

# ROSCITY

## ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Matt Richard  
Vice Commodore: Chuck Pennington  
Secretary: C.J. Volesky

February 2018



### From the Helm

*Matt Richard, Commodore*

#### So, what's happening on a sunny Monday in winter at the Club?

A goodly amount it appears. As I drive through the gate, I see a front loader in the deep depths of the dredge pond, working at a quick pace, possibly indicating that job is nearing its end. I notice there are utility spray paint markings all over the parking lot, especially 2 or 3 broad stripes across my coveted parking spot! Gary has been busy; the beginnings of the new main gate key pad project are evident.

As I walk down the ramp, I notice the east wind is blowing hard, a good 15 knots singing through the riggings throughout the Club. There's a jib cover doing exceptionally fine work, with a distinctive roar, protecting its internals halfway down Walk 2. I found out this same wind thwarted efforts on a planned boat move, but Judy and Mike's enthusiasm was not blown away.

I arrive at the Clubhouse and am greeted by several attentive Knauti Knitters gathered around the river table. Joyce, Jan, Jean, Patti and Sue don't lose a stitch. Behind them, in the rest of the Clubhouse, lies the galley in so many disassembled parts. The island was moved out and the small cooking supplies

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*Alan Bergen staffing our booth at the Portland Boat Show.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Dig We MUST

We have a project to install new wiring to the gate for both power and low voltage. This will require digging a trench from near the top of the ramp to the gate. Most of the work will be done with a power shovel, but we need 4 to 5 helpers to dig near existing underground utilities. This will be a way to get a head start on your 2018 work hours. We don't have dates yet, but if you are interested in helping, please contact me ([rick@samuels.com](mailto:rick@samuels.com) or 503/799-4255), and I'll get back to you when we have dates.

*Rick Samuels*

#### STARTING Thursday, Jan. 18th

Starting Thursday morning, January 18th, the women's head in the Clubhouse will be out of service.

The Men's head will be used as a unisex restroom. To accommodate this and provide privacy, a door knob with a lock will be installed on the door to the men's head.

We are removing the floor in the women's head because of rot and replacing it with a new floor and floor covering. We hope to have this phase of the project completed by the February general meeting. Then the women's head will become the unisex restroom while we work in the men's head.

*Ron Moran*



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore*

**As noted on the Club calendar, the Clubhouse remodel has begun.** The on-going work should continue through February. Limited use of the Clubhouse is possible, but calendar activities have been curtailed due to the remodel. The galley will be the next phase of the remodel; one should not expect the galley to be functional.

Work hours – When you perform your work hours at the Club, please accurately and legibly record those work hours so that you will receive credit for hours worked. If a crew member, friend or other family member is working hours on behalf of your membership, please also note the name to which the hours should be credited. Each membership is required to perform 12 work hours for the year: 6 hours for the first half and 6 hours for the second half. If desired, the entire 12 work hours may be performed in the first half of the year. An assessment of \$50.00 per work hour will be added to your quarterly billing on July 1 for each hour not worked.

If you are unable to perform the work hours, you should contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore to address your situation and ask for a waiver or deferment to the second half for those hours.

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were stacked about atop several tables to clear working space. Ron is busy cutting new insulated ceiling panels at the bar. He is handing them off to Chuck, who passes the next piece up to Alan, who is in the overhead at the top of a ladder in the the galley applying another perfect fit. Chuck takes me outside and shows me the temporary repair work to the Marginal Walk water line, using a chunk of fire hose and hose clamps. A permanent repair begs for warmer weather.

I time my stride down Walk 1 as spray and flotsam blow over the headwalk wall. Shadow is sailing well in her slip with only one cover tie undone. Retied, my task is done, so I head back. Sadly, this was just a lunch hour escape for me - time to get back to my day job. Glad I stopped by though. There was a lot going on!

Laura and I hope to see you at the Commodore's Ball on Saturday, February 3, at the Riverside Country Club.



*2004 Commodore's Ball. L/R: Commodore Terry Foren, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Phillips, Rear Commodore, Larry Corderman, and Directors; Alverna Martin, Rick Royce, Marili Reilly, and Gary Whitney.*

## Commodore's Ball

**FEBRUARY 3, 2018: Lighthouses of the Northwest**

By tradition, on the first Saturday evening in February, RCYC honors its incoming Commodore, Officers and Directors, recognizes contributions of members, and has a great party. This year's Ball will again be at the Riverside Country Club. The Stingrays will provide live music. With the theme of *Lighthouses of the Northwest*, it will surely be an evening of laughter and fun. We always encourage all members to join us for this festive celebration. Members new to the Club in 2017 are special guests of RCYC and their dinners are hosted by the Club.

