

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

March 2017



From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

First of all, I have made a big mistake ... No, no not that one ... I put the incorrect date for the St. Patrick's Day Party in the yearbook. The St. Patrick's Day Party will be **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**. Activity Chair Brenda Annotti has secured a three-piece band to provide some Irish tunes, and it should be a great party. Hope to see you there.

What's gone right? I think our Commodore's Ball was a big success, and Karen Finch and all of her crew are due a big THANKS for making it happen. In late March, we expect delivery of a new finger, which will be installed on Walk 5 where the departed boathouse had been parked. This means we will be able to fit some additional boats into our moorage. A lot of people are involved in making this happen, but special thanks go to Moorage Chair, Loren Beach, and Floating Dock Advisor, Tom Stringfield for getting us this far.

If you attend our Board meetings and things seem a little awkward, it's because we are changing our procedures to be a bit more businesslike. Our goal is to make better use of our time during Board meetings. We have been working with Bernie Bacon, who is a Robert's Rules of Order expert, to make the changes to our practices. All of us on the Board are grateful for the time Bernie is able to spend with us. If you want to see how the business of the Club is conducted, all are welcome to attend the Board meetings held the second Monday of each month.

This is the time of year I need a constant reminder that spring is just around the corner, and with spring, fun on our boats. Reminders of spring at Rose City are the first work party on March 4, the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 12, the Frostbite Regatta on March 18, and a never-ending list of boat projects. Who says February and March aren't fun on the Columbia?



THANK YOU Gary, Linda & Karen!



Gary passes the gavel to Dave



Brooke & Ron crown Kasey
RCYC's 2017 Daughter of Neptune



Vice Commodore's Report

Nolan Johson, Vice Commodore

Hello, everyone! I don't think I'm alone in my belief that this has been a challenging, weather-filled winter. Last year, we had near-constant rainfall - we met our rainfall average for the year before we were through March, as I recall - and hardly a frost. This year, snow accumulations have been the theme of the season. Thank goodness, then, that spring is fast approaching. And that means two things: more Club activities and work party season!

The work party season kicks off on March 4th, the next one is slated for March 25th. Rick Samuels has circulated an email signup sheet for the March 4th work party. Signing up for the work party always helps us plan food for lunch, and makes it easier for Rick to plan out jobs to be performed, but we always welcome member drop-ins for work parties, too.

If you've noticed a situation at the Club that needs work party attention - and after a winter like the one we've just had, there could be many - please add it to the Work Party To Do List that Rick keeps over by the Work Hours Logbook on the back counter in the Clubhouse.

Remember, of the minimum of 12 Club work hours each member family is expected to contribute, six of those need to be in the first half of the year. And work parties are a great way to log those hours.

Ladies' Dinner

Marilyn Reilly, RCYC First Lady

Ladies, are you ready for this spring's big event?



RCYC Ladies' Dinner will be held on
Thursday, May 18
and I am looking forward to involving YOU.

Join the planning committee to help organize the event. Planning meetings are March 3 and March 18 from 10am-Noon at the Clubhouse.

Donate a raffle item for our fabulous fundraiser.

Men - your help will be needed as waiters and kitchen staff.

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of the Ladies' Dinner, please drop me an email at cascademarily@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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Commodore Dave Reilly, Vice Commodore Nolan Johnson, Secretary Check Pennington, Treasurer Judy Oxborrow, Rear Commodore Gary Whitney

Treasurer's Trove

Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer

Please note, the Club will not be using bill.com to expedite payment of accounts payable. It turns out that although US Bank interfaces with Quick Books, it does not interface with bill.com, so transferring funds electronically to bill.com to pay bills is not possible. US Bank may allow such interface in the future. So, we will continue with the current method of submitting reimbursement requests.

Again, if you have not already done so and if you use your financial organization's bill pay system to pay bills, please go online and **change the mailing address** for your Club bills to:

Rose City Yacht Club, c/o ebs Associates
7150 SW Hampton St. Suite 200
Tigard, OR 97223.

The old post office box has been closed for months, but people are still using the old address. Late fees will be charged to those accounts not paid timely.

