

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

May 2015



### From the Helm

*Karen Finch, Commodore*

Last month was a very busy one. Early last month we conducted the spring dock walk. I have a list of folks with out-of-date or missing registration stickers. In some cases, boats have no registration number. Expect some feedback soon if you own one of those boats. Later that day, we had the Walk 4 BBQ. Thanks to the Walk 4 folks for putting on a great party! Around that same time we also discovered that someone damaged the wall on Walk I. By now you have probably seen the pictures and read the emails. We don't know who did this damage but we've contacted the Sheriff. We've also contacted the boat yards in the area and asked them to be on the look out for suspicious damage to a boat. Plans for repairs to the wall are underway.

At the April Membership Meeting, we held a very important vote on an increase in fees to fund a new dredge. I was pleasantly surprised (actually shocked is a better description) when the vote was a unanimous "yes", with the exception of one abstention. The wonderfully supportive members of this Club never cease to amaze me! The process for obtaining the necessary financing has begun and the Dredge Acquisition Committee will soon be sending some members to observe a Badger Dredge in action. The Board will also review other aspects of the company to be sure this is the best option for replacing our dredge. We will keep you updated as we have more information.

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### A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Bob Phillips and his team  
Bob Gales, Bill Barnum,  
Jim Pickett, and Kevin  
Stenberg for getting the  
Clubhouse floors done for  
the Ladies Dinner and the  
boating season.  
PLEASE help to maintain  
that shine by not sliding  
tables and chairs on the  
floor.



*From the Helm continued from page 1.*

The Ladies Dinner was wonderful and a great success! Thank you to all of the folks that worked so hard to make it a wonderful night! We haven't finished balancing the expenses with income, but it's looking like we'll be able to make a very nice donation to Camp Meadow Springs. Thank you!

The first cruise of the year is scheduled for April 24-26 at Bartlett Landing (AKA East Dock on Government Island). I'm sad to say Mike and I cannot make this first cruise! We are still in the process of having refrigeration installed and have no sink or water in the galley. We plan to attend the next cruise on Memorial Day weekend to Hadley's Landing (no pressure Tom). My goal is to not miss another cruise this year!

May marks the official beginning of boating season. Opening Day is scheduled for May 2nd. Be sure to come out and join us in the Flag Ceremony and Opening Day Parade. I've already mentioned the Memorial Day Cruise. We hope to see you all there. Finally at the end of the month we have our second Walk BBQ of the year hosted by Walk 5. We look forward to seeing you all there, too.

See you at the Club!



## A View from the Rear

*Ethan vanMatre, Rear Commodore*

I'm not sure how long the gate mechanism has been in operation. I do know that the Billions (thank you Ron and Karen) have kept it alive and running smoothly for many years. Time takes its toll and things wear out and are replaced, at least while replacement parts are available. Some parts for the gate mechanism are no longer available and it is failing more frequently. We knew that it needed to be replaced. So a year or two ago John Flenniken spearheaded an effort to replace the gate but we discovered, just in time, that the vendor was not really up to the task.

In a fog the gate opens and then will not close. It jumps the tracks and takes a lot of work to get it back (that gate is heavy!), the clutch slips and the gate only partially closes and the list goes on.

With many projects big and small in our long-range plan, we need to track those projects and keep close tabs on budgeting for them. Replacing the gate is a pretty big project and has been scheduled for 2017. Of course we need a gate that works until then, so I took on the "keep the gate alive" task. Along with the resident members and Dave Kibby we formed an ad hoc committee.

We identified three things we could do that would see us through till 2017. Firstly and foremost we could replace the gate operating mechanism. This is the motor and gears and clutches that move the gate back and forth. Secondly, we need to replace the rollers that the gate rides on, and lastly we need to install an infrared sensor that would not be bothered by fog.

A plan and quote were presented to the board which was approved. Soon we will see a much more reliable gate in operation. I should note two more details of this plan. The first is that the new gate mechanism will work with our existing keys and "fob". There will be no changes in how you activate the gate. And second, the new gate mechanism will be compatible with the replacement gate when we start on that project in 2017. No wasted money or effort.

I hope to see you on the upcoming cruise – Fair winds.



