

Commodore: Ethan VanMatre
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Secretary: Gary Whitney

November 2014



Commodore's Log

Ethan VanMatre, Commodore

November is upon us, and with it come winter's gales, high winds and heavy rains. In the winter months, I try to get down to the moorage at least once a week. I'm looking for chafe on my dock lines and canvas, as well as searching out any deck leaks that may have cropped up. I check the bilge and make sure that the cockpit drains are open. It is interesting and instructive to look at the way your boat moves in its slip during a blow. For long life, I change my engine's oil. Acids build up in oil when we run our engines. By changing oil we can remove those acids and reduce internal corrosion as our engines sleep this winter.

By now, the piling and waterline projects will be completed or nearly so. All those boats that were displaced are back in their slips. I am always amazed by the amount of work that is done by our members. The big projects are usually taken on by our seasoned members but I would like to point out that those members were, once-upon-a-time, new members, not quite knowing what was needed to be done or how to do it. As a "do it yourself" Club all that is needed is to say "I can help".

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**THANK YOU
Karen & Ron for
a Billion things!**



**Happy Bunch of
Old Salts**

Craig Cordon (center) with Brian Terrett & Rick Royce (& others) did a spectacular job with this year's feast!

RCYC Moorage Rules and By-Law Changes

This information was first printed in the September Foghorn. However, we will be voting on the By-Laws change at the November general meeting, so the information is being reprinted.

Below are proposed changes, approved by the Board, for both the Moorage Rules and By-Laws. The actual changes are highlighted in bold. The moorage rule change addresses safety issues. The By-Laws change addresses the issue of bonds held by Inactive Life Members.

The Finance Committee and the Board feels morally and ethically obligated to refund the bonds for all persons no longer members of the Club. In the case of Inactive Life Members, especially those who choose to remain members, but move and maintain little social contact with the Club, this has proven to be a major challenge. Often we do not learn of their passing for months or years. Inactive Life Members have no financial obligations to the Club. With this change, Inactive Life Members could still remain as members but would have the option of requesting their bond be refunded now. This would help reduce the number of cases where we are dealing with outstanding bonds. The By-Laws change will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Moorage Rule Change

Section F. Safety and Security. Replace in its entirety with the following:

1. The entrance gate to the parking lot is to be locked at all times unless it is attended. The gate at the top of the ramp descending into the moorage and Clubhouse is to be locked from dusk to dawn. Any member leaving the Club grounds during this period should secure the gate behind him/her unless there is a sponsored event in the Clubhouse.
2. Children ages 12 and under shall wear a life jacket while on docks or on the patio.
3. **As a precaution against any stray electrical current, there shall be no recreational swimming within the moorage.**
4. **Persons working on the bottom of their boat or having a diver provide these services should exercise caution.**
5. Violation of security and/or safety rules should be reported to a Flag Officer for action by the Board in accordance with Article XIX of the By-Laws.

By-Laws Change

Article II. Membership, Section 5. Inactive Life Member – Change to read:

Any Life Members who sell their boat or permanently move it more than 50 miles from the Club's moorage and still wish to retain an affiliation with the Club may apply for Inactive Life Status. Inactive Life Members shall pay no fees. **Upon being granted Inactive Life Member status and having no further financial obligation to the Club, a member may surrender his/her membership bond for refund.**

Commodore's Log continued

As Commodore I am really grateful to all members for all you do for our Club. A special thanks to our new members who have stepped up to take on committee positions. You are the ones who make our Club "the best" on the river, and keep us vibrant and alive.

It is time to seek a daughter or granddaughter of a member to become our 2015 Daughter of Neptune. Is your daughter/granddaughter between the ages of fifteen and eighteen? Would she like to be considered for a fun and interesting time while representing RCYC. Please have her send a letter (or email) to me letting me know of her interest. If she is not sure, she can contact our current or past Daughters for more information. Interviews of prospective Daughters will be held at the November Board Meeting.

Happy Sailing!



East Dock Cruise



Vice Commodore
Karen Finch

I think Fall is finally here. What an amazingly long summer we've had. I can't remember the last time I was able to wear shorts until the middle of October. Now that we are entering the month of November, it means you only have a few more weeks to get your work hours in for the year.

If you have not recorded at least twelve work hours for the period January 1 – Dec 10, you will see an additional charge on your last statement of the year. (You should have completed at least six hours during the first half of the year, with a few exceptions.) You will be charged fifty dollars for each hour you are short of the twelve required.

