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Vice Commodore: Gary Whitney
Secretary: Matt Richard

December 2015



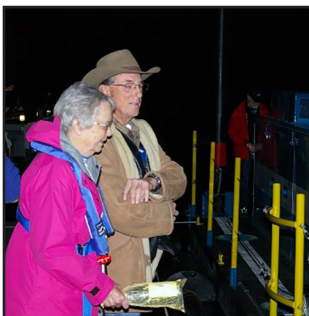
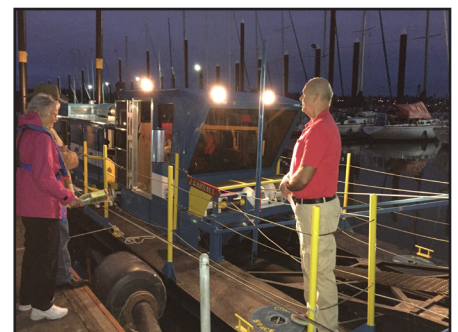
From the Helm

Karen Finch, Commodore

As my year as Commodore comes to a close, I look back with pride at what has been accomplished, with gratitude toward all of you who made it happen. We have such a wonderful mix of talent among our membership. There truly isn't anything we cannot do, once we set our minds to it. Thank you to all who have lent a hand, or an ear, as I navigated the waters of RCYC.

I encourage all members to be involved with the Club. We need your thoughts and skills to ensure RCYC continues to thrive in the future. One of my favorite RCYC events is scheduled for December 4th – the Christmas Ships Pot Luck. Come out and enjoy good food, friends, the gift exchange and the wonderful Christmas Ships parade on the river. Then it's on to the New Year. May it be a joyous one for all.

Dredge Christening



The J Randall gets Christened before the Walk 3 BBQ with Ron Moran as Master of Ceremony along with Tom Stringfield escorting Lou Randall. Lou, wife of deceased Jerry Randall, took the honor of christening the J Randall.



From the Rear

Ethan Van Matre, Rear Commodore

My journey as a Club Officer is coming to an end and this will be my last column. All in all it has been a rewarding experience to serve the membership over these last four years. The support, assistance and encouragement I have received from the membership as a whole has been outstanding and makes the job a pleasure. As a "do it yourself" Club we all make contributions to the Club that have relevance through our participation, work hours and other efforts. I would like to think that my efforts have relevance.

Looking back there are a few things that I take pride in. In general at RCYC there needs to be a champion for things to get done. In many cases the champion is the one who takes on the task and does the work. In others the champion clears the path so that others are free to do the heavy lifting. Of course the lion share of the credit goes to those who do the work. Three things come to mind:

The first is the rebuilding of the potty pumps. It is my hope that we are free of potty trauma for years to come. Our rebuilt pumps should be trouble free for years. Second is the replacement of the gate mechanism. My role was small there, mainly just getting us to the point that others could do the install. And lastly the one that I am most proud of is the new dredge. So many people put in huge effort to bring our new dredge to a reality and their work should be applauded. My part was simply to grasp the bull by the horns and set us on the path to replacing the dredge. My vision was simple –evaluate our old dredge, select a new dredge, get membership approval and get the new dredge in by the end of 2015. Committees were formed and they rose to the challenge and much to their credit the new dredge is in operation.

The end of one journey is the beginning of another. And with that I wish you all smooth sailing.



Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Whitney, Vice Commodore

The year is almost over, and I have enjoyed being your Vice Commodore. I have learned more about RCYC and why this is such a special organization. We have more than just a shared love of boating. RCYC is a place where we all make the extra effort to reach out to each other and offer friendship, helpfulness and cooperation. We are a family. I am looking forward to serving as your Commodore next year, and I want to thank everyone who helped out this year. Without you we would not have had a successful year. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered to try something new, and those of you who will continue helping the Club run in the coming year -- you are the RCYC heroes.

