

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

December 2016



From the Helm

Gary Whitney, Commodore



The year is drawing to an end and it is a good time to look back and review the past year. It has been a good year overall, and we end it with both our facilities and our finances in good shape. On a sad note we remember the members who have passed away this year: Donna Eudaly, Helen Mills, Jim Campbell, Louise Ferrell, Robert "Pat" Adams, Chris Mountford and Wayne Hall. Many members also lost parents or children, and we remember them as well.

I have enjoyed being Commodore this year, and I encourage all of you who have not taken on a leadership role in the Club to consider one. This year has had its challenges, and it also has had its rewards. I have gotten to know many of you better, and I have learned much about the Club and its history. I have enjoyed becoming more involved in this great community. Please consider how you would like to actively participate in the Club. All of us are needed to make RCYC run and succeed. Many members deserve a big thank you for their help this year. You have pitched in, and have made sure that things got done. This has involved work parties, social events, putting out the Foghorn and the Yearbook, Opening Day, dredging and many more tasks.

Doug McClary has overseen dredging and the repairs to our dredge pond. Brenda Annotti made sure all our activities ran smoothly. Loren Beach kept our moorage full and arranged for best use of slips. Rick Samuels saw that work parties were productive, and he kept our facility in good shape. The Portland Boat Show is coming and RCYC will have a booth to promote the Club. Mark Holzmann will be handling the scheduling of volunteers. We always need new members, and all of us are part of the membership committee. We all want to spread the word about what a great Club RCYC is. Finally, our resident members have done a great job watching the facilities and reporting any issues to the officers and the Board.

RCYC Annual Christmas Ships Potluck

Friday, December 2, 2016

5:00pm Appetizers

Bring your favorite. Mixers provided.

6:00pm Dinner

*Bring your favorite dish to share.
Club is providing ham.*

**7:00pm To the docks for
Christmas Ships.**

Return for our annual gift exchange.

*Bring a \$15-20 gift you would enjoy
receiving yourself.*

Hope to see you there!

*Any questions - contact Brenda Annotti,
Activities Chair 503-504-2595*





Vice Commodore's Report

Dave Reilly, Vice Commodore

I feel kind of out of the loop as far as Rose City Yacht Club activities are concerned. Marili and I spent the past month traveling to the Gulf Coast. Many of you may remember *This 'L Du*, the 25 foot Glasply that Bill and Louise Redding had in RCYC for many years. We now own that boat and moved it to the Gulf Coast to enjoy with family. We found a great little marina that put us in the mind of Cathlamet Washington, and are looking forward to enjoying the marina and *This 'L Du* on the Gulf Coast.

All of the work parties have been completed for the year. I am in the process of compiling the work hour data but it appears most everyone, but not all, have completed work hour requirements. I will be getting in touch with those who appear to be short of completed work hours. Remember December 15 is the cutoff date for work hours in 2016. If you know you need a few more hours to fulfill your requirement, get in touch with Rick Samuels for a work assignment.



*Welcome
Chris, Allyson and Taylor Richard !*



Secretary's Notes

Nolan Johnson, Secretary

We have two new applicant families to report this month and also a new member family.

Craig Rishel & Little Liedblad. Craig has a C&C 35 Landfall, named "Pilot", which is currently moored at Tomahawk Bay Marina. Craig grew up in South Florida and has been around boats his whole life. He's new to larger sailboats and to this part of the Columbia River. Craig & Little live in Sisters, but there's no place there for a big boat. Little is a veterinarian and has a clinic in the Bend area. Craig is retired from the petroleum industry, where he worked on instrumentation and electrical controls.

Dennis & Marquita Call - Dennis and Marquita are the new owners of the Ivers 32 foot Nordic Tug. Marquita has an art gallery in Camas. Dennis is a distributor for lighting fixtures. They became aware of RCYC as they were purchasing Pete and Helen Unger's Nordic Tug and got a tour of the Club facilities. They were impressed by our cleanliness, the Clubhouse, and the overall warmth of the people they met. Being able to avoid traffic issues (as compared to locating their boat on Hayden Island) was also a big factor in their decision.

New Members sworn in at the November Walk 4 Spaghetti Feed: Chris, Allyson and Taylor Richard. Chris has been involved at RCYC since 1991 and really started cruising seven years ago. Chris is the son of Matt and Laura Richard. Allyson started cruising when the two of them started dating. Taylor is four weeks old. Chris works at Becker Enterprises and Allyson is a teacher.





