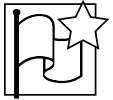




ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

May 2017



From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

WOW, May is going to be a busy and fun-filled month at RCYC.

Opening Day is on May 6. Brenda Annotti and her crew will have a light breakfast laid out in the Clubhouse at 9:00 am and there will be lunch at 1:30 pm. My guess is Brenda could use some help. If you can help her with the breakfast or lunch contact her at (503) 504-2595 or roberts0649@comcast.net. Our flag ceremony will be at 10:00am and Bill Kramer, our Fleet Captain, will convene the Captain's Meeting right after the flag ceremony. The Captain's Meeting is for the Captains taking their boats out for the boat parade.

If you have never participated in an Opening Day parade or are unsure about what goes on, here is the scoop. On Opening Day, all the yacht clubs in the Portland area gather and parade before a fleet of vessels anchored right off of RCYC. We pass before the review vessels three abreast in as close formation as we can. At least one decorated boat leads our Club's formation. The rest of us decorate our boats with red, white, and blue flags that can be obtained from Terry Foren at RCYC's Ship's Stores. Prizes are awarded for various things, but we don't get very worried about the prizes. We look on it as a day to hang out at the Club, eat, talk with other members, and have a lot of fun. If you want to join the parade but don't want to take your boat out, let Bill or me know and we will find you a ride with someone else. Rain or shine it is always a fun day so please join us if you can.

RCYC's Ladies' Dinner will be at the Clubhouse on May 18. First Mate Marili has an energetic group planning this big event. This year it has something to do with Kansas and not being there anymore. This is always a popular event and it usually fills up; so, if you are an RCYC Lady and you want to attend, you should make your reservation soon. JoNell McClary, (503) 667-2676, or jonell.mcclary@gmail.com is taking reservations. RCYC men – don't despair – there is a place for you as a waiter in this big night. John Flenniken is the Head Waiter and will need a willing crew to help with the service and clean up. Contact John at (503) 348-7764 or catalina_22@comcast.net if you can help out.

There's still more to May! The last spring work party will be held on May 13 and the RCYC Racers will be hosting the Medium Distance Race on May 20. The month rounds out with the Memorial Day Cruise (May 26-29) at Hadley's Landing in the Multnomah Channel. This is always a fun cruise that Marili and I look forward to each year. Regardless of the weather – one year it was 90 degrees and sunny and another year it was 55 degrees and rainy – this is always a great weekend.

In April, we welcomed three families as RCYC members. They were Richard and Barbara Gicking, Christopher and Susan Dorn, and Martin Foster and Lindy Beers. Welcome Richard, Barbara, Christopher, Susan, Martin, and Lindy to RCYC. During the April Board Meeting, we received applications for membership from Tony and Ruby Zuccatti, and Darren and Donna Knittle.



From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

The weather is warming, and Loren Beach says the informal sail nights will be getting underway again as the days lengthen (sunset is now after 8:00pm) and the winds allow. Roll the dice for wind and no rain. Pray for sunshine and warmth. The only rule is to be at the dock at 6:00pm with your weather-appropriate garb and a PFD. Then go out and motor, sail, socialize, and HAVE FUN. :) Whether you crew on another's boat or take your own boat out, the object is two-fold. One, use the boats you've been paying for the privilege to moor; and, two, enjoy the company of members as you sail or motor on our beautiful River. A common exclamation after one of these events is: "Why didn't I do this before now?"

I am encouraged by the number of both new and active members. I will be heading up the Nominating Committee later in the summer. If you have a desire to serve as a committee chair, director or flag officer please let me know by sending me an email or expressing your interest to any director or flag officer. Many hands make for light work when we share the load. Normal terms run as short as an event or as long as five years. If you're the type that likes to work independently, then you might contact Jas Adams to see if there are any openings as Clubhouse steward or grounds steward. The steward tasks are one month commitments. Taking on a steward, chair, director or officer assignment will fulfill your twelve work-hours requirement.



Vice Commodore's Report

Nolan Johnson, Vice Commodore

May is upon us; I can tell just from glancing at the Clubhouse calendar.

Rose City Yacht Club will be stepping into the warmer months in full stride this month. The Club calendar is getting busy with scheduled events on at least 13 of the 31 days in the month.

Saturday May 6th is Opening Day. Be sure to connect with Bill Kramer to participate in the parade of boats. And looking ahead to next year, RCYC will host Opening Day in 2018.

May 13th is the third work party of the spring. Surprise the heck out of Rick Samuels by contacting him proactively to RSVP - he'll appreciate it, I'm sure.

