

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

October 2016



Commodore's Log

Gary Whitney, Commodore



It is already October and the summer-like days are fading. The fall work parties are in full swing getting the Club ready for the winter storms. Soon, I will be doing the fall moorage walk-through. Be sure you have snubbers on your mooring lines as there is no need to stress your boat or the docks this winter.

The Beacon Rock cruise had over 20 boats that participated and I'm looking forward to the last cruise of the season to Bartlett's Landing. While getting ready for the Labor Day cruise, I noticed that all of the carts were at the bottom of the ramp, or worse yet, left out on the walks. I'm told that the logic is that half of the carts wind up on the bottom and the other half on the top. But in reality, they all end up on the bottom. This is convenient if you are finished loading, but not so if you are just starting to load. Every tool in its place...

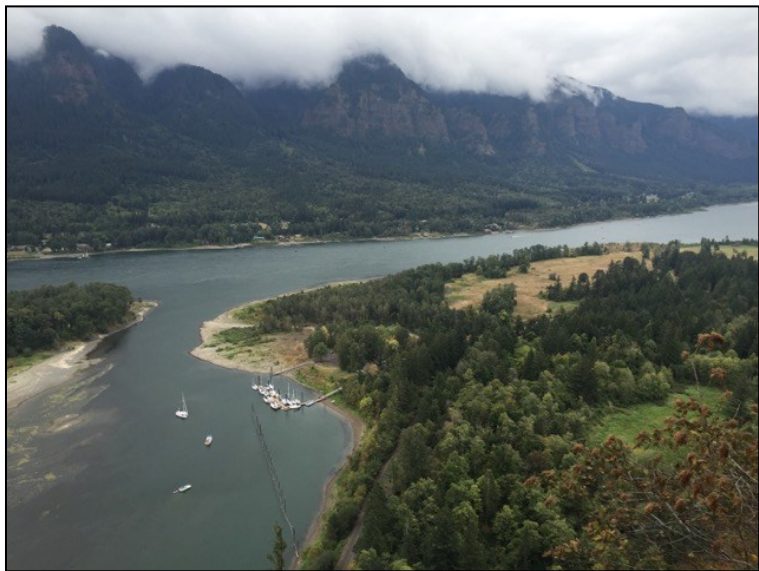
Have you signed up for the Old Salts' Dinner? How about the remaining Ladies Dinners? Linda and I will be going to the Old Salts' Dinner as it is always a great meal and I'm looking forward to it. Linda will be at the Multnomah Channel YC and CRYC Ladies Dinners as well. She hopes to see you there.

I am told that the moorage is in good shape as far as water depth, so we probably will not get to use our new dredge as much as we would like to this year. Plan on getting your work hours at work parties, not dredging.

There are a number of committee positions that will be vacant in January. Special thanks are due to all those who serve the Club and keep things moving. Perhaps it is your turn to step up and take on a committee. Keep that in mind – YOU can make a difference.



Beacon Rock Cruise



Crack Team Fixes Fire Line Crack

In August, the Portland Fire Department conducted their mostly-annual test of our fire standpipe system. Rick Samuels, who witnessed the test with John Tichenor, reported that the test revealed a leak in the system along Walk 5. A mask-and-snorkel inspection by Tom Stringfield uncovered a crack-like opening on the underside of the pipe. Earlier this month, a crack team consisting of Rick, Dave Reilly, Chuck Pennington and Steve Beaty, with a bit of help from Tom, uncoupled the pipe, moved it up onto the walk, cut out the damaged section, welded in a new piece, and reinstalled the pipe, all in one busy day. The Club thanks these industrious craftsmen.

While it is impossible to know for sure, it appears that the “crack” is the result of a strike from an outboard motor propeller (perhaps a dinghy, since the workboat propellers are protected by propeller guards), or less likely, a strike from the dredge digger head. Accidents can happen to anyone. If an accident of this nature happens, PLEASE report it to a Club Officer or Board member so it can be inspected and fixed and not compromise our fire protection system.

**We are up and running safely again
Thanks to these volunteers!**



Tom Stringfield looks for the leak



Rick Samuels, Chuck Pennington, Dave Reilly, Steve Beaty

Member Billing Changes -or- E-billings, ACH Payments and You

Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer

Effective with the fourth quarter billing being mailed October 1, all members with email addresses will be receiving their bills electronically unless they have notified the Treasurer that they wish to opt out. Not only will this save the Club in costs of printing, stuffing and mailing the bills, it will also allow us to provide for electronic payment.

