

Commodore: Karen Finch
Vice Commodore: Gary Whitney
Secretary: Matt Richards

January 2015



Commodore's Log

Karen Finch, Commodore

When Mike & I joined RCYC 14 years ago, I never thought I'd be writing a Foghorn article as the Commodore. I thank you all for allowing me to assume this role. I will do my best to make sure 2015 is a great year for our Club.

We have such a great membership, always willing to help out when needed. This has been key to our past success and will be key to our future success. Since I'm on the topic, we have a few committee positions still open as we start the New Year. Each of these positions earns the required twelve work hours for the year. The open positions are listed below with a basic description of what is involved:

Activities Committee -- The Activities Committee coordinates the following Club events: Soup & Sail, St Patrick's Day Party, Opening Day, 4th of July Land Cruise, and Christmas Ships Potluck. Last year we had a committee that coordinated these events. So far, I haven't found folks to start a new committee.

As an alternative, if you're willing to coordinate one of these events, let me know. Then we'll look for volunteers to lead the others. If we don't get volunteers, we'll likely have each of the Walks coordinate one of these events. Since the Soup & Sail will be over by the time this is published, that leaves only four major events left for the year. We'll find something else for the remaining Walk to do.

Grill Master – Maintain the Club's barbecues, including coordinating or completing any necessary repairs and ensuring the propane tanks have sufficient fuel. Maintain barbecue tools and adequate storage for these. Be available to educate members on proper use and care of the grills.

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Commodores' Ball

Saturday, February 7th, 2015

Riverside Golf and Country Club

"Adventures on the Columbia"

The image conjured is the best memories of all your Lazy Days cruises. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

It's a fun party where we say "Thank You" to outgoing Commodore Ethan VanMatre and First Lady Natasha VanMatre and welcome our 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 each. Live music by The Fabulous Essentials.

RSVP to Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549
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Photographer – Take pictures at all RCYC events. For those events you cannot attend, find someone else to take the photos. This includes photos of new members as they are inducted at our General Meetings.

PHRF Rep – Determine handicap ratings for member boats that will be competing in certain racing events.

PLEASE consider taking on one of the roles, especially if you're a new member. This is a great way for new members to meet other members, and learn about our Club. We have plenty of folks with experience in these roles who will help you learn what needs to be done. Contact me if you are interested.

We have a couple of activities coming up. The Soup & Sail is on January 1st. Bring a can of clam chowder, and join other members for the first sail of the New Year.

Our Commodores' Ball is on February 7th. The theme for this year is "Columbia River Adventures". If you've never been to a Commodores' Ball, you should come. They are always great fun. For new members initiated since the last Commodores' Ball, you get to attend at no cost. The Club picks up the tab for your meal.

See you all at the Club!



JoNell sets up party decorations



Jean directs traffic



Bobby & George bring the fun!

Another Successful Christmas Ships Potluck Thanks to the 2014 Activities Committee!



Laurel, Maxine & Bobby



Jim Hackley & Linda Shaw



Tom & Cathy Skach



Jan Dees & Jim Martin



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

The moorage has seen a couple of 40+ mph wind events in the last few weeks. While the docks are doing fine, there are still a few members who need to remove or secure their headsails and also tie down their dock boxes. Several boats have had fenders blow out and at least one boat had a dock line snap.

Be sure that your lines, chafe gear, and fenders are all in good condition and adequate for your size craft. While it's certainly possible to have fenders that are "too large," this situation has seldom been observed at our, or any other marina. Note that fenders are best secured to the toe rail, stanchion bases, or some other solid attachment point - not to a lifeline wire.

We recently experienced a "security breach" when a suspicious stranger in a car parked beside Marine Drive followed a member in through the gate. When the member politely asked him a question about being there, the guy glared and said that he was just "turning around" and quickly left.

Nights are long and dark this time of year. Keep the ramp gate locked, and if you're the last member out, lock all the doors.

On an upbeat note, thanks to *all* who have been leaving cookies on the counter for the dredge crews. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Racing

Kevin Kahl, 2015 RCYC Race Captain

Hello racers, retired racers, want to be racers, owners that think their boat spends too much time at the dock, those of you who would like to crew on a race boat and racing skippers looking for crew. Last year I was the Race Captain for the Oregon Offshore, for CYC. This year I am your race captain and I would like to invite you all to come get involved in sailboat racing with RCYC.