Walk 4 Spaghetti Feed & Auction

CRYA Report

Marili Green Reilly

I am pleased to accept my recent appointment as Vice President of Columbia River Yachting Association, and I look forward to representing RCYC for the coming two years. To get a feel for their meetings, I filled in for Colleen Moran, our CRYA representative, at the November meeting and pass along some items that were shared:

– Columbia County Marine Patrol will be initiating a Blue Light Rule media campaign this winter and spring, beginning as early as February. Sgt. Phillip Edwards told us the Blue Light Rule states that when a sheriff's boat is flashing its lights, boaters in the area must steer clear, drop to the slowest navigable speed, and continue out of the area unless directed otherwise. This is especially important if the sheriff is pulled up alongside another boat and is in confined waters such as Multnomah Channel.

– River Place Marina will close their pump-out station in August 2017. As this is the only pump-out station on the Willamette River in the Portland area, the Oregon State Marine Board will be looking for other possible locations.

– City of Scappoose seeks input from boaters on their interest in a new dock at Chapman's Landing. This is between Multnomah Channel YC and Coon Island. It is also the terminus of the Crown Zellerbach trail from Vernonia. There is also a proposal for a park at the site. Meetings are open to the public; go to www.ci.scappoose.or.us for details.

– The Steel Bridge will be closed January 9-18, 2017 for its first major retro-fit since it was opened in 1911. There will be no bridge lifts during the closure.

– The U.S. Coast Guard will be convening a committee to look into safety issues related to boats anchoring in the Willamette River between the Morrison and Hawthorne bridges. This is the area where the Portland Spirit and Sternwheeler Portland are moored. If you are interested in being on this committee, let me know and I will pass along your name to the CRYA Executive committee.

The next two years will be big ones for RCYC and CRYA. I look forward to your support. Watch for opportunities to help plan the activities we will be hosting, including the CRYA Awards Banquet in December 2017 and Opening Day 2018.

If you have any questions about CRYA and its activities, please contact me. What I have not yet learned, I will endeavor to find out for you.

Dysfunctional Family Racing

by Tod Bassham

Many sailboat racers manage the difficult feat of devoting maximal time and energy to racing, while also raising a family and keeping the divorce lawyer from the door. But few, it seems, manage to convince their spouses and children to actually crew during a race. Most racers quickly accept 'Hell No' for an answer, and perhaps with an inward sigh of relief, call up the usual hard-drinking suspects, and go on to lead happy, well-adjusted lives that do not attempt to mix family and racing. Some of us, however, are made of sterner stuff, and stubbornly keep badgering the spouse and offspring until, in sheer exasperation, the family gives in and agrees to crew for *one* race.

Ah, but which race? A regular regatta or series race with a novice crew would not do. A Friday night beer can is tempting, but a piddling jaunt around the local navigation buoys would not give the family a real sense of what racing is all about: *i.e.*, suffering in a confined space while sailing slowly and pointlessly from A to B. What was needed was a distance race. Why not the RCYC Long Distance Race to Sand Island? Well, there are many reasons why not, including that the Sand Island dock scene, particularly around midnight, is not suitable for children or anyone possessing a rudimentary sense of morals. But I chose to ignore these reasons, and pressed my case.

Convincing the family to embark on a long haul race as their introduction to racing required an extraordinary number of bribes and inducements, including giving in to the kids' request to bring along Loki, the family's neurotic, nausea-prone dog. Fortunately, we had procured an Oregon medical marijuana card for the beast's *mal du mer*, and baked a bucket of cannabis-infused kibble to keep him calm. But this presented a strategic problem to the racing-minded. The Oregon card is no good in Washington, and the border runs down the middle of the Columbia River. This meant that whenever the boat is on starboard tack heading to Oregon the dog could lawfully gulp his kibble, but on port tack crossing to Washington the brute would have to go without. Washington had legalized marijuana, but I was not sure it recognized veterinary usage. Because I am a lawyer in my non-sailing life, I like to stay within (but just within) the letter of the law. Accordingly, I planned a strategy that involved short tacks up the Oregon side and which therefore maximized kibble intake.