Besides the usual RCYC Board Meeting on May 8 and General meeting on May 17, RCYC hosts the Medium Distance Race on Saturday, May 20. It's a fun day if you want to get involved in helping to host the race. There are volunteer positions you can do that put you on the water, or here at the Club.

May 26-29 is the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Hadley's Landing. This is always a good time.

For me, personally, you'll see me around the Club in the first part of the month, but I won't be in town over Memorial Day weekend. As many Club members know, my son, Ryne, is at the Naval Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. As I write this, he's about halfway through basic training. Ryne's graduation date is Friday, May 26th, so we'll be in Chicago for the holiday weekend. I've been told that graduation is a heck of a show and I'm looking forward to it.

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your titled articles and photos to: rcycfoghorn@gmail.com

EDITORS: Judy Oxborrow, Alan Bergen, Joyce Jensen, Janice Choy-Weber

GRAPHICS: Vickie Nissen, Robert Phillips, Rhonda Boguslawski, Cathy Skach

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Dennis Annotti, & all Club Members.

BoatU.S.

By Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator

Did you know that Rose City YC is a cooperating group member of BoatUS? Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatUS dues of \$30.00 – only \$15.00 a year! If you're already a BoatUS member, you can renew your membership at the low \$15.00 rate. For information about BoatUS benefits, check out their web site: www.BoatUS.com.

BoatUS Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 600 marinas. Locally, Rocky Point Marina on Multnomah Channel offers fuel and repair discounts.
- Low cost, high protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- On-the-water towing, with your choice of service levels – from \$50 per incident (free with membership) up to unlimited service – provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatUS
- BoatUS Magazine – a full year's subscription is included with membership.
- Rebates on purchases at West Marine

If you were thinking about joining and just didn't get around to it, now is the time. Membership applications are available in the Clubhouse, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your BoatUS Membership, be sure to mention Rose City Yacht Club, and our Co-op group #GA84669Y to get the special \$15.00 rate.

This is not be construed as an endorsement of BoatUS by Rose City YC or its officers. However, more than sixty RCYC members have taken advantage of this co-op group rate.



Daughters of Neptune together at the Tyee Ladie's Dinner, April 19.

Racing News

Kevin Robertson, Race Captain

The RCYC Medium Distance Race is on Saturday, May 20. If you are a RCYC and OCSA member then you can race for free. Just visit www.SailPDX.org to sign up before 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 19.

Mike Pitaressi (sailpit12@gmail.com) is our PRO. Please contact him to volunteer on Race Committee. We are still in need of a Social Director to host the after-race social at the RCYC Clubhouse. Please email me at kevinrobertson1@comcast.net to volunteer for the social.

Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

The 2017 cruising season is upon us.

Are you ready?

- Have you checked and replaced any supplies you used or that got outdated from your First Aid Kit during last season?
- Have you changed your engine fuel filters?
- Have you checked your fresh water pump impeller?
- Have you checked your fenders and mooring lines?
- Don't forget Sun Screen.

The first three-day weekend cruise of the 2017 cruising season is coming up. It is on May 27 - 30 and the Club will be heading to Hadley's Landing. There will be a potluck on Saturday. Happy Hour will be at 1700 hours and the potluck will be at 1800 hours.

For you first timers, Hadley's Landing is on Multnomah Channel, along Sauvie Island, just over a mile down stream from the Sauvie Island Bridge. On Multnomah Channel, stay to the right of the center line headed down stream and to the left of center headed up stream. There are many busted/rotted off pilings along both sides so stay toward the center and do not cut corners. With the high water also remember the jetties/wing dams at Kelly Point and the entrance to Multnomah Channel.

Please watch your wake when going by the moorages on the channel.

With good weather we should have a large turnout, so let's reserve the section of the walk that goes to the beach for boats to stern tie.

If you have any question, please contact your Cruising Chair me at ronmoran@gmail.com or call me at

503-807-3817



The Reach III, By Edward Hopper

Memorial Weekend Cruise

May 27 - 30

Hadley's Landing on Multnomah Channel

**On Saturday there will be a Happy Hour
And Pot Luck**

Happy Hour @ 1700 hours

Pot Luck @ 1800 hours

**If you have any questions, contact your Cruising
Chair - Ron Moran at
ronmoran@gmail.com
or
503-807-3817**

Rose City Yacht Club

3737 N. E. Marine Drive - Portland, Oregon 97211

Ladies' Dinner

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. — Social Hour 7:00 p.m. — Dinner
Raffle and Grand Prize Drawings

You're Not in Kansas Anymore!

