

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

October 2015



Commodore's Log

Karen Finch, Commodore

It's hard to believe I'm writing for the October Foghorn. The year is flying by. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the unusually dry boating season this year. I was afraid we would encounter problems with low water during the Lazy Days Cruise. I was pleased when that wasn't the case.

In case you haven't heard, the scheduled delivery date of our new dredge has changed. We are now looking at the end of October for delivery. This will allow us to test the new dredge during the time our dredging permit is in effect. Stand by for more information on festivities related to the arrival of the new J. Randall.

We have welcomed many new members this year and have more in the pipeline. It's great to see so many new faces active in the Club. If you're one of those new members, please be sure to read through the Yearbook and familiarize yourself with the By-Laws and rules of the Club. If you have any questions or encounter any problems, please be sure to contact any Board member.

Our last cruise of the year is coming up October 2-4 to Bartlett Landing. That weekend is also the Closing Day Weekend. Festivities are planned at Dolphin Yacht Club in Washougal. I'm not sure where Mike & I will be that weekend. We should do both...decisions, decisions.

I hope to see you all on the river soon.



Bon Voyage Velic

Follow Randy & Ruth Webster's Adventures
at velicblog.wordpress.com



Bon Retour Gypsy

Gypsy is back in her slip and Bill & Nina Kramer are throwing a party! October 4th, 4-7pm at RCYC
Follow Gypsy's ongoing transformation at
gypsykramer.wordpress.com

Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore



Well, fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Have you winterized your boat? I guess that's jumping ahead a little too much, but it's coming soon.

Think of all the good things that are just around the corner: the upcoming parties (some social and some work), and the dinners with good times with Club members. For you new members, work parties are a great way to meet other members and get your work hours in. Our next work parties are September 26, and October 10 and 24. So, get your work hours in while the weather is still good. And don't forget the closing day cruise on October 2-4 at Bartlett Landing.

I really enjoy the social part of the Club. If you haven't participated in a social event, you are missing a lot. Most social activities are for the whole family, including children. We have the Walk 2 BBQ in September, the Old Salts (prime rib) Dinner in October, Walk 3 BBQ in November, and Christmas Ships Potluck in December, followed by the New Year's Eve gathering to close out 2015.

We also need people to step up and take over some of the committee chairs and jobs that will be vacant in 2016. The reason that the Club does so well is that we all share the load. I will look forward to hearing from you, to volunteer to take over an available position.

2016 Nominations for Officers

Commodore Karen Finch appointed a Nominating Committee to be chaired by Ethan VanMatre with additional members John Flenniken, Jeanne Becker and Kelly Martin. The Nominating Committee has completed its duties and submits the following slate for consideration and vote of the membership. See Bylaws Article XI for details.

Commodore	Gary Whitney
Vice Commodore	Matt Richard
Rear Commodore	Karen Finch
Secretary	Nolan Johnson
Directors	Jan Dees
	Tony Bacon
	Leslie Phillips
	CJ Volesky
	Karen Billion

This slate will be presented at the October General meeting. At that time, additional nominations may be made from any member in good standing.

Walk 1 BBQ



Walk 1 BBQ



Member News

Matt Richard, Secretary

At the August 22nd Walk 1 Barbecue, John and Kathie Kneeland swore in new members Mike and Claire O'Brien. Mike and Claire became aware of RCYC through our booth at the Boat Show a couple of years ago and after a tour of the moorage and meeting some of our members thought that our Club would be a good fit. Mike is a newspaper publisher and has over 30 years of sailing experience. Claire is a practicing physician and has been sailing for 6 years. They presently have a Catalina 30 named *Irish Wake* and look forward to being active in the RCYC community.



Welcome Mike & Claire O'Brien

At the September General Meeting we had three prospective member families introduced to the Club. Stan Cowles and Georgia Fehr have over 50 years of boating experience most of which was obtained on Puget Sound. They have just acquired a Roughwater 41 named *Journey*.

Scott McEloy, who has lived in Portland for over 40 years, grew up in boating and has over 25 years of sailing experience that includes blue water, Caribbean and Puget Sound adventures. He has a Catalina 30.

Bruce Shibley (wife, Cammille, was not present) has raced with Jim Calnon and has a Morgan 27. I had the pleasure of meeting Bruce and Cammille during last year's Lazy Days at the Tye Dock at Martin Island.