The 2017 yearbooks are out! Active and Active Life Members can pick their copies up at the Clubhouse. Check the back counter. Look for an envelope with your name on it, pull the envelope from the box, and take it with you. Yearbooks to Inactive and Inactive Life Members have been mailed. By the time Inactive and Inactive Life Members read this Foghorn, they should have received their copy. Changes to the information listed should be emailed to RCYCYearbook@gmail.com



Please join us for a rollicking
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Happy hour begins at 5 pm

Dinner is at 6 pm

Come enjoy **Kinvara**, a LIVE Irish band!!
Dancing, games, prizes, and fun to be had!

Corned beef and cabbage

by our very own Irishmen

Pat O'Bryant and Smoke Fischer
and crew

Soda and mixers provided

Bring a potluck dish

Wear your best St. Paddy's duds for our

'Best Outfitted' Contest

If you want to participate in our

Appetizer Contest,

bring an appetizer with GREEN

Hope to see you there!!!



CJ Volesky, Leslie Phillips, John Fallon, Carl Corey, Tony Bacon (and emcee & all-round good guy Ron Moran far right)

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From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

What a lovely Commodores' Ball we had this year! A big "Thank You" goes to Karen Finch and all the volunteers who worked hard to make the evening special. Thank you all for the gift of the cockpit table. It folds down to allow us to sail the boat, and at the end of the day, we can enjoy drinks or a meal out in the fresh air, and not cooped up in the cabin.

As Rear Commodore, one of my projects for this year is to plan next year's Commodore's Ball. We already have a deposit on Riverside for next year, but if you have any thoughts on this or other sites to recommend, please let me know. We can change venues if we do it SOON.

For those of you who served as officers, board members, committee chairs, etc., during the last year, we had our Commodore's Appreciation Party on January 21st. Linda and I really do appreciate all of the support this group has given us. I am sure they will continue to give Dave, our new Commodore, the necessary support in the coming year.



Wade never misses a party!



Brenda & Dennis Annotti make the parties happen!



Karen IS always a party!



Secretary's Notes

Chuck Pennington, Secretary

Tom and Ann Woolcott have requested membership status change from Active to Inactive Life Members.

New members, Ryan and Holly Walsh, joined RCYC in January. They have two kids and two boats. Ryan sailed extensively throughout his youth. They own a Cheoy Lee 31 and a Beetle Cat.

Prospective members Ken Stevens and Hannah Powell were introduced to the board. They currently have a San Juan 28 and are looking to make RCYC their home. Martin Foster was introduced at the February General Meeting as a prospective member.

Members Penny Flenniken and Gail O'Neill are convalescing at home after knee replacement surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery.



Welcome!

**Dennis & Marquita Call
The Calls joined RCYC in December**



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

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

RCYSS

Pam Sesar

We are planning to have our RCYSS 3rd Annual Silent Auction at the spring walk barbecue. Please let us know what wonderful gifts you may have to donate.

Marie Griffin is our lead fundraiser, and with help from Gail O'Neill and all of us on the RCYSS board, we will provide a good time for all. We plan to have wine tasting, great fun items, and hopefully, flowers again by Jeanne Becker and Laura Richard.

So many wonderful items get donated to this auction, so please participate. You might want to ask friends, families, and businesses to contribute on your behalf. Any amount is needed. We supported several children that would not be able to learn to sail or continue sailing without our support. We have also been helping WSC (Willamette Sailing Club) keep their equipment maintained. VLSC (Vancouver Lake Sailing Club) also offers a great discount, so if you live or know of children in that area, have them contact the club.

The advanced students are sailing on the Columbia most weekends. High schoolers are sailing all year, and some children are braving the weather just because they love it. And as always, please encourage children to take sailing lessons.

Rose City Youth Sailing Society presents

RCYSS's 3rd Annual Silent Auction

Saturday, April 15th at the Walk 1 Barbecue

Bidding starts at 4:30pm and closes at 5:30pm

There will be wine tasting and nautical items donated by local businesses and individuals.

Please contact me with your donations,
and we thank you!!

This is a fun time. Please come!

