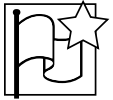


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September 2017



From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

It has been a fun summer! The Fourth of July Land Cruise, Lazy Days, the Pirate's Cruise, and the Walk 3 BBQ were all outstanding, and there are still many great summer RCYC activities ahead. If you are a newer member, participating in Club activities is one of the best ways to meet members and learn more about the Club. If you have been a member for quite awhile, being a part of Club activities is a great way to catch up with RCYC friends.

RCYC's Club Launch has broken down, and we are beginning to work through what it will take to repair or replace the Launch. Mike Oxborrow is heading up a committee that is to provide recommendations to the Board. If you have questions or thoughts about what we should do, contact Mike, an RCYC Officer, or Board Member.

Rear Commodore Gary Whitney is heading up this year's Nominating Committee. The committee consists of Gary, Karen Finch, Ron Moran, and Marili Reilly. The committee will develop a slate of candidates for RCYC Officers and Directors for next year. Being a part of RCYC's Board is a great way to serve RCYC and be an active part in maintaining and building RCYC as one of the premier boating institutions in the Pacific Northwest. The Board meets monthly, and you may be asked to head up a special project. There is also - at least this year - a fairly constant stream of emails from the Commodore. So there is some work associated with being on the Board - you are awarded 12 work hours for your service - but I think most Board members feel a sense of satisfaction about being on the Board. Board members certainly learn a lot about the Club. So if Gary or one of his committee members ask you about being on the Board, try to say yes if at all possible. If you have questions about what the Board does or if you would like to be considered for the Board, talk with someone on the committee.

Let's have some more fun in what's left of this summer!

Racing News

Kevin Robertson, Race Captain

The RCYC Long Distance Race is on September 9 and 10. This is a two-day event that takes racers downriver to Saint Helens on Saturday, an overnight stay on Sand Island, then race back upriver on Sunday

If you are a RCYC and OCSA member then you can race for free. Just visit www.SailPDX.org to sign up before 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 7



Steel drum player and Conga line at the Walk 3 Barbecue



Vice Commodore's Report

Matt Richard, Vice Commodore

Let me begin by saying thank you for everyone's support in my return to being your Vice Commodore. It's good to be back, and I will endeavor to maintain your trust. And now it's time to get to work, literally. The fall series of Work Parties begins on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am. Other dates include Oct 7th and 21st, and November 4th. Okay, stop right now and put these dates in your smartphone calendar. In addition to all the work that gets done, work party participation is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow members and join in the camaraderie in working together to do a job well done for your Club.

Remember, unless other arrangements have been made, each Active Member unit needs to complete 6 hours this coming fall for a minimum of 12 hours completed for the entire year. The last day to perform your hours is December 10th. If you believe you may not be able to complete your obligation, contact me early so that the Board may respond to your situation with enough time prior to the end of the year to resolve any issues and consider resolutions.

Another way to fulfill work hour obligations while doing something that may prove interesting and greatly rewarding is to serve as a Committee Chair. At this mid point in the season, we are aware that for next year we will be in need of a new Cruising Chair to relieve Ron Moran, a Work Boats Chair to relieve Frank Naragon, and a Clubhouse Chair to relieve Jas Adams. These members have served several years in these capacities and their contributions have been, and continue to be, greatly appreciated. If any of these positions sound interesting to you, please contact me and let's talk.

WALK 4 BBQ SEPTEMBER 30

The date of the Walk 4 BBQ has been changed to September 30. So adjust your calendars accordingly. An announcement with details will be forthcoming.



From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

The Pirates' Cruise and Breakfast are now a 2017 summer memory. Twenty plus boats sailed to the pirate rendezvous at their East Dock lair. Resistance was light; and we took the place by surprise, with only minor injuries - mostly self-inflicted. The Phillips, the Billions and the Whitneys (and their pirate helpers) provided events and activities from boat building to buried pirate treasure galore. Janice Choy-Weber provided the fixings for SMORES along with a "camp fire" on the dock. Due to dry conditions, we were not allowed a fire on the beach. The temperature climbed into the 90s; but the river was cooling, and swimming was an excellent way to cool off.

From this flotilla, a feast materialized on Saturday night. We sure know how to enjoy ourselves dockside. Helping with all the preparations were the steady, loyal and reliable Past Commodores. With the club launch out of commission, John Dees graciously volunteered Lady Louise to transport the hardware for the breakfast, and Scott Griffin transported the grub. An advance party of pirates helped them unload the equipment and supplies.