When you receive your email billing, there will be a link to view and pay the bill. When you click on this link, it will take you to the billing itself. At the bottom of the billing, there are two options for payment – credit card or bank. If you wish to pay your bill electronically, **SELECT THE BANK OPTION ONLY**. The bank option costs the Club \$0.50 per member – essentially less than the cost of printing, stuffing and mailing the bill. The credit card option costs 3.1% of your bill plus \$0.25. It is not fiscally responsible for the Club to offer this option and should you accidentally choose this option, the additional costs will be paid by the member.

The Bank Option will allow you to enter the information at the bottom of your check – bank routing number and account number – so the payment may be deducted automatically from your bank account. Should you plan to use this account for future payments, you will also have the option of logging in – setting up a user name and password – so that you do not have to enter the information each quarter. Once you enter the banking information, click on submit. A receipt will be generated and the bill will reflect paid.

You are not required to use this method of payment. You can still send checks or do bill pay through your bank. This method does save expenses for the Club and is a convenience for those who have repeatedly asked for electronic payments.



Vice Commodore's Report

Dave Reilly, Vice Commodore

This great September weather makes diehard RCYC members think of ... Work Parties. Yep, we have already had one Work Party in the second half of this year. There are three more Work Parties – October 8, October 22, and November 5 – scheduled for the remainder of 2016.

This great weather may not last too long, so it may be a good idea to get your work hours completed as early as you can. Remember to sign the work hours listing on the clipboard kept by the phone in the Clubhouse. If you don't sign for your work hours, we have no way to credit them to you. December 15 is the cutoff date for second half work hours. All of the second half work hours must be completed by that date so we can get the accounting done and the billings out by the first of the year.

A contractor has recently cut the weeds on the riverbank at the Club. Some growth on the bank was retained. The retained plants were ones the contractor thought might be beneficial, or they were exotics that some people promote in their gardens. There were locations where ground dwelling bees attacked the mowers with such ferocity that they couldn't cut as completely. The next step is to spray the weeds to keep them from growing, which will probably be done in mid-October once the regrowth has started.

Have fun and get out and enjoy some of this great fall boating weather!



Peter Unger, Sue Pennington, Debbie Martin



Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

The scheduled cruising season is winding down with one more cruise scheduled for October 1-2 to Bartlett Landing, East Dock, on Government Island.

The next to last cruise to River Place on the Willamette had a good turn out in spite of the rain on Saturday. The number of boats going on the cruise is going up each year and we ended up with nine boats there this year. Three other sailboats were in the group lead by your Cruising Chair that left the club a 0900 on Saturday. We were treated to the steam driven Sternwheeler PORTLAND passing us just below the St Johns Railroad Bridge.

The same group left River Place at 1030 Sunday morning and were treated to a water display by a Portland Fire boat. Sunday weather was better with no rain.

Hope you all had fun cruising this summer and if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the Club's cruises please let me know.



Cruise to River Place on the Willamette River

RCYC Ladies Dinner Donation

Linda Shaw, RCYC First Lady

Rose City Yacht Club held its annual Ladies Dinner this year in May. It was a huge success with the help of many hands. Each year our First Lady chooses a charity to support using a portion of our profits from the dinner raffle. This year, I chose Grace Therapeutic Horse Program in Battle Ground, Washington.

Grace Therapeutic Horse Program is owned and operated by Robin Nelson. This wonderful ranch facility helps children and adults in need of therapy by engaging with horses in a hands-on program. They offer youth outreach camps, addiction and recovery therapy, grief and loss therapy, and PTSD trauma recovery.

It is a faith-based operation with the help of volunteers as well. There is a real need for this type of therapy in our community, and clients at Grace are making amazing recoveries. They have a well-kept and well-run facility. Their ranch is always in need of donations of used cowboy boots, as their clients do not usually own appropriate footwear for being around horses. Robin Nelson even has a separate out-building that she calls her "Boot Barn". Please feel free to contact this facility:

Facebook: GraceTherapeuticHorseProgram
www.eagala.org/node/19144

In closing, a huge thank you to each and every one of the members of RCYC that had any part in this year's Ladies Dinner, as it was not only successful in every way, but FUN!!



Gary & Linda present the check to Grace Horse Program



Tom Becker splices Gary Whitney's anchor line as Tom Skach looks on at Beacon Rock

RCYC Heroes

During the September 10th work party, Robert and Joanne Bergstrom spotted a GoPro camera floating in the debris that they were cleaning out of the marina. They turned it in to the Commodore to locate the owner.

Being that a GoPro is in its waterproof case, the memory card was readable, and there happened to be a picture of the owner's boat on the memory card. The Commodore then sent the photo with an inquiry to the Oregon State Marine Board. The OSMB confirmed the registration and contacted the owner to confirm that he did lose a camera.

Shortly after that, the OSMB put the owner in contact with our Commodore and the camera was returned to the owners on September 13th.