Special guests: 2017 First Mates and Daughters of Neptune

Menu

The Tin Man's Herb Sliced Baguettes
The Cowardly Lion's Fresh Spinach & Strawberry Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Ruby Slipper Chicken Marsala
No Place Like Home Green Beans and Mushrooms
Munchkins' Lemon Garlic Red Potato Halves
Windy Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

(The Scarecrow's Vegetarian option available — please ask!)

**\$25 payable in advance
Space is limited.**

Please call or email for reservations no later than May 10th:

JoNell McClary— (503) 667-2676— jonell.mcclary@gmail.com

Send payment to JoNell at 4020 S.W. 30th Court, Gresham, OR 97080

Saving Civilization, One Holding Tank at a Time

By Tod Bassham

Sailboats are among the most aesthetically pleasing objects in creation, but behind the shell of shiny gelcoat and oiled teak lurks a malodorous time-bomb that many of us ignore at our peril. Yes, I'm talking about the holding tank sometimes full of poo and pee that is probably hiding in a lazarette near you. If, like me, you inherited one of these legacy systems when you acquired your new-to-you bateau, what should be done?

The first step is to download a copy of the e-book *The New Get Rid of Boat Odors*, by the doyenne of marine septic systems, Peggie Hall. This handy and authoritative treatise will tell more than you would ever want to know about maintaining or replacing the stinkpot system, so it don't stink no more. Also tells you how to sanitize other sources of boat odor, such as bilges, mildew, etc., ad nauseum.

With this treatise in hand, you can make informed choices about whether to upgrade or replace your poo system. My only criticism of the book is that Peggie casts a jaundiced eye on composting systems, which I tend to believe are promising and appropriate choices for some boatowners. Alas, not for this boat owner. My better half recoiled at the thought of installing a composting system on our boat, a common and misguided reaction. So for better or worse, we are stuck with some variation of the disgusting holding tank scenario. But how to make it less disgusting?

We started with replacing the old permeated hose with shiny new hose. We quickly found that we had to use a heat gun to get the old hose off the fittings. I won't dwell on the olfactory sensations that occur when you use a heat gun in a confined space to warm up ancient pieces of permeated septic hose. We then replaced the 25 feet of old hose with new hose, with immediate olfactory improvement. But I then realized that I was going about this in the wrong way.

As Peggie will tell you, a properly designed marine septic system should have short, non-horizontal hose runs. The new hose was a great temporary solution, but it would soon be permeated as well by effluent sitting in the long horizontal runs. The real problem was the badly designed septic system. The long hose runs resulted from the fact that the cheap bastard who installed the holding tank used a cheapo tank with fittings on the side, which side faces aft, or away from the head compartment. This meant hoses from the head had to run through two bulkheads and then loop around in the lazarette to enter the tank from the aft side. Similar loops were necessary to reach the pumpout access and the macerator. Half the lazarette was occupied by great loops of soon to be smelly hose. Not Good.

The solution I wished I had thought of before ordering and installing 25 feet of new hose was to replace the old cheapo holding tank with new spiffy one that has fittings on top. If I had actually read Peggie's book all the way to the end instead of stopping to rant about her antediluvian prejudices against composting heads, I might have realized that the proper first step is to order a new tank with all fittings located on top. By connecting all hoses to the top, I cut out the loops, got rid of 15 feet of hose, and eliminated all horizontal runs. It also frees up lots of lazarette space. And bonus! If a hose ever fails, a top-fitting tank doesn't dump 10 gallons of sewage in your bilge. So, belatedly, I ordered a new top-fitting tank from Ronco plastics.

Peggie will also tell you that ventilation is the key to a happy holding tank experience. At a basic level, vents are necessary to keep your holding tank from pressurizing and literally exploding, with catastrophic consequences to your wallet and sense of dignity. But vents also have an important anti-stink function. Ideally, a holding tank should be cross-ventilated with two or more large diameter vent hoses, with short runs to opposite sides of the boat to maximize ventilation from differential pressure. Good ventilation = no odor. This is because—as my high school biochemistry teacher no doubt explained on one of those days I skipped class—ventilation encourages good aerobic bacteria, who thrive on oxygen and clean living, and who produce only odorless CO₂. Contrarywise, ventilation kills the bad anaerobic bacteria, who hate oxygen, America and Judeo-Christian civilization, and who like nothing better than to create and emit sulfuric fumes reminiscent of hellfire and brimstone.