The Past Commodores in attendance included Bob Phillips, Ron Moran, John Dees, Marili Reilly, Karen Jacobson, Charles Fisher, Bill Kramer and Charles Silver. The Past Commodores, along with Rear Commodore Gary Whitney, cooked up the vittles for breakfast Sunday morning. Mother Nature provided a few showers to clear the smoke from the wild fires that had been in the area all week. Due to the rain, it was decided to have the kids activities but postpone the new member activities until the 2018 cruise. Save your pirate togs and Jolly Rogers for our 2018 adventure.

My thanks to Bob Phillips, who showed me the ropes and explained the ins and outs of the Pirates Cruise.

Now, on to the selection of candidates for next year's Officers and Board of Directors and the organizing of the Commodores Ball in February 2018.



Saturday Turnout



PIRATE'S CRUISE



Chuck Fisher and Matt Richard jamming



Tanner_Christopher_Tommy reading clues



bringing up the chest



More treasure



Tommy-McClary grandson



Tanner Weber



S'mores on the dock



Tommy scores slingshots



Donna and Angus



Bobby and Libby Muerth



Christopher-Beaty grandson



Tanner and Christopher

Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair



I had a great time on our Lazy Days Cruise and, from what I have heard, so did the rest of the RCYC cruisers. We ended up with 22 boats and about eight members who drove to the Cathlamet potluck.

The weather was fantastic, with good sailing winds most days. In fact on Honahlee, we sailed from just below Longview all the way back to the club. From Longview, we were under the main sail. At Kelso, we took the main down and put up the cruising spinnaker. We dropped the spinnaker and motored through the railroad bridge, then raised it back up to finish the sail to the club.

The club has two cruises in September. The first one will be on Sept. 1st – 4th. We are headed to Beacon Rock for the Labor Day weekend. To get as many boats on the dock as possible, let's try and use stern ties only on the section of the dock that leads to the ramp.

The second cruise is going up the Willamette to River Place just above the Hawthorne Bridge. This cruise is on Sept. 16th & 17th. Check out the notice elsewhere in the Foghorn for information regarding this Cruise.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ronmoran@gmail.com or 503-807-3817

Upcoming Activities

Brenda Annotti, Activities Chair

While it's been many a year since school days for some folks, let's remember and relish the excitement and freshness a new school year represents. If you like, bring a photo of you during your grammar school years and share school stories.

(Yes, I DID walk a mile in over a foot of snow to go to school !)

Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite imbibement. The club will provide mixers. (No fear of detention as alcohol is allowed.) See you there!



Willamette River Cruise

September 16 - 17

Where: River Place Breakwater on the Willamette.

Because the Breakwater is open to the public, we will not have a potluck.

If you want to leave the Club as a group, Honahlee will be getting underway Saturday at 0930 hours. On Sunday, if possible, let's all leave River Place at 1030 hours to minimize bridge openings.

The Club has paid to reserve the breakwater; however, I also needed to pre-pay the City for each boat. The charge per boat is \$20 which I will collect from you that weekend. Please do not put it in the pay station on the breakwater.

To reserve your spot please contact me before Sept. 11th ronmoran@gmail.com or 503-807-3817

Wine Tasting and Auction at “The Rose Bistro”

Do you have a special talent for crafting? An artistic bent? A service you provide to others? If so, we'd like to invite you to donate your talent or service to a silent auction that will be held on Saturday, October 14. We are looking for a few donations of art, gift baskets, or crafts, or your own unique services (A dinner served at your home? An evening sail and dinner on your boat? A night at your cabin? A pair of tickets to the theatre or a Blazers game that you won't be able to use?)

In addition to the silent auction, we will turn our clubhouse into “The Rose Bistro” and offer wine tastings and plenty of hors d' oeuvres. It's all happening Saturday, October 14, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, and attendance will be limited to the first 50 people, so get your reservations in early. To donate an item or to make a reservation, contact Marili and Dave Reilly at cascademarili@gmail.com.