The owners were very grateful to get the camera back and expressed a hearty **THANK YOU to RCYC** for returning it.

In case you were wondering, the camera was lost near Government Island about two weeks before the Bergstrom's found it.

Officer & Director Nominations for 2017

Karen Finch, Rear Commodore

Your Nominations Committee is pleased to present the following nominees for the 2017 Officer and Director positions:

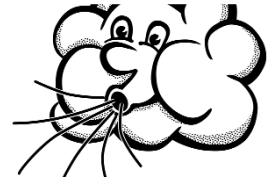
- Commodore—Dave Reilly
- Vice Commodore—Nolan Johnson
- Rear Commodore—Gary Whitney
- Secretary—Chuck Pennington
- Director—Tony Bacon
- Director—Carl Corey
- Director—John Fallon
- Director—Leslie Phillips
- Director— CJ Volesky

Please come to the October general meeting to submit any additional nominations. If no additional nominations are presented at that meeting, we will have an "election by acclamation" vote to elect these folks as your Board for 2017.



Lazy Days in Cathlamet





First Topic: Slip Assignment basic guidelines. I have been moving boats around recently as some smaller and narrower slips have opened up. This has benefited some boats on the Improvement List and, in turn, boats on the #3 (new member) List. There were a number of new-member boats in temporary slips around the Club this summer and those slips are rapidly being reclaimed by members returning from vacations.

In recent years we have experienced a gradual change in the size of boats coming in, and nowadays it is necessary to consider beam much more than length when matching up a boat to a potential slip. For a decade we have been pairing up wide and narrow “longer” boats in all of the bays on Walk 1 and also on several bays on Walk 5. Smaller boats have not shown the extremes in their beam-to-length ratio as the larger ones, but the same solution has been applied to boats on the other walks as well. Walk 1 cannot have its 29-foot wide bays changed due to each finger dock having an end piling. In theory we can make small adjustments to fingers on the other walks, but not to any great effect due to keeping the pilings away from bows and the finger docks and their triangle attachment hardware.

While it might seem logical that we re-arrange the piling placement on the other walks when we went from wood to steel piling, there were permit obstacles that could not be overcome— we had to keep the same spacing as the ancient wooden pilings that were being replaced. The result of this is that throughout the marina we have to pair up boats with wider and narrower beams in the same bay. We will continue this going forward, but this inevitably produces inequities in waiting times for slips. i.e. no matter what a boat’s LOA, if it is narrower, it will fit into a slip sooner and subsequently have more choices if changing slips.

Also be aware of the primacy of Moorage Rule #1, a and b. I have very occasionally had to move a boat because there was a slip that fit it better, and that move would in turn open up a slip for a waiting list boat. No one likes a change, and the Club tries to avoid invoking this rule. While such moves are rare, just be aware that none of us “owns” our slip; all the slips in our moorage are owned and managed in common for the whole membership. (Indeed, after the reformat of Walk 5, I had to reassign our own boat out near the end of the walk when the new layout effectively eliminated my old close-in slip.)

Second Topic: Heading into fall and winter, we are also nearing the storm season. You must have snubbers on bow and stern lines. If your fenders are ancient, replace them before the old UV-damaged vinyl ruptures. Large fenders are better than small ones. Do have chafe guards on your three-strand nylon dock lines where they cross chocks or the edge of your deck. For newer members, use a positive snap or lock on the latch on your dock box, and tie the box down the loop on the triangle. Headsails *must* be well secured if roller furled.

Third Topic: Maneuvering your boat in river current requires that you keep your bow up current all the time and never get too close to the leeward head walk. When moving a boat from an upper fairway down to a lower fairway, never try to turn in using a sharp left turn - there’s a risk of being forced down against the next head walk by sideways current force. Make it a habit to go out into the river, turn around, and reenter the marina and make an easy turn to the right, into the fairway of your choice.





Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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Youth Sailing

Pam Sesar

I had just arrived at a friend’s home in Cathlamet, when someone said, “Look, it’s Rain Drop!” Joby Easton’s Cascade 36 was returning to RCYC from Maui after racing the Vic-Maui. It was so great seeing the boat go by and hear from Joby. What a joy, joy, joy; they have returned. I had just been thinking about Jack Gainer, the previous owner. Jack left his beloved boat to support junior sailing. It is from those resources, and contributions from many of you, that began the creation of RCYSS. RCYSS helps so many young sailors – more than we know! Thank you! Programs have changed since I learned to sail in the RCYC fairway.

The high school teams have started up for the season. Please encourage participation. If a high school doesn’t have enough participants, then high school teams are combined. WSC has programs all year, and don’t forget to watch for the Columbia River junior sailors this autumn and winter. Getting children onto boats is our goal.

