

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

March 2015



From the Helm

Karen Finch, Commodore

Once again the Commodore's Ball was a wonderful event, so thanks go to John Flenniken and all those who served on the committee. It was great to see so many members there. The theme of the Ball was Columbia River Adventures. The coming of spring brings us closer to the time when we can enjoy those river adventures once again. I can't wait!!!



Spring also means the end of our dredging season. As usual, our dredge crew worked their magic to remove some of the river bottom so we can easily enter and exit our moorage at low water. Thank you to everyone who participated in bringing the bottom up and keeping our dredge operating.

With the dredge put to rest for the season, we begin the work party season. We have a couple scheduled in March. The first is scheduled for March 7th and the second for March 21st. Sign up and get your work hours in early. Please be sure to remove any excess "stuff" that has accumulated around your boat so that the work party members can move about without having to worry about moving other folks' stuff.

Also coming in March is our annual St Patrick's Day party. Come on down to the Club on March 14th and join in the fun. For the racers in our Club, don't miss out on the RCYC Frostbite Regatta on March 21st.

See you at the Club!



Photos top to bottom, MC Jean Silver; Daughter of Neptune Audrey Douglass with her father; Rear Commodore Ethan with wife Natasha; Officers and Directors

Rear Commodore's Log *Ethan VanMatre*

With warmer weather upon us and spring just around the corner, I thought I would write a little bit about gasoline -- a mixture of fun facts and techno-babble.



Perhaps you have heard that gasoline has the explosive force of 8 sticks of TNT. This is an interesting bit of information but it is not entirely true. We do know that gasoline has energy of about 45.7 MJ/Kg (Mega Joules per Kilogram) while TNT is about 4.7 MJ/Kg. So energy wise, gasoline is about 9.7 times more "energy rich" than TNT. A cup of gas weighs about 0.38 pounds so a cup of gas has about 7.9 MJ of energy. A stick of TNT is around half a pound and has about 1 MJ of energy. So at least as far as energy goes, the 8 sticks of TNT are on the mark.

But that is only half the picture. Often the rate of energy release is far more important. The 8 sticks of TNT give up all their energy in 4 microseconds while a cup of gas gives up its energy in 3 or 4 milliseconds, about a thousand times slower release. In terms of Gigawatts, the 8 sticks of TNT weighs in at 2000 GW while the cup of gas is a paltry 3.2 GW – 625 times less powerful than the TNT. So you need 4.8 gallons of gas to equal the explosive power of one stick of TNT. And it has to be mixed in the correct proportion with air to explode.

I'm not sure that knowing that gas is 625 times less powerful than TNT is comforting. And knowing that you need to mix gas with just the right amount of air to get it to explode does not comfort me either.

So how does this tie in with RCYC? Good question! Moorage rule A.1.q states: "Storage of any flammable liquids is prohibited in other than approved containers on board boats or in ventilated dock boxes." As I walk around the moorage, I have noticed a number of gas containers on the docks in violation of the rule. Now is the time to get those containers off the dock and bring them into compliance with the rules.

Imagine that you have a 6-gallon gas jug stored on the dock. Somehow the jug gets knocked on its side and 3 gallons of gas spill out and flow under the dock and around your boat and the boats next to yours. All it takes is a single spark. Whether it is a big explosion or a small explosion the resulting fireball and fire will likely ruin your day.



Secretary's Salutations

Matt Richard, Secretary
submitted by *Gary Whitney*

We gained new members, Robert and JoAnne Bergstrom they have a Newport 30 *Northern Mist* they are interested in cruising and day sailing, and exploring Puget Sound and the San Juan's. Bob works for Adventist Medical Group

Mark and Maggie Walen. They have an Olsen 34 *About Time*. Mark has been boating for over 45 years with experience in San Francisco Bay as well as the Columbia River.



New Member Mark Walen

They are interested in cruising and social functions and eventually racing. Mark works for Columbia Distributors.

Bill Farr sold his boat and has resigned as a member.

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Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore

February is now just a memory. We have had several nice days for sailing or just being near the River as the false spring came with weather in the mid fifties and a couple sixties. The Commodore's Ball was a wonderful affair. All the efforts, the setting, the band, friends and food made for an enjoyable evening. It was very nice to see a good turnout for our 2014 new members. May we all relive the theme "Adventures on the Columbia" this summer.

