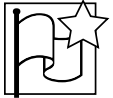


Commodore: Gary Whitney
Vice Commodore: Dave Reilly
Secretary: Nolan Johnson

July-August 2016



From the Helm

Gary Whitney, Commodore



Summer is officially here and yet we have been enjoying summer-like weather for most of this wonderful spring. We are now in anticipation of wonderful adventures on the water throughout the coming months. Look at what is planned on your calendar.

The next event on our activities calendar is the Fourth of July Land Cruise. Please RSVP to Brenda Annotti if you plan to attend so we can order enough food for all. The 4th of July Land Cruise promises to be a special time for family fun. The Swap Meet run by Ron Moran is back. See you there!

Racing has a full summer schedule. Please consult your Race Book for time and place. RCYC has developed a strong core of dedicated racers, and they are always looking for new competitors. Talk with Kevin Robertson, RCYC Race Chair, if you are interested in learning more about this exciting aspect of sailing. Members with powerboats and cruising sailboats can also help the racers. We are always looking for people to help out on committee boats, BBQs, gate monitors and cleanup. Join the fun and excitement with this intrepid group of racers whether you're helping with the details or competing - join the fun if you can.

Our Lazy Days cruise starts the week of July 23rd with a potluck at Cathlamet on July 28th. Whether you decide to drive to Cathlamet or take a leisurely sail down river in RCYC company, buddy-boating and stopping along the way, there is no pressure on you. So plan to cast off your mooring lines and follow the river as you please, letting a spirit of adventure chase you out of your routine and enjoy the camaraderie

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Come join your fellow sailors and friends for a fun filled

4th of July Land Cruise and Birthday Celebration for Wade's 102nd Year!

11am - 3pm: SWAP MEET on the patio.
Contact Ron Moran for details - ronmoran@gmail.com

2pm: Fun GAMES for all ages.
Both outdoors and card games indoors

3pm: OPEN BOAT SOCIAL
Contact Bob Phillips for details - rphillips@web-ster.com

5pm: "Official" HAPPY HOUR~~~
BRING your favorite appetizers to share

6pm: DINNER is served. The Club is providing burgers, dogs and brauts and the fixin's. BRING salads and sides. The Club is also providing sodas and mixers.

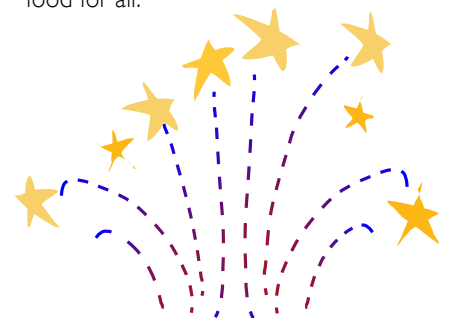
Then movie time and socializing until the **FIREWORKS** begin after sunset. Bring your chairs.

Please contact your Activities Chair Brenda Annotti to **HELP** with decorating, meal prep, dinner hour, and clean up. Many hands make light work :)
roberts0649@comcast.net or call/text 503-504-2595

Please RSVP to Brenda Annotti if you plan to attend so we can order enough food for all.



*Hadley's on Memorial weekend
18 members joined in the fun.*



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of other boaters. Don't forget to take along some copies of our reciprocals brochure and your yearbook, which has an application for membership in the back. Our members are our best ambassadors for our Club. Fly your burgee proudly while cruising!

As you are reading this newsletter, the Foghorn committee will take a month off and RCYC, as usual, will not have a General Meeting in August. Know that your Board will be working to follow through on the capital projects we have underway and keep the business of running the Club and moorage moving along. See you at the Pirates Cruise Aug 13-14 and the Walk 2 BBQ Aug. 20th where we will catch our breath and then take another big bite of summer in the Northwest. Enough said - time to go play with your boats!

Club activities are another way to meet new members and have a great time. So far this year, if you have gone on a cruise or attended a Walk BBQ, you have had great weather. Everyone on the Hadley's Cruise enjoyed mostly dry weather with a touch of rain while everyone who stayed in Portland got nasty thunder storms. So take a chance and join the fun.

