

Commodore: Ethan VanMatre  
Vice Commodore: Karen Finch  
Secretary: Gary Whitney

December 2014



### From the Helm

Ethan VanMatre, Commodore



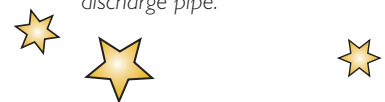
Another year has come to pass and my term as Commodore will soon end so I thought to reflect on this last year. There are many things that I would have liked to see happen but it is better to focus on what did. Six members passed away last year (take a moment for remembrance). All have long histories with RCYC and will be missed. We added 11 new member families and have 5 more in the membership process. We are growing, and that is a good thing --new members, new skills, new energy and new friends.

The energy and skills of our members show in the projects that have been started or completed over the last 12 months. We have removed and replaced the wood pilings with steel and installed new lighting and GFCI on our power boxes. The dredge has been surveyed and its hull coated for a few more years life and much less of a chance of it sinking on us. Changes in guest policy make it easier for friends and crew when at the moorage. Waterlines have been replaced and our insurance has been adjusted to keep up with the clubs needs. The Eastons have moved ashore and the Coreys stepped in without a hitch. The Billion's likewise will be moving ashore; and, it looks like we will have a second set of new resident members without a hitch.

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RCYC crew assembling the dredge discharge pipe.



### Walk 2 and Walk 3 Piledriving Project



Bob Phillips, Ron Billion, Jim Hackley, and Jim Pickett taking a short break to discuss project progress.

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Of course, there are many, many other things that our members have achieved for the Club this last year. I could go on for pages just listing them. But I would like to end the list with the one I was most "exposed" to (as one member told me) and that is the rebuild of the potty lift pumps.

Everything our Club has achieved has one thing in common – someone (and in many cases many some ones) took the time -- the committee chairs, the champions of projects, the members who took ownership of specific tasks. My job is much easier because of them and RCYC has an outstanding moorage because of them. Thank you!

Lastly, on Saturday, January 24th I will be hosting the Commodore's Appreciation Party at the clubhouse. This informal party has been held the last few years for the Commodore to thank the committee chairs and members who have made the last year so successful. I, myself, really do thank all those who have given their time and energy serving our Club as committee members as well as those who have given to the Club in greater measure than required. So, committee members consider yourself invited to the party. Heck, everyone is invited who has an interested in serving on a committee. Come enjoy a little wine, bread and cheese and expect to be recruited.

*Happy holidays and smooth sailing.*



*Florence Dickerson, Pam Corey, Loren Beach, and Smoke Fischer checking out the piledriving project.*

## A View from the Rear

*John Flenniken, Rear Commodore*

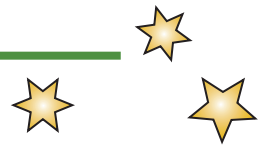
Winter has arrived early, and 2014 is coming to a close. It is also the close of my progression through the chairs on the RCYC Board. I leave the Board encouraged that RCYC is in excellent hands. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Board members for their many hours of service and the membership for their volunteer spirit. Under Commodore Karen's leadership and with the Board's support the Club will continue to be nourished and grow. I encourage the membership to give their active support to their Board and Officers. We continue to live the spirit of "Do-It-Yourself."

I am working with a great committee to coordinate the 2015 Commodores Ball. This year the theme is - Gunk holes on the Columbia. The image conjured is the best of memories of all your Lazy Days cruises. We will hold the ball at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, Saturday, February 7, 2015. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It's a fun party where we say "**Thank You**" to Commodore Ethan VanMatre and First Lady Natasha VanMatre and welcome new Commodore Karen Finch and First Mate Mike Finch. All new members who have joined since the last Commodores Ball will receive complimentary tickets to the ball. Tickets for the rest of us will be \$36 per person. The live music will be provided by The Fabulous Essentials.



## Secretary's Notes

*Gary Whitney, Secretary*



At the November Board meeting, the Board interviewed five prospective member families. John and Linda Hughes have a Com-Pac 20. Dennis and Brenda Annotti own a Hunter 33. Dale and Karol Cushenbery have a Beneteau 34. And for some of the long time members, if the Cusenbery name sounds familiar, they were members in 1985-86 before they moved up to Port Ludlow. Forsyth (Tony) and Bernice Bacon have as Catalina 28. And Kevin and Gina Stenberg just sold their Cascade 36 and are in the process of purchasing another cruising boat.