No-Cost “Boater’s Guide To Winterizing” Offered by BoatUS

Water expands in volume by about nine percent when it freezes, creating a staggering force that can crack a boat engine block, damage fiberglass, split hoses, or destroy a boat’s refrigeration system overnight. As cold weather approaches, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) dug into its claims data and found that more than three-quarters of winter-related claims involved cracks in the engine block or the exhaust manifolds. Now, the national boating services, safety and advocacy group has available at no-cost a 15-page [“Boater’s Guide to Winterizing”](#) that can ensure boaters don’t miss a step for any type of boat.

“Boaters up North know they need to winterize, so their freeze claims almost always involve poor winterizing,” said BoatUS Director of Technical Services Beth Leonard. “In the temperate South, the issue can be a case of no winterizing, or relying on a heater when the electricity goes off, usually when you need it most.”

The downloadable brochure addresses the reasons for more than 95 percent of the freeze claims handled by the BoatUS Marine Insurance Program in the past decade. Included are chapters on: Storing your boat - The options and the tradeoffs; a Winterizing Checklist to use as the starting point for creating your own boat’s winterizing list; Engines and Drives - The dos and don’ts; and Plumbing - Getting the water out, which is great for larger boats.

Additional information includes tips on choosing antifreeze, lessons learned from BoatUS Consumer Affairs about protecting yourself with a winterization contract, and green winterizing information. The checklist is available at www.BoatUS.com/winterizingguide.

Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

It’s hard to believe, but the 2015 cruising season is coming to an end or should I say the “scheduled” cruising season. There should still be some good weather for those of you who want to continue to cruise.

The destination for the Club’s last 2015 cruise is Bartlett Landing, East Dock on Government Island. The dates are October 2-4. There will be a potluck on Saturday.

I hope everyone had a good time this year on the Club’s Lazy Days Cruise. If you have any suggestions on different places to go, or how to improve the Club cruises please let me know.

Over the last year I have been putting together a pamphlet for new members on cruising with RCYC. It has information from past Cruising Corner articles covering etiquette, equipment and procedures. After I finished it, I got to thinking that it would be a good idea to add a section on going north.

I contacted several of our members who go north each summer, asking them if they would share their knowledge with us, and I got a great response. There was so much good information that I have decided, not only to put it in the new member’s pamphlet, but to share it with all of you, this winter, in “guest” articles in the Cruising Corner.

Daughters of Neptune

- It's time to submit your nominations for RCYC's 2016 Daughter of Neptune.
- Daughters of Neptune are teenage girls who represent their club at boating events throughout the year such as Opening Day, Rose Festival, and several community-based events. Their primary focus is on promoting life jacket use.
- **Daughters, granddaughters, and nieces between the ages of 14-16 are all eligible to apply. Girls as young as 13 (provided they're mature) may apply so long as they will turn 14 during 2016.**

Applicants need to submit a letter to the RCYC board (via the Commodore [ka_sl28@ymail.com]) before the October board meeting [Oct. 12, 2015 7 PM]. Applicants are asked to present themselves to the board in October for selection.



If you are watching the Waiting and Improvement Lists posted in the Clubhouse, you will notice that there has been some recent movement. Going into October there will be another couple of slips to fill. If you want a copy of a Walk list or the waiting list, just drop me a request by email. I will send it out in PDF format. For filling slips, I have to work through the Improvement List before getting to the (new member) Waiting List.

Work parties have gotten under way again, and we have a number of finger docks to straighten. Since you know the status of your docks and cleats, let me know if any of your cleats are loose.

As we near the winter storm season, be sure that you have working snubbers on your bow and stern lines. Those lines should be three-strand nylon and sized for the weight of your boat. Put some chafing material on your line where it lays on the gunwale or inside a chock. Last winter some fenders were burst by hull pressure resulting from big wind gusts. Check your fenders for adequate inflation and condition.

This winter there are dock box tie-down loops installed on all of the triangles on Walks 2, 3, and 4. Dock boxes on Walk 1 go up against the ice wall and can be secured by light line threaded through the staves. On Walk 5, light line can be tied around the iron part of the triangle at the inside corner, and to do this you have to carefully lever up the heavy concrete triangle. There is less wind pressure on Walk 5, so if you have some weight in your box, it should stay put.

Digitizing the Yearbook

By Melissa Bearns

Have you ever wished you could have the Yearbook on your smartphone, tablet or computer? Well, I have great news! We are digitizing the roster section of the Yearbook in a way that will make it easy for us to maintain the roster in-house and deliver an updated digital copy to you as a PDF twice a year.

