

# FOGHORN

## ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

December 2017



### From the Helm

Dave Reilly, Commodore

*Happy Holidays*

### Where does the time go?

It's December, already, and it's hard to think of serious matters. The snowbirds have left; Halloween and Thanksgiving are behind us; the last walk BBQ is over; I'm sick of raking leaves, and it's time to winterize the boat. Every year it's the same thing - a whole bunch of great plans for January and a scramble to get some of them started in December.

This is my last Foghorn article as Commodore. Matt Richard takes over the reins, not of the sleigh, but of Rose City Yacht Club during the December General Meeting. I have enjoyed serving you as Commodore, for the past year, and look forward to continuing to serve as your Rear Commodore. Enjoy the parking space, Matt.

*Marili and I wish all of our Rose City Family a great holiday season.*

### WALK 5's AUTUMN BBQ WITH MUSIC BY MIKE O AND COMPANY





## Vice Commodore's Report

*Matt Richard, Vice Commodore*

A couple of weeks ago I had the good fortune of participating on the marginal walk lighting project. There were a half dozen of us on this final stint of the project. Led by Dave Kibby and Bob Phillips, our task that day was to lay out and install the conduit, and then snake the wiring through the conduit to each light fixture. Lots of little things slowed our progress, but Dave kept coming up with solutions and Bob, Will, Tony, Ruby and I kept cutting, gluing, pulling, hanging, mounting and anything else we were directed to do, to get the job done before the Walk 5 BBQ that night. Somebody asked Dave why he does what he does and he impressed me greatly when he smiled and said, "I like to work - to see things work". What an amazing thought, and so reflective of the spirit and hard work that makes RCYC the great Club that it is.

That same day, on the far side of the moorage, way down Walk 5, Doug McClary and his crew of happy dredgers were moving the dredge to Walk 4 from 5, realigning the 6" discharge piping and making all preparations to start dredging anew on the next fairway. Both crews got together for lunch of lasagna, salad and hot bread, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Bob, who knows how to keep workers happy. Ruby had aligned tables and together we chowed down while watching the rain come down outside, before heading out to perform the next set of tasks. What a great day!

Only a few members have work hours to fulfill, before the December 10th deadline. You should have been contacted by email if you are one of them. Please contact Rick Samuels if you need a task to do to complete your 12 hours for the year.

Looking to next year, if you're looking for a way to channel your carpentry skills this winter there's a great opportunity in January and February. Ron Moran and Bob Phillips are leading an extensive rejuvenation project in the Clubhouse involving both heads and the galley. Contact either one of them if you are interested in, and using Dave's words again, "Working to see things work."

### Clubhouse Repairs – Help Needed

The Clubhouse will be undergoing some needed repairs starting right after the first of the year.

We will be replacing the floors in both of the heads. The galley floor will also be repaired, and if money is available we will be refacing all the cabinets in the galley. There are also several minor repairs that will be undertaken.

Because of the work, Clubhouse usage will be limited to Board meetings and General Meetings only, for the months of January and February. During this time the plan is to have at least one functioning head at all times.

Ron Moran and Bob Phillips will be overseeing the work and we are looking for help. If you have the skills and time, and would like to help with this project, contact Ron Moran at [ronmoran@gmail.com](mailto:ronmoran@gmail.com) or 503-807-3817.







## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

Winter weather is here already, and worse is yet to come. Check the condition of your mooring lines and chafe gear. It's often a good idea to double up the bow and stern lines. I hope that you have secured any rolled-up headsails really well. For freezing days and weeks, do not depend on an electric heater to keep the interior above freezing. Far better to put anti-freeze (the pink RV stuff) into all of the raw water parts of the engine cooling, to protect the heat exchanger.

All thru hull valves should be left OFF when you are not aboard — other than cockpit drains. Now is the time to be really certain that cockpit drains are not clogged with leaves or other gunk. These recent storms have dropped an inch of rain in a day.

Check to see that shore power cords are not falling into the water, and that they are very snug in the power inlet on your boat.