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RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

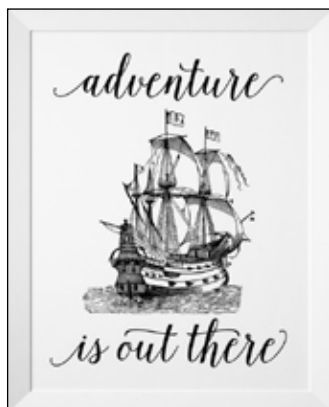
May

1	Knauti Knitters, 10:00a.m.
6	Opening Day
8	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00p.m.
13	Work Party, 9:00a.m.
17	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00p.m. and Ladies' Dinner Preparation
18	RCYC Ladies' Dinner, 6:00p.m.
18	Foghorn deadline
20	RCYC Medium Distance Race
26-29	Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing

June

5	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
10	Roy Ciappinni Celebration of Life
12	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00p.m.
18	Foghorn Deadline
19	Knauti Knitters, 10:00a.m.
21	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00p.m.
23	Beer Can Race

• 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.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Spring high water is here and summer vacation season is approaching fast.

Please let me know if you will be out of the moorage, as well as your planned dates of departure and return. Also, let both resident members know by email.

There is often a new member boat needing a temporary slip. We also receive requests for reciprocal privileges from several visiting yacht club boats from other parts of the River and sometimes Puget Sound.

I recently observed a boat with a badly frayed bow line and a crushed fender. High winds have put a lot of strain on gear, so check your boat thoroughly.

I have spoken to a diver about adding foam floatation under several listing structures along the marginal walk, and he's waiting for the current to abate.

Weeknight racing has started and rumor is that some of our members want to again meet on the patio deck for Tuesday evening (6:00p.m.) sailing. Watch for an email announcement.

Dinghy Docks: The Board is considering how to best ID the docks, slots and spaces. We have almost no spare places to park a dinghy or kayak. If you have one on the dinghy dock that you are not using, please take it home. You should have already put a durable and readable nameplate on the space you use. A nameplate is soon to become a requirement. In years past the Club, after multiple notices to all members, auctioned off several old dinghies that had no owners. This could happen again. So do identify your little boat and give it its annual bath.

Good News about dock boxes — a day after the recent 50 mph winds I found one "tethered" box that had been pushed several inches over the edge of the triangle, and the tight tether line did not allow it to move further. Always keep your box lid fastened down and the box tied to the loop on the triangle.

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Accordingly, the new tank I ordered featured not one but two oversized vent fittings. Now I just have to screw up my courage and cut large holes in my topsides and transom to install new thru-hull vent fittings. If it works, the aerobic bacteria will win, and our civilization will be saved, or at least smell a little sweeter as we plunge into entropy and chaos. In the meantime, anybody want to buy 15 feet of slightly used sanitary hose?



Secretary's Salutations

Chuck Pennington, Secretary

At the April General Meeting, three new members/couples were sworn in. They: are Christopher and Susan Dorn, Richard and Barbara Gicking, and Martin Foster and Lindy Beers. They are all eager to join in RCYC activities, so lets give them a hearty welcome. If you see new members walking about the docks, please introduce yourselves and make them feel at home.

Also I must apologize for not being consistent about contributing my article to the Foghorn. It seems that transitioning from a pipe wrench in hand to pounding away at a keyboard is proving to be troublesome for me.

As you all know by now, the winter months have proven to be hard on the water lines feeding the docks. All the leaks have been repaired with the exception of one pedestal on Walk 3. A special thanks to those who worked on this project: Karl Quade, Dave Reilly, Mike Pitarresi, and Dennis Stewart.



We now have lights on the RCYC sign to improve night time visibility. Thank you to Dennis Call, Pat O'Bryant, and Gary Whitney.



Equatorial Crossings

By Marili Green Reilly

Recognize this picture? Although we have made it part of our "history wall," it occurs to me it's terribly out of date! Yes, the Wheelers and their S/V Gemini were the first RCYC members to make it to the South Pacific, but they are no longer the only ones. I'd like to turn this memento into a recognition of the other RCYC boats that have sailed a few of the Seven Seas, and have made their own equatorial crossing. Please get back to cascademarili@gmail.com if you made such a trip. Include your boat name, the ports you reached, and the year(s).



New Walk 4 Eaton shorepower boxes and pagoda lights were installed by your stalwart crew of Ron Billion, Carl Corey and Tom Stringfield. The shorepower boxes and pagoda lights are not hooked up yet but are in place ready for hookup, which will be done in early summer.



Opening Day

Saturday, May 6

Join in and celebrate boating with your friends.

Breakfast -- 9:00 a.m.

Flag Ceremony - 10:00 a.m.

Captains Meeting after the Flag Ceremony

Boat Parade - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch --1:30 p.m.

Make sure you advise Bill Kramer if you will be participating in the boat parade

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