Race day dawned with light winds. I bent on our biggest headsail and by sheer luck managed a great start ahead of a fleet of larger, heavier boats. Light air racing demands the utmost attention to sail trim, but I soon discovered that the entire family suffers from Sail Trim Attention Deficit Disorder, better known by its acronym STADD. Studies show that STADD is the single biggest cause of strife aboard sailboats. And, it turns out, my family is the poster child for STADD. My wife plunked herself down in the cockpit and was absorbed in her knitting project rather than paying attention to genoa lead, but at least she was not moving randomly about. The kids stomped around the boat without the slightest regard for optimum weight distribution or the hull-wobble effect on laminar air flow across the sails. Meanwhile, the neglected dog had consumed the entire bucket of cannabis kibble, and was now roaming around the deck chewing on every halyard and sheet in sight.

In exasperation, I ordered my daughter Joie to hold onto the wandering dog, and told my son to go play his game pod in the leeward berth, where he could do the least harm. By this time the wind had picked up a little and, looking back, I could see the longer waterline boats coming up fast. Ahead, I could see the finish line. We needed more speed! I looked around for inspiration, but the only sight that caught my eye was Joie on the foredeck holding the drooling dog, long ears hanging down like limp sails.

Limp sails! I asked her to hold Loki's ears out like airplane wings. If she could tilt the ears at just the right angle of attack, the differential pressure generated by the Bernoulli effect might accelerate the airflow in the slot between the headsail and the main, increasing lift and hence boat speed perhaps another twentieth of a knot. The race was almost neck and neck, the finish line within a kibble's throw. "Starboard ear up 10 degrees, port ear down 5 degrees," I called out, and felt the boat accelerate slightly as the improvised "earfoil" hit the sweet spot. Was it enough?

Then disaster struck. "Dad!" Joie yelled back, "The dog is sick!" I cringed at the thought of what projectile vomiting of half-masticated cannabis kibble would do to our racing trim. But wait a minute. What was the racing rule definition of "finish?" In a flash I knew what to do. "Hold him out over the bow as far as you can!" I ordered. Under the racing rules a boat finishes when any part of its hull or *crew in normal position* crosses the finish line. The normal position for a chundering crew member is over the rail of course. Joie held the heaving mutt over the bow railing as far as she could. A moment later we crossed the line, ahead by a nose.

The other boats might protest, but I knew that in the protest room truth, justice and clever lawyering would prevail. It was a sweet victory: the first race—and probably the last—my family would ever crew for me.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Currently there are several members moving into new slips, after waiting on the Improvement List for their requested location. There are only a couple of boats on the #3 List at present. If you know a potential member sailing a small boat, we have two short slips open immediately. Have any prospective members contact membership chair Mark Holzmann.

Winter Weather notes: 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. The point is to report the problem, not necessarily board someone's boat, to try to secure a loose genoa in a blizzard. Safety first, always.

Remember to winterize your engine, as we can sometimes experience a combination of freezing weather and high winds for a week at a time in mid-winter. If you use a space heater for your boat's interior during the winter, be aware that we have had power outages in recent years for over a day when high winds brought down a tree across the lines on Marine Drive; and this coincided with multiple days of 30 kt East winds and sub-freezing temps. That's the reason we stress having good dock lines, fenders, and chafe gear.

On the subject of keeping the moisture out of your boat, remember that good ventilation is more useful than relying on a space heater in a closed up interior. If you absolutely have to have a space heater on, it MUST be set at 35 degrees max. Better still, just have vents open and hatches in the 'vent' position, and have all the lockers open and cushions either tipped up for air circulation or taken home. AC shore power is great to keep your battery charger powered up, but not for much else when you are not aboard.

In case of a threat of really severe freezing, I do go down and shut all hatches and vents. My reasoning is that the river water will likely not freeze and the bottom of the hull will stay above freezing and this should help keep the interior above freezing. Being cautious, I always winterize the engine raw water system before December, as well. It's easy to enjoy Christmas when we know that our boat is secure and prepared.

RCYC's 2017 Daughter of Neptune: Kaselyn (Kasey) Markell

Kasey is Karen and Ron Billion's granddaughter and a straight A, honor student at Sam Barlow High School. She competes in water polo, track and field, and ballet. Her water polo team placed 5th in State, and she received all-conference honors.