The Board also approved changes in membership status. Duane and Carol Bolster are now Inactive Life Members. Roy Renk and Yvonne LaMont have resigned. And Mike and Delphi Godsil also resigned. They have permanently moved to Arizona – coincidentally that makes them closer to their boat. If you need Mike and Delphi's address for any reason, talk to Judy.

Member Illness - Jon Jonsrud is recovering from surgery and doing well. Ann Roehm is continuing physical therapy following her knee replacement surgery. John Dees was at the Walk 2 BBQ and made quite a fashion statement with his flannel looking plaid lounging pants.



Rose City  
Youth Sailing  
Society

Rose City Youth Sailing Society  
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Near the end of each year, many people often donate to charities. If you are so inclined, please consider donating to the Rose City Youth Sailing Society. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so your donation would be tax deductible. And if you know of family, friends or businesses looking for a charitable deduction tax write-off, please remember us.

Again next year, RCYSS plans to have agreements with VLSC and WSC for reduced tuition. Please ask for it when you sign up your family members for classes. If you would also like reimbursement of up to 80%, please complete the application found on our web site, [www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcysss](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/rcysss), and e-mail

it to [rosecityysss@gmail.com](mailto:rosecityysss@gmail.com) or mail it. Applications must be submitted two weeks in advance of the class. The schools often fill up quickly. WSC, VLSC and Columbia Gorge Racing Association are the sites to visit for current information. Thank you all for supporting the youth sailing fund raising.

And as always, if you hear any children's sailing stories pass them along. Any descriptors or comments are appreciated. Their voices say so much.



Your donations help us so very much and support the children. Thank you!

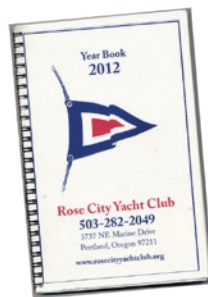
*Pam Sesar, Rose City Youth Sailing Society*

## ATTENTION ALL RCYC MEMBERS – ACTION REQUIRED

Every year about this time, we undertake the task of updating records in preparation for the new **Year Book 2015**. This year we also want to also update the e-mail listings and confirm addresses for those who have electronic billing. Postage and printing costs have been increasing every year so we heartily encourage those members who have computer access to switch from a paper Foghorn to the electronic Foghorn and electronic billing.

Shortly after this newsletter is published, all RCYC members on the e-mail list will receive an e-mail asking them to:

1. review and update their listing in the yearbook,
2. choose whether to receive quarterly billings by e-mail or snail mail,
3. choose to change to the electronic Foghorn, and
4. choose to be added or removed from the Everyone-at-RCYC e-mail list.



New members will receive separate e-mails with a draft of their proposed **Year Book** listing for review. Members who do not have an e-mail address on file with the Club should review their options and notify Judy Oxborrow (503-652-1549) of any changes in their yearbook listing and/or provide an e-mail address if choosing an electronic option.

Your prompt response to this request will help assure we get 2015 off to a great start and an early printing of the **Year Book**.

**Welcome new members:**

★ Larry and (Jennifer) Johnson and their son Andrew



*Jim Calnon teaching a Dredge basics class*

# 2014 Construction Wrap-up

By Tom Stringfield

2014 has been a busy construction year at Rose City. Here's what has been done and who did it:

**Water System Upgrade:** Boss Chuck Pennington and his team of crack plumbers (pun almost intended) Jim Douglass, Jim Hackley, Karl Quade, Steve Petersen, and Dennis Stewart, replaced the old fragile PVC piping on Walk 3 with modern, freeze-proof HDPE (high density polyethylene) pipe. The "freeze-proof" does not mean that we can leave the water on all winter, as other parts of the system will break if frozen while full, but this HDPE pipe, the same material used for our dredge discharge pipe (see photos on right), is virtually indestructible. After Walks 1 and 2 are upgraded, our water system in the marina will be all HDPE. Thanks, plumbers!

