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June 2017



From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

Opening Day was one of the best ever! Brenda Annotti and her crew put on an excellent breakfast and lunch. Bill Kramer herded us through the boat parade, and Ron Moran did a great job with the flag raising ceremony as usual. Members filled the Clubhouse and many were sitting on the patio. Thanks, everyone, for your work in making the day as great as it could be. And a special thanks to all of the members who came out and helped us enjoy the day.

There are many of you that do the small, and sometimes large, things that keep RCYC the sparkling and super place it is. I could fill this space with Thank-Yous, but I just want to mention John Fallon who installed the pipe railing to protect the wheelbarrows and carts from rolling over the hill. John gathered the material, and fabricated and installed the rails. Just one example of the sometimes-unnoticed contributions made to RCYC. Thank You very much, John.

We are in the beginning phases of some projects you should know about. First, we want to make some improvements to the access at the Marine Drive entrance. A keypad would give us the opportunity to control access to the Club in a different way and make instituting access changes easier than we can do now. Our recent experience with an outside party hitting and damaging one of our docks has suggested the need for video monitoring at the water entrance. It has been very handy to have a photograph of the boat that struck our dock. We were lucky to have that photograph, and a video monitoring system might mean we would not have to rely on luck the next time.

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(l) George Kent,
(c) Wade Cornwell
(r) Hans Geerling

Total of 148 years of
RCYC membership
cruising on
Country Girl

(photos:
Anita Fallon
& Hans Geerling)



Opening Day 2017





2017 Ladies' Dinner proves it! You're Not in Kansas Anymore!

A big THANK YOU to all the RCYC members and local businesses who contributed gifts raffled at this year's Ladies' Dinner. We received over 80 contributions from about 50 firms and individuals, with an estimated value of about \$6,000. Thank you all - You folks are "OzSome!"

The event was a definite success and many guests raved about the decorations (you might even say they were "OzStruck"). Preliminary accounting shows that we grossed over \$3,500, with nearly half of that amount coming from raffle and wine sales.

Chef Doug Mackaben provided an excellent meal, and I want to thank the RCYC men who served as cooks, waiters, bartenders, and parking lot monitors, as well as those who showed up days early to help decorate the high places and those who stuck around to clean up. (Special thanks to the Commodore for his support throughout the planning of this event. I couldn't have done it without you!)

Thank You Ladies' Dinner Donors!

Beaches Restaurant & Bar	Larry Roberts
Becker Enterprises	Laura Richard
Boyd's Coffee	Leonardo's Pizzeria
Carol Bolster	Marbott's Greenhouse
Carol's Custom Canvas	Marili and Dave Reilly
Cathy Nelson	Nina Kramer
Cathy Skach	Oregon Dollhouse
Channel's Edge	Parkrose Hardware
Don Belshaw	Pittock Mansion
Dulan's Village Café	Puffin Café
Fran O'Bryant	River Mile 38 Brewing Co
Full Sail Brewing Co	Rodgers Marine
Gail O'Neill	Salty's On The Columbia
Golden Ladder Interiors	Schooner Creek
Happy Mermaid Gifts	Sextant Bar & Galley
Hayden Island Canvas	Sexton's Chandlery
Helly Hanson	Skamania Lodge
Hilton Hotel-Gray's	Stanford's Restaurant
Jan Dees	Susan Dorn
Judy Brandon	Susan Pennington
Judy Oxborrow	Terra Casa Home
Karen Jacobson	Vancouver Symphony
Klondike Restaurant & Bar	West Marine
Kuhnhausen's Furniture	Wet Paints
Lakewood Center	



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There is a lot of neat stuff coming up at RCYC. By the time you read this, the Ladies' Dinner, the Medium Distance Race, and the Memorial Day cruise relocated from Hadley's Landing to Schwitter Landing will be history. The Walk 2 BBQ is on June 17, and the July 4th Land Cruise will be on ... well, July 4th at the Club. Keep your eyes open for two new additions to the Club calendar. We have added an informal happy hour party on September 8 and a wine tasting and raffle for October 14. The proceeds from the raffle will go to support RCYC and the Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA). Golfers – If you are interested in participating in CRYA's Closing Day Golf Tournament, see Marili Reilly.

At the May Board Meeting, we received membership applications from Dean and Valerie Helms and from Lea Sanders-Wilcox. Valerie is the daughter of members Mike and Carol Pick, and Lea is the step-daughter of member Ken Gervais. At the May General Meeting we swore in new members Darren and Donna Knittle. Welcome!!!

