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February 2015



From the Helm

Karen Finch, Commodore

As you all know, the Dredge Replacement Committee has been working diligently to research options for replacing our aging dredge. At the January Board Meeting, the Dredge Replacement Committee presented a comprehensive report to the Board. After viewing this presentation and discussing the options, the Board referred options to the Finance and Long Range Planning committees. The Finance and Long Range Planning committees will be meeting to work on financial options. The Board is committed to a full presentation and discussion with the members before a final decision is made. The Dredge Replacement Committee will present their report to the membership as will the Finance and Long Range Planning Committees this spring. Watch your Foghorn and email for further details.

It's been brought to my attention that an excessive amount of clutter has been accumulating in our moorage along our walks. Our moorage rule IP states "Personal property, including masts or booms at the end of Walk 5, may not be left on any walk for more than five (5) days or impede access to any boat." The Board discussed having a clean-up day prior to our first work party, which is scheduled for March 7th. This clean-up crew will be tasked with removing all unauthorized items from our walks and placing those items off to the side somewhere in our parking lot. Those items not claimed in a reasonable amount of time will be disposed of in our trash dumpster. Please, take some time to remove your personal items from our walks so other Club members don't have to do it for you!

On a brighter note, I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Commodore's Ball on February 7th.



Dredging is Done!

Doug McClary

Well, another dredging season has bit the dust ... or should I say sand! The Dredge Crew did a fantastic job this year and we were able to finish ahead of schedule. The Dredge J. Randall is now back home on Walk 5 for the summer and all the pipe has been put away. Ron Roth will be cleaning out the pond and carrying away sand over the next few weeks, so be sure to leave room in the parking lot for their equipment.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the Dredge Crew. Their hard work saves Rose City Yacht Club literally tens of thousands of dollars every year keeping our marina open and usable.

Have a great boating season for 2015!



Logs or other waves have slammed into the transient tie-up at Sandy Beach and broke a 40 foot section of dock. Currently the rest of the transient tie-up is still accessible.

Boaters Have Something To Do By the Fireside This Winter: Improve Their Game

Reprinted from BoatUS

BoatUS Foundation Cuts the Cost of Online Boating Education in 2015

ANNAPOLIS, Md. January 13, 2015 -- When cold weather conspires to keep boaters off the water, it's time to move inside by the fire and take one of many online boating safety courses offered by the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, US Power Squadrons and Offshore Sailing School partners. Accessible by computer, tablet or smartphone, the series of no-cost and tuition-based courses – now discounted for 2015 – give boating families time to brush up on their boating knowledge, get more confident, meet their state's boating safety course requirements, or even qualify them for a boat insurance discount. In addition to 33 individual, no cost, state-approved boating safety courses, BoatUS offers:

Weather for Boaters: Have you ever had the weather ruin your weekend on the water? What if you could anticipate the weather changes and understand what your observations really mean? From learning to recognize the early signs of changing weather to the basics of understanding storms, squalls, fog and wind shifts - the newest course from the United States Power Squadrons will help you to make an informed decision about whether to go or stay. Cost: \$24.95 (formerly \$35).

Boating on Rivers, Lakes and Locks: This one is the best for inland boating families. Learn what you must know to boat on our inland waterways with confidence and increase your fun on the water. Created in partnership with the US Power Squadrons, this course will teach boaters the ins and outs of inland boating, from reading a river to navigating locks to boating near dams. Cost: \$24.95 (formerly \$35).

Partner in Command: Are you a regular passenger or crew on a power or sailboat? Learn essential information on how to assist in the safe operation and become more confident with anchoring, signaling, handling emergencies and more. Cost: \$24.95 (formerly \$35).

Learn to Sail: Jump-start your sailing life or refresh your sailing techniques with the interactive lessons from America's #1 Sailing School. With this innovative online course full of video

and animations, beginners will gain the knowledge to make sailing a breeze. Cost: \$55 (formerly \$75).

Clean Boating Course: As boaters, we have a close connection to the health of our waterways. This free course will show you the simple steps you can take to reduce the impact of boating activities on our waterways. There are also four individual courses tailored to boaters in MA, NJ, NC, and TX. Cost: \$0.