Great First Impressions

RCYC's image gets better with each new improvement to our grounds. Please appreciate the time, effort and cost spent keeping our grounds looking good and complimenting our excellent on-the-water facilities. Our grounds are the first impression most people get. Let's keep them on par with what Rose City Yacht Club represents. With a spirit of Club pride please remember our gardens are not the receptacle for cigarette butts or animal waste.

Dispose of all waste in the properly labeled dumpster. Keep all waste separate from recyclables containers. We have great new dock carts. They are much more pleasant to use if they are clean and dry. They will stay dry if stored tilted upright, just east of the ice machine compound/pad. Please use the carts for dry cargoes only. Use the wheelbarrows for messy work. Store the wheelbarrows outside of the carts, otherwise they topple and scrape.

Remember, we live in Oregon, so parking appropriately is appreciated. (Leaving carts as rain catchers or at your moorage space is not cool!)

Thank you! Your Board



The Cruising Corner

This will be the last issue of the Foghorn until September, so this reminder covers the three Club cruises coming up in July, August and the first week of September.

The first one is the down river Lazy Days Cruise.

This cruise is a week long cruise down to Astoria and back. Some members take a little longer getting from place to place or add more stops and extend the cruise into a second week. Listed below are the suggested overnight stops where you will likely find other RCYC boats. Some members follow this schedule; others may follow just some of it. Whatever you do, let's all try and be at Cathlamett on Thursday July 28th for the potluck.

LAZY DAYS CRUISE

Saturday, July 23 – Martin Island Pond

Sunday, July 24 – Behind Walker Island

Monday, July 25 – Cathlamet

Tuesday, July 26 – Astoria West Basin

Wednesday, July 27 – Lay day in Astoria

Thursday, July 28 – Cathlamet and Pot Luck

Happy Hour @ 1700

Pot Luck @ 1800 – At picnic area next to office

Friday, July 29 – Behind Walker Island

Saturday, July 30 – Martin Island Pond

Sunday, July 31 – RCYC

The second cruise will be on August 12 – 14. It is the “**Pirates Cruise**” to Schwitter Landing which is the west dock alongside the north shore of Government Island just above the I-205 Bridge. This is a fun cruise especially for kids and grandkids. There will be a potluck on Saturday. The Past Commodores will cook you breakfast on Sunday morning. Don't forget you pirate regalia.

The third cruise is our Labor Day Cruise to Beacon Rock on September 2 – 5. There will be a potluck on Sunday, September 4. Happy Hour @ 1700 hours followed by the potluck @ 1800 hours.

Watch for flyers about each of these cruises at the head of the ramp and on the Clubhouse doors for any updates or changes.

Hope to see you at all of them or at least one. As always, if you have any questions, call me at 503-807-3817 or email at ronmoran@gmail.com. Let's all have a fun safe summer cruising. **REMEMBER: wear your PFD's.**

Your Cruising Chair, Ron Moran



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Summer warm weather and long days increase the problem of trespassers in our facility and the threat of burglars in the parking lot or on the docks and in our boats. Our gate closing interval is set shorter than it used to be to reduce the opportunity for a stranger to follow you in, but if someone does enter that way, be sure to ask them if they are a visitor and which member is hosting them. Hostile answers or anything resembling a threat should generate a call to 911. As an officer once told me: Do not worry about "bothering" them; sorting out these concerns is what they DO.

As always, if you are last person out or you do not see anyone else immediately leaving at sundown, lock up all three Clubhouse doors and the man gate at the top of the ramp. Remember, your gate clicker will not work on the man gate so be sure to carry your key with you.

We have several new-member boats double filling slips around the moorage this summer while members are away on vacation. This can get a tad confusing, so be patient if the Moorage Chair occasionally forgets who is where until he checks his notes.

Finally, if you are away and find a boat in Your Slip when you return, be patient and temporarily tie to the breakwater and call me. We sometimes have reciprocal visitors from other yacht clubs moored in a vacant slip for a day or two, and the Residents will usually know the specifics. (We once returned from Lazy Days cruising and had to tie to the breakwater for several days. It was slightly inconvenient, but no crisis.)

A boat recently whacked into the top of a head walk. From observing the damage to both boat and dock timbers my attempt to perform a "Dock CSI" reinforces the sage advice that if you ever get sideways to the current and are about to impact the head walk below you, never try to "power your way out". Quickly halt all motion either way and let the boat drift the last foot into the dock. Stuff fenders and seat cushions in. Then go up to the next upstream dock and float down a long line to tie to the bow, and then pull the bow back up straight into the current. Finally, it's easy to then motor (and crab) the boat back to your slip. While no technique is perfect all the time, this is the one that most generally works.