Registration: I just received my biennial Oregon stickers. It took one week after the letter arrived and the transaction was easy to complete online at the Oregon Marine Board web site. There are bound to be a few dry days in the next couple of months to get them attached to your boat. If yours are dated 2017 and about to expire, whether Oregon or Washington, do not procrastinate. Just get this renewal done.

I have completed the ID signs for all of our docks and structures along the marginal walk (aka our main head walk by the bank).



*Our dredge at work*

The dinghy docks now have Letter names posted on both ends.

- While most of the occupied slots have names on them, there are still some with unidentified boats. Starting with the east end of the moorage there is "A" dock. On the second row, 6 slots down from the east end is a blue "Yukon" inflatable. No name.
- On the "B" dock, second row, there are several with no owners. Four slots down from the east end is a laser. Another boat at 7 slots down has no owner. On the bottom row, 6 slots down from the east end is another boat with no owner.
- On the one-level "C" dock, there is a short FRP dinghy on the west end — no name.
- On the "E" dock, second row, third down from the east end is another no-name boat.
- On the "F" dock, the first slot on the second row has no name and is a partially collapsed inflatable. This one will need to be removed from the rack (and stored up by the corner of the parking lot) before it catches enough rain water to collapse the wood supports. Also on this dock, on the first row, the inflatable in slot 7 has no name.
- Actually, there are several other partially-deflated dinghies on these racks that need attention. Better yet, just roll them up and take them home before the rain and UV completely ruin them.

Dredging will start soon in the Walk 3 fairway, and if all goes well might get done in a week. Our new dredge is moving a lot of sand per day without the regular drama and delay of the breakdowns we were experiencing with the former machine.

If you need to transit a fairway with your boat where the dredge is operating, talk to the crew about pivoting to the side and dropping a cable to let you pass. Sometimes a fairway will have to be blocked for a day or two. Those big loops of floating pipe take up quite a bit of room. Be patient.



## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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

### *Rose City Youth Sailing Society*

Please keep RCYSS in mind for your end-of-the-year giving. We are thankful and grateful for your contributions. Feel free to leave a brochure at your dentist's office or any place you think might have an end-of-the-year giving campaign. Remember that RCYSS is using RCYC's address. Please make sure your check is payable to RCYSS. Give the gift of sailing.

CGRA, WSC and VLSC all have great photos and calendars of events. If you want to get a smile, watch our young sailors in boats. It is a joy.

If you would like a RCYSS sweatshirt for a gift, contact Terry Annis. This is a great comfortable gift, and the money received from the sale supports children who may not ever get to sail without us.

The Daughters of Neptune will be given the opportunity to participate in a learning to sail program. What a great way to advertise RCYC and get those children out on the water.

Don't forget that Willamette Sailing Club continues to teach sailing throughout the year. You can ask them about the high school programs and see how they are doing. It is a great time to get children started so that they might choose to participate in summer lessons and camps. Look at the WSC web site for information.

We will again have an agreement with WSC for discounted lessons and will reimburse up to 80% for classes and 50% for camps. If you know of children who might want to sail, please encourage them to sign up. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns: [pamsesar@gmail.com](mailto:pamsesar@gmail.com)

HO, HO, HO, Pam Sesar

Thank you for your timely response.



### Secretary Salutations

*Chuck Pennington, Secretary*

As of this writing, we have not had any member illnesses to report, which is very good news.

Jim and Trine Page have officially resigned from the club. We wish them well.

At the November 13th board meeting Rick and Jean Butler, Ben Thomas, and Sherry Buchanan were accepted for membership. Ben and Sherry were sworn in at the November 15th general meeting. Congratulations to Ben and Sherry.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### New Member Orientation

**Want to learn all about the Club?**

- Plan on attending the **New Member Orientation Class**
- **On January 13th, 2018**  
**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](mailto:ronmoran@gmail.com) so that I can have enough handouts for everyone.