If there is some issue (medical, family, etc.) that has prevented you from getting in these hours, please contact me now so that I can take that information to the Board and request a waiver, before the charges appear on your account. I prefer you send me an email so I have the information in writing to present to the Board but a call would work too. The additional funds are great for the Club, but what we really need is the talent of all of our members to maintain our Club as the best in Portland.



Member News

Gary Whitney, Secretary



New Members:

Larry and Jennifer Johnson were sworn in at the October general meeting, The Johnsons own *Bailiwick*, a C&C 27, which was owned by Alan Boguslawski many years ago.

Nolan Johnson and Darlene Richardson
sail *Witchcraft*.

Nolan is Dawn Redman's son-in-law.



Membership Changes:

Lucy Mitchem gave her boat, *WyEast*, to her sons and she is now an Inactive Life Member.

Dave Hickman sold his boat & is now an Inactive Life Member.

Jim Douglass bought a boat and changed his status from Inactive Life Member to Active Life Member.

Steve and Jean Beaty sold *Audacious* and bought *Para Handy*, a Catalina 350.



Richard Kelleher & Sheri Lee bought Patti Jones' *The Mariah* and joined RCYC last summer.

Marili Reilly swore in the **Pollard Family** at the East Dock Cruise in October.

Construction Update

by Tom Stringfield

Walk 3 Waterline Replacement: Chuck Pennington and his crew will receive their piping materials on Monday (October 20) and will get to work right away. With some luck and help from the weather gods, the work should be nearing completion by the end of that week. For any waterline work remaining to be done in the following week, Chuck may need to arm-wrestle with the piledriving crane for working room on Walk 3. It won't be a fair contest, and Chuck will finish up as soon as he can. Thank Chuck and his crew for their efforts when you see them.

Walks 2 and 3 Shorepower/Lighting Work: As of October 9, all of the new shorepower boxes and lights on Walks 2 and 3 have been installed and powered up. Our goal was to have the work completed before the overhead lights came down in preparation for piledriving on these walks. With many hours of hard work by Ron and Karen Billion, our Electric Works electrician Steve Bergstrom, and Karl Quade and Bob Gales, we were done with time to spare. Our final inspection should happen soon. When you see Ron, Karen, Karl and Bob, please give them a big thank-you.

As I mentioned in an email last week, the new shorepower boxes are equipped with GFI breakers, which will help protect anyone in the water but are very unforgiving of even minor faults in a boat's wiring system. When GFI breakers were installed on Walk 5 last spring, three boats experienced constant tripping of their GFI breakers. For at least 2 of those boats, the tripping was a symptom of wiring problems in the boat. When the wiring problems were located and fixed, the tripping ended. So if your boat is on Walk 2 or 3 and your new GFI breaker will not hold, the first thing to do is carefully inspect (or have an experienced marine electrician inspect) your electrical system to look for problems. Alison Mazon is a marine electrical wizard and could offer help if you are having problems.

Walks 2 and 3 Piledriving: Piledriving work is scheduled to start during the week of October 27 - on October 27th itself if the contractor's current project finishes without problems. The work should take 3 or 4 days to complete. Getting ready for the work has been a real nuisance for those with boats on Walk 2, many of whom have had to find a new home for a week or two in order to let us remove several fingers for crane barge access and to be away from the wood piles when the piledriver removes them.

Loren Beach has been coordinating all of these moves with the patience of a saint. We have moved the goalposts on him several times by making last-minute changes to the boat move list and he has taken this in stride. Thanks Loren. Ron Moran and Ron Billion (What will we do when Ron and Karen move "to the dirt"?) have generously agreed to fill in for me for the remainder of the piledriving project, while Vickie and I vacation in SE Asia. We'll be leaving just before piledriving is scheduled to start. Good planning or bad planning, depending on your point of view. I am in Ron and Ron's debt. Twenty or so RCYC members have also volunteered to help with the project. We will recognize their efforts in the next Foghorn.

RCYC Sidewalk Superintendents are welcome to come down to the Club to watch the work. The big crane barge and its crane put on a good show, but please stay off Walks 2 and 3 while the work is under way. An accident would spoil everyone's day.



DREDGE TRAINING RCYC CLUBHOUSE Saturday, Nov 1—9:00am

The season is upon us and since most of us old timers have trouble remembering which is port and which is starboard, Jim Calnon has kindly agreed to teach a refresher dredge class. He will begin promptly at 0900 (that's nine o'clock in the morning!) on Saturday, November 1st in the RCYC Clubhouse.

Anyone who is new to dredging, or wants to move up from helper to operator, or needs a little refresh, or just needs something to do on Saturday morning is invited to attend. Jim has lots of experience dredging and wants to impart his tremendous knowledge on the subject to all of the rest of us. I hope to see you there!

