

Commodore: Matt Richard
Vice Commodore: Chuck Pennington
Secretary: CJ Volesky

January 2018



From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore

I was on liberty from Navy training on an early summer day in 1975 and was out attempting to sail on San Diego Bay in a diminutive Lido 14, trying to do my best to maintain a broad reach while heading toward a distant Coronado Island. I thought I was doing pretty well and feeling content when suddenly, from out of nowhere, a giant genoa appeared, coming up on a closing path on the starboard side. The genoa and the humungous sloop it was attached to just kept getting bigger and bigger and seemed to stretch aft forever. It was such a beautiful sight, and I remember feeling so small. It swept cleanly by. As I rolled up and over its wake, I looked back noting the name of this majestic yacht; it read, Windward Passage. Later I would learn this 73' sloop was a record setting winner of the 1971 TransPac race, a record it would hold for 30 years. That was a really good day. Many many more good days followed, and more have yet to arrive.

I thank everyone for entrusting me to be your Commodore for 2018. Laura and I both look forward to serving RCYC this year. Laura grew up in the club. A few may remember her being RCYC's Neptune's Daughter of 1974. Her father, Don Becker, was the 1967 Commodore, and her mom, Gloria, served as First Mate. I was Laura's boyfriend back then. I was lucky enough to be invited on a cruise or two—especially a Lazy Days cruise—on the same boat that we have today, Shadow, the Chinook 34 that took Don 4 years to build and that was launched the same year he was Commodore.

I'm looking forward to an active and productive year. I have this optimism because of the wonderful members who step forward in so many different ways to allow RCYC to continue to be such a successful organization. We have several chair positions that are changing hands as we start the new year. The retiring chairs need to be mentioned for their exceptional work: Ron Moran has been your Cruising Chair for over 10 years and kept us informed, safe and ready for many adventures on the river. Ron is being relieved by Ally and Chris Richard (and Taylor too).

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2017 Commodore Dave Reilly passes the ...



... Hat to 2018 Commodore Matt Richard



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Jas Adams has been the Clubhouse Chair for over 10 years as well, and he has turned over his duties to Annette Kienberger. Frank Noragon has kept our work boats afloat and in order for many a season, and he has turned over the Work Boats Chair to Tom Skach. Andy Schmidt, who has provided us an expansive list of interesting programs at our general meetings, has turned over the Programs Chair to the ever enthusiastic Julie Schumann. Richard and Kathy Pickwick, who have kept us filled with refreshments and coffee at our meetings, have turned over the Refreshments Chair to Jessie and Michael Welter.

And there's more: Brenda Annoti is staying on with Activities but she is being joined by Liv Ormond, Lisa Peterson, JoNell McClary and Jessie Welters. They are already busy making plans. Don Belshaw, who has kept us supplied with propane and grills ready for the past two years, is passing the Grill Master position on to Gary Brown. Race Captain duties will be in the capable hands of Tod Bassham; Judy Oxborrow is handing off boat insurance tracking to Gary Whitney. I have one more position to mention and it's a new one: Ruby Zuccatti will be our Galley Chief, a position created to help us keep order and safety in the galley.

On the Foghorn staff, a great deal of exceptional talent will be stepping down. Joyce Jensen has been on staff for over 15 years; Bob Phillips has contributed over 12 years of talent; Alan Bergen has logged over 6 years. They will be greatly missed. Stepping in to help keep the presses rolling are Gini Linder and Colleen Sealock. I bet some of us think the Foghorn just magically appears every month, on time with great stories, out of nowhere. Well, it doesn't. There's a lot of work that goes into every page. So thanks to all past, present and future editors and graphic designers of the Foghorn who do all the magical work.

At the December Board meeting, a couple of projects were approved to move forward. The first project is a repair to the heads and galley of the clubhouse led by Ron Moran and Bob Phillips. This project will get underway mid January and finish up in late February. They are looking for talent to assist. The second project will provide a concrete pad for the refuse and recycling bins with enclosing fence and gates and a roof structure over the ice machine and carts. This project will be supervised by Kevin Kahl and assisted by John Flenniken. A timeline for this project has not yet been set.

I want to thank our outgoing Directors Leslie Phillips and Tony Bacon for their dedicated service. They both brought valuable perspective to the work of the Board. I also want to welcome new Board members Dennis Annoti, Mike Finch and Gareth Tabor. They join continuing Directors Carl Corey and John Fallon.

