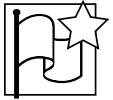


Commodore: Dave Reilly  
Vice Commodore: Nolan Johnson  
Secretary: Chuck Pennington

February 2017



### From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

Having fun? With all this ice and snow it's hard to see where the fun is with our boats. Keep the faith, it will be up to 50 degrees before we know it.

Moorage Chairman Loren Beach does a good job of keeping everyone up to date on weather conditions at the club that might affect your boat. His advice to check your boat, as soon as you feel it is safe, is good. We don't often experience freezing conditions like we had during this past month and hopefully you haven't experienced an unexpected failure. It's good to check things out never-the-less.

LED light bulbs have been installed everywhere in the clubhouse except for the fluorescent tubes in the galley. It is expected the new and improved lighting will pay for itself after two years. A big thanks to Resident Member Rick Samuels for taking the initiative on this improvement.

New members Ryan and Holly Walsh were sworn in during January. Ryan and Holly sail a 31' Choey Lee and have two youngsters. Welcome Ryan, Holly, and family.

Although it is bleak and cold and slippery there are several fun things scheduled for RCYC members in the next few weeks. The Commodore's Ball is February 4th at Riverside Country Club. Cocktail Hour is at 6:00pm; dinner and program at 7:00pm and dancing at 9:00pm. This is always a fun get together and Marili and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

We have a new social event on the calendar this year: "Chocolates and Cocktails" is scheduled for the evening of February 11 at the clubhouse. Activities Chair, Brenda Annotti, will be sending out more information, but I think the idea is to eat chocolates and drink cocktails. How can that miss? Sounds like fun!

On March 11 we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day (according to the late Barbara Dougherty maybe the best holiday of the year). Work parties will also begin in March. Before you know it, sunshine and fun on your boat.



*All Hands on Deck! New Commodore Dave Reilly takes the Helm!*



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## From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

January has started off to be wet cold and icy. Let's hope that mother nature gets it all out of her system and gives us a warm dry summer to use our boats. Planning and organizing Sunday breakfast on the Pirates' Cruise are included in my new duties as Rear Commodore. I am requesting warm and dry weather for that cruise and for Lazy Days.

We are working to give everyone access to the video camera that is currently pointed at the marina. Some of you have seen the pictures of the Marina during the snow event. With the snow starting to melt, and with rain and cold temperatures in the forecast, the docks will continue to be hazardous. Please be careful, when you come down to check on your boat. Carl and Pam Corey have been looking out for us, and I'm sure they will contact you if your boat needs help.

By the time you read this, the Commodores' Ball will be just a few days away. That's when we will formally install our new Flag Officers and Directors. I hope to see many of you there.

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Goose on ice.



## Vice Commodore's Report

Nolan Johnson, Vice Commodore

"The pessimist curses the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." - William Arthur Ward

2017 at Rose City Yacht Club certainly has reminded us to be realists. In just fifteen days, we've seen extreme and challenging weather and cancelled and rescheduled Club traditions, such as the Soup and Sail. The Club has also experienced facility hiccups (frozen lines, lift pump, broken gate, impassable docks, etc.). Yet, we merely adjust the sails, get back on course, and carry on.

In the next couple of days, I will be fully updating the Club calendar on the brand new RCYC website, and will be setting up the accounting worksheet for the upcoming Work Parties, which kick off this year on March 4th. Rick Samuels is compiling a list of Club maintenance and improvement projects for us all.

At the beginning of the year, it's good to remind all members that if you perform work hour duties, please be sure to record them in the Work Hours log, kept by the bar counter in the Clubhouse. Speaking from personal experience, it's a lot easier to log the hours rather than find out at the end of the year that you don't have enough recorded for your Club obligation.

I'm excited to be stepping over to the Vice Commodore duties around Clubhouse rentals, work hours and apprenticing under Dave Reilly's great example as Commodore. This will be a good year - I'm optimistic about what's coming our way; but I admire how deftly we simply adjust our sails.



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## Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

*Please send your titled articles and photos to: [rcycfoghorn@gmail.com](mailto:rcycfoghorn@gmail.com)*

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# Repower Blues, Part I: Removal

By *Tod Bassham*

When our usually reliable Perkins 4-108, circa 1984, began smoking and burning oil on Chinook, our Beneteau Idylle 11.50, my wife and I got a bid from local grease monkeys for an overhaul, which came to about half a year's tuition at the out-of-state college our offspring attended. We also looked at repowering with a Beta Marine, and were surprised to learn that purchasing a new Beta was about the same price as paying someone with a workshop and skills to overhaul old Blue. But that tuition bill kept arriving with monotonous regularity every quarter, so we gritted our teeth and got used to apologizing to our neighbors for the thick blue haze visited on them whenever the Perkins fired up.