On the evening of January 20th I will be hosting a gathering for those interested in any facet of racing. We will be making lists of skippers looking for crew and those wishing to crew. I will also be filling committee positions for RCYC's four hosted race/regattas, this year. I know some of you shy from committee work, but with "Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association" handling all protests, committee work is a lot easier and more fun than you might think.

January 20th - 6:30pm to 7:30pm - RCYC Clubhouse



View From the Rear

Ethan VanMatre, Rear Commodore

My year as Commodore has gone quickly; the gavel has been passed. It is time to pick up the duties as Rear Commodore.

What does the Rear Commodore do you might ask? The bylaws are not much help: "The Rear Commodore, the immediate past commodore, shall assist all officers of the Club in the performance of their duties and make available to them the benefit of his experience and knowledge."

His other tasks include chairing the nomination committee and making the Commodores' Ball happen.

Our outgoing Rear Commodore, John Flenniken, kept me from making many a number of faux pas. We owe a lot to all past Commodores for all that they do for the Club.

Days are getting longer and spring cruising is not that far away. Till then I hope to see you at the Club, starting with the Soup and Sail on New Year's Day.



Things are poppin' for Tom Skach



Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Gail O'Neill

The Rose City Youth Sailing Society Board of Directors met for it's annual meeting in November at the Sextant. Nominated and newly elected officers are incumbents Pam Sesar, president; Terry Annis, treasurer; Julie Schumann, secretary. Also elected were directors Chuck Stuckey, Michael Schumann, Bill Farr, and new director Gail O'Neill.

Pam asked each board member to write an end of year donation request letter to a local sailing community business in a continuing effort towards the RCYSS goal of providing summer sailing lessons to local children. Last summer, RCYSS sponsored thirteen children taking week long lessons at either Willamette Sailing Club or Vancouver Lake Sailing Club. The Bittner's grandchildren Nicola and Tristan, who have been taking lessons for many years, participated in a Willamette SC Youth Regatta in July and the Youth Olympic Festival at Shilshole, sponsored by Seattle Yacht Club in August.

RCYSS will organize a fundraising event at the first Walk Party of 2015 with RCYSS sweatshirts for sale. We are looking for any donated items, new or used, from RCYC members to sell, as well. Please contact any RCYSS board member for details and remember all donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations can be sent any time of year directly to the RCYSS treasurer, Terry Annis, 4209 NE 151st Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98682.

We've received news from David Valentine, new club manager at WSC, that they have received a donation of a refurbished dock and RIB located at McCuddy's Marina on the Columbia. They aim to potentially adopt the dock as a WSC Training Outpost Station and welcome any RCYC members wishing to assist in making it a success with Optimist, Laser, 29er, and possibly RS Feva programs.

Member News

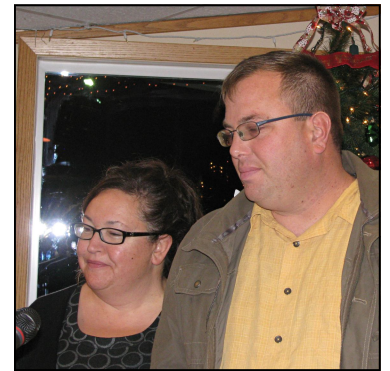
Russ Downing, S/V Wind Rose, peacefully passed away after a courageous three year battle with brain cancer on December 17, 2014. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his name to:

- U.S. Power Squadron Educational Program
<http://www.usps.org/edfund/main.htm>
 - Oregon Dachshund Rescue
- PO Box 820082, Portland, OR 97282-1082
- RCYC Youth Sailing Program

The board approved Honorary Membership for OWSA Vice Commodore April Hubbard and OWSA Education assistant Erica Liepelt.

**WELCOME to our New Members
sworn in on December 17:**

Dennis
and
Brenda
Annotti



Tony
and
Bernice
Bacon



Dale
and
Karol
Cushenbery



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:
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Foghorn Deadline 18th of the month

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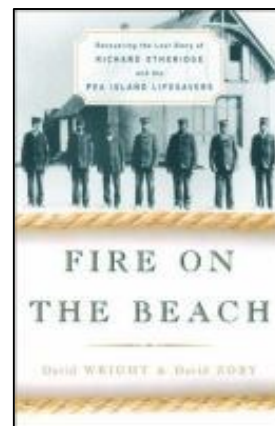
Nautical Reads

Bill and Nina Kramer

Last month, Bill wrote about naval battle series that are exciting to read. This month, rescue stories are on my mind. It's a nasty time of year if you are wanting to get anywhere in a small boat, but it's a lovely time to curl up in front of a fire with a couple of good rescue books.