Pam Sesar

Pamsesar@gmail.com



Get in the Know with these Educational Offerings

Bob Gales, Education Chair

One of the benefits of membership at RCYC is the opportunity to learn about all things related to boating, even some things you may not have known even existed! **De-Watering pump** anyone? It's a giant bilge pump when your bailing bucket is not enough. The Club's DWP sits at the bottom of the east ramp near the Clubhouse door. It is there ready for an emergency, but some of us don't have a clue how to set it up, operate it, and save your own, or someone else's boat.

On Saturday, March 4, toward the end of lunch at the first Club work party, **Ron Moran** will provide instruction on the purpose and use of the de-watering pump. How to move it about, starting the engine, priming the pump, and de-watering a boat will be covered. Everyone is welcome. This presentation will be repeated later this spring.

The following **Saturday, March 11**, a seminar on **Anchoring** will be presented by **Ethan VanMatre**. Topics will include:

- Choosing an appropriate anchor
- How much rode and chain is needed
- Deploying and setting anchor
- Planning before you act
- Communication between helm and bow
- Use of mooring balls
- What kind of bottom are you anchoring in?
- Retrieving fouled anchors

Ethan (he represents Mantus Anchors) will have a number of anchors available for any participant to try. Plan on 1-2 hours for this seminar with lots of opportunity to ask questions and discuss the joys of anchoring with other Club members.

Future educational opportunities in the works:

- Cruising North Planning
- How to Fight a Fire on Board
- 12-Volt Power Generation.

I am always open to suggestions for topics that might be of interest to, and would enhance Club members' enjoyment and safety while boating.



CRYA Report

Marili Reilly, CRYA Vice President

As we roll into March, I am hoping the wintry weather is behind us. I'm getting antsy to get back out on the water and start enjoying our boat. Opening Day is only two months away, and we have some special responsibilities this year. RCYC will be preparing lunches and snacks for the folks on the review vessels – Daughters of Neptune, Parade Judges, and other special guests. If you are interested in helping to with those lunches, I would like to hear from you. Drop me an email at cascademarili@gmail.com.

One way that the Columbia River Yachting Association looks out for us is by keeping us apprised of legislative activities and other matters of interest to boaters. Here's a rundown on some upcoming activity.

There will be a vacant seat on the Oregon State Marine Board this summer. Governor Brown is looking for well-qualified, thoughtful, collaborative Oregonians who have a statewide perspective, reflect Oregon's diversity, and can commit to productively participating in all meetings. The application process begins with submitting three items:

- 1) Interest Form (<http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Documents/Interest%20Form%20.pdf>)
- 2) a statement of interest, and
- 3) a resume of your work and volunteer experience and educational background.

Further information on how to apply can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Apply.aspx. Email completed forms to executive.appointments@oregon.gov. Direct questions to OSMB Director Scott Brewen, scott.c.brewen@oregon.gov.

The Legislature is considering two bills that are pertinent to boaters. HB 2321 – Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates – will look at possible penalties for boaters who bypass inspection stations and refuse to return. HB 2320 – Establishing a Nonmotorized Boating Program – will include PFD requirements for those using items such as inner tubes and air mattresses. You can learn more about the bills by going to these links: <http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2017/HB2320/> and <http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2017/HB2321/>



RCYC members gathered for a potluck and presentation by Cruising Members **Ruth and Randy Webster** about their journey from Portland to Mexico to the South Pacific.

#1 Piece of Gear: Wind Vane Self-Steering.

Velic and the Websters are now in New Zealand.

Follow their blog at: <https://velicblog.wordpress.com/>



Repowering Blues, Part Deux

Tod Bassham

The 350-lb engine tilted, swayed and then levitated off the sole, ratcheted up from chains hooked into a beam over the companionway. Gently we eased the engine inch by inch into the newly refurbished engine compartment, and started lowering it onto its new beds.

Then a wave from a barge came rolling through the marina, and the boat began a slow 10-degree roll from side to side. There was a second of inertia before the cast-iron engine began swinging like a bell in a belfry, gathering momentum with each gyration. Thankfully, someone had gotten out a few inflatable fenders “just in case.” Hastily shoved into place, the fenders kept the iron beast from bashing through the port and starboard bulkheads or, worse, breaking off the engine thru-hull in the engine pan and sinking the boat.

