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May 2018



### From the Helm

*Matt Richard, Commodore*

**Hello to sunshine and warmer days** -- at least the weather app on my phone says its going to be that way and, with all the rain we've had this spring, I'm taking all the optimism that comes my way. Opening Day is almost upon us and that promises to be an exciting day. Hope you can come out and participate, especially in the parade. I think my first Opening Day was back in 1974, and I was aboard Shadow with Laura's parents, Don and Gloria Becker. Don let me have a go at the tiller, and I did my best to maintain the 50 ft required distances between adjacent boats with Shadow's little throttle lever and the giant gear shift it had back then. The next time I did any close quartering like that was while I was in the Navy aboard the USS Long Beach and we were being replenished from a resupply ship in the South Pacific while underway. I wasn't at the helm that time around, but to this day, I remember the delicious New Zealand ice cream that came across in cargo nets.

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### WALK 2 BBQ TAKES US BACK IN TIME: GOOD OR BAD, YOU BE THE JUDGE.



### Opening Day 2018 –

### "Playing Happily for 85 Years"

*Marili Reilly, CRYA President*

**It's almost time! Are you ready?** RCYC is planning a blow-out party for Opening Day and we'd like to see as many members there as possible. Take your boat out – bring other members with you – catch a ride with friends – or just hang out at the Clubhouse or on the breakwater and watch all the pretty boats go by. In addition to the parade, we will have breakfast, happy hour, and lots of time for great conversation.

#### Here's the day's schedule:

- 0700 – 0900 Breakfast, Rose City Yacht Club – free to members
- 0900 – 0930 Opening Day Flag Raising Ceremonies
- 930ish – 1000 Skippers meeting in the Clubhouse Review Vessels begin departing
- 1230 RCYC boats gather on the river
- 1300 Begin 2018 fleet of decorated boats parade and review
- 1500 Reception with hors d'oeuvres and no host bar
- 1600 Announcement of the parade results



*2007 Commodore Marili Reilly on Opening Day*

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If you've been by the Clubhouse lately, you will notice the winter and spring upgrade project is coming to completion. Ron Moran and his entire crew have done an outstanding job updating both heads, the galley and throughout the Clubhouse. Read all about it in his article. I'd especially like to express gratitude to the thoughtful coordination work between Ron and Galley Chief Ruby Zuccatti and Clubhouse Chair Annette Kienberger. Their coordinated efforts have resulted in a galley area that is more efficient, sustainable, safe and fully supported by your Board. I think you're going to like what you see, and Ben Thomas - thanks for all the beautiful new cabinet doors.

Rick Samuels has taken over the position of Webmaster from Ethan VanMatre. Rick is at work making some upgrades to our Internet service at the Club which we'll see sometime soon. Ethan had been our head computer tech since 2006 so I really appreciate his 12 years and hundreds of countless hours keeping RCYC connected to the Internet and maintaining the RCYC website for the benefit of us all. But Ethan isn't done; he has graciously volunteered to take on the position of Education Chair. Rick and Ethan, thank you for your service and proactive volunteer spirit!

With any luck you might get to read this May issue during that last weekend in April where many of us, hopefully, will be tied up at East Dock at Government Island during our first cruise of the season. If so, happy reading, sit back, enjoy the river and have that extra cup of coffee.

There is a lot going on this month with the arrival of boating season. In addition to Opening Day, there is the RCYC Medium Distance Race, a beer can race, the Ladies Dinner, "Barefoot Caribbean Getaway", the last work party of the first half of the year, and our annual Memorial Day weekend cruise to Hadley's Landing. Lots to do! Have a wonderful boating season.



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore*

**Greetings.** With opening day fast approaching, Clubhouse use is on the rise. If members need to use the Clubhouse to facilitate preparation for or planning of Club activities/events, please consult the RCYC calendar on the website and reserve a time slot.

We only have one scheduled work party left for the first half of the year, May 12th. As of March 31st, there were approximately 55 members who still had not met their first half work hours requirement. So come on down and meet new members while engaging in meaningful chores around the Club. And to top the morning's activities, enjoy a four star lunch provided by the lunch crew. Contact Rick Samuels for details.

If you are unable to perform your work hour requirement for any reason, please email me or the Commodore to request a deferment to the second half or waiver.

## Educational Event

*Ethan VanMatre, Education Chair*

I thought that I would kick off the 2018 boating season with a lighter educational event. The plan is to gather together at 9 am on Sunday, May 13, at the Clubhouse for a hands on cooking class featuring Scottish shortbread, crepes Snow White and coffee. We will mix up some Scottish shortbread and while that is baking, we will make the crepes Snow White (a variation on crepes Suzette). Baking shortbread on a cool evening at anchor is a great way to warm up the boat.