It isn’t the end of the year yet, but any donation helps, and is more than appreciated. The costs of running a quality program have gone up. Please feel free to contact me at any time: pamsesar@gmail.com.



Sam, Jake & Nate Robertson



Schumann’s Grandkids





Secretary's Notes

Nolan Johnson, Secretary

We have quite a few bits of news from the Secretary's desk this month. So without fanfare, let's get right into it:

Some members have noticed that minutes from July and August are not up-to-date on the RCYC website. Ethan Van Matre and the website team have been doing some great work behind the scenes to update our website, but file uploads have been delayed by this process. Ethan's team is figuring it out, and it should be resolved soon.

It is with sadness that we inform you that Bill Wright passed in August. Our condolences go out to Sue and her family.

After the summer, we have some membership status changes to report:

Jim Pickett has resigned.

Lynn Easton has returned to Active member status.

Eric Rimkus changed his status from Inactive to Cruising.

Larry Wintermeyer changed his status from Active Life to Inactive Life.



At the August Board Meeting, we met Ryan & Holly Walsh, prospective members. Ryan and Holly have a Cheoy Lee 31, and their two children sail at Willamette Sailing Club. Ryan and Holly were scheduled to be introduced to the Club at the August function that was cancelled due to high temperatures. So if you happen to see them when they're finally introduced to the Club membership, be sure to make them feel welcome.

RCYC recently received notice from Portland Fire & Rescue informing us of our fire safety inspection results: NO HAZARDS noted at the moorage and at the floating storage buildings. The Fire Inspector suggested some additional signage at the electrical closet.

See you on the water – or at the Clubhouse!

Going Away Party

Chuck & Jean Silver
are moving to South Carolina

Kelly & Debbie Martin
are retiring to Panama

RCYC's Clubhouse
Sunday—October 16
2:00 pm

Everyone is invited to wish them well
in their new locations!

BYOB & hors d'oeuvres to share



Chuck Silver's Silver Belle in Cathlamet

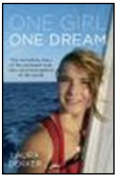
Nautical Reads

Nina Kramer

Circumnavigations have been happening since Joshua Slocum was the first person to sail around the world solo. All kinds of folks have been doing it since, and writing about their voyages. I've been reading books by three women who have circumnavigated.



The first female circumnavigator was **Tania Aebi**. Well, almost. She gave a friend a ride for about 80 miles and blew her chance at the solo record. Her book, **Maiden Voyage** came out in 1996, nine years after she completed her voyage. It chronicles the challenges she faces as a late teen with initially little sailing experience or ambition. Twenty years later, it's still a compelling read.



Following Tania's footsteps is **Laura Dekker**. A consummate sailor, she solo sailed from the Netherlands to England when she was still a kid. Battles with the Dutch Child Welfare Office began in earnest. She finally escaped and began her voyage from Saint Martin a few years later. **One Girl, One Dream** is her circumnavigation story. Catch her presentation at PYC in October.



The third female circumnavigator I've been reading about is **Pat Henry**. In 1989 she left from Acapulco on a Southern Cross 31. In her 40s when she set off, she was on a voyage of self-discovery as much as an eventual circumnavigation. Her book is **By the Grace of the Sea**.



Pam Sesar sailing her brother's Olson 30 back to San Francisco in August

RCYC's Burgee at the Hibiscus in Tahaa, French Polynesia



Velic arrived at Aitutaki, Cook Islands on September 14 after a 5-day passage from Bora Bora, French Polynesia
You've GOT to see the Webster's blog for this!
<https://velicblog.wordpress.com>



OLD SALT'S DINNER

Saturday– October 15th

BYOB HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00pm
DINNER AT 7:00pm



Happy Hour Appetizers
Prime Rib Dinner with
Salad, Vegetables & Bread
Wine & Dessert



\$12.50 per person
SEATING LIMITED TO 90 PEOPLE
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(Adults only – no children)

Watch your email for
reservation information

Pay by check or cash at the door

RCYC HAPPENINGS

October

1-2	Cruise to Bartlett's Landing	
3	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
8	Work Party	9:00 am
10	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
12	OWSA General Mtg	5:30 pm
15	Old Salt's Dinner	6:00 pm
16	Martin/Silver Party	2:00 pm
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	Foghorn April Deadline	
19	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
22	Work Party	9:00am

November

5	Work Party	9:00 am
7	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	OWSA General Mtg	5:30 pm
12	Walk 4 BBQ	5:00 pm
14	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
16	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn May Deadline	
21	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am

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

*Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore Dave Reilly*

Foghorn Deadline **18th of the month**

Email articles, announcements and photos
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It's Magic!

Tom & Cathy Skach sailing home from Beacon Rock



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