One day our offspring informed us that transfer to a state school was imminent. After crunching the numbers, we got on the phone to the local Beta dealer, and ordered a Beta 30. It was almost the same horsepower as the Perkins, but lighter, quieter, cleaner, thirty percent more fuel-efficient, and a different color altogether (fire engine red). To keep expenses down and to gain the experience, we decided to do the installation ourselves, with expert help from a retired mechanical genius.

To hoist the engine out, we moved the boat to Danish Marine, and worked for two days to remove all the hoses and connections and to jimmy the engine off its beds and into the companionway, using an overhead beam and a couple of come-alongs. At this point the first of several winter storms threatened, and we scrambled to warp the boat under the travel-lift, hoist the 500-lb Perkins out, and lower the 350-lb Beta to the bottom of the companionway, before the snow and ice stranded us at Danish for the duration. Goodbye Old Blue! We hardly knew ye.

We hastily towed the boat back to our home dock at RCYC, to complete installation - cheaper and more conveniently there. We reached our slip just before the storm hit, and covered everything with ice. Eventually, the ice melted and we could access the boat again without using crampons. But then, gosh darn it, the holidays arrived, and precious days were wasted entertaining the in-laws. Occasionally we would sneak away and enjoy some holiday peace and quiet by crawling into the engine compartment to strip away the old oil-soaked soundproofing, and replace it with shiny mylar-covered sound barrier. Finally, in early January, we were ready for the big test: jimmy the Beta into place and see how it aligns with the shaft and exhaust pipe.

Alas, a snow apocalypse then descended on the city like a white shroud, causing further delay. Perhaps by March the engine will be installed and the boat will be ready for new adventures.

So far it has been an interesting and educative experience. We've improved our knowledge of boat systems by at least three hundred percent (although that is not saying much). True, we've spent unholy amounts of the children's inheritance. Yet, when we put on our crampons and go down to the boat, and crawl around in the bilges trying to overcome the latest obstacle to maritime bliss, all seems well with the world. It is truly said: there is nothing better than messin' around with boats.

Stay tuned for Part II of Repower Blues: The Installation.

## Activities

**Brenda Annotti, Activities Chair**

Here's to a fantastic 2017. We've got at least one social event planned each month and I hope you plan to attend them all. Coming up soon is our Chocolate & Cocktails Happy Hour on Feb 11th. Then, before you know it, St Patrick's Day will be here. We are planning that party for March 12th. More details to come...

If you are interested in helping to plan and/ or decorate for St. Patrick's Day, please let me know ASAP. Call me at 503-504-2595





## RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

### February

4	Commodores Ball
2	OWSA Meeting, 6pm
6	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
9	SYSCO Race Clinic, 6:00 pm
11	Chocolate & Cocktails, 4:00 pm
13	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
15	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
18	Foghorn deadline
20	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

### March

4	Work Party, 9:00 am
6	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
8	OWSA General Meeting, 6:00 pm
11	St. Patrick's Day Party
13	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
15	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
18	Foghorn Deadline
18	Frostbite Regatta
20	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
25	Work Party, 9:00 am

• 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](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).



**Rose City  
Youth Sailing  
Society**

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

By Pam Sesar

We had a wonderful year-end meeting, and have decided to continue with 80% reimbursement for sailing classes, and up to 50% for camps. Please get your applications in early. Also, because of our support for sailing in the area, many children are eligible for discounted rates at the local schools. Remember to ask for the discounted rates. VLSC, WSC and CGRA have the latest information regarding class schedules and costs.

And, as always, please keep those donations coming. Thank you to John and Penny Flenniken, Alan Bergen and Don Belshaw for year-end contributions. We will gladly accept donations at any time of year. Every little bit helps the children. It all goes to supporting great and growing local programs and we need the help. We have a thank you gift if you contribute \$60 or more. Remember to let me know if I have forgotten something or if you have any questions.

We usually have our silent auction at a spring walk party. I haven't had a chance to talk with anyone about the date for the auction but I want you to start thinking about a wonderful gift you would like to donate. Marie Griffin is our lead fundraiser with help from Gayle O'Neill and all of us on the RCYSS Board. We plan to have wine tasting, great fun items, and hopefully flowers again by Jeanne Becker and Laura Richard. Many wonderful items get donated to this auction, so please keep this in mind. We will let you know when we set up a web site or get a place for you to drop the items off. At this point the board members store the items until the auction. If possible, we would like to know what is coming a week before so we can make up an auction sheet.