Please bring your favorite recipe for cruising fare to present as we get rid of the evidence.

Seating is limited so please RSVP to: Ethan VanMatre.

## LOST AND FOUND

In our ongoing effort to keep the Clubhouse looking good, we have started a Lost and Found box. It is located on the shelf in the coat closet at the front of the Clubhouse. If you have lost/misplaced something, check it out. If you find something at the Club, place it in the box.

Items currently in the box:

- Earring with St Patrick's theme Umbrella, compact type
- Two pair of glasses
- Blue plastic water bottle
- Also if you are missing a jacket or coat, it's hanging in the closet.

Items not claimed after a couple of months will be donated.

*Ron Moran*



## Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

High water brings us more current. For some members, mooring in current takes some getting used to. Sailors up north, in many marinas with two tide flows a day, are more familiar with controlling a boat in moving water. Unlike them, we do not have to constantly check on the tide before casting off. (Trivia: The river is almost always moving downstream, except in late summer when there is actually a reversal along the shore line at the upper part of the flood tide.) In the spring there is increased flow, and our current can exceed 2.5 kts for a couple of months.

### No new “news” here, but it’s good to keep some basics in mind.

Where this river trivia becomes important is when you leave or enter your slip at RCYC. Never Forget: the water in our moorage is moving almost all the time. Note that this maneuvering advice does not apply in the same way to slips on Walk 2A, east of the Clubhouse.

**Arrival:** When you turn into your own fairway to head south toward your slip, always turn to about a 45 degree angle and then your boat will move south, even though it’s pointed SE. That is due to the push of the current against hull and keel. If you have to stop in your fairway, just go to your lowest speed or put it in neutral and point the boat upstream, i.e. east. This basic maneuver is called “crabbing.”

**Departure:** When your boat is untied in its slip, it will slowly drift back, i.e. downstream. All that is needed to depart is allowing this to happen until you put the engine in forward gear and turn toward the main fairway. Once you turn, only turn about 45 degrees, at low speed. This will enable you to progress semi-sideways down the fairway until you get to the outer fairway and only then make a full turn west and proceed out of the moorage.

This is even more important when maneuvering in an east wind when forces above and below the water line are pushing you down stream.

The question always arises about keeping your bow directly upstream while “drifting your boat back”. The answer is both simple and yet subtle. So there you are, drifting slowing backwards and the bow starts to pay off to starboard or port. Knowing that you have to make a

turn to port to exit the fairway, a slight turn to port is not totally inconvenient at that point. However, any change in heading over a couple of degrees will quickly lead to increased turning as the keel faces rapidly-increasing pressure from current.

There is a “secret”; thanks for asking. So, your boat is moving back, slowly, relative to the ground but the current is still moving faster than you, i.e. you still have flow past the rudder. Ah Ha. You have steerage. (!)

So, to make small corrections and get that bow back directly into the current, leave the engine in idle, put your helm hard over to port, and shift into forward gear. This will push a mass of water against the rudder and move the stern to starboard. Oddly enough, you are still moving backwards, albeit slowing. Once the stern starts moving and the boat starts to straighten out, put transmission in neutral and center the helm. Observe. Still moving slowly back, but straighter? Good. Need another bit rudder-over-and-in-gear? Do it.

If you feel you just have to reverse a little faster, you can engage reverse and give it two seconds or hard throttle, but remember, this will also move the stern to port (undesirable) due to prop walk. Then you are back to using original rudder-hard-over and engine-forward idling idea again to center the boat. This may take multiple applications.

For instance, I moor beside a long resident house and it might take me 5 or 6 applications of this backing-and-straightening-out scheme to get into the fairway far enough to make the turn to port and exit. No trauma, though. It’s all low-speed stuff.

The members on Walk 1 do have an additional challenge, in that the underwater “wave attenuator” on the walk wall creates a back eddy in all the slips. Once entering a slip over half way, a surface counter-current flows east. and they often have to use reverse gear to halt while tying up.

**Dock Lines** - Do use a midship line when arriving or leaving, and have a large fender forward and aft of it. This helps a lot when side tying to any dock, anywhere. Fender up both sides of your boat, just to “be prepared” for piloting mishaps.



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## RECIPROCAL INFORMATION

Tom & Cathy Nelson, Reciprocal Co-chairs

As we approach May and June, a number of RCYC boats will be getting ready to head north into Washington State and British Columbia for summer cruising. All of RCYC's reciprocals in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia -- a total of 128 in all -- are listed on pages 94 and 95 of the 2018 yearbook. Using reciprocal clubs is fun; you meet new boating friends, learn about local places to explore, and compare notes on future cruising locations. It also saves you in moorage costs as marinas continue to increase their transient boater fees.