If you've been down to the Club, you couldn't miss the enormous spoils pile that has been trucked away and replaced with a freshly seeded area. Dredging is over for this year. Doug McClary and all the dredge crew deserve our thanks for removing the humps of sand that prevented boats from leaving the moorage except on high tide. It will be possible to ease in and out of the moorage this summer because of their dredging efforts during the cold months of November through January. March usually brings high winds and heavy rains so if you haven't looked in on your boat lately it would be wise to check her out for leaks, proper drainage, and secured lines and rigging.

Racers haven't let a little winter weather slow them down! There is a full schedule of events this month, however this year you will need to buy an OCSA membership (includes race book) and are available on-line at SailPDX.org. OCSA Members get a \$10 discount on each race entry. This is new for 2015. For more information, talk with race captain Kevin Kahl (RCYCracecaptain@sailocsa.org).

March also brings the first two work parties of 2015. There will be a full list of jobs from turning on the water to fixing all the things that failed or need tending. Work parties can be a great way to meet other members, and it's fun coming down on a Saturday to work. You'll share a galley-crew prepared hot meal, and make the Club sparkle, getting it ready for summer boating. Yes, you read it correctly, summer is just a few short months away.

The Cruising Corner

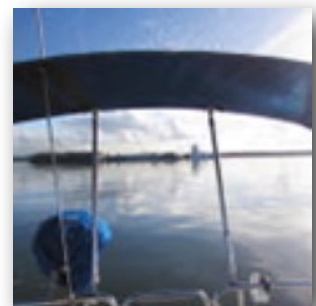
Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

Below is the Club's 2015 Cruising Schedule. As you will see, we were able to get Beacon Rock for our Labor Day Weekend cruise. All the other destinations are the same as last year. If at any time you have questions or ideas for new places to explore, please contact your Cruising Chair, Ron Moran.

- April 24 – 26 Bartlett Landing (Govt. Island East Dock)
- May 22 – 24 Memorial Day Weekend, Hadley's Landing (Mult. Channel)
- July 18 – 26 Down River Cruise (Lazy Days)
 - 18 – Martin Island
 - 19 – Walker Island
 - 20 – Cathlamet
 - 21 – Astoria West Basin
 - 22 – Astoria West Basin
 - 23 – Cathlamet (Potluck)
 - 24 – Walker Island
 - 29 – Martin Island
- Aug. 7 – 9 Pirates Breakfast, Schwitter Landing (Govt. Island West Dock)
- Sept. 4 – 6 Labor Day Weekend, Beacon Rock
- Sept. 19 – 20 River Place Breakwater on the Willamette
- Oct. 2 – 4 Bartlett Landing (Govt. Island, East Dock)

For more information, contact Ron Moran at ronmoran@gmail.com or by phone at 503-807-3817

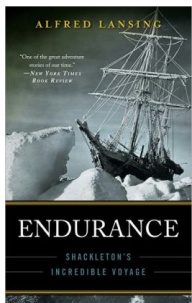
Winter cruising photo by new members Bernie and Tom Bacon.



The Book Corner

Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski

This month's book column is by Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski. I am so pleased to have a guest columnist for March. Our Cascade 36, Gypsy, is in Tom Becker's shop so not having to write a column is a big help. Here are Rhonda's books for March.



Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage
by Alfred Lansing

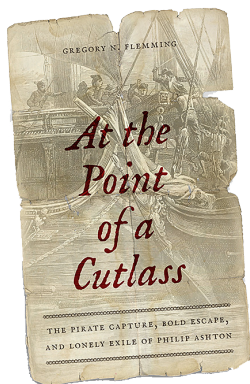
When the 144' barkentine *Endurance* left England in 1914, Ernest Shackleton's plan for his third

expedition to Antarctica was to disembark *Endurance* at Vahsel Bay in the Weddell Sea, sledge across the South Pole with six men and seventy dogs, and meet up with a second ship at McMurdo Sound in the Ross Sea. Instead, *Endurance* became trapped in the ice of the Weddell Sea and by January 1915 twenty-eight men and four dozen dogs drifted on an ice floe offshore of the Antarctic Peninsula for months. This gripping true story is masterfully told by Alfred Lansing and includes actual photographs taken by Frank Hurley, the official photographer on *Endurance*.

