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April 2018



From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore



Although I can still hear Sandy's live Celtic harp music from the Club's wonderful St Patrick's Day Party (what a treat and thanks to all who helped with that event), it's time to look ahead to April and beyond to our boating and sailing season. Our first Walk BBQ, hosted by Walk 2, comes on April 7th. New Member Orientation presented by Ron Moran, a requirement for all new members, will be April 14th, and the first cruise of the season takes us to Bartlett Landing (East Dock Government Island) on the weekend of the 27th through 29th.

Opening Day, May 5th, is fast approaching. This will be a big day for the Club as we are the host for CRYA and all the opening day activities. We will be serving breakfast and lunch, and there will be an afternoon awards social. We will need lots of help from members to make this a success. I'm looking for 100 volunteers! I'm looking for you! We need gate keepers, servers, dishwashers, sweepers, and those helpful hands for who knows what else. You're going to hear more about this throughout April so volunteer early, volunteer often! When the day is over we are going to party into the evening and award some prizes to those that lent a hand that day. You will have fun! Join us!

A big thank you to the entire Launch Committee lead by Mike Oxborrow with Frank Noragon, Bruce Shibley, John Fallon, Chris Richard, Tod Bassham and Tom Skach. The Committee worked together, reported to the Board with their recommendations, and saw to it that the chosen option was carried out -- which was to re-power our existing 19' Mako with a brand new 90hp Honda outboard, get the boat cleaned up, bottom painted, re-wired, launched and ready to go in time for the RCYC Frostbite Regatta. Special thanks also goes to Allison Mazon for her electrical work and Jeanne and Tom at Becker Enterprises for letting us use their space for painting.

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First Lady Laura's RCYC Ladies Dinner "Barefoot Caribbean Getaway"

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Social hour at 6:00pm,
Tropical Dinner at 7:00pm
Raffle and Grand Prize Drawing follows
Space is limited ladies, so please call or email
your reservation to
JoNell McClary at 503-891-9720
or jonell.mcclary@gmail.com

RCYC Men: Galley & Wait Staff Needed!
Interested in helping? Contact:
Chef Rick Royce for galley at **503-730-1508**
or
John Flenniken, Head Waiter,
at **503-348-7764**



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The water to the Walks was turned back on during our very successful March 3rd work party and I'm beginning to see some sparkling clean boats around the moorage. As for the rest of us, April will be a great time to get the green grunge of winter washed away from our boats, as well as our dinghies and dock boxes. By April 1st, if you have not done so already, everyone should also have their boat registration current and new stickers applied. The Boat and Walk inspection will be held during the morning of April 7th. Here's a heads up -- algae or moss laden boats and boats not displaying current registration will be identified and their owners notified to correct concerns identified within 30 days. Failure to do so may result in that member being called before the Board. It is every member's duty to uphold their responsibilities in keeping their vessel ship-shape, safe and functional, as required by the RCYC Moorage Rules and waterway regulations. A clean ship is a happy ship.

Opening Day

Bill Kramer, Fleet Captain

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 5th. RCYC is the host club for this year's Opening Day. This means we go first in the parade. It also means we need everyone to turn out to help. We normally have 16-18 boats in the parade. As host club we would like to have more members participate. You can participate by taking your boat out, or if you are unable to take your boat out, you can ride along on another RCYC boat. Both count. Please consider participating in the parade. It is fun!

Participation is easy. You only need to do the following:

- Wash your boat.
- Fly blue, white and red flags (Ships Stores sells the flags).
- Motor in a straight line for a half a mile.

One more thing: there is a dress code. Blue top, white pants. We consider khaki to be a shade of white, so you have the wardrobe. Easy peasy, so let's do it!

Opening Day 2018 - "Playing Happily for 85 Years"

Marili Reilly, CRYA President

There's only about a month to go until Opening Day, and we have a great committee already at work. RCYC will be the host club this year, so you will see several of our own boats anchored out as review vessels. There will also be an expanded flag raising ceremony with the CRYA Executive Committee, the Daughters of Neptune, and a number of other VIPs in attendance. We'd like to have a big turn-out of RCYC boats and members, so please mark your calendar and plan to get your VSC and participate in the parade and/or to help out around the Club.