DSC-VHF Radio Tutorial: What is Digital Selective Calling VHF radio, how does it work, and how can it save lives by working seamlessly with the new nationwide rescue system, "Rescue 21"? This video tutorial, at BoatUS.org/dsc, will show you how. Cost: \$0.

It's easy to start and stop any of the courses at any time, working well with today's busy schedules. Members of BoatUS, US Power Squadrons, Canadian Power Squadrons, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and Great Lakes Cruising Club receive an additional 20% discount. To see the courses available, go to: BoatUS.org/courses.



Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

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Centenarian Celebrations

Wade Cornwell

Submitted by Mike Gaston, West Region Director,

Carbide Retiree Corps

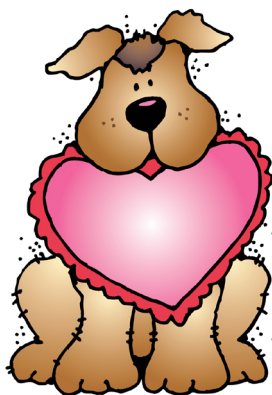
Wade Cornwell celebrated his 100th birthday on July 5, 2014.

He was honored by friends, family and former business associates with three days of observances and he shared many stories of a pioneering life.

The centenarian, who uses neither hearing aids nor a cane and wears eyeglasses only for reading, was born in Halfway, Oregon, a town of two or three hundred people. Wade worked for several years for Union Carbide Corporation's Carbon Products division.

After many years in the carbon products industry, Wade left to co-found a sailboat building business, making the world's first commercially produced fiberglass hulls.

Wade and his wife, Katie, liked to travel, and took trips and cruises to many places, including Eastern and Western Europe, Tahiti and North Africa. "I guess my traveling days are over," says Wade. "I'd always hoped to go on an African safari." But there aren't too many unfulfilled dreams for this Oregon pioneer.



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

February

- 02 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 03 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 07 Commodore's Ball, 6:00 pm
- 09 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 17 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 24 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 28 Rivers West Small Craft, 6:00 PM

March

- 02 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 03 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 07 Work Party #1, 9:00 am
- 09 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 11 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 14 St Patrick's Day Party, 5:00 pm
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 17 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 19 SYSCO Race Clinic Night, 6:00 pm
- 21 Work Party #2, 9:00 am
- 21 RCYC Frostbite Regatta

• 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.

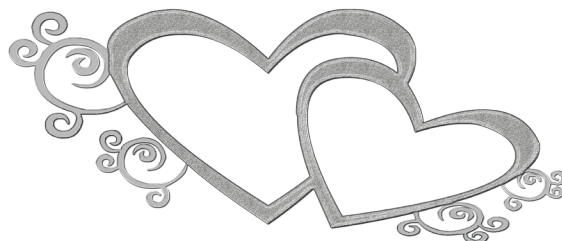


Secretary's Notes

Matt Richard, Secretary

At the January Board meeting, the Board interviewed two prospective member families. Mark Whalen and Maggie are just finishing up an overhaul of their Olson 34. Robert and JoAnn Bergstrom have a Newport 30.

Sheila Whitfield passed away peacefully on December 10, 2014, after an extended illness with cancer. A memorial service celebrating Sheila's life will be held on January 31, 2015 at the Damascus Community Church, 14251 SE Rust Way, Damascus, OR at 1:00 PM.



A View from the Rear

Ethan VanMatre, Rear Commodore



With winter come alternate priorities – skiing and not sailing and so on. Our boats are put away till spring with only a few visits to be sure that they are safe and sound. I always schedule projects for the winter, but often the cold in the boat limits my motivation. Perhaps you are like me and things boat wise just get set down till later. And that is the topic of this report.

One of our past Commodores took a stroll down the walks and noted a number of things set down on the docks. Some of those things are in their right place, others are just clutter and a few are a safety hazard – fuel containers for example. (See moorage rule A.I.p)

I'm at the end of Walk 1 and see the clutter both coming and going. I would like to take this moment to encourage you to look over the things you have "stored" on the dock and ask that you tidy them up and make sure you are in compliance with the moorage rules.