**Damage to the wall on Walk 1's NE corner.** This happened sometime between last Wednesday April 8th and Friday April 10th around 1pm. Tom Stringfield has ordered the materials needed for the repairs.

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## Regatta 2015

Marking the beginning of another sailboat racing season, the RCYC Frostbite Regatta was held on Saturday, 21-Mar. Twenty-six boats registered for the regatta, seven from RCYC -- 5 PHRF-A, 6 PHRF-B, 4 Merit 25s, 4 PHRF-C, and 7 Cruisers.

As implied by the name, weather is often a factor for this annual event. This year, our record-setting warm, dry, winter looked like it would keep us warmer than we've been in prior years, but it looked to be a wet weekend. I always worry that we'll get enough wind for a regatta this time of year and this year's event was no exception. Mid-week, before the regatta, National Weather Service point forecast was predicting a light easterly beginning early in the afternoon. Sailflow was predicting stronger southerlies in the morning, shifting east in the mid-afternoon. I was really hoping that Sailflow was getting it right.

When I got down to the Club Saturday morning, the wind was solidly from the south. The Race Committee volunteers began arriving and we organized -- Mark Basel, Florence Dickerson, and Gary Vogel on the mark boat, Nolan Johnson, Alan's friend, Jessi, and I starting races and Alan Bergen, Craig Cordon, Kevin Roberts, and Dena Kent finishing races. After a short pow-wow, we loaded up gear and got out on the water.

I had decided that, with the wind from the south, setting the buoys for a windward leeward course would give the most flexibility in dealing with the different performance capabilities of the boats who'd be racing. The drawback to setting windward leeward courses is that you have to move a bunch of buoys if the wind shifts. I hoped, though, to get a couple races off before the wind died and shifted to the east. As we got out on the water, the mark-boat crew got busy setting five inflatable marks.

Paraphrasing Helmuth von Moltke the Elder, "no plan survives first contact with the enemy". About 30 minutes before show time with marks in place, courses set, and racers swirling round the committee boat, the wind suddenly veered to come directly out of the west. The mark-boat crew rallied, dropped a new mark, and moved two others and we sent the first racers off toward the I-5 bridge at 12:06, only a minute late. That was the beginning of a tough day for the mark-boat crew. By 1:30, the wind had clocked back to the south and off the mark-boat crew went again.

It was a good day of racing. Everyone had a chance to shake off the cobwebs, make a few runs at the line, be reminded of how expensive an On-Course-Side start can be or that "duh!" feeling you get when you sail through the restricted finish line, and set and douse spinnakers in a competitive environment. We managed to get three races in for each fleet, but with the wind dying and shifting we called it a day at 3:30 and sent the racers on to the after-race social at the Clubhouse.



Consistence paid off for Troublemaker, Kent Sisk's J/105, the winner of PHRF-A. RCYC again fielded a competitive PHRF-B fleet making up five of the seven PHRF-B boats. Pam Sesar came out on top on Misty with two bullets and a third. RCYC's David Paul on Nelly took PHRF-C with three bullets. Raicilla won the Merit-25 fleet and River Weasel the Cruising Class.

Back at the Club, it was time for chili, beer and story telling,



*Sean Whitacre and daughter Elaina managed the after-race social, serving over 100 bowls of delicious homemade chili and cornbread.*

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## MEDIUM DISTANCE RACE

On Saturday, May 16th the Rose City Yacht Club will be hosting the "Medium Distance Race". This is a simple but fun four-hour race up the Columbia and back with a single start. Nolan Johnson will be our P.R.O. and Dennis Annotti will be the director for the after-race social. Both Nolan and Dennis are new members to RCYC, so please help Nolan on the committee at [nolan.g.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:nolan.g.johnson@gmail.com) and Dennis with the social at [dannotti@yahoo.com](mailto:dannotti@yahoo.com). I might also add that all the big boys and girls boats will be setting up in Vancouver B.C., waiting for the Swiftsure so there should be an abundance of experience available that weekend.

Thank You to Rock Kent, Sean Whitacre and all who volunteered for another successful Frostbite Regatta last month

*Kevin Kahl, RCYC Race Captain*

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## The Cruising Corner

*Ron Moran, RCYC Cruising Chair*

We are coming up on the first holiday weekend cruise of the 2015 cruising season.

