

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

November 2017



### From the Helm

*Dave Reilly, Commodore*



Yuck – November weather already. It seems the warm days of summer just past are long past and the warm days of summer to come are too far in the future to contemplate. There are a couple of RCYC activities coming up to help us through these long days before Christmas. There is the Walk 5 BBQ on November 11 and the Christmas Ships Party on December 9. Keep these in mind to help you shake off the November blahs.

If you want to be Commodore all you really need to do is to be able to say Thank You. A significant project has just been wrapped up and I haven't said a proper Thank You on behalf of the Club. The project to upgrade the electrical boxes, lighting and wiring on Walk 4 was recently completed. This project has extended over several months and has resulted in a significant improvement to our Club. The Club has many talented workers and crafts people who give their time tirelessly, largely under the radar of most members. Tom Stringfield, Ron Billion, and Carl Corey are good examples of this and were primarily responsible for making this project happen. Thanks guys for a job well done.

Congratulations (or condolences as the case may be) are due to next year's Officers and Board members who were elected at the October 18 General Meeting. They are: Matt Richard, Commodore; Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore; C.J.Volesky, Secretary and Board Members Carl Corey, John Fallon, Dennis Annotti, Mike Finch, and Gareth Tabor. Thanks for being willing to serve RCYC.

At the October General Meeting René Emch and Karen Feulner were sworn in as members - Welcome René and Karen. Ben Thomas, Rick and Jean Butler, and Sherry Buchanan were introduced as prospective members.



*Rose Bistro*

## Secretary's Notes

*Chuck Pennington, Secretary*

Flowers were recently sent to Eric Parker and Diane Shiner after their daughter was in a serious car accident. Eric and Diane, we wish your daughter a speedy recovery.

Gary and Lorena Brown were officially inducted into the RCYC membership by Mike Oxborrow at the September meeting. Gary and Lorena are the parents of five children and owners of a Beneteau First 35. Gary is currently building a small wooden boat.

Rene' Emch and Karen Feulner were sworn in at the October meeting. They have a 19-year-old son and presently own a Yamaha 33. They are looking forward to the comradery of RCYC.

Prospective members were interviewed at the October board meeting, including Ben Thomas, Rick and Jean Butler and Sherry Buchanan.

Riverbank Construction has completed the water replacement at the end of Walk 5.



## The Rose Bistro—A Great Success!

Thanks to the efforts of Chef Rick Royce and A Blooming Hill Vineyard and Winery, our October Wine Tasting & Silent Auction drew a capacity crowd of sixty people to "The Rose Bistro."

The Silent Auction was a resounding success due to the many members and local businesses who donated gifts, as well as those who generously opened their pocketbooks and bid on those gifts. We raised over \$1,900, more than enough to support our commitment to serve as Host Club at the 2018 Opening Day.

A special thanks to Chef Rick and to our planning team: Dennis and Brenda Annotti, Bob and Leslie Phillips, Michael and Jessie Welter, Liv Ormond and Tony and Bernie Bacon.





## Vice Commodore's Report

*Matt Richard, Vice Commodore*

It's November already, but we have time for one more walk barbecue (Walk 5 on the 11th) and our very last work party on the fourth.

I've been keeping a close watch on the work hours and of this writing there are 71 member units who have not met their six-hour minimum requirement for the fall. If you can't get to this last work party and you still need hours, contact Rick Samuels, our Work Party Chair, and he will find you tasks that you can do. Are you wondering how many work hours you have or that you need? Contact me by email, phone or text and I will let you know. The worst duty the Vice Commodore has is reporting to the Board how many members had not completed their work hours by the December 10th deadline. Don't be on that list, plan to do your work hours and help keep your Club in tip-top shape.

Okay, now for the fun stuff. Get out your calendar and mark Sunday, December 31st. That's the date for the RCYC New Year's Eve Party. Now it may seem I'm bringing this up a tad bit early, but I want you to be the first to know that Acoustic Finger-Style Baritone Guitarist/Vocalist, Ron Hughes, will be playing live at the RCYC Clubhouse that night. I hope you can join the fun and bring in the New Year listening to great music while celebrating with your RCYC friends.



### WALK 4 OKTOBERFEST

Doug & JoNell McClary teach everyone the  
Chicken Dance

## Boat U.S.

Alan Bergen, BoatU.S. Coordinator

Did you know that Rose City Yacht Club is a cooperating group member of Boat U.S.? 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 Boat U.S. dues of \$30.00 – only \$15.00 a year! If you are already a Boat U.S. member, you can renew your membership at the low \$15.00 rate. Boat U.S. 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, TowBoatU.S.
- BoatU.S. 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 on line at the above web site, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your Boat U.S. 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 Boat U.S. by RCYC or its officers. However, more than sixty RCYC members have taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.

