

Commodore: Dave Reilly
Vice Commodore: Matt Richard
Secretary: Chuck Pennington



October 2017



From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

Club security is always an important consideration for RCYC.

Members have experienced thefts of gear and there have been incidents of vandalism at the Club. When the water level is lower, as it is now, it is easy for unauthorized guests to gain access to the Club through the Salty's property to the east and south of the Club. Everyone should take the responsibility to engage with people they don't recognize to determine if they are Club members. If they are Club members you will have met a new Club friend, if they are not members, you can inform them they are on private property and ask them to leave. This is important and we all need to remember to do it, but, in all honesty, stuff isn't usually stolen in broad daylight when people are present. Usually it happens at night, when no one is around. And, frankly, what is stolen is usually something easy to steal – something that is not properly secured. All members need to make sure their property is locked or otherwise difficult to steal. This is particularly true with outboard motors.

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BEACON ROCK CRUISE: FUN, HIKES, SMOKE AND FIRE



From the Helm continued from page 1

We use several means to communicate with Club Members – email, the Foghorn, the General Meeting, posters in the Clubhouse, and recently the Facebook pages. Are we creating an overload? How would you prefer to receive Club information? If you have thoughts about how we communicate Club information, speak to me or a Board Member. We want Club Members to know what is going on, but we don't want to bore or overwhelm them with information they don't need or want.

The Board has several substantial projects under consideration. We are;

- 1) thinking about making improvements to the dumpster/cart/ice machine area,
- 2) considering installing a keypad at the entry gate on Marine Drive, and
- 3) working through what the Club should do to replace or repair the broken launch motor.

If you would like more information of these projects or have thoughts on what the Club should do, speak to me or a Board Member.

There are lots of great activities coming up at RCYC. Look for postings about the activities in the online Club calendar, postings in this issue of the Foghorn, and notices posted in the Clubhouse.



As Tony Bacon pointed out, "Isn't the root word of commodore commode?" Is this the new Commodore's office?"

Reminder for all Clubhouse users: **Heads Up!**

Please remember, if it's not toilet paper or didn't come out of your body, it shouldn't be put in the Clubhouse toilets.



Secretary Salutations

Chuck Pennington, Secretary

Ann Roehm is recuperating from a broken femur. Best wishes to Ann and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The Board has approved for membership Gary and Lorene Brown, and it is anticipated they will be sworn in at the September general meeting.

The Board has also approved the resignation of Mark and Maggie Walen, effective September 9, 2017.

The Board has received an application from René Emch and Karen Feulner, who own a Yamaha 33 named Cando.

You will find Nominations for next year's (2018) flag officers and directors listed in "Rear Commodore's Log" on page 3.

Update on Wade Cornwell

Hans Geerling writes: "I visited Wade at home. He is doing fine and he is nearly back at his strength before his accident. He does answer his phone. Give him a call!"



Vice Commodore's Report

Matt Richard, Vice Commodore

I sure would like to describe our latest cruising adventure or day out sailing, but with the end of summer heat waves and smoke filled skies we have experienced, that has not happened aboard Shadow. Tonight, while racing against the Foghorn deadline, I am actually enjoying the sound of our much – needed rain – I'm a true Oregonian. But there is still good weather left in this year and peering ahead into October I am looking forward to the Bartlett Landing cruise on the 6th-8th. Laura has promised to make lentil soup for the potluck and I'm looking forward to a thick, hot bowl.

Also in October, there are two work parties that will provide excellent opportunities to fulfill work hour obligations. Let's do the numbers! As of mid-September, I, 133 hours of actual work had been performed this year at the Club, a terrific turnout for the spring and summer. For the second half of the year, the remaining membership obligation is 512 hours. That sounds like a big number, but it works out to about 85 of us needing to put in our hours. With three work parties left, about 30 of us need to show up at each work party. Sorry, I love numbers; I work with them all week. Note, those October work parties are on 7th and 21st. If you work the work party on the 7th, cruise on up to Bartlett Landing afterward for the night and enjoy some lentil soup; there will be enough for all.