The weather is warming up and it is time to have some real fun on our boats!!!!



Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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

RCYSS

Pam Sesar

It's difficult to think of the words as I write this. I am mindful of all the loved ones who have helped in the past, and all the current supporters who have given sailing to so many.

Thanks to you, we are able to help children in need, and help keep our local schools viable. Cheers and joy! The Silent Auction held April 22nd during the Walk 1 Barbecue raised \$1,813.00. It was so fun! I have several items that will be auctioned off next year. Please keep us in mind for next year. We are grateful.

We hope to continue to raise funds throughout the year. Terry Annis is treasurer, so feel free to send directly to him, myself, or leave it at RCYC in the youth sailing folder. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

I plan to help again this summer in Cascade Locks for the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA), and will be checking in with Willamette Sailing Club (WSC) and Vancouver Lake Sailing Club (VLSC). We have discounts at both schools, so please ask and sign those children up.

We are planning to give up to 80% reimbursements for sailing *classes*, and up to 50% for sailing *camps*. Please get your applications in early. Check with WSC and VLSC for current class information and applications for their respective club. For help with tuition, please fill out the information found on the RCYSS brochure. You can find the brochure online via a link on the RCYC website: <http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org/sites/default/files/rcyss/RCYSSBrochure.pdf>. It is also available at the Club-house on the bulletin board.

I would very much like to know when you have children, or children you know, in classes. I like to check in to see how they are doing and get some photos.



Top:
Vancouver Lake

Right:
Willamette

Below:
Cascade Locks



Reciprocal Update

Tom & Cathy Nelson, Reciprocal Co-Chairs

Cruising season is rapidly approaching and it's time to be thinking about summer boating plans. RCYC has reciprocity with 125 clubs located in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. If you are heading north, we have 67 clubs in Washington State and 19 clubs in British Columbia. These clubs are listed in the 2017 RCYC Yearbook on pages 92 and 93 and are also listed on our RCYC website under "Reciprocals". If you find any discrepancies with the list that appears in the Yearbook, please let us know so that we can make corrections for next year.

If you are planning to use reciprocal clubs this summer, be sure and fly the RCYC Burgee at their dock and also have your RCYC 2017 membership card to register with the reciprocal club. In addition use your smart phone, laptop or iPad to log into the website of the club you are interested in and you will glean a great deal of information about that club. Another good website to check is: www.yachtdestinations.org

If you are heading North, there are two excellent resource books. The 2017 Waggoner Cruising Guide provides detailed information regarding marinas, anchorages, restaurants, and a variety of other pertinent information related to cruising from Olympia, Washington to Ketchikan, Alaska. The second book is The Burgee Guidebook by David Kutz. This book lists public moorages, marine parks, and yacht club reciprocals including maps and locations of each entry from Olympia to Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands. The map of each yacht club marina will show where the reciprocal space is located. Utilizing our network of reciprocal clubs saves money on moorage while providing an opportunity to meet local boaters. In today's boating world, transient moorage has become more expensive and more crowded. It's a good idea to consider making reservations ahead of time. Anchoring out is always a lovely option as well. Have a wonderful cruising summer.

June 21st General Meeting Program SAIL TRIM by Sailmaker Carol Hasse of Port Townsend Sails



The June general membership program will be a special visit from Carol Hasse of Port Townsend Sails. Carol is known around the world for her sail making expertise. Her company, Port Townsend Sails, specializes in sail making for the world cruiser, making a point to produce a product that is not only durable but also easily repairable for the DIY cruiser.

Carol discovered sailing in the early 70's and never looked back! She has since logged over 40,000 offshore miles. All of this experience does not stop with Carol; she is eager to share her knowledge with others and that includes RCYC! This program will focus on sail trim and will be a little longer than most presentations just because there is just too much information to fit into a 20-minute presentation. Carol will present after the General Meeting is over and will last approximately an hour. Clear your calendar for Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00pm.

Much more info about Carol and PTS can be found at:
Port Townsend Sails www.porttownsendsails.com

Cruising North This Summer?

Bob Gales, sv Soleil

Gail and I always enjoy crossing wakes with other Rose City members while we are cruising the San Juans and Canadian waters. We will be messing around in the San Juan Islands (out of Bellingham) June 7-20, or there about. June 27 will have us heading north to Canada until early August or so. We think we will follow the east side of Vancouver Island to Port Hardy. Then maybe through the Broughtons and down. We've never been to the Octopus Islands so that's on our list. We always stay flexible due to weather, boat issues or our aching bodies. Paramount is: Are we having fun?