There are some great events on the calendar. You don't want to miss the Christmas Ships Potluck on Friday, December 4th. This is a fun way to start the holidays. The holidays also have to come to an end, and RCYC is ready to help you do that in style. On December 31st there is an informal New Year's Eve party. Bring something to eat and drink and brush up on the words to Auld Lang Syne. The highlight of the New Year is Soup and Sail on New Year's Day. Going out sailing, or even motoring, is the best way to start the year. After sailing we will have potluck clam chowder for lunch. The final event to get the year underway is the Commodore's Ball on February 6th. This is your chance to dress up, have a great dinner and do some dancing.

I want to encourage all RCYC members to get involved in a Club activity in 2016. Let us all try to get involved at RCYC in a way that allows us to learn something new this year. If you notice something that needs attention, report it to the chair in charge of that item. If ice is getting low, contact the Ice Chair Terry Annis (360)624-6996. If clubhouse supplies are low or out, notify Jas Adams (503)349-0840 so he can restock. Let's all help our RCYC family have a great 2016.





Cruising Corner

Ron Moran

I am happy to announce that we were able to get all our requested dates and places for the 2016 cruising season.

RCYC 2016 Cruising Schedule

April 22-24 Bartlett Landing

May 27-30 Memorial Day Weekend Hadley's Landing

July 4 Land Cruise @ RCYC

July 23-31 Lazy Days Down River Cruise

July 23 Martin Lagoon

July 24 Walker Island

July 25 Cathlamet

July 26-27 Astoria West Basin

July 28 Cathlamet (Potluck)

July 29 Walker Island

July 30 Martin Lagoon

Aug. 1 RCYCAug. 12-14 Pirates Cruise Schwitter Landing

Sept 2-5 Labor Day Weekend Beacon Rock

Oct. 1-2 Bartlett Landing

Welcome New Members!



Georgia Fehr & Stan Cowles



Scott McElroy

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

December

4 Christmas Ships Pot Luck, 5:00 pm

7 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

9 OWSA General Meeting, 7:00 pm

11 Private Party 3 PM

14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm

18 Foghorn Deadline

21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

31 New Year's Eve Party [informal] 6:00 pm

January

1 Soup and Sail, 11:00 am

4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

13 OWSA General Meeting, 7:00 pm

13 - 19 Boat Show, [PDX]

18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

18 Foghorn Deadline

20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm

25 SYSCO Fleet Night

31 New Year's Eve Party [informal] 6:00 pm

• 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.



WALK 3 BBQ



Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

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

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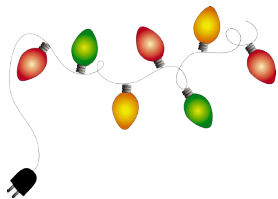
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Racing News

David Columbus and his partner Grant took first in class in the 22nd annual Baja Ha-Ha. They sailed David's Cape Dory 36, Jean Butler (named after his grandmother).



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

Rose City Youth Sailing Society
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Moorage Matters

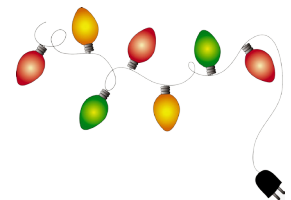
Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

We just experienced our first winter high wind event with peak gusts measured to over 40 mph. Other than a few boat covers removed or rearranged we seem to have survived in good order. I hope you have snubbers on your bow and stern three-strand nylon mooring lines. Check your fenders to see if they are still holding air. If you are among the few on walks 2, 3, and 4 who have not yet tied down your dock box and secured the hasp on the lid you need to do this ASAP.

We are presently in the process of assigning slips to four new members, so the waiting list is about to shrink slightly. There will still be four boats on the Third Priority List going into December.

When you visit the moorage in the winter, watch out for ice on the docks, and if you see any problems with any boats, let me know or notify the member directly. In a DIY club with no paid staff, you really have to be 'your brother's keeper'.