Rear Commodore's Log

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

We had an amazing number of members wanting to participate on the Board of Directors for next year. The Nominating Committee had a difficult time trying to decide on the nominees to fill the three positions to be vacated.

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers for 2018:

Commodore – Matt Richard
Vice Commodore – Charles Pennington
Secretary – CJ Volesky
Rear Commodore – Dave Reilly
Treasurer – Judy Oxborrow
Director – Carl Corey
Director – John Fallon
Director – Dennis Annotti
Director – Mike Finch
Director – Gareth Tabor

Per the by-laws, nominations may be made from the floor at the October general meeting. In the event that any nomination is made at the October meeting, private paper ballots shall be printed under the supervision of the Board of Directors and an election will be held at the November general meeting.

We thank departing Directors, Tony Bacon and Leslie Phillips .

We also thank CJ Volesky who has stepped up as a candidate for Secretary.

"Thank You!" to my Nominating Committee.



Thank you all for contributing photographs for the newsletter.



Eagle Creek Fire, The Beginning

We had perfect weather for the last work party and got a lot of tasks accomplished. We have plenty of things that still need doing. Sign up for the October 7 Work Party. If you can't attend any of the fall work parties, please contact me and I'll find something you can do.

Rick Samuels, Work Party Chair and Resident Member



Hot Safety Alert

Using the barbecues out on the Clubhouse patio is a real convenience for all members, but their use comes with responsibilities to continue to provide a safe environment for your fellow members and our RCYC facilities. Specifically, after use, the grills must be properly secured to minimize the potential for fire.

Here are steps each of us must perform after each and every use:

- ✓ Turn each burner control valve to **OFF**.
- ✓ **CLOSE** the propane tank isolation valve.
- ✓ **VERIFY** all the valves are closed again.

The Board has received reports that members have smelled propane gas on the patio, and after checking they have found a grill unsecured spilling out propane gas. During this season I have myself have found a grill still burning on an early Saturday morning long after its use the previous night. So members, let's each of us take this responsibility to heart and operate our grills safely.

Happy and Safe Grilling Everyone! Matt Richard, RCYC Vice Commodore



Please practice **Off, Close, Verify and Clean.**

TO LAUNCH OR NOT TO LAUNCH???

THAT STILL IS THE QUESTION.

OK, I get it, you maybe scanned right over my article from last month's Foghorn and MAYBE you gave a thought about sharing your wisdom and opinion on the subject, but just didn't get around to it. Lucky for you, it is NOT TOO LATE to give your input. So, the following is just a repeat of last month's article so you will be reminded that your Rose City Yacht Club has an issue that affects ALL members (to a greater or lesser degree) and YOU have a clear OPPORTUNITY to contribute!

Commodore Dave Reilly 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 going kaput. It has been determined that the outboard motor is not economically repairable. Sooooo..... Before throwing a bunch of Club funds at a new outboard motor, and considering that a number 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 has 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.

Mike Oxborrow, Committee Chairperson



Walk 4 BBQ



Guten Tag RCYC!

**Join Walk Vier September 30th
for Oktoberfest!**

**Der Biergarten (Happy Hour) . . . 5 PM
Das Essen (Dinner). 6 PM**

Provided:

**Appetizers for Happy Hour
Side Dishes and Rolls for Dinner
Strudel for Dessert**

**Soft Drinks will also be provided
BYO Beer and Brats**

Beer tasting event (details to follow)

The Best of the Wurst

RCYC Oktoberfest Beer Tasting Event at the Walk 4 BBQ, September 30th!