If you have cruising plans and are willing to share with others please email me and I will create a composite list of members who might cross paths up north this summer (I don't like to use the phrase "run into each other"). I'll send it out to those who respond before we leave June 4. Happy summer cruising on the river or up north.

NOTE FROM ALAN BERGEN: A good way to contact another RCYC member who might be nearby while cruising is to enter our group MMSI number 036680319 into your VHF "address book". When you call that number, any member with that number stored in his VHF will hear your call. Read your VHF operating manual for more information about this type of call.

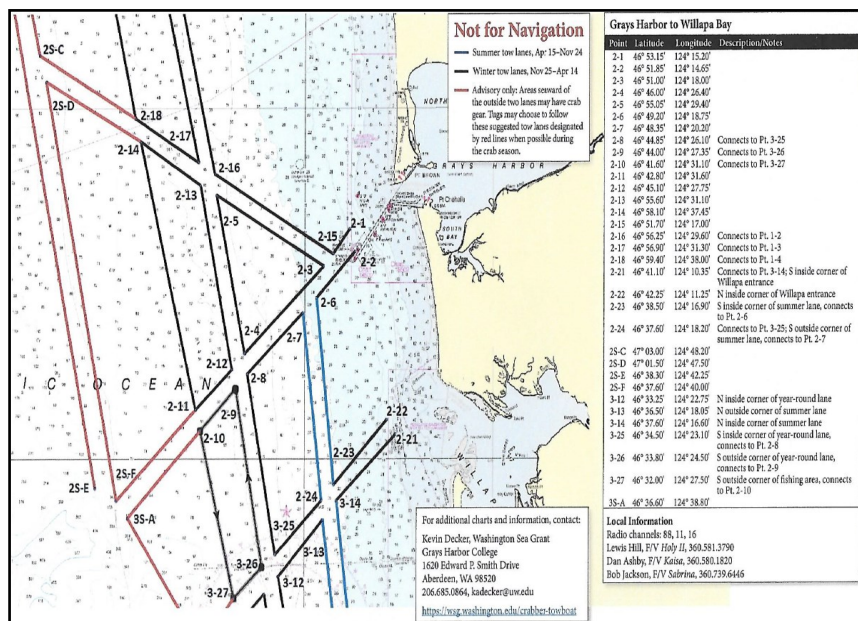
Want to Avoid those \$&@% Crab Floats?

Washington Sea Grant 2015–16 Towlane Charts

In the late 1970s, conflicts between ocean-going tugs and commercial crabbers became a major problem in Washington, Oregon and California. Crab pots fouled tugs as they moved between coastal ports, and the loss of gear created severe hardships for commercial crabbers. Sea Grant programs on the West Coast helped broker an agreement that provided navigable towboat and barge lanes through the crabbing grounds between Cape Flattery, Washington, and San Francisco.

In 2016, an updated set of "chartlets" was created to provide an enhanced visual alternative compared with the original charts. The following downloadable file comprises 24 charts listed in sequence from north to south, ranging from Cape Flattery in Washington to Pt. Reyes in California.

<https://wsg.washington.edu/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Towlane-Chartlets-WA-OR-CA.pdf>



Bamfield, BC—Rhonda Boguslawski

RCYC Member Education

Bob Gales, Education Chair

Next Up: Fire on Board!

Sorry, this class is filled but may be repeated in the fall.

In March Ron Moran led two important sessions on how to use the DeWatering Pump. Those in attendance at the New Members Orientation are now familiar with set up and operation of this crucial piece of equipment. Ron repeated this with participants at a March work party. The pump was actually used to save a boat in our marina this past winter. Good idea to familiarize yourself with its operation.

Ethan VanMatre's session about anchors and anchoring was attended by over forty members. We learned about anchor types, chain/rode, deployment and retrieval. Ethan is the area rep for Mantus Anchors. I put a 25 lb. Mantus on my boat last summer and felt very secure as we cruised Canadian waters.

The upcoming Fire on Board class is a repeat by PDX Fire Department. Mark Basel set this up five years ago and it was well received. If there is enough interest from those not able to attend this month, I'll set up another class in the fall or next spring. Email me to get on the priority waiting list.