Okay, let's Party! New Years Eve at RCYC will feature live music, followed the next day by the annual Soup and Sail. The Commodores' Ball at the Riverside Country Club comes to us on February 3rd. Have a safe and fun year boating everyone. See you on the river!



First Lady Laura & Commodore Matt Richard

***** Save the Date*****

Commodores' Ball

February 3, 2018

Lighthouses of the Northwest

On the first Saturday evening in February, RCYC honors its past and incoming Commodores, Officers and Directors, recognizes contributions of members, and has a great party. **Members new to the club in 2017 are special guests of RCYC and their dinners are hosted by the club.**

See page 9 for more details



Barb Chabala is so happy to get the flower arrangement!





Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore

Greetings and welcome all the new members of Rose City Yacht Club. I hope everyone is acclimating themselves to the routine here at RCYC.

Just a reminder: As Vice Commodore, I am tasked with maintaining the RCYC master calendar for club events and clubhouse usage. So if any member wishes rental or usage of the clubhouse, please let me know via email charlessusanpennington@yahoo.com or home phone (503) 238-1506 so that I can reserve a date on the calendar. Clubhouse Rental Rules in your yearbook and rental forms on the website provide specific guidelines for reserving the clubhouse and costs.

I am also tasked with tracking work hours. Each member family is required to perform 12 work hours per year, 6 in the first half and 6 in the second half. After completing work hours, please log those hours. Accurate tracking of work hours eliminates billing problems and helps us accurately determine time needed for upkeep of the Club and moorage as well as for special projects.



Secretary's Notes

CJ Volesky, Secretary

At the December Board meeting, the Board interviewed Barbara Weiss and Walter Keutel as prospective members. They own a Catalina 30 named Sea Lilly. This is their first boat. They have taken sailing lessons through Portland Sailing Center. Barbara has also sailed in the San Juans six summers and taken the ASA bareboat charter courses.

The Board accepted the resignation of Don Goldberg. Don is relocating to Bellingham due to a change in jobs. We are sorry to see him leave. In addition, the Board approved a membership change for Jas Adams and Diane Rosenbaum to Life Members.

Kevin Robertson passed away on November 30. The Board approved a donation to the scholarship fund for his children.



Brenda Annotti, Mark Basel & Liv Aamot-Ormond



Marili Reilly & Florence Dickerson



CJ Volesky & Dave Reilly

*Welcome
New Members
Rick & Jean
Butler!*



Julie Schumann

Christmas Ships Party



THANK YOU DREDGE CREW!



CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

Judy Oxborrow

With the calendar page turning to a new year, we need to remind members of some changes for 2018.

First, if you have not already done so, please review your listing in the yearbook. Please send any changes via email to: rcycyearbook@gmail.com or call Judy Oxborrow at (503) 652-1549. We are already working on the 2018 yearbook, and with your cooperation, we hope to go to press by the end of January.

And, there are a number of Committee Chair position changes. Here are some of the essentials to help you navigate around RCYC until the new yearbooks are out.

Annette Keinberger, (503) 367-9978 or akeinberger@hotmail.com, is tasked with keeping the Clubhouse supplied with essentials and arranging for Club stewards.

Chuck Pennington, (503) 238-1506 or charlessusanpennington@yahoo.com, is now tasked with handling clubhouse reservations.

Gary Whitney, (503) 860-6697 or ka_sl28@ymail.com, will be collecting and tracking your insurance declarations.

Tod Bassham, (503) 750-5737 or basshamfam@hotmail.com, is our Racing Captain for 2018.

Chris and Ally Richard, (541) 953-3212 or chrisrichard@me.com, are our Cruising Chairs. If you are new to RCYC and have questions about racing or cruising, contact these individuals for more information.

Julie Schumann, (503) 317-4028 or jamwschum@gmail.com, is serving as Program Chair for our meetings. So, if you have ideas for future programs, please contact her.

And, the Board approved a new Chair – Galley Chief – to be filled by Ruby Zuccatti, (541) 990-8989 or chef.ruby@outlook.com. She is tasked with organizing and keeping our galley organized and safe.