New Sailing Event: The Short-Handed Soaker



By Tod Bassham

“Wet and wild” was an apt description of the first annual SYSCO Short-Handed Soaker (SSS) regatta, held on July 11 and 13, 2017. The SSS featured single, double, or triple-handed racing (depending on the boat size), but allowed extra crew on board, who may not hand, reef or steer, but were allowed to wield water cannon at enemy boats. Some 35 boats joined the fray, including several pirate boats who neglected to register, but came out anyway, no doubt hoping to swoop down on crippled vessels and board them in a volley of H₂O.

Conditions featured brilliant sunshine and gusty, shifty N, NW, and W winds. The smaller boats were given a course with an offset mark and lots of roundings, with the intent of keeping the boats together to maximize soaking opportunities. This seemed to work reasonably well; however, making the offset mark in the shifting winds, made the spinnaker/no spinnaker decision a tough one. Most boats on this course opted to fly under plain sail, given the gusty conditions, reachy course, and shorthanded crews. But the boats that bravely put up the kite saw impressive gains over their white-sailed brethren, interspersed with even more impressive wipe-outs. Larger men-of-war were given a long course with fewer roundings (e.g. S-2-I4-2-F), which tended to promote stately, linear fleet tactics.

Both courses had downwind finishes, again in the hope that boats would cluster as they approached the finish line and massively soak each other while the race committee sat back and enjoyed the spectacle. This backfired mightily. One by one boats eased alongside the committee boat, released a full broadside into the RC faces (soaking all the paperwork), and then sailed off chortling.

Nonetheless, the RC did enjoy watching the many battles that spontaneously erupted whenever two boats got within range of each other. Several tactical lessons stand out. First, the critical thing is possession of the weather gauge (a concept familiar to anyone who has read the Hornblower or Aubrey/Maturin books about naval warfare in the Napoleonic age). Boats attacking or defending from windward had a huge advantage in range and effective firepower.

Second, size matters. Notwithstanding that the event notice limited soaking to other class boats, some of the bigger boats used their large crew size, height advantages, and gravity to deliver no doubt refreshing deluges into the cockpits of smaller boats. On the other hand, the smaller boats could nimbly maneuver to cross the “T” or fire raking volleys into the vulnerable stern of the more lubberly vessels.

Third, praise the Lord and pass the ammunition. Reloading by dragging your soaker in the river never works; the boats most capable of a sustained rate of fire kept one or more buckets in the cockpit or lashed to the mast for replenishing supply. Bonus tip: The buckets can be used in extremis as one-shot, large-bore carronades to support a close-order assault or last-ditch defense.

Fourth, certain weapons of mass water delivery were banned by the Geneva convention and the racing rules. No plastic water balloons, please.

From the RC perspective, it looked like most boats had a very good time. Several boats with large crews, including kids of all ages, continued to battle long after the race was over. Hopefully, the Soaker will become a new tradition on the summer sailing calendar.



SYSCO Short-Handed Soaker, Photo by Dena Kent Photography

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

September

1-4	Labor Day Cruise, Beacon Rock
8	Happy Hour Party, 4:30 p.m.
9-10	Long Distance Race
11	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16-17	River Place Cruise
18	Foghorn Deadline
20	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
23	New Member Orientation, 9:00 a.m.
30	Walk 4 BBQ

October

2	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
6-8	RCYC Cruise, Bartlett Landing
9	RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14	Wine Bistro, 6:00 p.m.
16	Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
18	RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18	Foghorn Deadline
21	Work Party, 9:00 a.m.

• 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.



New members Tony and Ruby Zuccatti were sworn in at the July General Meeting. Welcome!



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair

Last month we asked owners of dinghies and kayaks to identify their boats with a name plate. We still have a few dinghies without name plates. Owners need to identify their dinghies soon before further Board action is taken.

After publishing a picture of the one rotted out Zodiac, absolutely no one has claimed it. So it will likely go to the parking lot and into a dumpster.

There were lots of wakes rolling through the moorage this week. So be sure to check your lines for chafe and have snubbers on your bow and stern lines.

A couple of member boats have left in the last two months and those slips have been filled from the waiting list. The list of boat locations and the waiting list are posted in the west end hallway of the clubhouse. Please contact the Moorage Chair if you have questions. If you wish a pdf copy of any of the lists, just send a request by email.

Fair winds,
Loren



FOUND

Dave Reilly, Commodore

Is this your dinghy? It looks pretty decrepit and should either be rehabilitated, if possible, or removed from the Club. If this dinghy remains in the Club past September 15, it will be placed in the dumpster. While I am on the subject of dinghies, there are a number of dinghies placed on the storage racks without proper labeling indicating to whom the dinghy belongs. If that is the case with your dinghy, please label it as soon as possible.