More possible Educational Opportunities:

Electronic Charts

Solar Power

Defibrillator Use/First Aide/CPR

Email me your ideas and leads at

rlgales@frontier.com



Sunday, May 21, 2:30pm off Donaldson's Fuel Dock

Hey, Bob—Maybe another Fire class sooner than later?

(Photos by Rhonda Boguslawski & Chris Dorn)



Dena Kent's photos of Frostbite Race in March

Sheriffs & RiverPlace Marina: Share your thoughts with the City Council

Colleen Moran, RCYC Columbia River Yachting Association representative

Last year many of you wrote to Portland City Commissioners to express your desire for the Council to fund a year of sheriff patrols at the public dock at RiverPlace Marina. (While the RiverPlace dock is part of Portland Parks, park rangers lack the authority and the manpower to enforce transient moorage rules.) Thanks in large part to your messages the City Council funded a year's worth of patrols by Multnomah County sheriff deputies at RiverPlace. Sheriffs were able to not only ensure that all boaters obeyed the transient moorage rules at the dock, but were also able to assist several transient boaters in moving off of their dilapidated vessels and into land-based housing, thus reducing the overall number of derelict boats on the Portland waterfront.

That funding comes to an end in June. To date the City Council has not made a decision about extending the contract with the Multnomah County Sheriff's office. If this is a program you would like to see continue, I encourage you to contact your City Commissioner or the Mayor. You'll find their contact info online at portlandoregon.gov. Please feel free to customize the email template below and send it to any member of the City Council. Better yet, take a few minutes out of your day to call them. Ringing phones are far more attention-grabbing than emails. If you have any questions, please let me know.

(Email Template)

Dear Name,

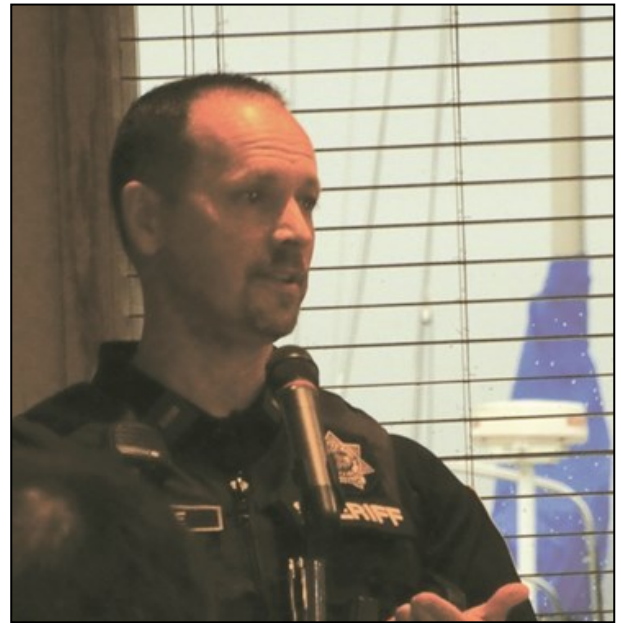
I am a recreational boater and member of Rose City Yacht Club, a boating organization in Portland. I want to thank you and the rest of the City Counsel for securing the funds for a contract with the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol last year to patrol the RiverPlace public dock. The sheriffs and Portland Parks rangers made the dock clean and safe for recreational boaters.

Rose City Yacht Club members enjoy an annual autumn cruise to RiverPlace, motoring up the Willamette and mooring in the center of the city for a weekend. We are able to do so thanks to a renewed sense of safety provided by the increased presence of Multnomah County Sheriff's Patrol. I urge you to work with the City Council to fund an additional year of sheriff patrols at RiverPlace and to find room in the budget make these increased patrols a permanent part of the solution for continued safety in this very public park.

Thank you.

Your name

Rose City Yacht Club



**Guest Speaker at April General Meeting:
Multnomah County River Patrol,
Lieutenant Marc Shrake**

Lieutenant Shrake gave an overview of Multnomah County River Patrol operations, and the sense of community that the River Patrol shares with the boating public. He also discussed the transient and derelict boat issue and efforts being made to solve the problem. Lieutenant Shrake made a point of noting jurisdictional obstacles that the River Patrol faces when dealing with the derelict boat issues. He further discussed staffing levels/hours and response times, all governed by budgetary constraints placed on the department.