Every year the first work party has to deal with our clutter. This greatly reduces the effectiveness of the work party. Perhaps this year will be different; you can make a difference.

I am just as guilty as the next and some of my junk was noted. I did take those four dead batteries and recycled them yesterday (got \$36 for them, too). I have to remove the frame for the dodger that I'll have made one of these years. I might as well store it at home till I get around to the dodger project. And a few other bits of "stuff" need to be put away...

A REMINDER FROM LOREN

This subject has not come up in a while and I am getting requests about it. We have continuing interest in parking dinghies (and kayaks). If you have a space in use now, you need to attach or renew your name plate. If you have a dinghy (or kayak) that is not going to be used, you should store it at home to free up some spaces for newer members.

Thanks much, Loren

Moorage chair



Oregon State Marine Board Presentation

by Craig Cordon, RCYC Education

Rachel Graham, Policy Analyst for the Oregon State Marine Board gave a presentation to the membership at the December general meeting. Her talk focused on introducing the agency to the membership, explaining its mission, and updating the agency's latest projects.

The agency serves as the recreational boating agency for the State of Oregon. At one time the agency oversaw mainly a power boating public, but this has broadened to include sail and paddle boats in recent decades. Citizen advisory teams are being assembled to provide ideas and feedback in such areas as water sports, outdoor sports (fishing), and cruising. You can follow the progress of the advisory teams here: [http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/admin/strategicplan.aspx#NEW!_Boat_Oregon_Advisory_Teams_\(BOATs\)_](http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/admin/strategicplan.aspx#NEW!_Boat_Oregon_Advisory_Teams_(BOATs)_)

In discussing facilities upgrades, Rachel mentioned that the agency owns no real property, no shoreline, and accordingly must partner with local government entities in providing facilities for recreational boaters. Speaking specifically of the Columbia River, Rachel discussed the following upgrades of interest to Club boaters:

- St. Helens courthouse docks. Power pedestal installation is currently in process. Sand Island now has composting toilets (2 of the 3 on the island)
- Coon Island. A dock replacement plan is in the works, but there has been no movement from the County on this yet
- Chinook Landing. Pump-out and dump station are being replaced. Work will be completed by June 2015.
- Rooster Rock. State Parks is interested in replacing the transient docks. OSMB will assist with that.
- Arlington. Will get a fueling station by June 2015.
- Boardman. The pump-out will be replaced by June 2015.

Rachel also discussed the Portland area transient boat problem. An interagency task force has been assembled to deal with the problem; a very complex problem that includes poverty, homelessness, and river space. A two-pronged approach has emerged, seeking to offer social

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services (mental health, social issues) on the one hand, and seeking to educate the public about the rules and consequences on the other.

The State Department of Lands owns the submerged and submersible land under Oregon's waterways and must be compensated for the water's use. Any non-transient use must be authorized. Transient use for a boat is limited to a 30-day period for anchoring out in one location, and then must move at least 5 miles away. The boat cannot thereafter return to the original location for twelve months. Boats that violate transient use are trespassing and can face civil penalties (fines).

Rachel also responded to specific questions from the membership:

Q: Is there any possibility of putting a transient dock in Westport Slough (across from Puget Island in Clatsop County)?

A: This has not been brought up previously, but would be worth investigating. Rachel would like to know who to contact at RCYC to talk about the location.

Q: Can the Marine Board help get mosquito control at the Government Island transient facilities?

A: According to State Parks, the answer is "Yes." Vector control has started treating the Island again. The Port stopped doing this as they were concerned that the spray may be killing a good food source for the birds on the Island... They allowed it again last summer and they will continue.

Q: Schwitter Landing – There is a prickly grass species growing all over the facility that makes it very unpleasant to walk around. Some said the grass makes the facility almost unusable. Can the prickly grass be removed or controlled?

A: According to State Parks the Park Manager is doing more research on this issue. It always gets tricky when environmental issues need to be assessed. Depending upon the environmental issues there is a possibility an Oregon Youth Conservation Corps work crew could be utilized for removal of the plants at this facility.

Q: Government Island - mid Island facility – any plans to repair?