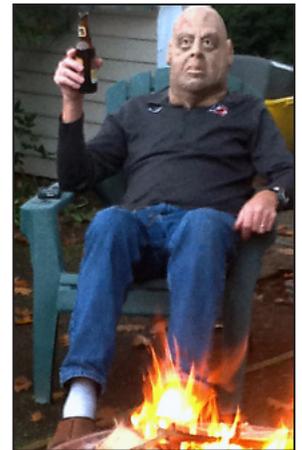
Don't forget to participate in the event, you must be 21 or older, and bring three bottles or cans of your favorite beer for sampling. Your entry will be given a number for identification, samples of all the beers will be poured for tasting. Vote for your favorite three beers. The top three beers will receive a prize of limited value.

Oktoberfest Beer Tasting will begin promptly at 5 pm and votes will be tallied at 6 pm. Good luck and Prost!

Questions?

Contact Doug or JoNell McClary at capriccio309@gmail.com - or - 503-997-4915, Doug, - or - 503-891-9720, JoNell

Doug McClary, Festmeister



Hurry and sign up for the beer tasting, if you don't, you never know who might.





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

Security is always in season, even as we head into shorter days. A week ago, I noticed a couple walking the moorage, walk by walk. I asked them if they were members or guests and he replied that they were guests. I asked who was hosting them. He paused and said that they were not guests, and that they followed someone in the gate and wanted to look around to see if there were any catamarans. (Something that could be ascertained by a glance from the parking lot. Were they casing us? I do not know.) Given that their first answer was an outright lie, I simply told them to leave. Immediately.

With the fall low-water season upon us, trespassers can also 'board' Walk 1 from the bank at low tide. So do keep an eye on the moorage. Always lock up the three Clubhouse doors and the ramp gate at sundown. Lock up your boat. When leaving a vehicle in the lot overnight I have been advised by police to remove our garage door opener and our registration documents. Nothing can really stop a determined crook, but we should not make their work easier.

Dinghies are getting ID'd better - and Thank You, but there are still a few with no owner. If that's you, get a nameplate attached.

I have assigned a new member boat to a large slip in the last couple weeks, and have a couple of smaller/narrower slips open. As usual, width is more the determining factor than length, when filling a slip.

We have had some boats break dock lines recently. The lines could have been too old and brittle, but do check on yours. Be sure to have snubbers in place for bow and stern lines, and that you have chaffing gear on lines that bear on the edge of the deck or thru a chock.

As we approach the harsh winter weather, fasten the lid closed on your dock box and run a line down to the tie point on the triangle (Walks 2, 3, and 4). Check the alignment of your mast with your neighbor boat and be sure that they do not exactly line up. What with big wind gusts and wakes, mast heads have clanged together occasionally in past years - rarely, but it's better to be safe.

At our last 2017 work party (November 4), we will blow out and empty all walk water lines until spring. Be sure to wash off the ash and dirt on your decks soon. If we are threatened by a hard freeze before November, the water will be shut off sooner, so do get your clean up done. If your dock lines are filthy-dirty, give them a scrub with a brush; dirt in the fibers weakens them when under strain from surging.

Don't Get Caught With Your Insurance Down

Something interesting we learned this summer. Gail and I usually take advantage of RCYC's reciprocal moorage at Nanaimo Yacht Club – a nice facility, great showers, laundry, and friendly staff. Nanaimo is a great jumping off spot for adventures north or across the Strait of Georgia to the Sunshine Coast. We grabbed a spot on the reciprocal dock and walked up to the office to register. The only charge is a few dollars for power and a refundable deposit for the electronic gate card.

Then she asked for our insurance declarations page showing we had \$1,000,000 (CD). After a bad fire a few years ago at their club, they have begun asking for proof of high liability limits. Because we recently registered our boat in Washington, we just happened to have a folder of boat information and I found our insurance declarations page. The next morning I took the page to the office hoping that \$300,000 US for liability would be enough. No luck. A few weeks later we grabbed a mooring ball at Newcastle Island across from NYC. This may be a trend in Canada. We moored our boat one winter at Union Steamship Co. Marina on Bowen Island, another great place wanting \$1,000,000 liability. We snuck by that year. So before next summer's cruising up north we will seek other insurance and be sure to carry a copy to the declarations page along with the wallet insurance card. If you plan to cruise north you might want to increase your liability and carry proof.