Doug McClary - Dredging Coordinator
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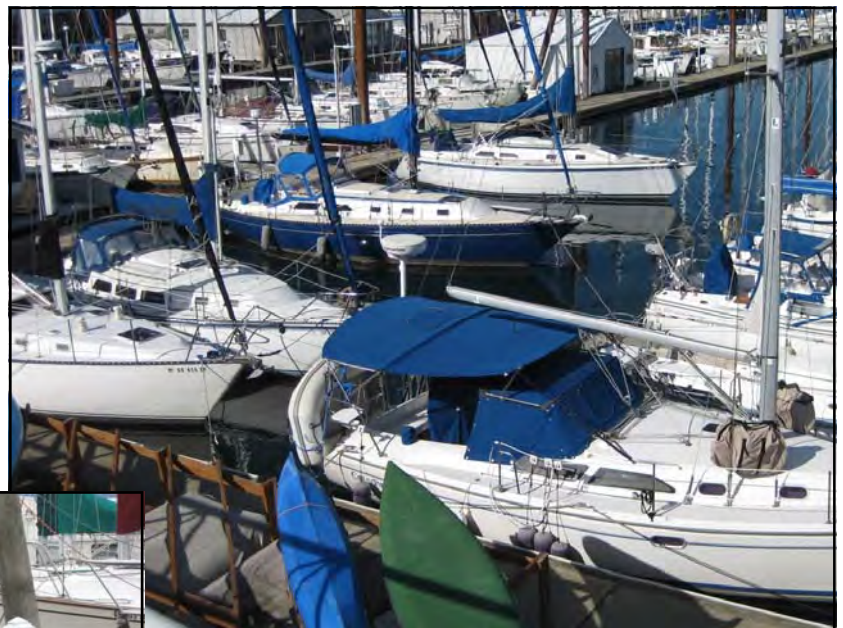
Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We have several new members waiting to move into slips, and about six boats on the waiting list. Note that no open slips will be filled until after the piling replacement project is done. At press time, the crane barge move-in is scheduled for Oct 27, and the work should take about three or four days.

A lot of Walk 2 boats are temporarily parked all around the moorage and members on several walks will be blocked in until the piling work is done. Besides moving the boats that would be directly impacted by pile driving, the three end slips on Walk 2 (and all the boats tied to them) have to be removed to allow the barge to get around the corner. On the plus side, it will be great to have the last of the old wood pilings replaced with steel.

Once the crane leaves, the finger docks at the end of Walk 2 will be returned and bolted up and all of the displaced boats can go home. In the best spirit of RCYC, members who are at the moorage to move their boats, have been generously helping others do the same. As the boats get back to their home slips, do check on your dock lines, snubbers, and chafe gear.



2015 Daughter of Neptune Nominations Open

Do you know a teenage girl who would like to volunteer her time to represent RCYC and promote water safety during the 2015 boating season?

The Daughters of Neptune are ambassadors for their clubs and work with the Columbia River Yachting Association throughout the boating season to promote PFD use and water safety. RCYC crowns our Daughter of Neptune at the Commodore's Ball and she participates in Opening Day and the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade. She also attends various Ladies Dinners and takes part in the Closing Day ceremonies. Throughout the year she will promote PFD use and water safety with the Daughters of Neptune at various community events.

All high school aged daughters, granddaughters and nieces of RCYC members are eligible for nomination. The CRYA prefers Daughters of Neptune be high school juniors, although mature freshmen and sophomores may also be nominated. Please submit your 2015 Daughter of Neptune nomination to our Commodore before the November general meeting. After the nomination period the Board will interview each applicant and announce our new Daughter of Neptune in December.

If you have any questions please contact Colleen Moran at colleenmoran@icloud.com



Kathy
Pickwick
&
Mary Laird



Jerry Barnes
& Elaine



John
Flenniken
& those
fantastic
mushrooms



Best Old Salts Doing the Dirty Work!
Chuck, Terry, Don & Karen

Rose City Youth Sailing Society

By Pam Sesar

Rose City Youth Sailing Society wants to continue to thank you from all the children for your donations. Please remember us in your giving. You can mail a check to RCYSS c/o RCYC. Our treasurer will send you a receipt.

One mom commented that her Laser youth sailor and Opti youth sailor participated in last weekend's youth regatta. When they returned the boats to WSC Sunday evening, her granddaughter wanted to go sailing.

I don't remember if I mentioned that these Youth Fleet Classes have been just amazing for our kids this summer! The classes are a step up from the "Learn to Sail" classes, and teach the kids tactics and boat handling. If there is a breeze, they run races to work on rules and tactics. If there is no wind, they have capsizing drills and contests to see who can climb up the mast the farthest before tipping over. The coaches like to mix it up by making them switch boats with other sailors. In this way they are getting experience in Optimis, Lasers and 420's.