When staying at our reciprocal clubs, be sure to fly the RCYC burgee and have your 2018 membership card available when you register at their guest dock. We have found that most clubs will give you at least one night of free moorage and may charge \$3 to \$4 dollars a night if you want shore power. A number of the clubs have a bar; some have restaurant and laundry facilities; and others have BBQ get-togethers on the weekend.

We recently received a notice from the Nanaimo Yacht Club in B.C. that they are requiring proof of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars when you register to stay at their reciprocal dock. This is the only club we are aware of that is requiring this. However, it may become more common, so carry proof of insurance with you this summer.

If you desire additional information on our reciprocal clubs, use the website [www.yachtdestinations.org](http://www.yachtdestinations.org) and be sure to take your laptop or iPad with you as you cruise. Other references that we have found valuable are The 2018 *Wagoner Cruising Guide* and The *Burgee Guide Book* by David Kutz.

If you find any discrepancies with the list of reciprocal clubs that appears in the yearbook, please let us know so that we can make corrections for next year.

Have a wonderful cruising summer.

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You will find that you also need this maneuvering knowledge when tying up the East Dock on Government Island. There's more current there, and you will need to parallel park your boat by holding it stationary in the current in front of the spot you want to tie to. ... then move sideways a degree at a time, crabbing sideways in forward idle until you can make fast to the dock. While current can help help you a lot, it is a force of nature and really has no allegiance.

*Fair winds, Loren*



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## WALK 2 BBQ TAKING US BACK IN TIME — WAS A GOOD THING OR ARE YOU STILL UNDECIDED AFTER SEENING THE PHOTOS? NA.

In spite of a bit of wind and rain, the Walk 2 Party went on as planned with the baked potatoes providing that warming touch. 75 members and guests attended and seemed to have a great time. We all had a chance to enjoy the musical entertainment of Mike Finch and Todd Bassham. A big thank you to Lisa and Steve Petersen and Smoke and Patti Fischer for setting up the Clubhouse. John and Anita Fallon, along with Alan Bergen shopped for the food which was prepared by Tom and Cathy Nelson and Leslie Phillips.

The big job of the evening is always the cleanup and that was done by Gareth and Janet Tabor and Greg and Josiane Douglass with their daughter. Coming out of retirement to assist with the cleanup was longtime Club member Brad Jensen.

We encourage all members to participate in Walk Parties as it is a great way to get to know each other. **See you at the June 16th Walk 3 Party!**





## Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Rose City Youth Sailing Society  
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### Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Please help encourage children to sign up for sailing classes! There are programs for ALL ages, younger children as well as older children.

Don't forget to ask for discounts and let us know. My best email is [pamsesar@gmail.com](mailto:pamsesar@gmail.com).

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and Willamette Sailing Club are the places to get current information.

We gladly accept donations at anytime.

Happy sailing.

Pam Sesar



## Secretary's Update

C.J. Volesky, Secretary

Welcome to Spring. The Board interviewed 4 potential new members this month. Willa Ralphs and Jim Clark own a Cascade 27 (*Benisary*). They are new to sailing, and Jim is taking lessons with Passion Yachts, Willa has taken lessons in the past.

Bill Schuldt and Dawn McClard own *The Great Shearwater* (44' Kelly Peterson). Bill has been racing out of RCYC for many years with Steve Moshofsky. Dawn is a past member wishing to return.

John and Elizabeth Kilty are a father/daughter team and are looking forward to learning to sail their San Juan 24 (*Bella Vita*).

George Kapllani, along with his wife Sue, own a Catalina 40 named *Swift*. George has sailed for 15 years and has owned 4 boats.

In addition, the Board approved a change in membership status to Life Members for Gareth and Janet Tabor.. Peter Pommer and Mariko Fujinaka, James and DeAnn VanNess, and Guy Rodrigue and Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser were accepted as new members. Make sure to welcome them when you see them at the Club.

Unfortunately, this month I have to report that we have lost 2 members. Long time members Jerry Bakke and Dick Royce have sailed into the sunset. We offer our condolences to their loved ones. Their memory will live on.

Until next month, CJ



## Cruising Corner

Chris and Ally Richard, Cruising Co-chairs

As Chris and I write this edition of the "Cruising Corner," the Bartlett Landing Cruise has not happened. So, if we pretend that we are in the future for a moment...