*Ron Moran, New Member Orientation Chair*

### Membership 2018 To-Do List – Start The Year Out Right

- **The 2018 membership cards have been printed and will be mailed to all members early in December.** We hope you like the new format! If you do not receive your card timely, please contact Judy Oxborrow: [judy87807@centurylink.net](mailto:judy87807@centurylink.net).
- **The Year Book Staff** is already working on the 2018 Year Book. You can help. **Please go to your listing in the Year Book and check it for accuracy.** If there is no photo, or if there is an old photo of you, please update the photo. Send any changes to [rcycyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:rcycyearbook@gmail.com). If our members cooperate, we hope to have the yearbook available in February.
- With winter fast approaching, along with winterizing your boat, **please review your emergency contact information.** If you have changes or questions, please notify Judy Oxborrow as soon as possible.

### Report about our old dredge:

Loren Beach stopped by Cathlamet recently, and saw our old dredge hard at work. It is in the channel, past the green buoy. Next, they'll be headed into the main fairway, and then into the marina.

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## BoatUS:

### What You Need to Know About Your DSC-VHF Radio — When Buying or Selling a Boat

If a boater has an emergency on the water, there's no better way than to call for help than with a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio, which can give rescuers critical GPS location information. But that doesn't mean these technologies come without a few quirks, especially when buying or selling a boat with DSC-VHF radios aboard. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has some practical advice to ensure that when you do need help, it arrives as quickly as possible.

**The MMSI issue:** DSC-VHF radio-equipped vessels must be registered and issued a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number that is then entered into the radio. Unlike a phone number that stays with you when you move across town, a boat's MMSI always stays with the boat, so any subsequent owner must update the MMSI number with his or her new contact information. To make this easier, print a copy of your MMSI certificate, write down your registration login name and password and keep it in a safe place. This will make managing your boat's MMSI easier if any registration details change or when it is sold to a new owner.

**Hand-held DSC-VHF radios – who should get them when the boat is sold?** Some boaters have both fixed-mount and hand-held DSC-VHF radios aboard, and both can share the same MMSI number. When selling, it's wise to include any hand-held DSC-VHFs in the purchase and not take them with you to the new vessel. It would be dangerous to have the same MMSI being used by more than one vessel, and hand-held DSC-VHF radios often need to be sent to the manufacturer for a "factory reset" before they can be updated with a new MMSI number – a time-consuming process.

**The international quirk:** It's OK to use your DSC-VHF radio for communications purposes when transiting foreign waters. Once you communicate with or enter a foreign port ("foreign station"), however, a US-registered boat must have a federal Ship Station License. These are only issued by the Federal Communications Commission, which also provides an appropriate internationally accessible MMSI number as part of the \$220 Ship Station License fee, good for 10 years. The benefit of receiving an MMSI from the FCC is that your emergency contact information goes into an internationally accessible database (also accessible to the US Coast Guard), potentially speeding a foreign rescue. MMSI numbers not issued by the FCC are only entered into the US Coast Guard database used for domestic waters. Boaters can learn more at the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water's free online [DSC-VHF radio tutorial](#).

### DSC-VHF radio and Automatic Identification System (AIS):

While both use the vessel's same MMSI number when it comes to registration, DSC-VHF radio and Automatic Identification System (AIS) do not share any other relationship, and each has a completely different process to follow when buying and selling a boat, or potentially when changing a boat's name (an AIS requirement).

BoatUS offers an easy online MMSI registration for \$25 that makes obtaining an MMSI number simple, adds an extra layer of safety by partnering with the US Coast Guard to share information, and offers valuable boater benefits. This registration fee includes complimentary BoatUS membership. Go to [BoatUS.com/MMSI](http://BoatUS.com/MMSI) for more information.