The coaching staffs are all experienced sailors and are wonderful about giving individual attention when needed. Nicola and Tristan have gained so much knowledge and confidence on the water this summer and look forward to doing more - joining race nights, attending traveling regattas and signing up for clinics.

Thank you so much for your support of our young sailors.



**THE FOGHORN STAFF
ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME
JANICE CHOY-WEBER (EDITOR)
AND
CATHY SKACH (GRAPHICS)
TO OUR TEAM!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE
THEM WHEN SUBMITTING ARTICLES
AND PHOTOS FOR THE FOGHORN**

Foghorn Deadline - 18th of the month

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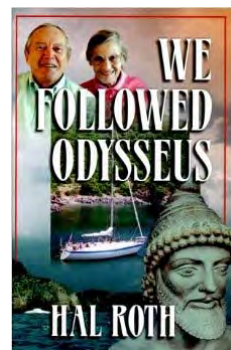
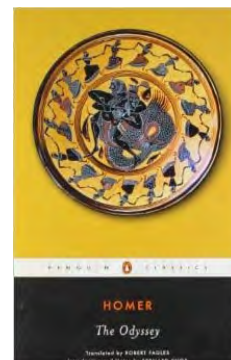
Bill Kramer

Over the years, lots of boating stories have been written. This is good because I enjoy reading about adventurous voyages and exciting ports. I like having a wide choice of what to read, and this month I have decided to return to the original boating story. "The Odyssey" by Homer, written in 800 BCE, tells the story of Odysseus as he returns, after the Trojan War, to his home in Ithaca.

As often happens when voyaging, the return trip takes longer than planned and Odysseus encounters fair winds, storms, beautiful women, exotic ports, a few unpleasant giants, and of course shipwreck and tragedy. It is a story that has been enjoyed for three thousand years. The Odyssey has been translated many times, both in verse and prose. A good modern verse translation is the one done by Robert Fagles and published by Penguin Books. It is understandable and captures the pace and form of the original Greek.

One well known sailing couple that came under the spell of The Odyssey were Hal and Margaret Roth. They retraced Odysseus' path in their 35' sailboat and wrote "We Followed Odysseus" about their trip. They sailed to the places on which Homer based his story, and were able to see and experience what those places are like today.

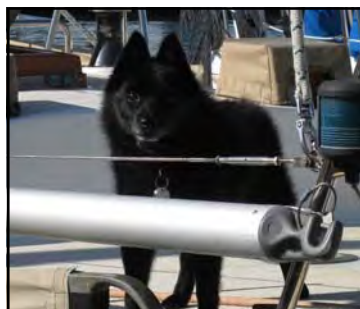
Both of these are great books to read by the fire on a winter's night. If you need encouragement to tackle Homer, read the Roths' book first. Otherwise, dive in with Homer and have a classic experience.



To all RCYC dogs:

As fall sets in and winter approaches, please train and remind your human caretakers to pick up after you, wherever you take your convenience on the Club grounds. Although the Club grounds do not appear to be golf course greens in all areas, this is still our Club. Remind them that the dredge crew will be working this winter, setting up the dredge pond and moving pipe, tromping all over the place. Knowing those humans, they probably don't want to take home what we left out in the rough.

As carnivores and omnivores we get to eat all kinds of fun and tasty things, some of which is provided by our humans, but the really tasty stuff we find ourselves out and about. Our little deposits can contain all sorts of buggies that, although safe for us, are not so good for other creatures and humans in and along the river. I know, I know: "It's all natural" some will say. Sort of, but for the fact that there are more of us in closer space than if we had to live out in the wild, without trained humans. We've trained them to feed us and care for us. It's only right to train them to pick up after us.



Arrff! Arrff!
Alix Webster
S/V Velic



Pups could learn to use a litter box although it does get complicated on board for the big guys. In any case, our people need to

**Scoop the Poop!
Dispose properly
in trash or toilet!**

It's the civilized thing to do.

Homer Boguslawski
S/V Summer Wind



Open Air Rehearsal

Consider an Odyssey of your own ...

Rhonda Boguslawski

... to the Music by the Sea concert series in Bamfield, BC. This annual week-long classical & jazz concert series features some of the most promising talented young musicians from around the world at the stunning Rix Center. Last summer we had an incredible first journey to Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island. There were many highlights including meeting several adventurous members of the Ocean Cruising Club—but this musical event and the special appreciation given to visiting yachts was astonishing. We had to plug our ears and strap ourselves to the boat in order to escape these Sirens. We hope to go again next year and highly recommend it.