**Marina Shore Power and Lighting:** This past spring, the Walk 5 utility pedestals were upgraded with the installation of GFI circuit breakers and new pagoda light fixtures with LED bulbs, all installed by Ron and Karen Billion. In October, we installed new shorepower powerheads on the Walks 2 and 3 utility pedestal posts, featuring GFI breakers and internal LED lighting, together with pagoda fixtures with LED bulbs. Ron and Karen again led (sort of related to LED) the charge, with a little assistance from a cracker-jack electrical contractor and just a bit from me. Our shore power distribution system is now 60% GFI protected and our boat-walk lighting is now 80% LED, including the Walk 4 work led by Mark Basel last year. Great work, Ron and Karen!

**Wood Piling Replacement:** Our 2-year program to replace our remaining worn-out wood piling with new steel piling came to a successful conclusion at the end of October. I am sure that all of you are glad to see this work come to an end, as confusing and disruptive as the project was this year. My thanks to everyone for your patience. The work itself went smoothly, thanks to a stellar crew, which included: Steve Barrett (design work); Loren Beach (chief of marina boat scrambles); Paul Glynn (chief of turbidity); Karen Billion (chief of photography); Don Belshaw and PYC Ringer Dick Dominey (marine mammal monitors); Karen Billion, Carl Corey, Pam Corey, Jim Corey [Carl's brother], Jim Hackley, Bob Phillips, and Jim Pickett, (who did



Walk 2 and 3 piling project



Ron Billion, Tom Stringfield, and Ron Moran discussing the piling project.

the prep work before the pile driver arrived, worked as pile bucks during piling, and put things back together after the pile driver left); Judy Oxborrow (chief of chefs, who organized a team of volunteer cooks to feed the crews but whose volunteers were never given a chance to burn the bacon due to all of the scheduling changes); and to all of the rest of you who volunteered to do anything asked of you but were not given a chance to help because of our good fortune having too many able and willing volunteers. And the Rons, Billion and Moran, who helped with just about everything, including running the show while the pile driver was here and I was 6000 miles away. Thanks to both of you, and to everyone else!! We should not have to worry about piling again for many, many more years.



Pam and Carl Corey



Mike Oxborrow (above)  
Florence Dickerson and Brad Jensen (below)



Jim Calnon and Alison Mazon



Turbidity Monitor Paul Glynn with Meter & Notes



**Prospective New RCYC Members:**



**Dennis and Brenda  
Annotti – Hunter 33**

**Dale and Karol  
Cushenbery –  
Beneteau 34**



**Forsyth (Tony) and  
Bernice Bacon –  
Catalina 28**



**RCYC UPCOMING Events,  
Meetings, and Functions:**

**December**

- 01 Knauti Knitters 10:00 am
- 04 RCYC Budget Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 05 Christmas Ships Pot Luck 5:00 pm
- 06 Private Party 2:00 pm
- 08 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 OWSA General Meeting 5:30 pm
- 12 Private Party 4:00 pm
- 15 Knauti Knitters 10:00 am
- 17 General Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 31 New Years Eve Party 6:00 pm

**January**

- 01 Soup & Sail 11:00 am
- 05 Knauti Knitters 10:00 am
- 12 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters 10:00 am
- 21 General Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24 Commodore's Appreciation Party 6:00 pm

• Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC. Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: [www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).

**Hip-hip-hooray for the RCYC Walk 2 BBQ!**





Loren Beach and crew creating new plastic triangles for the docks.

## NEED WORK HOURS? LIMITED STEWARD OPPORTUNITIES!

Need to rack up RCYC work hours? Has your schedule interfered with making the work parties? Here's the solution! Serve as a Clubhouse steward, involving light housekeeping tasks you can do each week on your own schedule for one calendar month. Or, stay outdoors in the summer and mow the lawn on your own schedule as a grounds steward. Either of those slots will meet your annual work hour quota for 2015. Easy!

Contact the Clubhouse Chair today:

Jas. Adams 503-349-0840 or [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com)



Janet Tabor did a great job in the galley cooking for the work parties and piling project.



Alison Mazon, on her way to buy more supplies for the work party projects.



You could label it something like – The barge is leaving so now what do we do for entertainment?



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



**Several days of high winds** recently resulted in at least three dock boxes blowing into the water. At least one of those was well filled, and the lid was latched. When the gusts repeatedly hit 40 mph, things really do start to move. Given that we know that unsecured lids blow open and then act as a sail to pull a box off the dock, do have your latch secured.