In fact, you may have already heard from Commodore Matt Richard that he is looking for 100 volunteers to make things happen ahead of time (in the week leading up to it) and to keep events running smoothly on the day of the parade. Activities Chair Brenda Annotti will be coordinating volunteers for meals and decorating, while Fleet Captain Bill Kramer will be collecting the names of boats participating in the parade. Those who volunteer for at least two hours of work will be eligible for a drawing at the end of the day that will include gift certificates for the Ship's Store.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities for Opening Day and the week leading up to it:

- Prepare and serve breakfast, box lunches, and happy hour appetizers (on Opening Day)
- Clean the galley and neaten the Clubhouse between those meals (on Opening Day)
 - Decorate the Club, inside and out (during the week before Opening Day)
- Clean the flowerbeds and plant flowers at the top of the ramp and in the containers around the Clubhouse (during the week before Opening Day)
- Direct parking in our lot to make sure we can accommodate members and guests (on Opening Day)
- Be on the docks to meet visiting review vessels and help them get moored before and after the Parade (on Opening Day)
 - Are you a singer? Do you play an instrument? We're looking for someone to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" during the flag raising ceremony (on Opening Day)
 - Or are you more into dance music? We plan to have live music following announcements of parade results during happy hour, to keep our guests dancing and "playing happily" into the late afternoon (on Opening Day)

Whatever your forté or your interest, there will be a place for you among these 100 volunteers, so don't wait for a call. Get in touch with Matt, Brenda, Bill, or me to let us know how you'd like to help.



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore

Ron Moran is in the final stages of wrapping up the Clubhouse, galley, and head remodel project. It all started with the replacement of ceiling tiles and progressed to the remodeling of the women's head with new subflooring, new linoleum and new laminate countertop. Next on the agenda was replacing the linoleum flooring in the men's head.

After completion of both heads, Ron set to work on the galley by applying new oak framing and veneer to the cabinets and he persuaded new member, Ben Thomas, to fashion new cabinet doors and drawer facings. They turned out very nice indeed. While Ben was making cabinet doors, Ron's stalwart linoleum crew set about tearing up the old galley flooring in preparation for new commercial grade linoleum.

As a final note, Bob Phillips and crew will be embarking on a major cleaning, waxing, and buffing campaign of the Clubhouse in preparation for opening day.

CYC of Portland's Oregon Offshore Race 2018

Dennis Damore, CYC Vice Commodore, Race Captain

The Oregon Offshore Race is managed by the all-volunteer Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) and this year's title sponsor is Schooner Creek Boat Works. The race is now in its 42nd year, with the first one having been run in 1976 from Astoria (Buoy 2 off the mouth of the Columbia) to Newport (100 nm). The next year, the race went from Astoria to Tillamook and back (77 nm).

In 1978, the long course went from Astoria to Tillamook and then all the way to Victoria, BC (275nm). Finally in 1979, the course was settled to run from Astoria north to the Duntze Rock buoy at the mouth of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, then down the straits to Race Rocks, and then in to Victoria (193 nm).

This year, the race starts on a Thursday, May 10th, two weeks before Memorial Day Weekend when the Swiftsure race is held. Competitors usually finish between 30 and 48 hours later, although the record set in 2014 by Icon is 14 hours. Minimum boat size is 24 feet. There are several racing classes, including a cruising class. The race routinely attracts boats from Seattle and Canada. Although billed early on as a "feeder race" for the Swiftsure, over the years it has developed its own reputation as a unique, truly offshore race for the PNW, and it draws competitors who want to experience racing in conditions that are bigger than the Columbia River or Puget Sound. It also provides experience for sailors who want to participate in Puget Sound races -- such as Whidbey Island Race Week -- or who just to cruise the Gulf Islands in the summer. Plus, it's great fun!

We could go on about why you should consider entering or crewing in the Oregon Offshore Race. The CYC officers combined have more than 50 races under their belts. Because it's such a fascinating and exciting adventure, we keep coming back year after year. We invite you to join us on this year's race. When you finish, you'll get a hot towel, some champagne, and more than one good sailing story to tell at the next RCYC barbecue.

Kickoff/last day to register: April 16, 2018—Race Date: May 9, 2018

More information, registration, and crew lists: www.oregonoffshore.org

Contact: oregonoffshore@cycportland.org



Astoria, OR to Victoria, B.C.
Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland

From the Rear

Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

There aren't too many Rear Commodore things happening around the Club right now, so I am going to use this space to shine the light on three folks who epitomize RCYC's do it yourself attitude.