Rix Center

Music by the Sea—Bamfield, BC—July 4-12, 2015

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MBTS Bamfield Office: P.O. Box 936, 100 Pachena Road Bamfield BC, V0R 1B0
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Summer Wind at anchor in Bamfield Inlet

If you go:

If arriving at Barkley Sound directly from the US, you must go to Ucluelet for Customs check-in. Ucluelet is a fun stop, too, and the Co-op is a good place to reprovision.

Bamfield Inlet splits the town into east and west sides. An unimproved road connects the east side to Port Alberni. There is no road access to the west side.

In Bamfield there are public docks on both sides of the inlet, a few marinas and room to anchor. Hot showers are available at the park facility just up the road on the east side. There are two small well-stocked grocery stores (one on each side) and a couple of cafes. Fuel, water, garbage disposal, and WiFi are available.



*Bamfield Marine Science Center
Field research station for several
Canadian universities conducts tours
& you can pet
urchins & spider crabs!*



*Brady's Beach
Dramatic rocky outcroppings & clean, soft white sand
only a short distance up the road in West Bamfield.
For more arduous experience put on your gumboots
& take the trail to Cape Beale Lighthouse.*



*Boardwalk
on West Bamfield's
shoreline is full
of surprises!*

Winterizing Your Boat

Craig Cordon, RCYC Education

Marine Surveyor Pat Devlin gave a presentation at the October 15, 2014 General Meeting. Pat is an A.M.S.® with the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors and an associate of Alison Mazon, A.M.S.®, a member of RCYC. Pat talked about preparing one's boat for winter weather on the assumption the boat will not be used during the wintertime.

First, the boat's fresh water system needs to be drained and filled with RV anti-freeze. The water heater should also be drained; the 110 volt AC connection should be turned off and faucets should be left open. If the head utilizes a manual pump, dish soap makes a good lubricant and winter preparation is a good time to lubricate it.

For boats with inboards, the engine's fresh water cooling system should be drained and filled with new anti-freeze. Drain the engine's raw water system and close the cooling water seacock. RV coolant can be used to protect the engine's raw water system. Winterizing is a good time to perform regular engine maintenance, such as adding a stabilizer to the fuel, and inspecting and replacing belts, hoses, filters, and the raw water pump impeller. This is also a good time to check engine mount tightness.

With an outboard, any fuel left in the tank should be drained. Add fuel stabilizer to any fuel left over the winter. This is also a good time to replace fluids, drain the carburetor and disconnect the fuel hose. Pat stresses that only marine gasoline (without ethanol) should be used in outboards. He also stressed that cockpit drains should be checked for blockages. Using the dock hose water and forcing water through them is one way to clean the passages (before dock water is shut off until spring).

Pat also addressed the use of Extreme Heat 110 volt AC heaters, stating that they do not replace the need for ventilation on a boat to prevent moisture buildup and condensation, and that shore power should never be relied on for freeze protection. Removal of any unnecessary items, cushions and equipment is key to keeping the vessel uncluttered.

For further information about winterizing, see *Winterizing a Recreational Boat* on the BoatUS website.



**ONLY ONE WORK PARTY
LEFT FOR THE YEAR!**

Saturday, November 8

GET YOUR WORK HOURS DONE!

**Contact Rick Samuels
503-799-4255
rick@samuels.com**



Walk 2 Tailgate Party & Auction

Join us for the November 15th Walk 2
Tailgate Party and Auction.

Wear your favorite college-team shirt,
hat, banner, colors to score points for
your team.

Tailgating snacks and soft drinks will be
provided for happy hour.
BYOB and meat to BBQ for dinner.

Happy Hour - 5:00 pm
Dinner - 6:00 pm
Auction - Following dinner



**Coming up in
December!**

Annual Christmas Ships Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange

Friday, December 5

Social Time: 5:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Bring a potluck item

Dessert will be provided

Christmas Ships: 6:45-7:15

Gift Exchange: 7:30 p.m.

Choose or steal a gift

Gifts should be \$5-\$10 and
something you would like to
receive (no white elephants).

Join us as we start the
Christmas Season
on the river at RCYC.



RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

November 2014

1	Dredge Training	9:00 am
3	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
8	Work Party	9:00 am
10	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
15	Walk 2 BBQ	5:00 pm
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
19	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm

December 2014

1	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
5	Christmas Ships Potluck	5:00 pm
6	Private Party	2:00 pm
8	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
12	Private Party	4:00 pm
15	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
17	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
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?*

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