**Make your reservations by January 25th!**

*Gary Whitney*



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## Clubhouse Repairs – Help Needed

Just a reminder, 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 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

We have made progress on getting name plates for each dinghy on our racks. There are still several without owners, so if one belongs to you, get your name plate attached. If you have not yet tied your kayak or canoe down, do so; 35 knots of sustained east wind can make one go airborne.

If you still have the expired 2017 registration stickers on your family yacht, get your 2019 stickers on right away. I got our stickers changed out on a dry day a few weeks ago and found that a heat gun (or hair dryer) helped to loosen the old ones so they would peel off. I still had to use solvent (acetone) and one of our old well used "tea towels" from Costco to remove the glue residue.

I am presently filling a couple of slips where members have moved away or sold their boats. On the other side of the ledger, we are about to induct four new members. The Waiting List is growing again. After a very successful dredging season, moorage depth is back to normal. Our long-time sand hauler has removed nearly all the pile of sand we created and has already excavated and shaped the settling pond for use again next fall.

As your boat insurance comes up for renewal throughout the year, remember to send a copy of the declarations page to Gary Whitney. Email attachment is fine. Note: This is a change from past years when Judy Oxborrow was keeping track of this requirement. To qualify for a slip in the moorage, you are required to have current registration stickers on your boat and to also send in your current insurance declarations page

Thank you to the member(s) who have been earning some work hours by poling woody debris down the inside or out to the end of walk one and back into the main current. Every time the river rises a few feet, additional trees wash off of the beaches upstream and float our way. One caveat: while this work does not require wearing a PFD like using our work boats, it's a lot safer to have one on when leaning over the ice wall and pushing chunks of wood with a pike pole.

Dock Box note: If you have a storage box on your triangle, you must (a) secure the lid so that wind will not blow it open and (b) tie the box down to the loop of line on the triangle to keep it from being blown into the river.

As always, be careful transiting icy docks during the next couple of months.



## SYSCO Anniversary Celebration

*A number of RCYC members had their first "yacht club" experience and introduction to racing/ cruising with the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon. At least four Past Commodores of RCYC were also members of this group. Three of those Past Commodores were also Commodores of SYSCO. In 2018, SYSCO celebrates 40 years of success. And, many of us will want to reminisce the past and celebrate the future of SYSCO.*

*To celebrate, SYSCO is inviting all who have been a part of their history to a gathering at Portland Yacht Club on March 11, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.*

*No host bars will be open and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.*

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

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

EDITORS: Judy Oxborrow, Janice Choy-Weber, Gini Linder

GRAPHICS: Vickie Nissen, Rhonda Boguslawski, Cathy Skach

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Dennis Annotti and all Club Members.

## Rear Commodore's Log

*Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore*

Matt, in his column, mentioned a lot of activities going on at the Club during the winter months. In January the RCYC Board voted to proceed with a project to improve our security by installing a keypad for use in opening the main gate on Marine Drive. Once the project is completed, you will be able to enter the main gate by using either your key fob or by entering a numerical key at the keypad. You will still need to use your physical key to access the gate at the top of the ramp, the Clubhouse doors, and the storage areas. The system we are installing will allow for the addition of a keypad at the gate at the top of the ramp. So if you notice trenches in the parking lot, that is for the conduit needed for the keypad project. Later in the Winter we will begin work on the dumpster pad to be installed next to the ice machine pad. Lots of work going on!



## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

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Please keep RCYSS in mind when planning your annual charitable contributions. We are thankful for your contributions to the youth sailing program. Please make your checks payable to RCYSS and send them to the Club address or deposit them in the mail file.

The websites for 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.

RCYSS provides some reimbursement towards sailing lessons. The application form can be found on RCYC's web site. The application for reimbursement for children taking sailing lessons at WSC or VLSC must be turned in one week prior to the lessons. A youth sailing folder is set up in the file drawer at the Club. Before dropping off the application, please notify Pam Sesar at [pamsesar@gmail.com](mailto:pamsesar@gmail.com). Feedback from you and your child is an important part of our support for these youth programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

I am looking forward to another great year! RCYSS is planning another auction. We are in the planning stages for this auction. Feel free to send me any ideas you might have. If you would like to donate to this auction, please let me know. We hope you will attend this fun, casual event again this year.