Bob Gales, S/V Soleil



The Rose Bistro

You are invited to an evening of

*Wine Tasting,
Hors d'Oeuvres,
Silent Auction*



Featuring the wines of *Blooming Hill Winery*.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

\$20 per person (adults only, first 50)



Donate to the Silent Auction ~ donate a gift basket, a hand-crafted item, event tickets, or your own artwork. Donate a unique service: A dinner served at your home? A night at your cabin? An evening sail or cruise? Taxi service? Boat cleaning?

To donate an item or to make a reservation, contact Marili and Dave Reilly:

(503) 347-5464 or cascademarili@gmail.com

Proceeds to be used to fund RCYC involvement in CRYA activities, 2017-2018.

Wine Tasting and Auction at "The Rose Bistro"

Have you signed up yet for the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction at The Rose Bistro? We will be featuring the wines of Blooming Hill Winery, and their sommelier will be there to guide you through this tasting adventure.

The Silent Auction will feature the artistry and generosity of many RCYC members. Some of the items promised so far include:

- Hand-crafted wood hand mirror, by the Welsh Wood Worker, Larry Roberts
- Quilted Table Runner by Judy Oxborrow
- Three nights at their Rhododendron cabin, by Bob and Leslie Phillips
- Half Case of Italian Wines, by Jim Johnsrud

There will also be gift baskets, jewelry, and home décor pieces donated by Liv Ormond, Sue Pennington, Karen Finch, Tom & Cathy Nelson, and Dave & Marili Reilly, (some of which include gift certificates from Carol's Custom Canvas, Passion Yachts, and local watering holes).

Your committee is cooking up some great food pairings to go with the featured wines, so don't miss this special event. 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. Proceeds of this fund-raising event will support RCYC participation in CRYA activities over the next year, including a golf tournament, their sole fund-raiser.

To make reservations or to arrange to donate an item, contact Marili and Dave Reilly at (503) 347-5464 or cascademarili@gmail.com. Guests are welcome, limited to one couple per RCYC couple.

The Organizing Committee



Two men & a duck or a ducky new member?

Sailing Friends and Buddy Boating

It's good to have sailing friends, and it's good to buddy boat! Here is one reason:

In mid-June Gail and I left our slip in Bellingham and pointed Soleil toward Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC to meet up with friends (and former RCYC members), Mike and Deb Hibbs and daughter Rachael. One of our favorite spots up north, Ganges has everything. We especially like the Saturday Market, and of course, breakfast at the TreeHouse cafe.

The Hibbs family sailed off to Sydney and planned to meet us again at Rosario resort on Orcas Island. Gail and I spent another night in Ganges then motored in calm waters south through the San Juans to Rosario. We had two slips reserved, but wanted to stop at the fuel dock first. Gail was driving the boat while I was readying the fenders and dock lines. When we came around the breakwater we heard a clunk, and as Gail approached the fuel dock and put it in reverse to slow it down, well, nothing happened! With help from the dock we stopped Soleil in time and filled the tank. I figured, and hoped that it was a broken transmission cable as I had just replaced the throttle cable. The weather was calm so we pushed the boat back and planned to go forward to our slip. No forward, no reverse. I started counting up dollars for a new transmission. Gail said, "Put the head sail out!" and we gently drifted back to the fuel dock where we spent the night.

I noticed the shaft was turning just fine, forward and reverse. The harbormaster had a snake camera that confirmed Soleil had lost her prop! (The story of how we lost our prop saved for another time). It's good to have sailing friends like the Hibbs as they sailed into the marina. Mike even had a spare prop. His prop for a 1" shaft would not fit our 25mm shaft. No prop on the island would. So the next morning our good sailing friends and buddy boaters towed us 17 miles through Obstruction Pass, across Rosario Strait to the south tip of Lummi Island where TowBoatUS picked us up. Back safely in our slip, I thought about how wonderful it is to have great sailing friends, especially when they are buddy boating with you!