Finally because the Christmas and New Year holidays fall somewhat awkwardly on the calendar, the first quarter billings for 2018 will be sent out on January 2, 2018.



Mike & Judy
Oxborrow
taking a break from
boats & Club work ...

... at the
Roller Derby!





Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

As we head into the new year, we have almost all slips filled. The only reason there are any openings at all is that some of the new members have boats wider or longer than the available slips. If you know of any potential members with smaller boats, we can accommodate a boat under 27 feet long, and 8 feet or less in beam quite easily.

Last month I identified several dinghies that need:

1) name plates, and 2) maintenance.

If that's still you, get a name plate attached.

One of the worst offenders is a West Marine brand dinghy on F dock, east end of row 2. It is half-inflated and the bottom has trapped many pounds of rain water. This is over-stressing the wood structure and threatening to collapse down onto the dinghy stored below it. If no one repairs and affixes a name plate to this little "flaccid inflatable" soon, it will be hauled up to the storage building in the parking lot and disposed of or sold per authorization from the Board. In past years, the club sold off two or three ancient orphan dinghies and gave the money to the Youth Sailing Fund, so that would again be an option.

Stickers: Starting the new calendar year, I have to find a nice day and get my new 2019 stickers on, and many of you must do this as well.

When you see Doug or any of our other "dredgers" around the club, thank them for their long hours that got all five fairways cleaned up by mid-December. I note that our sand hauler, Mr. Roth, has been recently removing the mountain of sand from the end of the parking lot. If you see him working up there, be sure to wave and smile.

(Editor Note: Our new dredge was a very timely purchase. With our new dredging permit, we learned that the dredging season was cut from four months to just only two months – November 1 through December 31. With the old dredge, it would have taken all four months to accumulate the massive Mt. Rose – working seven days a week -- and we might not have been able to complete all the dredging done this year. The new dredge moved all that sand to the parking lot within six weeks.)

Check your lines and fenders. Stay warm. And, when we get a coating of frost or ice on the docks, be really really careful when you walk on them.



A chilly night watching the Christmas Ships



A Tribute to Kevin Robertson

At Kevin's memorial service, one of his crew made a very moving tribute. That tribute is published, in part, here.

You may have heard the saying – the only thing better than owning a boat is having a friend with a boat. Kevin was my friend with a boat. Kevin was an avid sailor, and he was very good at it. If you asked, he would tell you his early childhood memories were of being on sailboats in the San Juan Islands with his father, mother, and his sister Katy.



Kevin grew up in Portland, and his family sailed out of Rose City Yacht Club on the family's Ericson 26 named Sea Call. Kevin's grade school friend, Victor, and his father, Jim Foster (alias Jim Buoy), taught Kevin how to RACE sailboats. Fast forward to 2003 when Kevin and Penny purchased a Hunter 31 foot sailboat. Kevin and Jim Rodway used several cocktail napkins writing down boat names before Kevin settled on the boat name BARCODE. It became official after being ratified by Kevin's awesome wife and life partner, Penny.

Jim persuaded Kevin to enter BARCODE in the newly formed cruising class regattas in 2005. Jim began recruiting crew. This is when I met Kevin. Kevin was not one to brag, much, but Jim Rodway is, and he encouraged me to share a few Barcodes highlights.

Kevin was very successful racing his sailboat. The 2005 SYSCO Spring Series was Kevin's very first race as a Captain. He finished in 1st place in 3 of 4 regattas and won 1st place for the series. He won 1st place in the 2005 SYSCO Summer Series as well. He won several more races over next 12 years. He won 1st place in the 2017 SYSCO Summer and Twilight series.

Kevin taught us many things about sailing on the river. During one of our first races - the wind was very light. As we approached the windward mark, Kevin called out, "prepare to drop the anchor." I thought to myself – WHAT– we are racing – why would we want to drop anchor? I would soon see. As we rounded the mark there was no wind – we dropped the anchor. After a few moments, the boats that had rounded before us began to drift by with no steerage, being swept downriver by the current; the anchor held us firmly in place. As the wind began to build, we pulled up anchor and were in the lead. I am reminded of what I learned with the phrase "Don't be afraid to throw out your anchor." When I encounter a challenge, being pushed off course, setting the anchor provides time to pause and prepare. Pull up anchor when conditions change and get ready to move forward on a new course. "Don't be afraid to throw out YOUR anchor."