Secretary's Salutations

Chuck Pennington, Secretary



Since the July/August edition of the Foghorn, we have had a number of membership actions. The Club welcomed new members Tony and Ruby Zuccatti at the July general meeting. They have a Cascade 44. And, at the August Board meeting, the board approved the membership application of Gary and Lorena Brown. They own a Beneteau 36 named Get Set Go. They have extensive sailing experience and hope to get some racing experience at RCYC. They will be sworn in at the September general meeting.

There were several membership changes. Alan Bergen was granted Life Membership at the July Board meeting. During that meeting, we also accepted the resignation of Jim and Diane Everitt. Due to changes in their lives this past year, they decided sailing was no longer a priority. The boat was donated to the Sea Scouts. In August, the Board accepted the resignation of Kent and Brenda Kimball. They have sold their boat.

Just a reminder to folks that the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival is coming up the second weekend in September. If anyone needs ideas for doing projects on their own boats, the Wooden Boat Festival is an excellent place to get them. And besides, it's a great place to admire the work of so many people who have similar interests.

Nominations

By Gary Whitney, Committee Chairperson

Your RCYC Nominating Committee is in search of members who would be interested in serving on the RCYC Board of Directors.

This is a position that requires attendance at the Board meeting on the second Monday of each month. The requirements of the position are outlined in the By-Laws Article VI Board of Directors.

This is an opportunity to take part in the running of your club. If interested, contact me as soon as possible as nominations will be finalized this month.



Club Launch

By Mike Oxborrow, Committee Chairperson



To launch or not to launch??? That is the question.

Commodore Dave Riley has appointed me as the Chairperson of a committee to look into the question of what to do about the Club Launch.

As you know (or maybe you don't know), the Club Launch is currently out of service due to its outboard motor crapping out. It has been determined that it is not economically feasible to repair the outboard motor. Sooooo..... Before throwing Club funds at a new outboard motor, and considering that a number of questions have been raised about the need for and/or suitability of the current boat, the Board has elected to refer the matter to a committee for recommendations. Committee members are: John Fallon, Frank Noragon, Chris Richard, and Bruce Shibley. Our mission is to provide the Board with a range of well thought out options and recommendations by early next year (2018).

One obvious option is to bite the bullet and put a suitable new outboard motor on the Launch, but the committee will be looking at any and all options, including not owning a Club Launch, replacing it with a more suitable boat and/or, other options nobody's thought of yet.

Now I know that a lot of Club members will want to make their knowledge and insights available to our committee. Here's what I would like YOU to do. Please, please send your valuable thoughts and comments via e-mail directly to me – mikeox@centurylink.net. Your e-mails will then be available for review by all committee members and will become part of the support documentation for the Committee's final report to the Board.

Nautical Reads

By Judy Oxborrow



With all the political news, eclipse traffic, disasters, terrorist attacks around the world, our pirates cruise, and lack of a column by its editor, I decided this was a perfect time to offer a couple more ship disaster stories for your reading pleasure.

First up is *Collision Course: The Classic Story of the Collision of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm* by Alvin Moscow. We've all read stories about the Titanic and its sinking. Imagine sailing on the largest, fastest and most beautiful ship in the world, the Andrea Doria, leaving Italy and heading home to New York City. Your ship has reached Nantucket, off Cape Cod in Massachusetts, on a foggy summer night in 1956, and is hit by a much smaller ship (the Stockholm). Damage is so extensive only half the lifeboats can be launched as another unsinkable ship ends up at the bottom of the sea.