Kasey graduated from Gordon Russell Middle School with a 4.0 GPA and received awards for academics, peer leadership, and outstanding achievement in Physical Education. She has practiced ballet for the past 11 years and has been on pointe for the last 1-1/2 years. She also completed her first three track and field seasons by placing second in county in high jump last year. She hopes to pursue a career in Biomedical Engineering.

Kasey has many fond memories of being on the river and at RCYC. Since she was a year old, she looked forward to summers filled with Pirates' Breakfast, sailing up and down the river, and just being around the water. She wants to help educate children about water safety and work as a lifeguard.



Nautical Reads

Nina Kramer

We have three books for you this month. They would all make great gifts. You can also get them from your library.

The first is a new historical nautical fiction series. The Shores of Tripoli by James L. Haley. It features Lieutenant Bliven Putnam of the United States Navy. It is 1804 and the Barbary Pirates and the Berber States in North Africa are taking a toll on American shipping. Bliven is a part of the effort to stop these offenses. The book is well researched, and you will learn about this part of our history. There is action and intrigue as battles are fought and diplomats make deals. Give this new series a try.

Alpha Bravo Charlie by Sara Gillingham is a coffee table book simply about nautical codes—Signal flags, Morse Code, Semaphore and the International Radiotelephony Spelling Alphabet. Simple, but stunning, illustrations accompany explanations of what each signal flag means as they are flown on different kinds of boats. It's a fun way to explore ways sailors can communicate and amusing that the boat flying Charlie (yes or affirmative) is a sailboat.

Another new title, written for older kids, and for adults beginning to explore the subject, is Dive: World War II Stories of Sailors and Submarines in the Pacific by Deborah Hopkinson. After America's Pacific fleet was decimated at Pearl Harbor, it was up to the submariners to halt the Japanese expansion across the Pacific. Chock full of pictures, Dive celebrates the men and the subs that helped win the war.



Knauti Knitters

Do you like to knit or crochet?
Do you want to learn how to knit?
Do you like to use your creative juices on adult coloring books, cross stitching, Embroidery or hand sewing?
Do you like to gather with other boating women, making new friends, discussing whatever?



If so, join the Knauti Knitters the first and third Monday every month at 10:00am in the RCYC Clubhouse.



Walk 4 Spaghetti Feed

Dredging

Doug McClary, Dredging Chair

Sitting around all day wondering what to do?

Looking for a challenge?

Need to get out of the house for a while?

Keeping warm and dry?

You, too, can be part of the Dredging Team!

Due to new permit requirements, RCYC needs more Dredging Helpers for the 2016 season. As Dredging Helper, you will move swing cables, monitor the spoils pond, perform turbidity testing, learn the art of dredging aboard the J.Randall, and much, much more! No experience necessary! Training will be provided. The Dredging Crew this year will include an operator and two helpers for each shift. Time spent will qualify for RCYC Work Hours. Don't delay; sign up today. Just follow the link below and fill out the form to join the awesome Dredgers Team.

<https://goo.gl/forms/frjrkUfsZSmVu01v2>

New Member Orientation

Ron Moran, Member Orientation Chair

The Board, at its November meeting, created a new chair position titled "Member Orientation". The purpose of this position is to maintain an informational outline that can be used to bring our new members up to speed regarding the workings of RCYC and to hold training classes for our new members each quarter or as needed. The outline's main topics are Club Security, Billing & Reimbursement, Safety, Club Utilities, Oregon Clean Marina, Club Facilities/ Equipment and Club Activities.

The goal of this new program is to educate and inform the Club's new members. We want them to get involved so that they will feel that they are making a contribution and that they are not just members. The Board has made these training classes mandatory for all new members.

The first session will be in the Clubhouse on Saturday January 14 and will start at 0900 hrs. It should be over by 1300 hrs. As stated, these classes are geared for new members, but are open to all members who want to learn more about the Club.

RCYC HAPPENINGS

December

2	Christmas Potluck	5:00pm
5	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	Finch Private Party	
11	Phillips Party	
12	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
14	OWSA General Mtg	5:30 pm
15	Work Hours Cutoff Date	
18	Foghorn January Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
21	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
31	New Years Eve Party	6:00pm

January

1	New Years Soup and Sail	
2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
9	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
11-15	Portland Boat Show	
14	New Member Orientation	9am-1pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
18	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	Foghorn February Deadline	
21	Whitney Private Party	

*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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