Kevin was the anchor for his family and crew. He will be missed.

Minutes of the RCYC Songbook Committee¹

December 10, 2017

Chair Tod Bassham opened the meeting at 1600, with a rendition of the Gordon Lightfoot song “Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.” Moved and seconded to add that classic maritime song to the Club songbook of great sailing and boating songs. Motion carried 6-0. Songbook Editor Karen Feulner reported that the songbook currently has over a dozen entries, and is growing.

Committee member Rene Emch performed a version of “Wayfaring Stranger” on his mandolin. Motion and second to add this lovely gospel tune to the songbook. Discussion: Chair Bassham objected that the song has nothing to do with sailing or boats. Rene argued that the song talks about “going over [the River] Jordan,” which, unless one walks on water or employs a catapult, can be accomplished only by boat, so the song is really about boating. Motion carried 5-1.

The Committee took a break from its labors for some light refreshments, supplied by Rene. Unfortunately, the seal on the carbonated growler had failed, and the beer was flat. Motion and second to drink it anyway. Motion carried 6-0.

Editor Karen Feulner then led the Bonnie Raitt version of “Angels from Montgomery.” Motion and second to add to the songbook. Objection from Chair Bassham that the song is not even implicitly about boating. Feulner responded the song is about pain and loss and spiritual suffering, all of which is inherent in owning a boat. Motion carried 5-1.

In an attempt to regain control of the Committee’s direction, Chair Bassham led the group in “Here’s a Health to the Company,” an Irish drinking song about sailing, or maybe an Irish sailing song about drinking, hard to tell. Motion from the floor, seconded, that “you know, flat beer doesn’t taste half bad.” Motion failed, 2-4.

Committee member Michael Welter led the group in “What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor?” Moved and seconded that keelhauling a drunken sailor is a bit excessive. Motion failed on a 3-3 tie. Lively but inconclusive discussion over how one ties a drunken sailor to a “scupper,” and what exactly is a “scupper.” Motion from the floor that “this beer tastes better and better the more I drink it.” Motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Bassham performed a version of “Acadian Driftwood,” a song about Louisiana Cajuns emigrating by boat back to Canada. Refreshment czar Emch objected to the Chair’s butchering of the verses in French. Motion and second to instruct the Chair in proper French pronunciation. Motion carried 5-1.

Chair Bassham then introduced a humorous song he had written illustrating scenarios from the Racing Rules of Sailing, opining that everyone loves to sing about the racing rules. Bassham moved to include his song in the Club songbook. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion and second from the floor that, since the growler was empty, it was time to end the meeting. Motion carried, 5-1. Chair Bassham set the next meeting of the Songbook Committee to the second Sunday next month, January 14, 2018, at 1600, in the RCYC Clubhouse. All Club members and their guests are encouraged and welcome to attend, and to bring songs for consideration for inclusion in the Club songbook. Questions? Send a singing telegram to Tod Bassham at basshamfam@hotmail.com.

¹Editor’s note: there is no actual RCYC Songbook Committee, but there is an RCYC sailing song circle, which meets the second Sunday of every month, and which is compiling a songbook for Club use.

RCYC 2018 Racing Program

Tod Bassham, 2018 Race Captain

Calling all racers! Join us at the Clubhouse Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., to kick off the 2018 racing season. In addition to our flagship race events (Frostbite in March, Medium Distance in May, and Long Distance in September), the Club will be sponsoring three beer can races this year. Finally, we will be reviving an old Club tradition of hosting a fun, casual intra-club race series in conjunction with the summer walk BBQs in June, August and September. All members are welcome to join, either on their own boat or OPB (other people’s boats).

From the Rear

Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

WOW, a year has gone by just that fast! It seems like only yesterday I was preparing to be your Commodore — and whoosh, just like that — I am Rear Commodore. Marili and I have enjoyed representing the Club as First Mate and Commodore. We know that, with Matt and Laura Richard taking our places, the Club is in good hands.

During the next year, Marili will be keeping busy as the President of Columbia River Yachting Association. I will be helping Matt and the Board implement some of the projects Matt mentioned in his column. As Rear Commodore, I will be following in the footsteps of Gary Whitney, 2017's Rear Commodore. Gary served the Club well through his many years on the Board and as a Flag Officer, Commodore and finally Rear Commodore. The Club is indebted for his service.