Ron Moran has been around the Club since he was a kid, is a Past Commodore, and was a key player in the last remodel of the Clubhouse. He has taken on the leadership role in the galley and head remodels this winter. In seeing those remodels through to their successful completion, Ron has put in countless hours planning and organizing the work so as to minimize the disruption. He has been an active worker – sometimes the only worker – in both the deconstruction and construction work.

Gary Whitney spent several years on RCYC's Board, went through the Officer Chairs to Commodore, Rear Commodore, and finally to that coveted position of Past Commodore. You might guess he is putting his feet up and enjoying being a Past Commodore. But no -- he is leading the project to install the key pad for the main gate. To accomplish that, he has had to organize the trenching, conduit placement, electrical work, and the acquisition of equipment and supplies. The work is entering its final phase and we will all owe Gary a big debt of gratitude when it is done.

Chris Richard is a relatively new member. That's kind of misleading since Chris has been a part of RCYC cruises since he was a kid. Last year Chris was asked to be a part of the group formed to provide advice to the Board as it made some decisions about the Club launch. Chris did a lot of research into various options so that, when a recommendation was made to the Board, we were comfortable that it had been thoroughly vetted. Chris took the leadership role in preparing the launch to go back into the water after it was repowered. In addition to those contributions, Chris and his wife, Ally, volunteer to prepare work party lunches and serve as Cruise Chairs. Admittedly Chris comes by his RCYC commitment in a family way since he is the Commodore's son and the Grandson of a Past Commodore. Nevertheless we are blessed that Chris and Ally have made RCYC a key part of their lives.

I know that when you single out people for praise, you run the risk of not mentioning many more folks who contribute in significant ways. So let's all do our part to express our appreciation whenever we can. When you see someone stepping up to take leadership in getting work done at the Club, tell them thanks and how much you appreciate their commitment.



**Rose City
Youth Sailing
Society**

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RCYSS

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We are still not sure when our fundraiser will be. We are always looking for boat items to auction, so please keep us in mind if you have any to donate. There are many children who need financial assistance in order to participate in sailing programs. We hope to continue to raise funds throughout the year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

As RCYC members, we can receive discounts for the sailing classes at WSC (Willamette Sailing Club) and VLSC (Vancouver Lake Sailing Club). So please ask about the discount, and sign those children up. Check out the different high school sailing teams and programs too. We are planning to give up to 80% reimbursements for sailing classes, and up to 50% reimbursements for sailing camps. Please get your applications in early. Check with WSC and VLSC for current class information and applications for their programs. For help with tuition, please fill out the information found on the RCYSS brochure. You will find a link to the brochure on the RCYC web site. Printed copies of the brochure are on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

I would very much like to know when your children or children you know are participating in sailing classes. I like to check in to see how they are doing and get some photos. I hope you have a wonderful day.

New Member Orientation

Ron Moran, New Member Orientation Chair

Want to learn all about the club?

**Plan on attending the
New Member Orientation Class**

On April 14th

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 so that I can have enough handouts for everyone.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

We are full up with a waiting list. I hope that you all are prepared for the spring moorage inspection in April. Get your current registration stickers affixed, and clean off some of the winter grime from your decks.

There still are a few dinghies without name plates. Our first cruise is coming up soon and the once-a-year formality of the Opening Day parade soon after that.



New Entrance Keypad

Gary Whitney & Team

This is a view of the NEW Keypad that will be in use prior to Opening Day. Everyone will be given an Entry CODE and those with "Clickers" will still be able to use them as before. The White Box will be going away but you will still need your KEY to open the ramp gate, other buildings, and the pump-out.



RCYC HAPPENINGS

April

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
7	Dock Walk	9:00 am
7	Walk 2 BBQ	5:00 pm
9	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
10-11	Clubhouse Cleaning	9:00 am
12	SYSCO Race Clinic	6:00 pm
14	New Member Orient	9:00 am
14	Stuckey-Rivers West	6:00 pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
17	CRYA Meeting	7:00 pm
18	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
18	May Foghorn Deadline	
21	Work Party	9:00 am
22	Bakke Memorial	2:00 pm
27-29	Bartlett Landing Cruise	

May

5	Opening Day	
7	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
8-9	Ladies Dinner Prep	
10	Ladies Dinner	
12	Work Party	9:00 am
12	Beer Can Race	5:00 pm
14	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
15	CRYA Meeting	7:00 pm
16	RCYC Gen Mtg	7:00 pm
18	June Foghorn Deadline	
19	Medium Distance Race	
21	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
25-28	Hadley's landing Cruise	

*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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St Patrick's Day

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