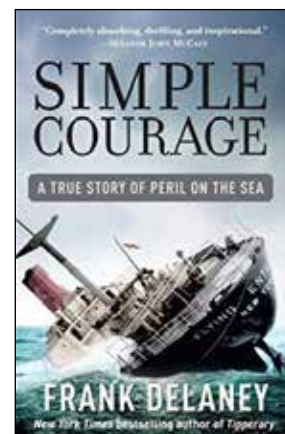
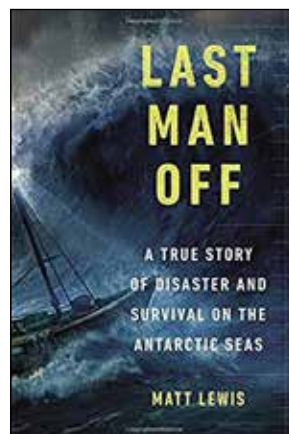
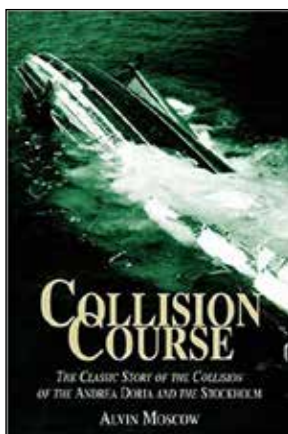
Follow this by reading *Simple Courage: A True Story of Peril on the Seas* By Frank Delaney. In December 1951, a freighter S.S. Flying Enterprise, carrying passengers and freight, leaves Europe for America. The ship runs into a huge storm with gigantic waves that crack the decks and hull almost to the waterline. At the time, this rescue became the biggest news event of the world.

Third on my list is *Last Man Off: A True Story of Disaster and Survival on the Antarctic Seas* by Matt Lewis. In June 1998, the author had just started his dream job – scientific observer aboard a deep sea fishing boat in the waters off Antarctica. A ferocious storm forces them to abandon ship.

We don't have to get far from home to face the dangers of the sea. *Worlds Most Dangerous: A History of the Columbia River Bar, Its Pilots and Their Equipment* by Michael E. Haglund and *Pacific Graveyard: A Narrative of the Ships Lost Where the Columbia River Meets the Pacific Ocean* by James A Gibbs documents the dangers lurking just offshore.

The last two books truly further document the heroics of the U.S. Coast Guard and their amazing dedication to duty in saving lives at sea. *A Storm Too Soon* by Michael J. Tougias tells the story of the crew from a 47 foot sailboat caught in a storm in the Gulf Stream and forced to take to life rafts in hurricane force winds. *The Deadliest Sea: The Untold Story Behind the Greatest Rescue in Coast Guard History* by Kalee Thompson relates the story of the rescue of crew from the fishing trawler, Alaska Ranger, that sank in the Bering Sea in 2008.

So when you want a break from the disasters in today's world, pick up a nautical read. I have been amazed at the non-fiction stories I have found to read on Kindle. I love to take sea disaster stories and murder mysteries on cruises to read while being gently rocked to sleep. We still have several hard back non-fiction disaster stories in our home library.





By PamSesar, President RCYSS, pamsesar@gmail.com

Sailing is continuing throughout the year! It is so wonderful to get on the water.

The youth regatta at Cascade Locks was very windy, 20+knots. I was surprised to see Optimists out in those conditions. The children were trimming sails, steering, and bailing. The waves and wind also made it a challenge to anchor the committee boats. I had the privilege of helping with the one design race later in July. Winds were also well over 20 mph. There were several young sailors who struggled to keep the boats from capsizing and whose boats suffered broken equipment. There are some long time volunteers that run the races, drive safety boats, and keep these events organized. Thanks to all of them. If you are interesting in racing in the Columbia River Gorge, check out the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGR) – <http://www.crga.org>

Willamette Sailing Club has a new community sailing building located at the site of their old clubhouse. They currently get some funding for their sailing programs from Columbia Sportswear. Check their website for discounts. They give a percentage back to the community sailing program. They need to replace their old and tired boats. I have not been in recent contact with Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's program but VLSC offers instruction. The youngest sailors have the opportunity to sail the Open Bic's.



When signing children up, remember we have discounts at both schools. We reimburse up to 80% for sailing classes and up to 50% for camps. Please get your applications in with RCYSS and with the schools directly. Our application is on the brochure on the RCYC website or at the Club. I would very much like to know when your children or children you know are registered for classes. I like to check in to see how they are doing and get some photos. The best way to contact me is pamsesar@gmail.com.

RCYSS will be having our end of the year meeting in November or December and will get the final count of children supported by you. We hope our Daughters of Neptune will have participated in a learning to sail program supported by you and others before year-end. These children would not be sailing without our help. It is a privilege and a joy to be a part of this wonderful organization. Please leave donations at the club or mail them to Rose City Yacht Club, Attn: Youth Sailing, 3737 NE Marine Dr. Portland, OR 97211 www.crga.org

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