Bob Gales S/V Soleil



RCYC Happenings

October

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 6-8 RCYC Cruise, Bartlett Landing
- 7 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 Wine Tasting at the *Rose Bistro*, 6:00 pm
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 21 Work Party, 9:00 am

November

- 4 Work Party, 9:00 am
- 6 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 11 Walk 5 Barbecue, 5:00 pm
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 RCYC Budget Meeting
- 20 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am

- Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC, also view and/or download your Foghorn from the website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.



The Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

Last Scheduled Cruise of 2017

October 6 – 8
Bartlett Landing

(East Dock on Government Island)

Saturday gathering:
Happy Hour at 1700 hrs
Potluck at 1800 hrs

If you have any question please contact
me at ronmoran@gmail.com
Or call 503-807-3817



CRYA Activities

This year's CRYA Golf Tournament was a success, with RCYC members filling out three teams in our first year of participation. While none of our teams won on the golf course, one team did bring home the big raffle gift of the year, a complete selection of products from Bob's Red Mill. Congratulations to Dennis and Marquita Call, Dennis Helm, and his guest, Tony LoPriore.

The next big CRYA event is the CRYA Awards Banquet, which we will be hosting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Rick Royce is already planning one of his outstanding meals, and we will have a wine bar to complement the meal.

I'm looking for people to serve the meals and tend bar, and CRYA will provide comped meals for that service. I'm also looking for people to help set-up and take down. Let me know how you would like to help!

Marili Reilly, CRYA Vice President

Foghorn Contributing Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your 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 and all Club Members.

River Place Cruise



Let's All Go Back to School!

All the kids are back in school, but what about us?

Anything you need to know more about before you tackle those winter boat upgrades?

Have an idea about the head plumbing system, but would like some expert advice?

Or, how about different ways to keep your 12-volt system charged?

Afraid to take on spider cracks and deeper gouges in the fiberglass without further knowledge?

If you are like most RCYC members, you like to Do It Yourself. I will be happy to help set up classes, workshops, and lectures... if you let me know what you want. Most educational offerings will take place at the Club evenings, Saturdays, or at General Meetings. Some, like the Fire on Board class, are held at other venues.

Please tell me what topics you would like to see covered, suggestions for presenters, or if you would be willing to teach or lead discussions. Email me your comments at rlgales@frontier.com or call me at 971-274-6324.

Keep Learning!

*RCYC Member Education,
Bob Gales, Education Chair*



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

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

Rose City Youth Sailing Society

If you're like me, I like multiple reminders. Therefore: we 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 Daughter's 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. Thank you. Please leave donations at the Club.

If you would like to donate your old dinghy, please let me know. We might fix it up and sell it for you. We use the funds to get more children in boats.

Willamette Sailing Club continues to teach sailing throughout the year. It is a great time to get children started

so they choose to participate in summer lessons and camps. Look at their website www.willamettesailingclub.com/ for information.

This year, I took some of my family to the Beacon Rock cruise. We had a picnic, and then went swimming with RCYC members.

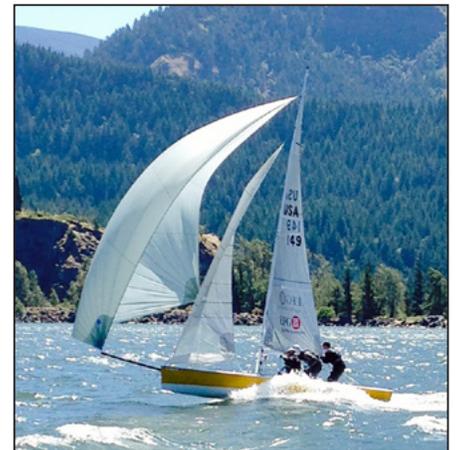
The membership made the trip very special and forever memorable.

Thank you! It was sad to see the fires, though. I

really want the rain to come and put it all out.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Cheers! Pam Sesar,
pamsesar@gmail.com





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