Pam Sesar



## Secretary Salutations

C.J. Volesky, Secretary

Welcome to a new year and may it be filled with lots of new boating adventures. There have been some membership changes to note. Barbara Weiss and Walter Keutel were approved for membership at the January Board meeting and sworn in at the January General Membership meeting. Welcome Barbara and Walter. Larry Smith (Santana 30 - *Rush*), Romuald & Kathlynn (Suzy) Polkowski (Columbia 8.7 - *Champagne*), David Sheperdson (Ericson 34 - *J.P. Foolish*), and Tyson Kever (Cascade 42 - *Felicity*) were introduced as potential new members at the January Board meeting and again at the January General Membership meeting.

Larry and his wife Janie have owned a couple of Ranger 20's and a Merit 25. He has taken several ASA sailing courses throughout the years.

Romuald and Kathlynn are looking forward to learning all there is about sailing and enjoying our Club community.

David Shepardson, along with his wife Karen, have been sailing on the Columbia for a couple of years and have chartered boats in the San Juans.

Tyson and Quinn Kever have been sailing on lakes for many years. They recently purchased a Cascade 42 that Tyson's grandfather built. Tyson is working on restoring it and again sailing the boat that he brought back into his family.

The Club offers condolences to the family of Doug Crombie who passed away on January 4, 2018. Doug became a member in 2014 and was in the process of restoring a Cascade 42 named *Serenity*. The Family requested in lieu of flowers donations be made in his name to the ALS Association of Oregon.

If you have any information on Club Members that you feel the Membership would like to know, please send them to me at [CJRoxs08@gmail.com](mailto:CJRoxs08@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Commodore's Ball on February 3rd.

*Fair seas!*

## January Racing Report

*Tod Bassham, RCYC Race Captain*

More than a dozen RCYC members braved the winter weather to attend the kick-off meeting for the 2018 RCYC Racing Program, on January 7 at the Clubhouse. Volunteers quickly lined up to help run the Club's three flagship race events: the Frostbite Regatta in March, the Medium Distance Race in May, and the Long Distance Race in September.

In addition, the Club will host three beer can races in June and July. If you don't know, beer cans are free casual races sponsored by a number of Clubs, starting in May and ending in August. Something new this year is that all beer cans will be held on **Saturday** afternoon at 5:00 p.m. rather than the usual hectic Friday evenings, with the hope that people leery of fighting Friday rush-hour traffic to get to the boat will instead opt to spend a relaxed Saturday afternoon beer canning. All the dozen or so beer cans are now listed on the Club calendar.

Also new this year will be the revival of an old tradition of holding casual races, open only to RCYC members, on the afternoon of the three warm-weather walk BBQs, which this year occur on June 16, August 18 and the Grand Finale on September 29. If you are race-curious, or have discovered that you enjoy casual racing among friends more than cutthroat competition, this series is for you. Details in the next Racing Report.

Finally, a member suggested at the meeting that the Club have some kind of formal crew list, or some way that members who want to race but are not comfortable racing their own boat could sign up to gain experience crewing with racing members. This is an excellent idea, and I hope to implement it. In the meantime, if I can help connecting crew with boats, or boats with crew, please zap me a line at [basshamfam@hotmail.com](mailto:basshamfam@hotmail.com).

## *To the Ladies of Rose City*

As your First Mate for 2018 and also as a proud second generation member, I'm looking for some volunteers to help me with this huge event called the "Ladies Dinner". I have to say, it's a little intimidating receiving the big binder from the past dinner affairs, but I'm sure every First Mate gets the butterflies in taking on this event. With your help, I'm sure it will be just fine.

This year, the Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th! The theme will be, "*Barefoot Caribbean Get Away*". I will have our first planning meeting on Thursday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. There will probably be another meeting in April, and a craft day in May.

If you are interested, please contact me by email, [laurarichard@me.com](mailto:laurarichard@me.com) or my cellphone at 503-369-6968. Thank you! I hope to see you there!

*First Mate, Laura Richard*

## RCYC Happenings

### January 2018

- 9-31 **Clubhouse remodel**
- 28 NIA Exercise Program, 1:30 -3:00

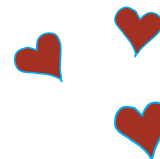
### February 2018

- 3 Commodore's Ball
- 4 NIA Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 NIA Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
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- 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Roberts Rules of Order Training, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 NIA Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m.

### March 2018

- 3 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 4 NIA Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Knauti Kinitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Ladies Dinner Planning Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party, 5:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Generall Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 RCYC Frostbite Regatta
- 31 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 website: [www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org).





A great time was had by about 35 of us on New Years Eve in the Clubhouse. The next day, the Activity Chairs put on a terrific Soup and Sail. After the fog lifted, there were 7 boats that made it out of the moorage for the traditional cold water jaunt on the river.

Our First Mate Laura and Commodore Matt Richard are keeping warm and enjoying sailing during the sunny winter's day.

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♥ Happy  
Valentine's Day  
RCYC!

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