Ah, the tribulations of repowering afloat and on the cheap. It all sounded so simple a few months ago: replace the old stinkpot with a new efficient engine, learn a little bit about boat systems, maybe acquire some barked knuckles and a few more swear words along the way, but nothing, surely, could go much wrong, could it?

Perhaps not, if the repower were done ashore, in a warm boatyard shed, out of the winter weather (*see Repowering Blues, Part I in the February 2017 Foghorn*), and performed by someone who knows his socks from a socket wrench. These pleasant suppositions are not the present facts, however, so let us return to reality.

Once the wave had passed, we lowered the engine onto its new beds, only to discover that the engine feet were too close to the bed edges for safe bolting. After much discussion, we decided to wedge the engine into place, take off the feet, weld extensions onto them and try again. We also discovered that the stainless steel high-rise exhaust riser did not clear a wood beam spanning the aft end of the compartment. Off goes the riser to the welding shop for modifications.

Since engine work was on hold, we turned to peripherals. Tracing the exhaust hose back under the fuel tank, up through two bulkheads into the aft lazarette, we found a significant kink in the gooseneck loop, obstructing half the hose, as well as the fact that the exhaust hose had been routed on top of one of the air inlet hoses, crushing the latter. Suddenly we had new insight into the former engine’s smoking and overheating issues. From the faded French writing on the exhaust hose, we surmised that it was the original, circa 1985. Clearly, new hoses were in order, as well as a spiffy Vetus gooseneck/muffler to avoid kinks and air hoses.

At the other end of the engine we decided to fix some shortcomings in the raw water strainer, which on the old engine had been mounted below the waterline, with a clumsy and improperly located anti-siphon valve and lots of looping hoses obscuring access. There was also no easy way to winterize the engine. Our solution was to mount the strainer on the bulkhead above the waterline, relocate the anti-siphon valve where it belongs (between the exhaust manifold and the exhaust riser), and buy a special cap for the Groco strainer that comes with a nipple, perfect for attaching a hose for winterizing. It was a satisfying solution to a minor irritation.

As of this writing, the new welded engine feet have arrived and the engine is now bolted firmly to its beds. All that remains is hooking up a few trivial hoses and wires, which we confidently expect should present absolutely no problems. (*“What! The control cables need to be replaced? They have to be routed underneath the fuel tank? I’m not crawling under there, it’s your turn...”*)

To be continued.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Not many boat moves happened in the last month due to several major bouts of freezing weather. Some moves via the Improvement List should be happening soon, and we will shortly have another new member sworn in and needing a slip.

The new finger dock for Walk 5 is expected in by late March, and then a couple more (narrow) slips can be filled. When it's here, a notice will go out for a special work party.

This year I hope to get some leveling done on several of the dinghy docks and on both buildings attached to the Marginal Walk. I am getting bids from divers for this work.

Be sure to thank Frank Noragon, when you see him, for taking care of the fussy bilge pumps on our work boats. We have had periods of major rain and snow, and the pump on one boat froze up (literally) and blew a fuse. He quickly diagnosed the problem after a lot of water was bucketed out of the hull.

Speaking of unwanted water in boats, some of you may know that we had a near-sinking of a large boat. Luckily, Kathy and I, and Rick Samuels discovered it with a foot of freeboard left. That's not much for a 15K vessel with over 7K of lead in the keel.

We managed to bring the Club's dewatering pump cart to the slip and get an intake hose deep inside a cockpit seat locker. This stopped the down-flooding and slowly started to raise the hull. About that time the owner (I called him in a bit of a panic) arrived and shortly thereafter Captain Ted Carr of TowBoatUS (aka VesselAssist) arrived with a truck full (!) of pumps, gas and electric.

Given that the vessel did not totally sink, there was zero fuel/oil spillage. While it is wonderful to have stopped the sinking, preventing a fuel spill and all the resulting pollution-capturing, and then having to answer to multiple layers of bureaucracy was just as important. The boat interior was flooded to the countertops, give or take, was towed to a yard and hauled out the same day.

