self-inflating PFDs aren't too uncomfortable to wear.

Regarding self-inflating PFDs; they do not count toward the requirement of one properly sized PFD for each person on a boat unless you are wearing them.

Let's have a safe and happy boating season.



## 2014 RCYC Ladies Dinner

Left - Steve & Jean Beatty  
Right- Daughters of Neptune  
Lower Left - Entertainment?  
Lower Right - Waiters John Dees  
and Doug McClary



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## April Cruise to East Dock



Come join the fun  
Saturday, May 31  
Walk four BBQ

A Mexican Fiesta  
of food, music and good times

Featuring ---

Miguel San Oxborrow and his



Quatro-tet Band !

5:00 – Cocktail Hour - BYO cocktails

6:00 - BBQ - BYO meat for the grill

Your walk four friends will provide appetizers,  
side dishes and dessert - fiesta style.

RCYC Upcoming Events,  
Meetings, and Functions:

June

- 1 Private Party
- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 4 OWSA Cruising Orientation Class, 5:30 pm
- 7 OWSA Cruising Class, 8:30 am
- 8 Private Party
- 9 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 14 OWSA Cruising Class, 8:30 am
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 27 Beer Can Race
- 28 Private Party

July

- 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Land Cruise
- 7 Knauti Knitters
- 10 Private Party
- 11 Beer Can Race
- 14 Board Meeting
- 16 General Meeting
- 19-27 Lazy Days Cruise
- 21 Knauti Knitters



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