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## Rear Commodore's Log

*Gary Whitney, Rear Commodore*

The year is drawing to an end, and there is a nip in the air. As the end of my last year on the Board draws near, I am encouraged to know that a great Board of Officers and Directors will be overseeing the Club in 2018. Under Matt's leadership, RCYC will get the care and feeding it needs, to continue to be a great place where you would want to be a member. **Speaking of taking care of the Club, a big thank you to Bob Phillips and his crew for all their hard work getting the marginal walk lighting project completed.**

I am working with a fantastic committee to plan the 2018 Commodore's Ball. The Ball will be on Saturday February 3rd, 2018 at Riverside Golf and Country Club. This year's theme is Lighthouses of the North West. Please put the date on your calendars and plan to attend. It is a fun party where we say thank you to Commodore Dave Reilly and First Lady Marili Green-Reilly and welcome Matt Richard as our new Commodore, and Laura Richard as First Lady. All new members who have joined since the last Commodore's Ball will receive complimentary tickets to the event.

One reminder: if you haven't done it already – winterize your boat. It is like reefing, better to do it sooner than later. Change the oil and filters; top off fuel. It is nice to have that done come the start of boating season in the spring. See you on the water.

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### Foghorn Contributing Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your articles and photos to: [RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Columbia River Yachting Association

Marili Reilly, President

It's been a busy fall at RCYC, and I have been kept extra busy with my CRYA responsibilities. At the December 5th CRYA Awards Dinner, I officially take on the Presidency of Columbia River Yachting Association as it begins its 85th Year.

If you have ever wondered how CRYA works and what it does, this year it will be easier than ever to check it out or to take a more active interest. Monthly CRYA meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and this year they will be held at RCYC. Check the calendar in the Foghorn or the upcoming 2018 yearbook for the actual dates and drop in anytime.

I can tell you that there are changes on the horizon for this organization, and you can participate in helping CRYA re-create itself. Commodores and Vice Commodores of all the clubs will be invited to a meeting at RCYC early in February to provide input from their own clubs' perspectives. You can influence the future of CRYA by letting me or Commodore Matt Richard know what you value about CRYA and what you'd like to see change.

What are some of the functions of CRYA that will be discussed? Its more visible functions include the Cruise Schedule, Opening Day parade, Daughters of Neptune program, and a website listing CRYA and club activities, including Ladies' Dinners and Commodores' Balls. Funds raised through activities such as the Golf Tournament are frequently offered as matching funds to local governments for building and repairing docks and facilities for our use. We can thank CRYA contributions for helping provide the docks at Government Island, Hadley's Landing, Coon Island, Sand Island, and the Gilbert River.

CRYA also works behind the scenes on behalf of recreational boaters. The CRYA Executive VP and Standing Committee members appear as our advocates before the State Legislature, the City Council, and the Counties and at other industry or stake-holder organizations.

Some or all of CRYA's activities will be on the agenda for discussion at the Commodores' meeting in February, so let me know or get your input to Matt over the next couple of months to make sure your voice is heard.



**OUR RCYC'S DAUGHTER OF NEPTUNE IS KASEY MARKEL, 3RD FROM THE RIGHT.**



## RCYC Happenings

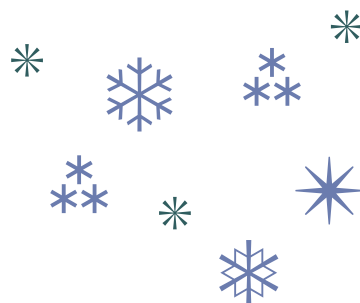
### December

- 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 5 CRYA Awards Banquet at RCYC
- 8 Christmas Ships at RCYC, 5:00 pm
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 OWSA General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21 Private Party
- 31 RCYC New Year's Eve Party, 8:00 pm

### January

- 1 Soup and Sail, 9:00 am
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 New Member Orientation, 9:00 am
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 16 CRYA Meeting
- 17 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Clubhouse Work Begins
- 18 Foghorn Deadline

- 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](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).



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## The Cruising Corner

Ron Moran, Cruising Chair

This will be my last Cruising Corner. After being your Cruising Chair for almost ten years it's time for a change. I enjoyed scheduling the cruises and keeping the membership informed about cruising.