At the Point of a Cutlass: The Pirate Capture, Bold Escape, and Lonely Exile of Philip Ashton by Gregory Fleming

Based on a rare manuscript from 1725, *At the Point of a Cutlass* tells the story of young Philip Ashton, a fisherman captured off the New England coast by the notorious pirate, Edward Low. After circling the Atlantic with his abductors, Ashton manages to escape when the ship anchors near the uninhabited island of Roatan, Honduras. While Fleming's book does not include the actual text of the original manuscript, it does provide historical context and a realistic view of the violence and brutality of piracy in that era.

We visited Roatan and Belize this winter and can happily report that we saw no pirate ships in the Bay of Honduras.



March General Meeting

Presentation *Andy Schmidt, RCYC Program Chair*

Attend the March RCYC General Meeting to hear Sailing to Alaska on "Wings of The Dawn" by Bob Brown and Bill Sanborn.

Bob Brown had sailing to Alaska on his bucket list. Last summer he was able to cross it off his list. On May 15th Bob and Bill left Friday Harbor and traveled on to Alaska, then returned to Portland September 15th.

Join Bob and Bill at the March general membership meeting as they share their adventure. Lots of photos and commentary will surely be a treat.

Audrey Douglass - Daughter of Neptune

Rose City Yacht Club is pleased to present our 2015 Daughter of Neptune, Audrey Douglass. Audrey, the granddaughter of members Jim and Carolyn Douglass, is a 16 year old sophomore at Portland's Wilson High School. She is a member of Key Club, which is a service group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. She is a member of the National Honor Society, plays on the tennis team and has been an exchange student to both France and Spain. As our Daughter of Neptune, Audrey will represent us in many upcoming events this year.



2014 RCYC Golden Hammer Award

Rear Commodore Ethan VanMatre presented the 2014 Golden Hammer Award at the February general meeting to Ron and Karen Billion. Ron and Karen have been



RCYC members since 1993 and resident members for the past 15 years. The award recognizes their 2014 contributions to RCYC which not only include their regular efforts at keeping us safe and afloat, but also their involvement in the planning, design and installation of our pagoda lights on Walks 2,3 and 5.

There efforts at protecting our club from intruders and the elements was never ending. They walked the docks daily, replaced mooring lines, retrieved sunken dock boxes, lashed down headsails, chased away intruders and sent out



pictures and emails when weather kept the rest of us at home.

As they end their roles as resident members and move ashore, they will be missed.



Racing News *Kevin Kahl, Race Captain*

The gathering of racers this last January 20th was quite successful, and I would like to thank those who came out and volunteered. The RCYC has one regatta, two distance races, and two beer-can fun races to host this season. I am happy to announce that we have the principal race officers, and social directors to host all of these events.

The Frostbite Regatta on March 21 is our first Regatta; Rock Kent will be our p.r.o. and Sean Whitacre the social director. Please contact Rock rock@familykent.com if you would like to help on race committee and Sean seanwhitacre@gmail.com to help with the social after the race.

Skippers, please register for the Frostbite Regatta and other events at www.SailPDX.org where you can also download this years "OCSA Race Book". Non-OCSA members will be charged a \$10 fee per race to register this year.

Kevin Robertson of the *s/v Barcode* will be the 2016 RCYC Race Captain. Thank you Penny for letting Kevin come out and play. I'm sure he will have as much fun next year as I am this year.

Members looking for a boat to race on:

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Sean Whitacre, seanwhitacre@gmail.com,
503-702-2835

Cody Allen, inyoureye.ca@gmail.com,
503-704-3577

If you would like to be added to this list, send your name, email, and phone number to mrkahl@gmail.com. If you would like to have crew call you, we can do that too.



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Youth Sailing
Society

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Please get those applications RCYSS in early for approval of up to 80% reimbursement, and then ask for RCYSS discounted rates.

Rosecityyss@gmail.com

WSC's outpost at McCuddy's is coming along. Please contact Willamette Sailing Club, David Valentine - Club Manager: wscclubmanager@gmail.com Telephone: (503) 246-5345 to become a part of a great group. 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.

I am also passing along some high school information from Willamette Sailing Club (WSC). They have capacity for 60 high school sailors and they currently come from around 20 schools. All high school students are welcome and their biggest teams are Lincoln, Riverdale, Wilson, Wilsonville, and OES. To compete as part of Interscholastic Sailing Association (the national association for high school sailing), a team must have a minimum of four sailors from the same school, although again, sailors from all high schools are welcome to sail with them and no sailing experience is necessary! The season starts on February 17 and details/registration can be found at <http://willamettesailingclub.com/youth-programs/>.