The destination is Hadley's Landing on Multnomah Channel and the dates are May 22 – 25. There will be a Potluck on Sunday, so plan on bringing something tasty to share.

For those members new to the Club, Hadley's Landing is about a mile down river from the Sauvie Island Bridge on the island side of Multnomah Channel.

The sailors amongst us will have to have the Vancouver Railroad Bridge open. The best way to accomplish this is switch to Channel 13 on your radio and call for "49 Vancouver." When they respond, tell them who you are and, depending on which direction you are going, that you are "out bound" or "inbound" and request an opening. Stay on channel 13 until you have cleared the bridge.

Once you are below the bridges keep a good watch for ships and tug traffic, especially just above Kelley Point and in the Willamette River. If the water is high, remember there are wing dams (jetties) at Kelley Point and the entrance to Multnomah Channel, so don't cut the corners.

There is a nice dock at Hadley's with access to the shore. There are some nice trails for those that like to do some walking. The trails can be a bit muddy so plan accordingly.

If you have any questions contact your Cruise Chair at [ronmoran@gmail.com](mailto:ronmoran@gmail.com) or 503-807-3817.

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### NEED TO LOG YOUR 2015 RCYC WORK HOURS?

**Has your schedule or location 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 the month of September. Signing up now, and actually doing the duty in September, will satisfy your annual work-hour quota for all 2015. This option may suit your busy schedule. Only one month left! First come, first reserved! Contact the Clubhouse Chair today:

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



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore*

There has been lots of activity around the Club as we all get ready for spring and summer. The four spring work parties have taken place and the facilities are looking good. The bolts on the walks have been tightened, the water is on, the lawn has been mowed and weeded, the blackberry bushes have been discouraged, flowers are being planted and many more tasks have been accomplished. Thank you to all of the members who made this possible.

Most members have now taken care of their work hours for the first half of the year. If you still need to get your hours in, we still need Grounds Stewards to mow the lawn for a month in the summer and a September Clubhouse Steward. Contact Jas Adams to volunteer. This is a work activity that will improve your tan. You can also contact Rick Samuels to see what other tasks need to get done. Due to billing requirements, the deadline for getting your spring work hours done is June 10th. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Board of Directors.

On Saturday April 11th the spring dock walk inspection took place. Moorage Chair Loren Beach, Commodore Karen Finch, Vice Commodore Gary Whitney and resident members Pam and Carl Corey conducted the dock walk. We discovered that our moorage is in good shape. There were a few boats that were not displaying current registration stickers and a few more that were over two years out-of-date. There were also a few boats that did not have snubbers on the bow and stern dock lines. The snubbers protect your boat as well as the docks, so please use them. We were very pleased to note that there were only a couple unsafe electrical cords dangling in the water. Thank you to the rest for keeping your electrical cords properly installed so they stay out of the water.

May is going to be a busy month. Opening Day is Saturday May 2nd. Come and join in all the fun.

Don't forget to get your VSC, which helps make sure that you have a safe boating season and it boosts RCYC's score for Opening Day.



**Please email me if you still need a VSC and want one before opening day. I will not be here on May 2, so we'll need to do them before then.**

*Richard G. Samuels, [rick@samuels.com](mailto:rick@samuels.com)*



## Secretary's Salutations

Matt Richard, Secretary

At the General Meeting on April 15th, Jim Douglass performed the swearing in of new members (his son and daughter-in-law) Doug and Josiane Douglass.

Laurel Roberts had hip surgery on March 23rd and is now recovering and doing well. John Dees is recovering from his foot surgery from a couple weeks ago.

In other matters, I also took this picture of Pam Sesar really getting into the joy and spirit of her spring work hours a few weeks back.



## May General Meeting Program Announcement

Andy Schmidt, Program Chair

The May General Meeting program will be presented by Captain Ron and Ashley, owners of Columbia River Marine Assistance. The program "Things I Learned While Boating" AKA "Comedies and Tragedies on the Water" will be a journey and commentary through a photo collection of on-water mishaps and moments. What better way to learn and have a good chuckle at the expense of others misfortunes? See some fine examples of the missed nominees for the "Bib Award."