Next, put some major weight in the bottom. And just to be sure, run a line from the box itself, or at least the hasp, down to the corner of your triangle then under and around the frame underneath. To do this you would need to unscrew and lift the triangle up, attach a line led to the corner, and then reattach the triangle.

Last, tie that line to the box. I realize that the new plastic triangles do not yet have hold-down screws, and this will be addressed by a future work party.

We have also had a boat suffer two burst fenders, and another had a broken snubber.

If you have not checked your dock lines for chafe, do it now.

As of this writing, the dredge has finished the Walk 1 fairway and is about to start on Walk 2. If you are using your boat in a fairway where the J. Randall is operating, let them know when you need to get by. They can normally move aside for a minute and drop a cable. And, be patient.

Watch your step when visiting the moorage any day that's windy and icy, and stay warm.





## NAUTICAL READS - HISTORICAL FICTION

By Bill and Nina Kramer

I am a fan of C. S. Forester's Horatio Hornblower series and Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin books. I like historical nautical fiction. Forester and O'Brian represent the two poles of this genre (genre: a specific subcategory of fiction). While there were earlier naval fiction books dealing with life aboard naval ships and battles at sea, Forester defined the genre with the Horatio Hornblower books. They were action packed page turners that always turned out well for Hornblower. Maybe they were a bit shallow, but they were thrilling. Book one is *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower*. On the other hand, there are the O'Brian Aubrey Maturin books. They are slower paced and literary. They have character development, science and a sense of place, as well as thrilling battles. Start with *Master and Commander*. Both of these series are great, and they will give you hours of reading enjoyment. The real question is what to read next? Well, there are lots of other choices. I am going to start with the newest options first and in future columns work back in time.

Most of the nautical historical fiction books have been about English sailors in the Napoleonic Wars. One change in the recent books is they are about different times and navies. First books in the series are listed. Let's start with J. D. Davies' series the Journals of Mathew Quinton. In *Gentleman Captain*, (published in 2010), the time is 1662 and Charles II is on the throne. Quinton's first command sank out from under him, and the king has given him a new ship to sail to Scotland to fight the rebels. Will he mend his reputation? If you like O'Brian, you should enjoy this series.

Richard Woodman's Kit Faulkner naval adventure is set even earlier, in 1618, during the English Civil War. Kit starts out as a 12 year old boy on a merchant ship. The series has a lot of history and action beginning in *A Ship for the King* (2011).

David Donachie's John Pearce series is set in the familiar English navy fighting Napoleon, but John Pearce is a pressed sailor so you get another view of the navy in *By the Mast Divided* (2005).

Another series in this same time frame, but with the American Revolution as the setting, is William Hammond's Cutler Family Chronicles. Richard Cutler joins the American Navy to help fight the Revolutionary War. Book one is *A Matter of Honor* (2007).



## Vice Commodore's Report

Karen Finch, Vice Commodore

I can hardly believe I'm sitting down to write the Foghorn article for December! It seems like just yesterday I agreed to take on the role as Secretary. In a few weeks, I'll step into the Commodore role. I must admit that I'm both excited and anxious as that time approaches. But, I know we have a great membership, always willing to help and give advice. That helps reduce the anxiety. Filling all of the open chair positions would also help ease my anxiety. Here's a list of the chairs remaining open (hopefully by the time this newsletter is distributed, all the openings will be filled): Activities (gather some friends and form a new Activities Committee), Photographer, Grill Master, and PHRF Representative. If you can help us out by filling one of these positions, please let me know.



This is what the Dredge Crew of Gary Vogel and Mark Basel pulled from the deep. Dredge Salad!

### Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month.

*Please send your titled articles and photos to ALL Foghorn volunteers listed below:*

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*Annual Christmas  
Ships - Potluck  
Dinner and Gift  
Exchange*

Friday, December 5th

Social Time: 5:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Bring a potluck item of  
your choice (Dessert will  
be provided.)

Christmas Ships: 6:45-7:15

**THANK YOU ALL** for going the extra mile to make RCYC so great.



*The end, or until next year.*

**Gift Exchange: 7:30 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.



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