During my time as your Cruising Chair two cruises were added to the Club's schedule. In 2012 we started the River Place cruise and the number of boats has grown each year. When I submitted the Club's request for the 2018 cruising schedule to CRYA a new cruise to Coon Island was added.

Also during this time a booklet called "Cruising with RCYC" was put together. The intent of the booklet is to answer any question a new member may have about cruising with the Club. It also covers what equipment to have, cruising etiquette, and safe procedures for docking or rafting up.

So, my last act as your Cruising Chair is to inform you of the 2018 Cruising Schedule.

CRYA states that cruising schedules can be submitted no earlier than August for the next year. The Club's requests were submitted at 1200 on August 1. That put us at the head of the list, unless another club requested the same location/date and we have had that location for the last two years.

It turned out both Columbia River and Tyee wanted Beacon Rock for Labor Day weekend so we lost out on that location. We also requested Coon Island East Dock on June 22 - 24, our new cruise for 2018, and there was a conflict for that. We would have been able to get it but after discussions with the various club commodores we chose to swap location/dates between the Coon Island and Beacon Rock cruises.

### This is the 2018 Club Cruising Schedule:

<b>April 27 – 29</b>	<b>Bartlett Landing</b>
<b>May 25 – 28</b>	<b>Hadley's Landing (Memorial Day Weekend)</b>
<b>June 22 – 24</b>	<b>Beacon Rock</b>
<b>July 21 – 28</b>	<b>Lazy Days Downriver Cruise</b>
21	@ Martin Island
22	@ Walker Island
23	@ Cathlamet
24	@ Astoria West Basin
25	@ Astoria West Basin
26	@ Cathlamet – Potluck
27	@ Walker Island
28	@ Martin Island
<b>Aug 10 – 12</b>	<b>Schwitzer Landing (Pirates Cruise)</b>
<b>Aug 31 – Sept 3</b>	<b>Coon Island East Dock (Labor Day Weekend)</b>
<b>Sept 14 – 16</b>	<b>River Place</b>
<b>Oct 5 – 7</b>	<b>Bartlett Landing</b>

In closing I would like to thank you all for your support and cruising participation with the club. I would especially like to thank Smoke and Patti Fisher, and John and Jan Dees for their help over the years in hauling tables for the potlucks we had at the cruise locations.

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## Nautical Reads

Bill Kramer

I just finished a great book about tides. I learned how they work and I got to visit exciting places around the world. *Tides, The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*, by Jonathan White, 2017, will appeal to a wide range of readers. You know that tides have a high and a low and happen twice a day, but what else can you say about them? Well now you can learn the science behind tides and how they work. You will learn how to predict spring and neap tides without a tide book. Even non boaters will get a great armchair travel experience, learning about amazing places in the world, such as the Bay of Fundy and the Qiantang River in China, which have spectacular tides.

Jonathan White is a surfer, sailor and a marine science writer. His writing creates a detailed sense of place as he travels around the world seeking places that have tides that are out of the ordinary. He also teaches us a bit about gravity, waves, and the orbits of the moon.

You will enjoy reading and learning a bit from this book. It would also make a good gift.



## Spend Your New Years Eve at RCYC

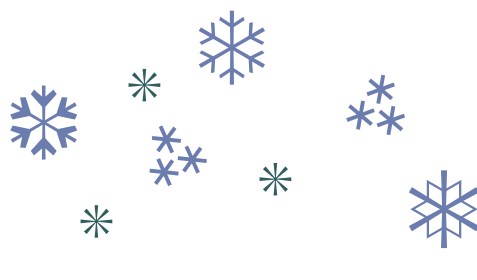
**WHEN:** 8:00 pm to 1:00 am

**BRING:** your own Beverage  
and an Appetizer to Share

**LIVE MUSIC:** by Ron Hughes  
Baritone Guitarist  
and Vocalist

8:30 to 10:00 pm

*Thank you* Rhonda Boguslawsk  
and Rick Samuels for the photos in  
this issue.



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