Remember to do your winterizing, as we can sometimes experience a combination of freezing weather and high winds for a week at a time in mid-winter.



RCYSS will be having our annual meeting to review our budget and make plans for the future. This is your opportunity to provide ideas, concerns and questions. Please email them to pamsesar@gmail.com. This past year we have sponsored children, supported WSC's new Columbia Site, and maintained our discounted rates at both WSC and VLSC. We also partially reimbursed families for the cost of sailing lessons for their children and grandchildren. One of our primary measures of success is the number of children whose sailing skills demonstrate their level of enthusiasm.

We want to raise sufficient funds to meet our mission. As stewards of the monies, with the goal to build programs and get children in boats, we are always looking for new funding opportunities. Please mention us to your accountant, dentist, and neighbors when they are looking for an organization to which they can contribute. RCYSS is a tax-deductible non-profit organization. All contributions and gifts are greatly appreciated.

Getting Children Sailing!

Pam Sesar



5:00 p.m. - Happy Hour
 6:00 p.m. - Potluck
 6:45 p.m. - Christmas Ships
 7:15 p.m. - Gift Exchange

Bring an Hors D'oeuvre, Salad, Main Dish or Bread/Rolls to serve
 8-10 people)

Club will provide egg nog, mixers and dessert! BYOB! Gifts should be nice,
 inexpensive (\$10-\$15) & wrapped (no white elephants)



Secretary's Salutations

Matt Richard

At the October General meeting Marili Green swore in new members Stan Cowles and Georgia Fehr. They have over 50 years of boating experience most of which was obtained on Puget Sound. They have just acquired a Roughwater 41 named Journey.

Marili also swore in new member Scott McElroy. Scott 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.

In addition, the Board approved the membership applications of Robert (Bobby) and Libby Muerth, and Eric Parker and Diane Shiner. They will be sworn in at the next general meeting that they attend. The Board also approved membership status change for Chuck and Jean Silver to Inactive Member. The resignation of Pat Adams was accepted, as was the resignation of Ed and Michelle Sorenson.

NEED WORK HOURS?

LIMITED STEWARD OPPORTUNITIES!

Need to rack up RCYC work hours?

Has your schedule interfered with attending 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 2016. It's easy! Contact the Clubhouse Chair today: Jas. Adams 503-349-0840 or jadams@teleport.com





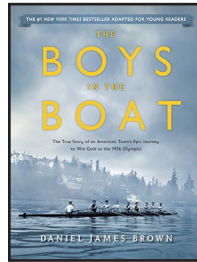
NAUTICAL READS ~ GIFT BOOKS

By Bill Kramer

What should you get for that boater on your gift list? Here are some can't miss suggestions to get you started.

Teens:

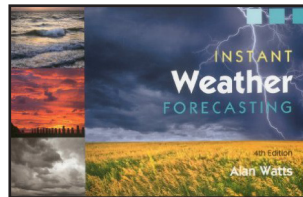
The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics / Daniel James Brown; adapted for young readers by Gregory Mone. For readers in 4 - 7 grade. This is the same inspiring story with more photos and a bit less text.



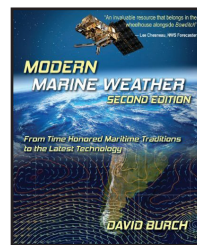
Whichever version you read this is a fantastic story of courage and determination as a team of guys from humble backgrounds overcome huge odds to win.

Weather:

Instant Weather Forecasting, by Alan Watts. This is a pictorial guide to weather forecasting. No charts, just easy to use sky illustrations. Try this out and soon you will learn to understand and predict local weather.

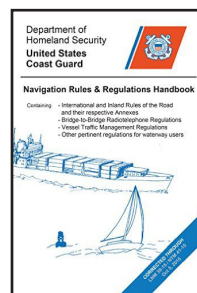


Modern Marine Weather, by David Burch. This is an in depth course on marine weather. If you plan on going beyond VHF range from the coast or just want to understand weather, this the book. You will also want to get the companion book *Modern Marine Weather Workbook*.