At the present time, Boat U.S. is having a contest for cooperating groups. RCYC will receive money from Boat U.S. based on the number of Club members who are registered with them with our group number. If you are paying your annual dues at the \$15.00 rate, you are registered with Boat U.S. as a group member. If you are paying more, please contact me with your membership number and I'll pass it along to Boat U.S. For more information about Boat U.S. benefits, check out their web site at: [www.BoatU.S..com/group](http://www.BoatU.S..com/group)

Remember December 1, 2017 will determine which club(s) have achieved the growth of Boat U.S members in order to receive the prize money.

- \$250 if 25% of group are current
- \$500 if 50% of group are current
- \$750 if 75% of group are current
- \$1,000 if 90% of group are current

Boat US makes it easy to get your boat ready for winter. Download their guide here:

[https://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/winterizing.pdf?utm\\_source=membership&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=coop-line-101](https://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/winterizing.pdf?utm_source=membership&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=coop-line-101)

## A First for RCYC

Marili Reilly



You had to know that this would happen eventually, considering how many second and third generation members belong to RCYC.

This year's Daughter of Neptune is a fourth generation member! Piper Easton will represent us on King Neptune's Court in 2018. She is 14 years old, attends Jackson Middle School, and enjoys softball and volleyball.

Piper has been boating with parents Joby and Danielle and with Grandpa Lynn Easton since she was just a baby, and is looking forward to becoming a part of the boating community. But that's not all the news: Her dad will be participating, too, as the king of the watery depths. Come Opening Day, watch for Joby in his green beard and King Neptune robes. Thank you, Piper and Joby, for representing RCYC in 2018.



Bill & Liv Ormund's *Mischief* Wins "Best Decorated Boat" at CRYA's Halloween Cruise

31 yards of fabric with musket and cannon holes included!





## Moorage Matters

*Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain*

Recently we had a diver install new floatation blocks under the south sides of several dinghy docks and also the electrical building. All are a lot closer to level than they have been in many years. If we get major snow and ice loads on the dinghy's again this winter, be sure that your small boat or kayak will NOT fill up with water and make the whole structure top heavy, or overwhelm the structural supports. Store your small boat upside down or be sure that any cover will resist a foot of snow load. Also, tie small crafts down.

Work parties are preparing the Club for winter, and there will not be water service turned on for any walk faucets until our first spring work party in 2018.

Work has started on illuminating our bank-side "marginal walk". Light posts are up as we go to press and new wiring will soon be run to those lights. This is being done by Bob Phillips and other Club volunteers, and will be a wonderful assist as we enter the long winter nights.

Dredging is about to start November 1. As a courtesy to the operator in the dredge, look at the River level on the pilings, walk out to where the machine is digging, and hold up fingers (or yell really loud) to let them know the actual level. If you wish to leave some cookies in the Clubhouse for them, that's always nice too!

As the storm season approaches, check all of your lines for chafe, check fenders for full inflation, and also tie down your dock box to the line loop on the triangle on Walks 2, 3, and 4. If you are leaving a multi-thousand-dollar furled genoa up in mid winter, ask yourself why. About every third year someone's boat has a sail shredded by a 35-knot east wind. As Sgt. Esterhaus used to say on TV: "Let's be careful out there!"

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### Clubhouse Stringer Repair

During the October 7 work party, several members noticed that the two-part stringer under the west end of the Clubhouse is unstable. Tom Becker and Bill Ormond tightened a couple of bolts as a temporary measure. Since it is virtually impossible to get a look at the inside surface of the stringer now, planning a permanent fix will wait until January when the floor in the women's head will be removed for replacement. When the floor is out of the way, the stringer should be visible and a fix can be designed then.



## From the Rear

Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore

Another milestone has passed. The Officers and Directors for next year have been elected. The Club will continue to be in good hands.

The new Board is:

Matt Richard, Commodore

Charles Pennington, Vice Commodore

CJ Volesky, Secretary

Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

John Fallon, Director

Carl Corey, Director

Mike Finch, Director

Gareth Tabor, Director

Dennis Annotti, Director

Please wish them well and support them as they take on this important role for the Club.

I also want to thank the departing Directors for their efforts. Thanks to Leslie Phillips and Tony Bacon for all you have done, and to CJ Volesky for stepping up to become Secretary.

