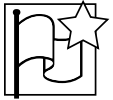




ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Gary Whitney
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November 2016



From the Helm

Gary Whitney, Commodore

The official herald of fall at RCYC, the Old Salts Dinner, was postponed this year but one whale of a storm took its place. Now fall has officially arrived, and this summer's sailing is a fading memory. Racers are preparing for their banquet, and trophies have been readied. Fall Work Parties have almost finished, and dredging is about to begin.

The last Work Party will be November 5, when we turn off the water until spring. Treasured items that might not survive the damp of winter and perishables in the larder should have been removed from your boat. You've located your winterization checklist and are preparing for winter's worst.

As part of our Clean Marina Program, we have redoubled our efforts at waste management and recycling. Waste oil may be left in the waste oil shed at the west end of the parking lot. Remember only waste motor oil. All other hazardous materials must be removed from the Club by the member and taken to the Metro transfer station where it will be disposed of properly. Our Oil Czar, Randy Bauer, will appreciate your attention in this matter.

On the social scene, the Club is moving social events indoors with the final barbeque of the season. This year's turn at the November date falls to Walk 4, as we continue the practice of rotating the dates for these events. The custom and tradition of the nautical auction will also take place at the Walk 4 event. Look around for some useable nautical items you no longer need (ones that will fit in a paper bag or wrapped in newspaper tied with string) and bring them to the Walk 4 BBQ on November 12th for some good fun and the fine dining experience of a walk barbecue.

Dredging begins in November. Our Dredge Czar, Doug McCleary, says the new permits only allow us to dredge in November and December. Dredging is an essential task to keep our moorage deep enough for us to enjoy our boats in the low and slow water of late summer and fall. So if you are like many at RCYC and don't feel like hibernating in front of a fire all winter, break out your old all-weather gear and come down to the Club and join in on some serious work that sets our Club apart from all others with our tradition of "DoItYourself."



Book Review

Before the Wind, by Jim Lynch

Author Jim Lynch is a Puget-Sound-based writer, sailor and racer whose latest novel, *Before the Wind*, attempts what many have long regarded as the impossible: a work of fiction featuring sailboat racing that is technical and esoteric enough to please the sailor, and yet with enough compelling human drama to please non-sailing readers. And he largely succeeds.

The main characters in *Before the Wind* are the members of the Johnnsen family, a dysfunctional clan of shipbuilders, racers and rebels who once produced a series of popular fiberglass racing and cruising sloops (Joho 39s) in the heyday 70s and 80s, but have now fallen on hard times. The hard-driving *pater familias* wants to resurrect the family's racing and boatbuilding success. The three offspring (brothers Joshua and Bernard and sister and sailing phenom Ruby) are estranged from the family and leading separate lives. The narrator, Joshua, is a liveaboard in Olympia, and manages a small boatyard, where he repairs an endless stream of derelict boats owned by delusional racer and cruiser wannabes. The boatyard and marina are populated by a Shakespearean range of diverse characters, humorously drawn. Joshua navigates the demands of family, the aimless arc of his work, and his endless quest to find a girlfriend willing to take a chance on an unambitious boat bum.

Lynch is not afraid to use and explain esoteric sailing terms, and the novel includes several detailed and accurate racing scenes that will be instantly familiar to anyone who has sailed or raced on Puget Sound. The main narrative vehicle is the father's desire to bring the family back together one last time and win the Swiftsure race with a secretly modified (and illegally rated) Joho 39, a win which the father hopes will also revive the family's ailing boatbuilding business. As the middle child desiring to please, Joshua agrees to help gather his siblings for the epic race from their exiles abroad, amid challenging personal and familial crises. His task is complicated by the fact that brother Bernard is a Sea Shepherd-like eco-warrior and smuggler liable to arrest under an outstanding federal warrant, and that sister Ruby, a intuitive racing prodigy who can find the most ephemeral waft of wind, rejected their father's attempts to mold her into an international sailing champion.

Lynch is a fine writer, with an ear for authentic and funny dialogue. He is clearly well acquainted in the internal workings of a boatyard and the helm of a racing boat, and that experience informs the novel. Most readers, but especially Northwest sailors, will enjoy every page.

Submitted by Tod Bassham



New Members

At the October general meeting, we were slated to swear in two new member families. Unfortunately, Chris and Allyson Richard were unable to attend. The excuse offered was that they were at the hospital as Allyson was in labor. So next month, we will swear in the expanded family.

We did, however, swear in Alex and Kathleen Moss. They live in Tigard and recently purchased Sakana from Dan and Karin Brown. Although Alex has some Sea Scout and small boat experience, this is their first "big" boat.

At the October Board meeting, we interviewed Craig Rishel. His wife, Little Liedblad, is a vet and was doing some training out of town. Although they live in Bend, he is retired and is spending a lot of time in the Portland area. They have a C&C 35 named Pilot, and she is currently moored in Tomahawk Bay. He met several RCYC members during his cruising on the river this summer.

And if all goes well, in November, we will swear in three more member families and interview another prospective member. Just remember – we are all on the membership committee!