I was later lauded for doing something "special" in setting up and operating our pump. Not at all. I was in the right place at the right time. Anyone could do it.

The Club plans to have some "Hands On" practice time for all members with the pump at several Saturday work parties. It is not too hard to figure out how to use it, but much easier once you've actually done so. It will move a LOT of water.

After the boat was raised up pretty well, I did have to refuel our pump, and a spare container of gasoline with its special no-spill spout was right there in the cart, too. More good planning!

Dancing With the Commodores



Go, John Dees, Go!



Daughter of Neptune Kasey shows off her twirls!



Bernie & Tony Bacon having a ball!



Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

Let's stop thinking about the cold weather and start thinking of all the fun we will have getting together for Club cruises in a few months. We were able to get all the dates and places we put in for with CRYA for the 2017 cruising schedule. So start making your plans.

RCYC 2017 Cruising Schedule:

- April 29 – 30 Bartlett Landing on Government Island
- May 26 – 30 Memorial Weekend @ Hadley's Landing/
Sauvie Island
- July 4th Land Cruise at RCYC
- July 22 – 30 Lazy Days Down River Cruise
- Aug. 11 – 13 Pirates Cruise @ Schwitter Landing/
Government Island
- Sept. 1–4 Labor Day Weekend @ Beacon Rock
- Sept. 16–17 River Place on the Willamette
- Oct. 6 – 8 Bartlett Landing on Government Island



New Member Orientation

Want to learn all about the Club?

**Plan on attending the
New Member Orientation Class
on
Saturday, March 11th
from 0900 to 1200 hrs
in the Clubhouse.**

The Board has made these classes a requirement for all new members, but you do not have to be a new member to attend. If you would like to attend, please send me an email at ronmoran@gmail.com so that I can have enough handouts for everyone.

Racing

Kevin Robertson, 2017 RCYC Race Captain

We will be holding the 2017 RCYC Racers meeting at the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM**. If you are a seasoned racer or interested in getting started, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow Club members and get the 2017 racing year started.

RCYC has five races scheduled this year and we are looking for members who can assist with race management as well as host social events at the Clubhouse after the races. Please come on down to the Clubhouse to see what is coming up this year. See you all there!

For more information, contact Kevin at 503-860-0710.

Work Parties and Work Hours

Rick Samuels, Work Party Chair and Resident Member

Our spring work parties are scheduled for:

March 4, March 25, April 22 and May 13

Sign-up emails will go out before each party. Please sign up so that our work party leaders and cooks know how many people to expect.

If you cannot attend a work party and need work hours, please contact me and I'll help find tasks that can be done at other times—503-799-4255 rick@samuels.com

*****Save the Date*****

Opening Day is Saturday, May 6

Plan on a fun morning and afternoon at RCYC. There will be socializing, the Opening Day ceremony, lunch, and the boat parade. Don't miss out! It's is a great way to kick off the boating season. This is a yachting tradition for new and old members. Contact Bill Kramer for more information.

Commodores' Ball Photos

Dennis Annotti set up a Flickr album of all his Commodores' Ball photos. See them here:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskURJu3t>

RCYC HAPPENINGS

March

3	Ladies Dinner Plan	10am-12pm
4	Work Party	9:00 am
	De-Watering Pump Demo	
6	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
8	OWSA General Meeting	
9	SYSCO Race Clinic	6:00 pm
11	New Member Orient	9am-12pm
11	Anchoring Seminar	12:00 pm
12	St Patrick's Party	5:00pm
13	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
15	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	Frostbite Regatta	
18	Ladies Dinner Plan	10am-12pm
18	Foghorn April Deadline	
20	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
25	Work Party	9:00 am

April

3	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
10	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
12	OWSA General Meeting	
15	Walk 1 BBQ/RCYSS Auction	
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
18	Foghorn May Deadline	
19	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
22	Work Party	9:00 am
29-30	Bartlett Landing Cruise	

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

*Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore Nolan Johnson*

**Foghorn Deadline
18th of the month**

Email articles, announcements and photos with "Foghorn" in the header to:

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