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## Nautical Reads

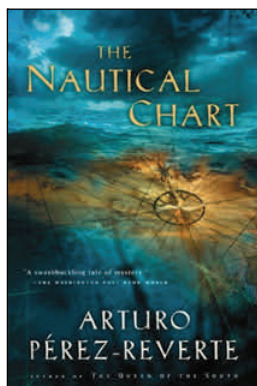
Rhonda Boguslawski

The Nautical Chart by Arturo Perez-Reverte.

From Chapter 3 "The Lost Ship": *You can do everything right, strictly according to procedure, on the ocean and it'll still kill you, but if you're a good navigator, at least you'll know where you were when you died.* --Justin Scott, The Shipkiller

A mysterious 18<sup>th</sup> century sunken ship, Spanish maritime history, development of nautical charts, sailing the Mediterranean, a narrator that pops in at odd moments, and a snappy ending are a few of this literary thriller's intrigues while exploring obsession, deception and greed. Just where, and what, is that Prime Meridian?

Alan found this one at the bookstore in Ganges last summer. It's long and, occasionally, as slow as sailing a search pattern on the ocean but neither of us could put it down. Other novels by Perez-Reverte are high on our reading list this fall/winter.



## CRYA Awards Banquet Volunteers Needed

Dave Reilly, Commodore

RCYC begins its year of serving as Host Club for CRYA in December as we host the CRYA Awards Banquet on December 5. Next year will be the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Columbia River Yachting Association, so we hope to make this dinner a special event.

In addition to handing out awards for 2017 Opening Day, the new CRYA Board will also be sworn in, including our own Marili Green Reilly as 2018 President. We have already lined up Jas Adams and his flute-guitar duo, Duo Napoléon, to provide a backdrop of music for the evening, and Chef Rick Royce has begun planning for another delicious dinner.

If you would like to participate in the evening as a server or help with planning, decorating, set-up or cleanup, please contact Marili at [cascademarili@gmail.com](mailto:cascademarili@gmail.com). She would also welcome a decorated sheet cake for the dessert, if you are a cake artist. In the meantime, hold the date of Tuesday night, December 5. Information on how to sign up for the dinner will follow.

*Walk 5's  
Autumn BBQ*

Social Hour 5:00pm  
Dinner 6:00pm  
Music by Mike O & Co

*Appetizers, Sides &  
Dessert provided*

Bring your own  
favorite entree  
& drink

*Saturday, November 11*



## Sea-Dogs and Sailing Songs

Tod Bassham

If you are the kind of sailor who, as you sail along, must restrain the urge to start singing the chorus of *What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor*, lest you draw disapproving glances from tone-deaf crewmembers, then you may be interested in a proposal to create an RCYC Song Circle, where bursting spontaneously into a sea-chanty is not only tolerated, but actively encouraged.

The basic idea is to gather once a month at the Clubhouse. Participants (Club members and their guests) would bring desired musical instruments, and/or three or four songs to share with the group (with some extra copies of each song to pass around). Songs should be sea or sailing-related in some way, but otherwise whatever you want to sing, play or hear others sing and play. One goal would be to compile a semi-official RCYC Songbook for general Club use and abuse. Beer drinking and snacks could be involved.

If interested, send an email or text to me at [bassham-fam@hotmail.com](mailto:bassham-fam@hotmail.com) or 503-705-5737. Please indicate what days of the week and times you would prefer to meet. My initial thought is to try to meet the afternoon of the first Sunday of the month, starting November 5, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. Thereafter meet regularly on the first Sunday of the month. This is after the Sail on Sunday race, so some of the member participants in that race may want to hang around afterward and celebrate their victories or mourn their defeats in the best way imaginable, in song.



On Smoke and Patti's *Bandit* playing "Mexican Train" while it rained during the Bartlett's Landing Cruise



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Youth Sailing  
Society

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The year is coming to an end.  
Please keep RCYSS in mind for donations.  
Cheers! Pam Sesar

## RCYC HAPPENINGS

### November

4	Final Work Party	9:00 am
6	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
11	Walk 5 BBQ	5:00 pm
13	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
15	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	RCYC Budget Mtg	9:30 am
18	Foghorn December Deadline	
19	Daughters of Neptune	12:00 pm
20	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am

### December

4	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
5	CRYA Awards Banquet	
9	Christmas Ships Party	
11	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
13	OWSA General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	Knauti Knitters	10:00am
18	January Foghorn Deadline	
20	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
31	RCYC New Years Eve Party	

Check the website calendar for updates  
and more information about RCYC  
[www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org)

Need something added to the calendar?  
Contact Vice Commodore Matt Richard

### Foghorn Deadline 18th of the month

Email articles, announcements and photos  
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Bartlett's Landing Cruise—October 2017



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