This will have numerous benefits for the Club and members:

- A digital version of the roster updated and distributed at least twice a year, and possibly quarterly in 2016
- A considerable savings to the Club, as we will be making the changes in-house and not paying the printer to do multiple rounds of updates
- A smoother process getting the Yearbook to print each year
- Once this is set up, the Yearbook will be distributed closer to the beginning of the year

The only change will be that the roster will now have a standard layout and format, with only quarter-page ads at the bottom. We are manually transferring the data to the new format, which leaves us prone to human error. So, if you have a keen eye for detail or experience copy editing we could use your help proofing a few pages! Please email melissa@currentshiftmedia.com if you have an hour or two to help.

Look for an article in the November Foghorn about how to change or correct your info in the Yearbook for 2016.



Nolan Johnson
getting ready to paint the
flag pole at a September
Work Party.
He said it was better than
a bosun's chair.

Tamara's Summer Cruise

Dave and Marili Reilly

Salty Dog Maggie took her first long cruise this summer when *S/V Tamara* headed north to the Salish Sea. Through her, we discovered many valuable cruising lessons, such as:
How to deal with a wet dog during a rain storm (new cockpit enclosure invaluable!),
How to pick out the best dog-landing beaches (muddy end of Selby Cove on Prevost Island was NOT one of those! Coal slag beach at Kenery Cove not much cleaner),
How long she could wait between visits ashore (and I won't say why we quit using the oars after our second anchorage, and began using the outboard exclusively),
How long Ship's Cat Moo Moo would tolerate the Salty Dog's over-eager greetings or how long Maggie would tolerate Moo Moo's sometimes toothy caresses,
How to cajole friends into ferrying her from Scappoose to Port Angeles so she wouldn't have to endure a 50-hour passage without a friendly patch of grass. A BIG THANK YOU to our good friends **Laura and Matt Richard** for being Maggie's best friend while *Tamara* made her way north.

We arrived in Port Angeles after a smooth trip north in the company of **Dennis Annoti** on *Mana Iti*. **Andy Schmidt** was our own valuable crew member, trouble-shooting a detached starter wire that had us worried as evening approached on our first day out.

From mid-July to mid-August, we enjoyed stops in Victoria and the Gulf Islands, including marinas in Oak Bay, Ganges, Telegraph Harbor, Nanaimo, and Chemainus (see Marili's Chemainus article in Sept issue of Freshwater News). Our favorite anchorage was our first: Russell Island, located just south of Saltspring Island near the entrance to Fulford Harbor, is part of a Provincial marine park, and its nature trail leads you to the homestead of the original Hawaiian residents. We also enjoyed anchoring out in Sibell Bay, Preedy Harbor, and Montague Harbor.

From Montague we headed to Roche Harbor and during the last half of August we explored the San Juans. In Friday Harbor we had the pleasure of spending time with **Larry and Laurel Roberts**, and seeing RCYC members **Karen and David Bogucki**. We swung over to Fidalgo Island for a side trip down the Swinomish Channel and visited some of our cruising friends from Mexico at Shelter Bay. The trip reminded us of Multnomah Channel, but it's not as pretty (not that I am biased).

We went back to the San Juan Islands for stops at James Island, Blakely Island (a pretty and peaceful place to hang out, but with no ferry service. It's like one big gated community, restricting visitors to marina property.) Then, back to Cattle Point for one last anchorage.

We weathered a gale in Port Townsend, where we moored next to another Cascade 36, *Grendel*, still in the hands of the original owner and builder, John Sherman. My niece came up to take Maggie home to await our return, and we went on to John Wayne Marina in Sequim (where we were moored next to more Mexico cruising friends) to wait for ideal weather for the trip home.

We were blessed with smooth ocean passages in both directions and have now had enough of a taste of the Gulf Islands to know what to look for the next time we head north (and the first thing we look for may just be a land-based lodging for the too-Salty Dog!)

Right: Blakely Island Marina provided a peaceful respite from the usual crowds

Far right: Cascade 36 *Grendel* and *Tamara* at Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend



Moo Moo had us all to herself on the lower Columbia and our ocean passages



Maggie and Dad return from a one of her thrice daily comfort stops



Novice sailor Salty Dog Maggie and the world voyager, Ship's Cat Moo Moo, share a "princess cushion"



THANK YOU, Andy Schmidt, for helping us take *Tamara* north



Soleil's 2015 "Up North" Adventures

Gail O'Neill & Bob Gayles



Waiting on weather in La Push—Not too bad!