A: According to State Parks, the good sections are currently in use and this will be kept active as long as it is safe. There is no longer a gangway to land, but it can be

used as a tie-up area. Currently there are no funds planned for replacement. Also, the master plan for Government Island, completed as part of the land lease from the Port of Portland to State Parks, had identified the West Dock for removal. The reason is Bartlett Landing was to be expanded and Schwitter Landing to be developed. Both of those are now complete. State Parks has asked for funding, but OSMB has recommended that they resolve the master plan issue before investment is made into the site. OSMB has suggested that the second phase of Bartlett Landing be advanced.

Q: Rooster Rock – what are the plans to dredge?

A: Currently, there are no plans to dredge the channel or basin. In 2005 the estimate to dredge was \$1.4M. This was determined by State Parks and OSMB as not sustainable because the dredging would need to be completed about every 10-years. The cost of dredging will continue to increase and obtaining permits is becoming more and more complicated. State Parks has recently (Dec. 1) closed the public comment period on the Draft Columbia River Gorge Management Units Plan, which includes Rooster Rock State Park. The comments State Parks received will help form their priorities for Rooster Rock. OSMB has been in discussion with State Parks about them applying for a grant to have a hydrographic analysis of the channel and entry completed, specifically looking for ways to reduce sediment accumulation and they are also interested in replacing the transient docks.

Q: Are overnight stays allowed at the transient docks at Rooster Rock?

A: According to State Parks, the answer is, "Yes." It does help if clubs call ahead as it is not highly used anymore and geese rest on the dock. Staff will make sure it's clean if they know people are coming. Otherwise it is cleaned once a month.



NEED WORK HOURS? BECOME A CLUBHOUSE STEWARD!

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. That will meet your annual work hour quota for 2015. This option may well better suit your very busy schedule. Try it – you'll like it! Act now to secure one of a very few available months.

Contact the Clubhouse Chair today:
Jas. Adams 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com



Happy Valentines Day



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair



Your *current registration stickers* should be in your possession or in your mailbox shortly. The OSMB has said that their recent combining of databases caused them some grief and slowed the renewal process. I spoke to a Multnomah County River Patrol deputy recently and he said that they are aware of the problem and will consider that when they start walking the moorages soon. Note that they can either issue a warning or a citation. (\$\$)

All the moored boats in our Club should have either 2015 or the newer 2016 stickers displayed. You do need to apply them to a clean surface, and it's best to remove all of the old sticker and glue residue first. I have found that a dry day with temps above 50 helps a lot, and I also keep a heat gun handy to warm up the surface, as well as to make the old sticker easy to remove. Acetone easily removes all of the old glue residue.

Instructions for displaying the OR number and sticker are on their site: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/BoatReg/pages/ordisplay.aspx>

Note that the year sticker goes to the rear of your bow OR letters, and never in front.

Federally documented vessels must display their stickers on each of the stern, within a foot of the transom.

Sometimes stickers can peel off if placed over old glue or dirt, so if you lose or destroy one, contact the state agency directly for a replacement.

If your boat is registered in Washington, here is a link to their requirements: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/registerboat.html>

We will check for compliance with this rule and other safety and general upkeep requirements when we do a moorage walk-through this spring.

Next, start planning for your 2015 Vessel Safety Check. This little boat inspection is done by the USCG Aux, normally in March. Requirements to pass are minimal, but still a great way to be sure that your boat is ready to enjoy spring outings on the river.

I see that they now have an on-line request form at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-vs-c>

You can do a complete pre-check using their on line guide, which can be printed out: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>



NAUTICAL READS - HISTORICAL FICTION

By Bill Kramer

In December's column I looked at historical nautical fiction. I covered some new authors and two classics, C. S. Forester's Horatio Hornblower series, and Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin books. This month we are looking at four more well established series in this genre.

The Kydd Novels by Julian Stockwin follow the naval career of Thomas Paine Kydd. In the first book *Kydd*, he is a young wig-maker and he has been caught by a press gang and pressed into service as an ordinary seaman. He has to adjust to a completely new life as a sailor on a ship of the line. As you have guessed, if you read enough books, he eventually becomes the captain of his own ship. The setting is the Napoleonic Wars. The series is noted for doing a good job of depicting life aboard a ship in the English navy.