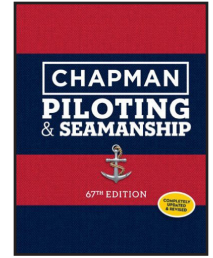
Rules of the Road:

Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook, by the United States Coast Guard. The inland navigation rules changed in July 2014, so if your copy of the rules is older than that you need a new one. The latest edition is updated through 10/5/2015.



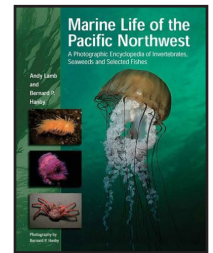
General knowledge:

Chapman Piloting & Seamanship, 67th edition. This is a great guide to boating information, covering everything from flag etiquette to anchoring and navigation. If your copy is as old as mine is it may be time to update.

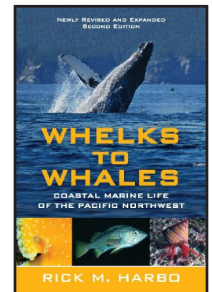


Guidebooks:

Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia of invertebrates, Seaweeds and Selected Fishes, by Andrew Lamb. This is an exhaustive guide to coastal organisms you may encounter from Oregon to Southern Alaska. This is a great resource for serious divers and beachcombers.

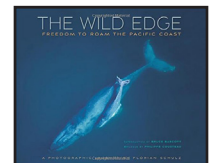


Whelks to Whales: Coastal Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest, Second Edition, by Rick Harbo. This guide is for boaters and beachcombers who want to know what they just saw. The Beachcombers Guide to Seashore Life in the Pacific Northwest, Revised Edition, by Duane Sept. A great guide for identifying what you are seeing on the beach and tidepools.

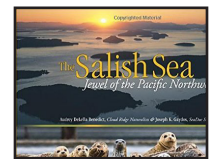


Coffee Table:

The Wild Edge: Freedom to Roam the Pacific Coast: A Photographic Journey, by Florian Schulz. Beautiful photos of the west coast of North America and the creatures living in it.



The Salish Sea: Jewel of the Pacific Northwest, by Audrey Benedict. Beautiful photos of the Salish Sea. The Salish Sea extends from the northern end of the Straits of Georgia to the southern reaches of Puget Sound and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. This is our local gem.



Sources:

- Powells City of Books, www.powells.com
- Captain's Nautical Supplies, www.captainsnautical.com
- Paradise Cay Publications, www.paracay.com/store/
- Blue Water Web, www.bluewaterweb.com/

Membership Reminders

Judy Oxborrow

Membership cards for 2016 will be mailed with the first quarter billings. If you receive your billing by email, you will receive a separate mailing of your membership cards. Inactive Life Members receive no billings so your membership cards will be sent in mid-December as a separate mailing.

The Club has established accounts at some vendors. Only those persons who receive written authorization are permitted to sign on those accounts. Vendors are notified annually of persons authorized to sign on Club accounts. If you order supplies or services from a vendor, with whom the Club has not established an account, you have two options for payment. You can pay them and submit a request for reimbursement, or you can ask them to bill the Club. However, please assure that the vendor will indeed bill the Club and that your receipt is not the intended billing for payment. Also, please be certain that you furnish them with the correct mailing/billing address for the bookkeeping service. There have been too many cases recently where vendors thought members would submit the receipt for payment or the billings have been sent to the Club address and not to the bookkeeping service. This problem has led to delayed payments to vendors.

The yearbook crew is busy preparing for the 2016 edition of the RCYC yearbook. Please submit your changes and updated photos to rcycyearbook@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Oxborrow at judy87807@centurylink.net or (503) 652-1549.



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