Gail & Julie Schumann in Victoria, BC—Julie's 1st trip north on Blue Heron



Wildfire smoke
Conover Cove,
Wallace Island,
BC Gulf Islands

Smooth sailing in Howe Sound & exploring Bowen Island, BC



Summer Wind's New Discoveries in 2015

Rhonda & Alan Boguslawski



Eagle Harbor, Bainbridge Island



Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park

Wind, Smoke & Dancing Goats!



Mayo Cove, Carr Inlet, South Puget Sound
Penrose Point State Park



Swarms of Moon Jellyfish
Eld Inlet, South Puget Sound



Dancing Goats in Olympia

View From the Rear

Ethan VanMatre, Rear Commodore

First off I would like to start off with a public apology to Bob Phillips. At the (contentious) General Meeting on 16 September, I stated that the 2006 Commodore (Bob Phillips) had voted in the Gainer Boathouse votes of that year and that it was a clear violation of the Bylaws.

I was in error and do apologize – I am sorry. For those who are interested my error was in the counting. The Secretary in 2006 was also the Treasurer and was listed in the 2006 minutes as “Sec/Treasurer”. Somewhere along the line the Secretary and Treasurer were separated with the Secretary being able to vote as a board member and the Treasurer not being able to vote as an appointed office. So my error was reading Sec/Treasurer as Treasurer and not counting that as a possible vote. Of course no matter how good the reason an error is an error and harm was done. Bob, please accept my sincere apology.

On a different note, a few years ago I bought a Zodiac Zoom inflatable. This boat served me well for over 10 years till it developed a bunch of leaks. At that time I retired it and bought a Chinese made RIB. Well the quality was not quite the same and the RIB opened a seam after just 4 years. Faced with life without a dinghy while anchoring out, I picked up a repair kit from the Inflatable Boat Center, and set to work repairing both the RIB and the Zoom. I am happy to say that both boats now hold air. Having the right glue and following instructions can really pay off. By the way, both inflatables are for sale – I’m going to buy a new Zodiac.

Youth Sailing

Pam Sesar

RCYSS is so happy to support our juniors and youth. The new clubhouse at WSC is coming along and the children enjoyed sailing on Vancouver Lake. Please consider us in your giving, and take time to watch the young sailors at WSC if you can. The smiles never end. Please contact me if you have any questions. It’s been another wonderful year.

Nautical Reads

Bill Kramer

If you want to go sailing beyond our local waters in the northwest you have to figure out how to get to where you want to go. There are several good books that will help you plan your route. The first is World Voyage Planner by Jimmy Cornell. This book gives an overview of main routes and destinations. It has sections for each ocean and then the major routes within that ocean. It also offers alternative routes. It talks about the different routes and why you would want to take them. It also covers the safe seasons for sailing and basic weather information. This is a good book to start with while you are roughing out your plans.

World Cruising Routes, now in its 7th edition, by Jimmy Cornell gives detailed information about specific routes. This is where you fine tune your plans as to timing and length of voyage. This is a route planning book. It assumes you know why you want to go somewhere. It just tells you how. This edition has been updated to take into account the effects of global warming on ocean conditions.

The final book you will want to look at in planning your routes is the Ocean Atlas. This is also by Jimmy Cornell. This is a compilation of pilot chart information. You would use this to see what the expected winds, waves, currents and frequency of storms are for each month for your route.

These three books will give you a good solid basis for planning your cruise.



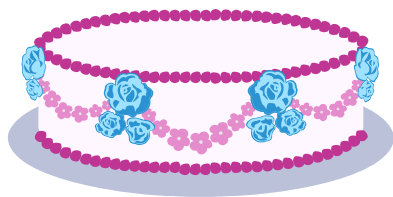
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RCYC HAPPENINGS

October

2-4	Bartlett Landing Cruise	
5	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
10	Work Party #8	9:00 am
12	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
14	OWSA General Mtg	5:30 pm
17	Old Salts Dinner	6:00 pm
18	Foghorn November Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
21	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
24	Work Party #9	9:00am
	(last one for 2015)	

November

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
11	OWSA General Mtg	5:30 pm
14	Walk 3 BBQ	5:00 pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
16	RCYC Budget Mtg	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn December Deadline	
18	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
21	Private Party	3:00 pm

*Check the website calendar for updates and more
Information about RCYC www.rosecityyachtclub.org*

*Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore Gary Whitney
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Foghorn Deadline—18th of the month

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