Wow! Wasn't that an amazing weekend? We really loved seeing everyone at Bartlett and going on walks on the island. Plus, who can ever forget happy hour? And my, wasn't the weather just something?

Anyway, keep an eye out for the June Foghorn to read about the events from the April Cruise.

With May comes a trip to Hadley's Landing. This is about a mile down river from the Sauvie Island Bridge, on the island side of Multnomah Channel. This is a great spot on the river; there's great access to the shore with trails for a walkabout. The trails can be muddy, so plan ahead. If a large number of members are in attendance, please be prepared to raft to another boat!

Finally, on your way to Hadley's, remember to set your radios to channel 13 to get the "49 Vancouver" Bridge open and keep it on the channel until you have cleared the bridge. If you have questions about this process, partner up with a Club member to discuss the steps or to travel with. The RCYC yearbook also has a great description for traversing the bridges, and other common occurrences on the river.

We are so excited for cruising season to begin! See you on the water!

Of course, please don't hesitate to email us at [ally.chris2012@gmail.com](mailto:ally.chris2012@gmail.com), we'd be happy to help in anyway we can.

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

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

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## RCYC HAPPENINGS

### May

- 5 Opening Day
- 7 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 – 9 Preparations for Ladies Dinner
- 10 Ladies Dinner, 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Medium Distance Race
- 20 Education Event, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 25-28 Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing

### June

- 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
  - 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - 16 Walk 3 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.
  - 18 Foghorn Deadline
  - 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - 22-24 Beacon Rock Cruise
  - 30 RCYC Beer Can Race
- 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).

**Thank You:** to the efforts of Dave Kibby and Ron Moran, the mast puller has a new cable and is ready to use.

### Last Spring Work Party, May 12

We still have work to do. If you plan to attend, please sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/pOAgfyGfnDFVcI3fI>

We have tasks that can (or must) be done at times other than work parties. We need to finish cleaning Walk 3 and apply concrete sealer. We have some painting tasks and other maintenance. If you would like to get some work hours, please contact me.

*Rick Samuels, Work Party Chair*

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## Clubhouse Changes

by Ron Moran

**During the last four months, there have been many repairs and changes made in the Clubhouse.** The repairs were done so that the Clubhouse will continue to meet our needs for years in the future, to make the Clubhouse more user friendly, easier to maintain and address some health and safety issues.

The major changes are in the galley/bar area. **Annette Kienberger, Clubhouse Chair, and Ruby Zuccatti, Galley Chief,** suggested improving function and safety by better organizing equipment, supplies and putting a stop to using counter tops for storage.

To accomplish this, we created a new coffee bar/drink area on the counter next to the bar sink. The coffee maker has been moved to this area. It is now connected to a timer so that it does not need to be unplugged when not in use. An instant hot water dispenser has also been installed on the bar sink.

Above the new location for the coffee maker are the coffee mugs, mixes for hot drinks and water pitchers. The fixings for coffee and drinks (that use to sit on the counter) are now located in the cabinet under the coffee maker. They are on a tray that can be brought out when needed, then put back in the cabinet when done. The supplies for making coffee and other hot drinks are also stored here.



The drinking glasses have been moved to the cabinet above the bar sink. In the top cabinet to the left of the coffee mugs are wine glasses, carafes and paper/plastic drinking glasses.



The other change to the upper cabinets is the one next to the display case. The cleaning supplies have been removed, and this cabinet now holds the extra paper supplies for the heads and galley and replacement light bulbs.



A couple of other changes have been made in the bar area. If you're looking for paper plates or bowls, they are in the first door under the bar on the back side. Next to them you will find plastic utensils.

On the outer side of the bar under the silverware drawer are the paper napkins.

The major changes to the galley cabinets are the addition of a recycle area. This area is next to the garbage can and holds two containers: one is for returnable containers and the other is for glass (wine bottles). Just to the left of the recycle area, where the glasses were previously located is now where you will find the majority of the cleaning supplies.

A "Galley Storage" area has been created in what we use to call the freezer room. This area used to also hold the supplies for the container gardens. Those supplies have moved to a new storage area in the parking lot. This storage area will now hold overflow from the galley, such as large pots and pans we only need a few times a year.

Out in the main part of the Clubhouse you will now find the Work Hour clipboard on the wall by the men's head. The **first aid supplies** are inside a new cabinet located above the A.E.D.



**With your help we can keep our galley and bar area clean and ready for many more years of potlucks, parties and meetings.**



*Smoke can dance like he's still living the 60's!*

The sun is out, the birds are out, the bees are out, it's time to get out and have some fun!



Join in the Walk BBQs, the Cruises, and all the other RCYC events coming up.



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