Fair winds.



Vice Commodore's Report

Dave Reilly, Vice Commodore

Summer, ain't it great? It's the time we wait for, and there never seems to be enough daylight in the long days to get everything done. I hope you are finding time to get out on your boat and down to the Club to enjoy your friends.

As far as work hours go, we have closed out the first half of 2016. Most members put in at least 6 work hours. As I write this, the second quarter billings are being prepared and some of you will be charged for unworked hours. If you have questions about how work hours are handled, give me a call and we'll go over it.

I don't know how many shopping days there are until Christmas, but it is not too early to get the Clubhouse rented if you would like to host a Christmas Ships viewing party or whatever. The late November/December dates fill up quickly.

A Committee Chair – Education – has opened up. Serving as a Committee Chair is a good way to serve the Club and get your work hours in. Committee Chairs receive six work hour credits each half year. If you are interested, speak with Commodore Gary Whitney or me. Until the position is filled, I will try to organize some education activities. One thing I am planning is a survey of Club members to determine what kinds of educational activities are desired. The survey will show up in your email in the next few weeks. Your response will help us plan upcoming education activities.

That's it from me. Time to get out there and start having fun!

From the Rear

Karen Finch, Rear Commodore

Summer is finally here and with it comes cruising season. We have the Lazy Days Cruise (or down river cruise as some call it) scheduled for July 23 – 31. The Pirates Cruise will be held August 12-14 at Schwitter Landing. For those not familiar with the Pirates Cruise, it is a fun filled weekend that features events for the kids, a potluck, the initiation of our new members (those who have joined RCYC since the last Pirates Cruise) and a breakfast cooked and served by our Past Commodores. I hope you all can come. I will be looking for some volunteers to help with this cruise. We need to haul the grill and supplies down to Schwitter Landing. This usually entails someone (or a few someones) loading up the Club launch and taking it to Schwitter Landing. I'm also looking for someone to plan and conduct activities for the kids. I also need several Past Commodores to cook and serve the breakfast. If you can help with any of these tasks, please let me know.

Also in August, the Commodore will be appointing a Nominating Committee to identify and nominate members to fill the Flag Officer and Director positions for the coming year. The committee is chaired by the Rear Commodore (me) and includes the most recent Past Commodore along with 2 members. If you are interested in serving on this committee or filling an open position, please let me know. This is your chance to impact the future of our Club. See you on the river.



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

Rose City Youth Sailing Society
3737 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97211

I am sitting in the Rose Garden waiting for the car to get serviced. The garden is not only beautiful to look at but it also smells wonderful. It is a nice place to write and reflect.

The youth sailing programs are in full swing. Please encourage children to sign up. Don't forget to use the discounts and apply for reimbursements two weeks in advance. Go to Vancouver Lake Sailing Club, Willamette Sailing Club, Columbia Gorge Racing Association and even Hood River Yacht Club if you are up that way! We encourage the children to get on the water! The Rose City Youth Sailing Society supports schools that provide a safe, fun, and educational program for youth interested in sailing and boating.

These schools impart a love of sailing and boating as lifetime sports while providing the fundamental skills necessary for participants to advance in the sports as far as their desire, skill, and hard work may take them. The coaches provide a curriculum with current and effective techniques and create skilled and confident youths who will respect others, care for their equipment and the marine environment, and be willing to help fellow sailors and boaters on and off the water. One of the goals is that these sailors will conduct themselves in the Corinthian Spirit during practice and in competition. It is important that all Junior Fleet sailors emerge with an enhanced sense of self-reliance, knowledge of seamanship, appreciation of teamwork, and a solid foundation in sailing and boating.

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.

Please contact Willamette Sailing Club, David Valentine - Club Manager wscclubmanager@gmail.com, phone: (503) 246-5345 to become a part of a great group at their outpost station at McCuddy's. We want to encourage our juniors 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.



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

Pam Sesar, President RCYSS

**RCYC UPCOMING
Events, Meetings, and Functions:**

July

- 4 Land Cruise-4th of July at the Club
- 11 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23-31 Lazy Days Cruise
- 28 Potluck, Cathlamet, 5:00 p.m.