Captain Ron and Staff have extensive knowledge about hazards in and around our local waterways (including crossing the Columbia River Bar in Astoria), and they assist about 175-200 boaters every year. For more information on Columbia River Marine Assistance go to [www.cрма-pdx.com](http://www.cрма-pdx.com).



Captain Ron Micjan and Ashley after their RIB Run Portland to Astoria

## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### MAY

#### 2 Opening Day Parade

4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

9 OWSA Adventure Sail, 8:00 am

11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

13 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm

16 RCYC Medium Distance Race 10:00 am

18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

18 Foghorn Deadline

20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm

22-25 Cruise to Hadley's Landing

30 Walk 5 BBQ, 5:00 pm

### JUNE

1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

6 Private Party, 2:00 pm

8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

10 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm

13 Private Party, Noon

14 Private Party, 5:00 pm

15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm

18 Foghorn Deadline

• 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).

## Mark Your Calendar!



## Walk #5 BBQ



# *"Mad Hatter Tea Party"*



*This is the crew who brewed up a great Ladies Dinner.*

*Thank You ALL!*



# Memorial Holiday Cruise Hadleys Landing

Come on out for the first  
Holiday Weekend Cruise of the  
2015 Cruising Season

**May 22 - 25**  
Potluck on Sunday  
Happy Hour at 1700  
Potluck at 1800

Questions?  
Contact your Cruising Chiar:  
[ronmoran@gmail.com](mailto:ronmoran@gmail.com) or  
503-807-3817



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

No current movement in filling slips, but there are several new-member boats temporarily using slips while the assignees are away from the Club for a while. There should be several other "double fill" opportunities as members take their boats north for the summer. If our boat is also gone for a month or so, the residents will normally provide back up moorage management.

The Dinghy Docks are pretty much filled and newer members are asking for places for their small boats and kayaks. IF... you have one you do not ever intend to use, please take it home and open up a space for someone else.

If you are using a dinghy slot, you must put a legible nameplate on it. Otherwise, that slot could be claimed by another member when/if you take your dinghy out cruising. Our general dinghy parking guideline for many years is "no nameplate and no occupant, the space is open".

Note that river levels will be lower than normal by late summer, so watch your sounder when transiting the moorage. It's been over a decade since six of us (!) had to tie up to the breakwater when we returned from the Lazy Days Cruise. Sometimes this happens when the river level gets down to zero or less at low tide.

Summer brings security concerns for the parking lot and moorage. Gates and fences do slow down the thieves, but only a little. Make sure that the main gate and ramp gates are closed at sundown and all doors on the Clubhouse are locked. When you use the parking lot, do not leave anything visible inside your vehicle, and (advice I got from a cop) take your garage door opener and registration papers with you.

Mike Oxborrow used to say that there are about 150 members on our membership committee, and I would add that we have the same number on our informal 'security committee'. In an all-volunteer Club, everyone has a duty to contribute.

Fair winds.



## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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

The season of sailing is well underway. The sailing schools are working hard getting equipment repaired and replaced, updating websites, schedules, and getting highly skilled and qualified instructors. The amount of paper work and the time to create and maintain a school is difficult. We appreciate the schools and organizers! We already are supporting several children. Yippy! What a joy it is to watch and be a part of.

Approved RCYSS children receive reduced or member's discounts. We also may reimburse up to 80% for sailing instruction. The application is on the brochure on the website or at the Club. We could not do this without support from you all. Jack Gainer started the fund, and many of you have contributed so much. THANK YOU!

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club has instructional lessons for children. The lake is a great place to learn. Their website will have information. Willamette Sailing Club is in need of new boats for instruction, and is refurbishing a dock and rib at McCuddy's. They will be having juniors participate in sailing out of this facility. They are currently having Tuesday/Thursday afternoons and a Laser series. Even if you live in Vancouver, this is against traffic; this may work well for you! Contact [wsclubmanager@gmail.com](mailto:wsclubmanager@gmail.com) or call 503-246-5345 to help and



or participate. We would love to see our juniors participate in this. WSC's website has all the information too.

Some quotable quotes: Sailing means: "Spending time with family and enjoying time on the river." "I like sailing because it is an outdoor thing and I use wind for power." "I like it because it is fun." "You can sail your own Opti and it is a good exercise." "I like sailing because I can sit down and ride the waves." "I like sailing because I like the outdoors and using wind for energy."