High School Teams include sailors from: Beaverton School of Science & Technology, Catlin Gabel School, Central Catholic, Cleveland HS, Edison HS, Franklin HS, Jesuit HS, Lake Oswego HS, Lincoln HS, Milwaukie Academy of the Arts, Northwest Academy, Oregon Episcopal School, Oregon City HS, Riverdale HS, St. Mary's Academy, West Linn HS, Westview HS, Wilson HS, and Wilsonville HS.

They also have junior sailing teams for Opti (ages 6-12) and Laser (at least 115 pounds) sailors. Hey, I wonder if I could join! Our Opti Race team is made up of a dedicated group of sailors who travel to regattas nearly every weekend throughout the spring and summer, including Optimist Nationals and Optimist Team Trials. They have a "beginner/intermediate" Opti group that focuses on introducing sailing skills and making sailing fun. Their Laser race team is a great place for kids who have outgrown the Opti and aren't old enough for high school sailing to work on single-hand sailing skills and practice racing.

Contact Caitie Bryson, office@willamettesailingclub.com or 503-246-5345 for more information about junior sailing programs at Willamette Sailing Club.

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club also has programs. Their location and schedule may fit your needs better, so don't forget to go to their web site: VLSC.org. They have sailing for junior's starting in June and an open sail day May 16th.

RCYSS is planning an event to raise funds at the first walk barbeque and during the small boat festival in July. More information will be coming on these great opportunities.

Oh the joy! So much fun! Pam Sesar, RCYSS



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 the last couple of spots!

Contact the Clubhouse Chair today: Jas.Adams [503-349-0840](tel:503-349-0840) or jadams@teleport.com



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach - Moorage Chair

In February we upgraded all of the dock box attachments for Walks 2, 3 and 4. This put a "soft eye" at the inside corner of each triangle. In the future, no one should have their box screwed down to the triangle any more. To secure it, you need just a bit of light line from the bottom of the side or corner nearest to the new rope loops that are installed in the triangle.

This method of mooring the box allows the Club to quickly pivot your dock box over onto the headwall while trouble shooting a leaking water line. The triangles are now screwed down by a minimum of three screws each.

Last piece of the puzzle is to always put a clip or lock through the hasp on the lid. This keeps it from flying open during high wind events.

Walk 1 boxes are normally secured to the "ice wall", and with a bit of effort those concrete triangles on Walk 5 can be tilted up a ways and a light line secured to the triangle iron and led back to the top. Actually, we have not been aware of a box lost off of Walks 1 or 5. Walk 5 is better protected from the wind, and Walk 1 has that high "ice wall" to act as a wind break.

We presently have several new member boats temporarily parked around the moorage. We do our best to find room for boats while they work their way up the Waiting List, and you can help a lot. If you are going to be out of your slip for a few weeks or a few months, let me know when and your approximate date of return. If your slip is used to park a new member's boat temporarily, you do get a credit on your future moorage billing.

Thanks for all of your help.

RCYC Upcoming Events, Meetings and Functions

March

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 3 OWSA Sailing Basics, 5:30 pm
- 7 Work Party #1, 9:00 am
- 8 Finance & Long range Planning, 10:00 am
- 9 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
- 15 Private Party, 1:00 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

April

- 4 Work Party #3, 9:00 am
- 4 Private Party, 2:00 pm
- 6 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 8 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 11 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:00 pm
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 17 RCYC Ladies Dinner
- 18 Work Party #4, 9:00 am
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 OWSA Spinnaker Handling Class 104, 9:00 am
- 20 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 21 OWSA Cool Maneuvers 103, 6:00 pm
- 22 OWSA Cool Maneuvers 103, 6:00 pm
- 24 Private Party, 5:00PM
- 24-26 Cruise to Bartlett Landing



Cathy & Tom Nelson



New members Bernie & David Bacon

*"a bit of mairkey, lots of great cheer,
we're having a party
and we want you here!"*



RCYC's Annual
St. Patty's Day Party!

Saturday, March 14th

5:30 p.m. - Cheers! ~ 6:30 Grub

B.Y.O.B! We'll be serving up corned beef + cabbage,
contribute your favorite irish hors d'oeuvres, side dish, bread or dessert!

Put on yer green and

Come have a wee bit o'rish luck + Laughter!



*Lots of luck will come your way if
you contact BernieBTTI@gmail.com
to give a hand in the frolicking.*



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