Alexander Kent writes the Richard Bolitho stories. The stories are fast paced and action packed in the Hornblower mold. Bolitho comes from a naval family so he gets to start his career as a midshipman. The setting is the English Navy during the Napoleonic Wars. The first book is *Richard Bolitho, Midshipman*.

If you like your nautical fiction hero to have a bawdy life ashore then the Alan Lewrie Naval Adventures by Dewey Lambdin are for you. Lewrie gets sent to sea by his family because they want to get rid of him. To his surprise he not only survives, but he likes being in the navy. These books are full of action, both on land and on the sea. You will follow Lewrie from ship to ship and bed to bed. The one thing you can count on is the French won't catch Lewrie sleeping. Start with *The King's Coat*.

Finally, if you want to read about something other than Napoleonic Wars, James Nelson's Isaac Biddlecomb series is set during the American Revolution. Biddlecomb is an American Colonial merchant sailor trying to smuggle goods past the English fleet. He ends up being swept up in the conflict against the English. *By Force of Arms* is the first book.



Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore

Spring is not too far away. Another dredging season has come to an end. Thank you to Doug McClary and all of the dedicated dredge crew for protecting our keels for another boating season! The J Randall survived another dredging season, but we are looking for its replacement before it can no longer be patched together.

The first work party is Saturday, March 7th. That's about a month and a half away. Rick Samuels is our Work Party Chair, and he needs your help. We need more work party leaders and lunch leaders. This can be a fun learning experience. Let Rick know when you can help.

When you are coming to a work party, remember to sign up so the lunch leaders can prepare the right amount of food. When you participate in a work party, you get a great lunch.

If you aren't able to attend a work party, being a Clubhouse or grounds steward is a flexible way to get your work hours and fit them into your schedule. We need both Clubhouse stewards and grounds stewards. Let Jas. Adams know you are interested.

If you change your phone number, note the changes in the Clubhouse copy of the yearbook. It is kept by the Clubhouse phone, and it is the book that the Resident Members and Port Captain look in when they need to call you about problems and emergencies with your boat. It is in your interest to make sure they can contact you. If you can't make it down to the Clubhouse, send an e-mail to Judy Oxborrow (judy87807@centurylink.net), and she will see that the information is distributed to all parties.

Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with the dumpsters in the parking lot. One is for recycling, and one is for garbage. Check the signs and only put the correct things in the dumpsters. This keeps the garbage company happy, so they do not charge us extra.

Used **motor oil** can be recycled at the chapel. We only recycle motor oil. The oil must be in a container with a proper lid. Please, no gasoline, antifreeze or diesel. You need to take those to a Metro disposal site yourself. Their website, www.oregonmetro.gov, has a wealth of information on what is garbage, recycling or hazardous waste. Locations are also provided so you can find the one closest to your home.

I am looking forward to boating season and we can all do our part to make sure that our Club is ready, too.



Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society

Rose City Youth Sailing Society
3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217



The purpose of Rose City Youth Sailing Society is to involve as many young people as possible in the sport of sailing in a fun, educational atmosphere.

We support both serious competitors and recreational sailors of all skill levels, and are focused on supporting established sailing schools that build sailing skills, while also promoting sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for oneself and others.

This year we will be approving applications for up to 80% reimbursement for sailing classes, so please get them in early. Also remember because of our support for sailing in the area many children are eligible for discounted rates at the local schools. VLSC, WSC and CGRA have the latest information. I see a number of Nationals are also coming to the gorge along with their other sponsored events. Please check it out. There are great photos and videos to view at CGRA.org.

Please contact Willamette Sailing Club, David Valentine - Club Manager, wscclubmanager@gmail.com, Telephone: (503) 246-5345 to become a part of a great group creating a training outpost station at McCuddy's. We also want to encourage our juniors to contact David to get signed up to participate. Programs may include the Optimist, Laser, 29er, and possibly the RS Feva. Moorage will be available to adults with Lasers as well. I know this will be fun, and it's close to RCYC. Please contact David.

And, as always, please keep those donations coming. It all goes to supporting great and growing programs, and we need the help. Thank you.



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Commodore's Ball February 7th
Cocktail hour 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM

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