Thank you all again, and please help us with donations as you can. Happy sailing to you all, Cheers!

*Pam Sesar, Rose City Youth Sailing Society*



Rose City Yacht Club

# OPENING DAY!

***"Bloomin' Good Time"***

Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 a – Continental Breakfast  
 10:00 a – Flag Ceremony  
 11:00 a – Skippers Meeting  
 12:30 p – Parade of Boats Line-up  
 and Ships Ahoy! Lunch Bags Distribution  
*New Member Orientation* following Parade  
 (approximate times)

Contact Bill Kramer to include your boat in the lineup –  
 bkramer6@yahoo.com or 503.290.6781

To help decorate or help at the event, please contact Bernie Bacon  
 Bernieb777@gmail.com or 360.433.8594

## The Rose City Youth Sailing Society

### SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

at the **WALK 5 BBQ on MAY 30, 2015**  
 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm during Happy Hour

All the money raised goes to fund sailing lessons for children who are our sailors of the future. Many RCYC members have made donations to be auctioned. Tommy Becker and Alison Mazon have donated professional services.

We have a tote bag donated by Dale Waagmeester. A special donation comes from our 100-year-old member Wade Cornwell and Marili Green Reilly whose father, Tom Green, was one of the founders of RCYC along with Wade Cornwell. Wade and Marili, both past Commodores, are donating a lunch at the Clubhouse in which the lucky auction winner can sit down with them for a Q & A of the history of Rose City Yacht Club.

RCYSS looks forward to our RCYC members' support and participation in the SILENT AUCTION. There will be many more auction items and competitive bidding will make for a fun evening for all!

*Gail O'Neill, RCYSS Auction Organizer*

## NAUTICAL READS - HISTORICAL FICTION

*By Nina Kramer*

We have an ongoing conversation at our house about where we would want to go cruising if we took off and hung a left at the Bar. A while back, I asked the question: "How about the west coast of South America?" Tropical heat, not a problem. Gorgeous scenery. Not as many cruisers. So, for Christmas, Bill gave me a copy of Hal Roth's South American adventures, "*Two Against Cape Horn*". Sailing down the west coast of Chile, Hal and his wife, Margaret, sailed all the way down to Patagonia and around to the Atlantic. The scenery was breathtaking, and the people were friendly and welcoming. South of Valdivia he mentions the weather -- winds typically around 60 knots whipping down the mountains every day. And then they were shipwrecked during a particularly nasty blow on an uninhabited island just north of Cape Horn. Mmmm, would I really want to head someplace that challenging? Nonetheless, it was great reading.

Sometime this spring I ran across a blog written by Mike Litzow called *Twice in a Lifetime* ([thelifegalactic.blogspot.com](http://thelifegalactic.blogspot.com)) about a family that is now sailing down the coast of Chile. I'm enjoying their blog, so I got Mike's book "*South from Alaska: Sailing to Australia with a Baby for Crew*" about their first cruise. The title pretty much says it all. It's as much a sailing story as a "how to keep it together as a young family in sometimes adverse conditions" story. Either way, it's a good read for those contemplating just keeping on going or for those who are happy to experience it through a good book.

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

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

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## Welcome new members:

### Kevin and (Gina) Stenberg

Kevin (Ken) and Gina Stenberg applied back in November 2014. Ken has been sailing since he was 10 years of age. They owned a Cascade 29 for 36 years, and raced heavily in the 70's and 80's. At the time they completed their application, they were looking for a "new" boat. Let's hope they find one soon as sailing weather is here!



### Joanne and Robert Bergstrom

Joanne and Robert Bergstrom were sworn in last month. They have a Newport 30. We welcome them aboard and look forward to seeing them on Opening Day.



### Greg and Josiane Douglass

Greg is the son of Jim and Carolyn and the parents of our current Daughter of Neptune, Audrey, and our last year Daughter of Neptune, Elsa. Their family had enjoyed boating so much with Jim and Carolyn on their boat "Hop-scotch" until it was sold, so they recently bought an O'Day 27 to continue the fun of sailing.



May 2 Opening Day Parade

22-25 Cruise to Hadley's Landing

30 Walk 5 BBQ, 5:00 pm

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