Dredgery

Doug McClary, Dredging Chair

'Tis the season! Dredging should begin again around the first of November. With many thanks to Steve Barrett, we now have our new Dredging Permit with the US Army Corps of Engineers that is good for 10 years. A few new requirements exist that may affect our dredging going forward. We only have two months, from November 1st through December 31st to complete dredging operations. This will require some changes in the way we work, but I'm sure we can still get the job done. Also, we are required to use biodegradable hydraulic oil on the dredge, so we'll be switching over to Mobil Synthetic before we start dredging. After taking a marina bottom survey in August, it looked like there would be no need to dredge at all this year, but another survey at the end of September showed some high spots developed in Walks 2 and 5. That, plus a few areas in the other Walks, means we'll be dredging after all. We'll try to stay out of the way as much as possible, but there may be times when the fairways may be temporarily blocked. I thank you for your patience and look forward to a successful 2016 Dredging Season!



Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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By Pam Sesar

RCYSS's junior sailing support program helps our local programs develop knowledgeable youth dinghy racers, and to instill a passion for the sport of sailing. Our local programs are dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment where young sailors can develop and refine their racing skills, learn good sportsmanship, build lifetime friendships and compete at the highest level of sailing. RCYSS and WSC and VLSC and CGRA recognize that all of their sailors, whether they have a good day on the water or a bad day, are all winners. We also recognize that sailing for joy is the ultimate experience.

Please remind others to sign up children for sailing lessons. The short-term benefits and long-term benefits strengthen all sailors and boaters everywhere. Also, please remind others to contribute to RCYSS. Donations can be mailed to me, Pam Sesar, to Terry Annis or to RCYC attention Youth Sailing. Any and all donations are appreciated. RCYSS is a 501c3, thanks to Karen Jacobson and Michael Schumann.



CGSA this summer



Ready, Set, Go!



Youth at Cascade Locks



Coming in for a landing!



Pam Sesar sailing Misty

Daughters of Neptune

Gary Whitney, Commodore

It's time to submit your nominations for RCYC's 2017 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 2017.

Applicants need to submit a letter to the RCYC Board, via the Commodore, (ka_sl28@ymail.com) before the November Board Meeting on Nov 14, 2016 at 7 PM.

Applicants are asked to present themselves to the Board in November.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

With the recent strong winds reaching 52 mph in one gust in our moorage, be sure to check your lines for chafe and check for burst fenders. If we get more sustained winds like that this winter, the odds of shredded headsails go up a lot. If you are not sailing until spring, secure sails and canvas really well or take them home.

If you are going to wash your boat, get this done before November 5. That is the date of the last work party when we turn off the water to all of the walks and remove remaining water with compressed air in all of our walk supply piping.

When we get ice or snow, be very cautious transiting any of the walk surfaces and watch out for slick side decks when you step aboard your boat.

Important Notice: It is time to watch for your notice to renew your Oregon registration if you have one that expires at the end of 2016. You can renew on-line, following the instructions on the form or do it by mail. Do not put this off. Once you get your new stickers you can apply them any time the ambient temperature is over 50 degrees. If it's colder than 50 degrees, a heat gun will warm up the surface.



Daughters of Neptune at the Columbia River Yacht Club Ladies Dinner.





Bartlett Landing Cruise

Last cruise of the year saw some spectacular moments of sun peek out between light rain showers. All in all, the handful of hardy boaters managed to stay dry and had a great weekend together.



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

November

- 5 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 7 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 9 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 12 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:00 pm
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn deadline
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

December

- 2 Christmas Shps Potluck and Gift Exchange
- 5 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 9 Finch Private Party
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 OWSA General Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 15 Cut-off date for second half work hrs
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters
- 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 25 *Christmas Day*
- 31 New Years Eve Informal Party

• 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.



MORE FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Judy Oxborrow, RCYC Treasurer

A reminder for all members – Quarterly billings go out January, April, July and October. When you get the ebilling, the subject will be Invoice from RCYC and will show RCYC as the sender. There will be a pdf file attached with a link allowing you to view/print out the bill and if you choose to do so, to pay the bill by ACH withdrawal from your account.

So far, our bookkeeping service has definitely proven to be cost effective. In the three months since the merger, we have saved almost \$800 in bookkeeping costs. More improvements are on the way. In addition, we billed 163 people for fourth quarter dues/fees/moorage. Of those, 150 of the billings were released by email. This saved us over \$70 in postage and billing time to print and stuff all the envelopes.

Now for another improvement: The bookkeeping service does not wish to store paper. Thus, we are going to the option of submitting reimbursement requests on line. The reimbursement request form is being modified. The updated form should be on the Club website by the time you read your Foghorn.

First, complete the form. Then if you have a document scanner, scan the form and your original receipts and email them to Judy Oxborrow. Putting the documents in a pdf format is preferred, but if you are not able to do that, submit them in whatever format is available to you. If Judy and/or the bookkeeping service cannot read them, Judy will contact you to resend. If you do not have a scanner, complete the form and attach your original receipts and mail them to Judy. She will then scan and forward to the bookkeeping service.

This change also gives Judy an opportunity to advise the bookkeeping service as to what category the payment should be charged against instead of having the bookkeeping service ask her how to handle a request for reimbursement. Plus, we will not have to pay the bookkeeping service to scan and store the documents.



Several RCYC members on a land cruise to La Push, Washington



**Walk 4 BBQ
&
RCYC Annual
Brown Bag
Auction**

Autumn Spaghetti Feed!

Join Walk 4 on November 12th
for the Brown Bag Auction & Spaghetti Feed!

Happy Hour5 PM

Spaghetti.6 PM

Appetizers, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Sides,
Dessert & Soft Drinks will be provided by Walk 4

Here is what you need to bring:

Your Adult Beverage of choice, Auction Item in
Plain Brown Wrapper, A Can of Food for Donation
to the Food Bank, and your Appetite!

(Auction Proceeds will go towards Club Improvement)

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