Friday Night at the Races

Tod Bassham, sv Chinook

As a new RCYC member, I was curious how the current club membership lines up with the great political divide of our day. No, I'm not talking about the divide between liberals and conservatives, or urban and rural dwellers, but about something more important: the gap, or rather chasm, between racers and non-racers. Me, I swing both ways. Cruise, race, rally, day-sail, race/cruise, cruise/race—it's all rock and roll to me. In this, as in so many things, I appear to be in the minority. Based on sophisticated data analysis that I entirely made up, I'd guesstimate that the club's membership breaks down something along these lines:

50%	Rarely Leaves the Dock for any Reason
30%	Day Sail Only
15%	Cruisers
04%	Racers
01%	Got wind? I'm sailing/racing/cruising/whatever
Total: 100%	

There is probably no hope for those who rarely leave the dock for any reason, but among the half of us who try to get out on the water, it may be possible to bridge the divide between the racers and the non-racers. The best building material for a bridge, I suggest, is *beer can racing*. I understand why non-racers steer clear of Very Serious Racing, with hypercompetitive blowhards screaming at each other over minor infractions of arcane racing rules that no human of normal intelligence can comprehend. But, as the name suggests, *beer can racing* is about as laid-back as it can get and still call it racing.

Local beer can races work like this. On most Friday nights over the summer (see sailpdx.org for a schedule), boats gather before 6:30 p.m. at buoy 14, right outside our very own club. No registration or fees are required. Just sail by the committee boat and tell them your boat name and sail number, if any. (A bribe in the form of booze or snacks is traditional, but not necessary). The committee boat announces a course over VHF channel 72, usually some variant of a start between the committee boat and buoy 14, sail round the red-green buoy downriver to port, and return to 14. There is a five-minute countdown, a horn blows, and then everyone sails off in the general direction of the windward mark. Maybe boats start on time, maybe they don't; maybe they sail the course, maybe they don't. It doesn't matter, because there is no scoring or anything at stake other than having a good time out on the water with a bunch of other sailors. As to racing rules, if you just follow the COLREGS you will be way ahead of the game. When in doubt, stay clear of other boats, which will prevent 99.999% of potential issues, whether cruising or racing. That's all there is to it.

But the best part of beer can racing, I submit, is what happens after you cross the finish line (if you choose to cross the finish line, it's really kind of optional). You could, for example, just sail off for a lovely evening jaunt up the river with your crew. Or, you could do as we plan to do, return to the RCYC docks, bring out the beer and musical instruments, and sing sailing songs into the long summer twilight (or until our resident members shut us down, whichever comes first). It's Friday night, after all. Deedie and I hope to see you at the Friday night races, or at the docks for a music jam afterward.



Building Oz



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Now that the days are longer and a bit warmer, you need to get your boat washed and cleaned up for the summer. We also have some annoying, noisy halyards banging and clanging lately, consequently you need to lead them to a pulpit or a toe rail so they do not beat against your mast in the wind.

There's lots of current running through the moorage this month, so be careful maneuvering your boat. Keep the bow pointed upstream whether moving north or south in a fairway. A good preventive measure is to have large fenders on both sides of your boat.

There is at least one trashed inflatable dinghy taking up space on one of the dinghy docks east of Walk 2. Please remove it and make room for an active member needing a space. It's nice to see better name signs appearing on dinghy spaces. If you have not put one on your space, you need to do this.

At the spring moorage inspection, several boats did not display 2017 or 2018 registration stickers, and one boat did not have its Oregon numbers on both sides of the bow. If the Sheriff gives a boat a ticket for not displaying current stickers, please note that you have been warned. Repeatedly.

The updated moorage layout is posted in the west hallway of the Clubhouse. If you see any errors or have a question, please contact me.

One other thing to mention, now that summer is getting closer, is to **always** lock up the Clubhouse (all three doors) and the ramp gate at sundown. The shop needs to be locked up as well. We all need to keep an eye on our commonly-owned property and on each other's boats.



High Water at Bartlett's Landing—April 2017



From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

The Clubhouse committee in charge of how our Clubhouse looks has been doing a great job of updating the interior of the Clubhouse. They have even more changes in store for later this year to improve the appearance of our facilities. The gardening committee has revived the flowers to beautify the grounds and exterior spaces. Several of our new member applicants have stated that the Clubhouse and docks are the reason they made their application to RCYC. We have a Club to be proud of, let's help keep it that way.