Mark your calendars now for RCYC's first—and biggest—social event of the year. Our Commodores' Ball will be held on February 3. There are details elsewhere in this Foghorn. I look forward to seeing you there.

NIA Exercise Classes

Liz Samuels

I will be offering free, experimental NIA classes to our club members on 5 consecutive Sundays from 2 to 3 in the afternoon starting January 28th.

The practice is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Further information is available at <https://nianow.com/>. Call 503-701-6218, or e-mail liz@samuels.com with questions.

Hope to see you there.



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

Rose City Youth Sailing Society
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RCYSS

Pam Sesar

RCYSS's junior sailing support program helps our local programs develop knowledgeable youth sailors. Our local programs are dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment where young sailors can develop and refine their racing skills, learn good sportsmanship, and build lifetime friendships. RCYSS, WSC, VLSC and CGRA recognize that sailing for joy is the ultimate experience.

Please remind others to sign up children for sailing lessons. Please ask for members' discount when signing up. RCYSS also provides reimbursements! The schools are already looking at their spring schedules. If you don't see current schedules, feel free to email the Commodores and sailing school directors. Contact information is on their websites. Supporting these local programs provides both short term and long term benefits for all sailors and boaters everywhere.

Our community is a wonderful support system for us all. Please remind others to contribute to RCYSS. Donations can be mailed to me, or RCYC Attention Youth Sailing. Any and all donations are appreciated. RCYSS is a 501 (c) (3) thanks to Karen Jacobson and Michael Schumann.

Help Wanted—Education Chair

RCYC is now accepting applications for the position of Education Chair.

Are you a go-to person for all things boating?
Committed to excellence and thirsty for knowledge?

Then RCYC needs YOU!

Please contact the Commodore if this makes you feel like doing something outstanding.

Rose City Yacht Club

Cordially invites you and your first mate to honor our
**Commodore Matt Richard and
First Mate Laura**

2018 Commodores' Ball

Saturday, February 3, 2018

at the Riverside Country Club
8105 N. E. 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon

6:00 pm Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm Dinner and Program

9:00 pm Dance to the Music of The Stingrays
Cost \$36.00 per person

**RSVP to Judy Oxborrow (503) 652-1549 or
judy87807@centurylink.net
By January 25, 2018**

Please indicate choice of Prime Rib, Salmon, or
Pasta Primavera and include any dietary
needs (no salt, gluten, dairy, etc.)
with your RSVP

Program for January 17 General Meeting

Julie Schumann, Program Chair

I'm excited to introduce to RCYC a friend of mine, Nancy Cockrell. Nancy and her husband, Sam, began their dream of pulling up anchor in Portland, Oregon in August of 2010. Sailing their 42 foot Maple Leaf on an adventure that began with the BaHaHa. Hoping to sail around the world, they got as far as Panama. This is where their life changed.

Nancy and Sam sought out an indigenous tribe on the Pacific side of Panama. They have adopted these people and the people have adopted them. They subsequently purchased 7 acres on the coast of Panama. The workers' house is now completed and they are now in the process of building a main house in which they will reside and move off their boat.

Currently, Sam is living on Windfall. Nancy's stories provide insight into a dream they had never imagined would lead them to their new life. In February, Nancy, who is a nurse at OHSU, will join her husband Sam to live permanently in Panama. Nancy will share with us her stories and images of the land and people.

RCYC HAPPENINGS

January

1	Soup & Sail	11:00 am
7	RCYC Racing Mtg	4:00 pm
8	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
13	New Member Orient	9:00 am
13	Happy Hour	4:00 pm
14	RCYC Song Circle	4:00 pm
15	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
17	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	February Foghorn Deadline	
28	NIA Exercise Class	1:30 pm

February

3	Commodores' Ball	
4	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
4	NIA Exercise Class	1:30 pm
11	NIA Exercise Class	1:30 pm
12	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
18	NIA Exercise Class	1:30 pm
18	March Foghorn Deadline	
19	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
20	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
25	NIA Exercise Class	1:30 pm

*Check the website calendar for updates
and more information about RCYC
www.rosecityyachtclub.org*

*Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore Chuck Pennington*

Foghorn Deadline 18th of the month

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Happy New Year!



The Morning After—Liz Samuels



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