Back in 1871, the U.S. Life-Saving Service was formed in response to the numerous shipwrecks occurring annually off the east coast. Sometimes the units were headed by men with political or social connections, but no knowledge of the sea. But there were teams and captains which were effective that saved many lives.

One of the units was captained by Richard Etheridge, a former slave and Civil War veteran. Located on Pea Island, North Carolina, his all African-American crew was made up of men who knew the sea and who drilled and practiced the skills that would allow them to go out in any conditions, no matter how awful. Their story is told in "Fire on the Beach: Recovering the Lost Story of Richard Etheridge and the Pea Island Lifesavers" by David Wright & David Zoby.



The other story which I ran across while looking at new non-fiction books for kids. Originally written for adults, "The Finest Hours" is about the rescue attempts by the Coast Guard of two tankers that split in half off Cape Cod during a horrible storm in February 1952.

Setting out in a thirty-six foot Coast Guard rescue boat, Bernie Webber and his crew of three headed into the night. Winds were gale force, waves were running up to seventy feet. Against incredible odds, they made it to the aft half of one of the ships and rescued all but one of the crew. Their story and the stories of the other rescue teams that went out that night can be found in "The Finest Hours: The True Story of A Heroic Sea Rescue" by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman.

The CG-36500 was the boat Webber took out. When it was taken out of service, it sat behind one of the station buildings for years until a group of folks got together and restored it. The kids' version has a nice update on the fate of the CB-36500.



January General Meeting Program

Andy Schmidt, Presentation Chair

The Rose City Yacht Club January 21, 2015 General Meeting presentation will be conducted by CDR Nevada Smith of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Relying on his 24 years of Coast Guard experience, CDR Nevada Smith will be providing a behind-the-scenes look at how the Coast Guard responds to maritime and inland emergencies. CDR Smith will delve into the details of what the Coast Guard can do when notified of an emergency such as when a mayday call is heard, when a flare is seen, or when a vessel is reported overdue.



CDR NEVADA SMITH
U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue
Capabilities and Procedures

CDR Nevada Smith enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1991 and served as a seaman aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Scioto in Keokuk, Iowa until 1993, when he was selected for Officer Candidate School. Once he was commissioned as an ensign, he reported to Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, earning his wings as a helicopter pilot in February, 1995. Between 1995 and 2008 he served as an H-60 Jayhawk pilot at air stations Cape Cod, Kodiak, San Diego, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He was assigned to the Coast Guard's Fifth District Office for four years in 2008 and moved to Air Station Astoria as the Air Operations Officer in 2012. He fleeted up to Executive Officer in 2013, a position he currently holds.

CDR Smith has prosecuted hundreds of search and rescue cases to include the response to the TWA 800 crash in 1996 and saving 135 lives after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He also saved three lives in a large search and rescue effort during sub-tropical storm Andrea in 2007, which inspired the book, *A Storm Too Soon* by Michael J. Tougias. In 2007 he served as a technical advisor, and had a speaking role, as Lt. Ken Krauss in the motion picture *The Guardian* starring Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher and Clancy Brown. He is currently scheduled to retire from the Coast Guard, after 24 year of faithful service, on 6 March 2015.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

January 2015

1	Soup & Sail	11:00 am
5	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
7-11	Portland Boat Show	
12	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
20	Race Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
21	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
24	Commodores Appreciation	6:00 pm
26	SYSCO Fleet Night	6:00 pm

February 2015

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
3	OWSA Basic Sailing	4:00 pm
7	Commodores' Ball	6:00 pm
9	RCYC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	OWSA Basic Sailing	4:00 pm
11	OWSA General Meeting	6:30 pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
17	OWSA Basic Sailing	4:00 pm
18	RCYC General Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn Deadline	
24	OWSA Basic Sailing	4:00 pm
28	Rivers West Annual Mtg	6:00 pm

*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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SOUP & SAIL—New Years Day—11:00am



Everybody loved Wade's gifts
& kept stealing them!

Happy
New
Year!

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