It has been noted that some members have been using the Clubhouse to do repairs on their watercraft and other construction projects. This is our Clubhouse, NOT a workshop. Please respect our Clubhouse as you would your own home. If you need to do repairs/projects, please take them to the Tool Room, where you also have easier access to tools, or to your own garage where you may have more space.

NOW... let's enjoy our Club by taking part in the Walk 2 BBQ and the RCYC Beer Can Race later in the month. Don't forget the 4th of July "Land Cruise" at RCYC with a lot of activities planned so that you may enjoy our wonderful Club.

Check your Club calendar online to find out what fun event is coming up next at <http://rosecityyachtclub.org/webcalendar/month.php>

New RCYC Member Orientation

Want to learn all about RCYC?

**Plan on attending the
New Member Orientation Class
On Saturday, June 3
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.

Ron Moran, New Member Orientation Chair

Secretary's Notes

Chuck Pennington, Secretary

Numerous Club members have noted that we have an infestation of carpenter ants in the Clubhouse and I have been tasked with eradication. The insecticide is on order. By the time you read this, spraying will have commenced sometime before Memorial Day weekend. Spraying will be both inside and outside the Clubhouse. This will be an ongoing process that will comprise a couple of spray periods throughout the summer months.



Neptune & Daughters on Opening Day

Calling All Sailboat Owners!

Are you interested in taking weekend cruises down river towards St. Helens or through the Multnomah Channel or maybe upriver to Beacon Rock or Government Island? There is a group of like-minded sailors who do exactly that!

Many of our members have been sailing the Columbia River for many years and know all the best spots to spend a relaxing weekend on your boat. We also have several seasoned sailors who head up to the San Juan Islands during the summer months.

Our organization has monthly weekend cruises from April thru October. A typical cruise includes great potlucks, and a lot of FUN! In August we have our Annual Rendezvous and Race at Sand Island near St. Helens. Also a ton of FUN!!

During the winter months we have guest speakers give presentations on various educational topics, in addition to our Annual "Love Your Boat Party." If this sounds like you, please visit our website, www.columbiariversailing.org and follow the links to "New Membership" to sign up. Our dues are only \$35 a Year!

If you have other questions, please e-mail:
info@columbiariversailing.org

Cruising Corner—UPDATE

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

The destination for the Memorial Holiday weekend cruise, May 26 - 29, has been changed to Schwitter Landing (Government Island West dock).

At the current river level some of our boats would just make it under the Sauvie Island bridge. With the combination of the recent snow in the mountains and the prediction of very hot weather the river is expected to be even higher so we are changing from Hadleys to Schwitter.

Gate Opener Issue

During the last gate malfunction, we lost the programming for the gate openers. Rick Samuels worked in the rain to patiently input all the numbers to get the gate to work via the openers. Well, then we discovered another minor problem. When my laptop became ill last summer, I was forced to purchase a new one. The computer tech was able to recover files from the computer before it totally died. Unfortunately, it now seems that some data wasn't recovered. There have been a few gate opener numbers that did not appear on my listing, and thus, were not entered. If your gate opener does not work, please send an email to judy87807@centurylink.net with the number of the opener. The number is five digits on a white label on the back of the opener. If you cannot read the number on the back, open it up and you will find the number on the inside. Once we get your number, we will reenter it into the gate system and the opener should work again.

Moorage Rule Change

At the May 8 Board meeting, a change to the Moorage Rules was approved. Add the following paragraph as A.1.v:

"Dinghy dock space is available on a first come first served basis. If there is no name on the unoccupied space, it is available. Each dinghy, canoe or kayak space must be labeled with the member's name legibly stated on a durable label within one week of occupancy. Stored items must not hang over the walkway and must be securely fastened."

The Board also approved naming and labeling each dinghy dock and building beginning with the letter A and running down the alphabet as needed.

Any dinghy, canoe or kayak space that does not have the member's name on it by June 30 will be emptied of its contents.

RCYC HAPPENINGS

June

3	New Member Orient	9am-12pm
	Fire on Board-PDX	9am-11am
	Private Party	2pm-9pm
5	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
10	Private Party	
12	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
17	Walk 2 BBQ	
18	Foghorn July/August Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
21	RCYC General Mtg	7:00pm
	w/Carol Hasse presentation	
22	Beer Can Race	

July

3	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
4	RCYC Land Cruise	
7	Beer Can Race	
10	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
19	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
22-30	Lazy Days Cruise	

August

11-13	Pirates' Cruise
19	Walk 3 BBQ

*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
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