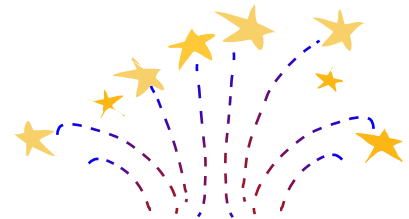
August

- 1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12-14 Pirates Cruise, Schwitter Landing
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Walk 2 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.

September

- 2-5 Labor Day Cruise, Beacon Rock
- 10 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17-18 River Place Cruise
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Walk 3 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.

- Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
- View and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org. Go paperless!



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Secretary Salutations

Nolan Johnson, *Secretary*

One of the new events for the July 4th Land Cruise will be an "Open Boat" show. Members can sign up to open up their boats for tours by other Club members at the Land Cruise. Not only am I looking forward to touring some of your boats, we will have *Witchcraft* open for tours as well. And this reminded me to follow up on a promise.

Back in the spring, when I was chasing the leaks in my mast boot, I asked for Club opinion on products like Spar-Tite. I also promised an update. I received a few replies on Spar-Tite. Terry Thatcher (*Adavida*) shared that he's been happy with the Spar-Tite install he performed a number of years back. Other members had some information to share from what they saw on other peoples' boats. The general consensus was that the product works quite well, provided you do a high-quality install. Good to know!

I'm putting a Spar-Tite install on my long-range list because I think I found an effective and creative short-term solution. How did we even do research before the internet?

Here's what I did to custom-fit a minimal-cost short-term mast boot for my keel stepped mast. The first step was to carefully paint the failing plywood partners with a polymer roof sealer (like Sno-Kote) to seal up the leaks in the plywood. I applied two coats, attempting to fill up every gap and hole completely with sealer. Then I created a boot by wrapping two ace bandages around the partners and the mast. I was careful to make sure that layers of bandage overlapped from the top, like roof shingles, to help ensure runoff without leaks. I then applied a number of coats of the roof sealer over the ace bandages. I overlapped the roof sealer onto the mast by about a half-inch, and I made sure to fold the sealer over onto the deck under the partners by about a half-inch. The result looks like this:



Both the roof sealer and the ace bandage allow the keel-stepped mast to flex as needed. And the edge of the seal is extremely water tight now. Since early May, the mast boot has been 100% dry. No data yet on how long this fix will work or how much maintenance will be required, but for less than \$50 and a couple hours of my time, I'll be happy to find out! So stop by *Witchcraft* during the "Open Boat" show! I'll be happy to give you a tour of her work-in-progress.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Originally, Randy and Ruth Webster, s/v *Velic*, were going to sail to Raroia Atoll. They abandoned that plan because the wind was unfavorable for landfall and sailed to Kauehi Atoll. Kauehi was a good second choice. It has only one navigable pass, but it's an easy one for coral pass first-timers. Initially, they anchored in the southeastern part of the lagoon. After about a week in this fairly isolated anchorage, the weather and wind changed and they moved to the northeastern part of the lagoon to anchor close to the village, Tearavero, where there was better protection from the wind and chop. They stayed here for several days because the weather was unstable with winds from the wrong direction. Then with a favorable forecast, they headed out to Papeete on the island of Tahiti.



We spotted a tree house near a fishing shack on the nearest motu. It was a nice place to hang out for a bit, in the shade and the breeze during the hottest part of the afternoon.



The inter island freighter *Mareva Nui* approaching us soon after we had anchored off the village. We had been here only a couple of hours when the freighter showed up, steaming toward us. We weren't sure how close it would come and whether we would need to move or not, but it anchored just beyond us and we got to watch the crew off load cargo and lighter it ashore. It was our evening's entertainment.



The youth sailing programs are in full swing.

Summer means time on the river with your RCYC maties!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORK PARTY HELP NEEDED

We need work party **leaders** for:

- October 8
- October 22 and
- November 5

and **cooks** for work parties on:

- September 10 and
- November 5

If you're interested, please contact me, Rick Samuels, at 503.799.4255, rick@samuels.com

Thank you.

*Rick Samuels, Work Party Chair
and Resident Member*