I received an article by David Seidman called Following Seas from the October 2016 Boating Magazine: "Sure, sailboats top out at 6 mph, run heeled over at ridiculous angles, and can't go anywhere in a straight line. But they are the best teachers of seamanship there is. Cadets at the U.S. Naval Academy, who will someday command nuclear subs and aircraft carriers, are taught to be sailors first. Which is why my kid will learn to sail before he gets his first real boat. Although, buying that boat may be a long way off with his dad on the dole." And, please remember to encourage children to take sailing lessons.





## No Good Ever Comes From Clogged Drains

By Alison Mazon

Cockpit drains on most boats are marginal when the boats leave the factory. Add the normal detritus, cockpits collect through normal use (leaves, twigs, hair, cellophane, zip ties, mussels and feathers left by seagulls using your cockpit for a picnic table, and normal rain can back up the drains, rise above the bridge deck, and enter your cabin. Snow and ice can overpower even the best drains. Add in the rain, that often follows snow events, and there is a strong possibility that your cozy cabin may be turned into an aquarium. Enough water will overpower your automatic bilge pump (Yours is working, isn't it?) and your boat could sink.

So, sooner rather than later, clear the snow out of your cockpit, inspect your drains, and pour some warm water down them, just to be certain there are no clogs. After you do this, inspect the nether regions of your boat where the cockpit drain hoses and seacocks hide to be certain that the water you put down the cockpit drains, isn't flowing into your boat instead of the river.

Sleep well knowing your cockpit is snow and ice free and the drains are draining.



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

No boat moves to report on, but you should all keep in mind that we can accommodate two new members with small boats, as the moorage now has two open slips. Something eight feet wide or less. Get the word out.

Once the freezing weather subsides, I will get some moves completed from the Improvement List.

This is an example of what happens when we get lows around 20 for nearly a week. I found solid ice in the bilge of one boat I was checking on, for a member who is out of town.

Check your bilge pumps, your shore power connections and your charger output. Cold weather requires maintaining a full charge on your batteries.

Stay warm and dry, and walk carefully on our docks.

## Knauti Knitters

Join the Knauti Knitters on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00am. You don't have to be a knitter - bring a craft of your liking or just come to participate in the conversations.





## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dave and Carol Hickman,  
who were married late last year.



*Snowmageddon, Snowpocalypse, 2017. Or just a lot of snow around the club.*



## February General Meeting Program Announcement: Water Tragedy Prevention

By Andy Schmidt, RCYC Program Chair

At February's General Meeting we will have representatives from the IOBG to talk about what the Foundation is all about and the work it has done to prevent Tragedies. The Foundation was started in 2013 by a group of Past Commodores in District 5 of the International Order of the Blue Gavel and works hard to provide life jackets to over 30 life jacket kiosks in our area. In 2016 alone, the Nautical Safety

Foundation provided over 600 life jackets to various programs in Oregon and SW Washington and have provided over 1500 life jackets in just 3 years. The IOBG is a non-profit and gets much of it's support from the public. If you are interested in donating you can find out more information on how to do so at [www.iobg-nsf.org](http://www.iobg-nsf.org). In 2016 alone, the Nautical Safety Foundation provided over 600 life jackets to various programs in Oregon and SW Washington and have provided over 1500 life jackets in just 3 years. The IOBG is a non-profit and gets much of it's support from the public. If you are interested in donating you can find out more information on how to do so at [www.iobg-nsf.org](http://www.iobg-nsf.org).

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**TIME IS SHORT -- ACT NOW! NOT CARPE DIEM BUT CARPE VACUUM!**

**NEED WORK HOURS? BECOME A CLUBHOUSE STEWARD!**

Need to rack up RCYC work hours? Has your schedule interfered with making 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 2017. This option may better suit your very busy schedule. Try it - you'll like it. Act now to secure one of the last couple of spots.



Contact the Clubhouse Chair today: Jas. Adams 503-349-0840 or [jadams@teleport.com](mailto:jadams@teleport.com)

*Chocolate & Cocktails*

**LOVE YOUR BOAT**

**HAPPY HOUR**



*Join your sailing buddies and share what lovely things you're planning to do for your boat this year*

*Saturday, Feb 11, 2017*

*4:00-6:00 pm*



*Bring a favorite dessert or appetizer to share!*

*club providing mixers*

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