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July-August 2018



From the Helm

Matt Richard, Commodore



I hope everyone is having a great boating season! We made it to the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise and had a really good time at Bartlett Landing, even if we had nine mooring lines holding Shadow to the dock due to the heavy current. Now I'm looking forward to the 4th of July Land Cruise, Lazy Days Cruise, then on to Pirates Cruise and finally the Labor Day cruise to Coon Island.

I'm especially partial to the Lazy Days Cruise that commences on July 21st. We plan to take a two-week cruise this year. I'm so looking forward to anchoring and rafting up in Snuggler's Cove at Walker Island for a couple of days. Whether you cruise by boat, car, or RV I hope to see you at the Cathlamet potluck on Thursday, July 26th.

The Board, and then the Membership at the June General Meeting, approved a \$2,000 donation to the Gilbert River Dock Restoration Project contingent on Columbia County committing to long term care of the docks once repairs are completed. I have sent a letter stating as such to MCYC. Time will tell if our contribution will be received.

I really enjoy the new card key access to the main gate. That project went very well thanks to the management of Gary Whitney, expertise of CJ Volesky, professionalism of Dave Kibby and much work by themselves and several others. They are now undertaking Phase II which will enable us to use our card-keys to open the ramp gate.

The Board approved having all the stringers under the Clubhouse surveyed under the thoughtful leadership of Tom Stringfield. That survey has been completed and the Board will receive a report in the near future. I have not heard anything official yet so all I can say is, stay tuned for further news developments.

Okay, get to your boats, make fun, be safe.



Congratulations!

RCYC's own Father & Daughter of Neptune
Joby & Piper Easton on Rain Drop
1st Overall at 2018 Oregon Offshore!



Get Ready for Summer Cruising!

Chris & Ally Richard, Cruise Chairs

We don't know about you, but we are counting down until **Lazy Days!** Lazy Days is a fun one to two week down-river cruise that takes us from the Club all the way to Astoria, if you choose. The schedule isn't concrete by any means; many people just end up sticking together and figuring out a schedule as they go.

The general rule of thumb, though, is for everyone to be at Cathlamet for the potluck on Thursday, July 26th. Then, of course, you will want to stick around to try and claim the best seat at the brewery. John Dees has arranged for the Cathlamet brew pub to be open for RCYC during Lazy Days and says, "The friendly folks at River Mile 38 Brew Pub next to the marina in Cathlamet will again have special openings for RCYC members during Lazy Days. Hurrah!!! They offer a variety of brews from IPAs to stouts, ciders and really good root beer. The first day is Wednesday the 25th (not normally open this day) from 3:00 to 5:00 and they will open an hour early on Thursday the 26th at 3:00 before our pot luck dinner. They have simple snacks and encourage us to bring our own as well. They really enjoy our annual visit and we appreciate their special welcome. See you there!"

So, the fluid July dates are as follows: 21st— Martin Island Pond, 22nd— Walker Island, 23rd—Cathlamet, 24-25th—Astoria West Basin, 26th—Cathlamet Potluck, 27th—Walker Island, 28th—Martin Island Pond. Remember, there's information in the RCYC Yearbook to give you a hint of what traveling to each location is like and some of the amenities. For more specific details, please connect with Chris, Ally, or a seasoned Club member. In addition, we will have a presentation focused on the ins and outs of the Lazy Days Cruise during the 4th of July festivities.

Next is the **Pirates' Cruise** up to Schwitter Landing, Government Island West Dock on August 10-12. This is a fun family cruise with lots of different events including the Past Commodores' Pancake Feed! Mmmm... pancakes... mmm... eggs... delicious.

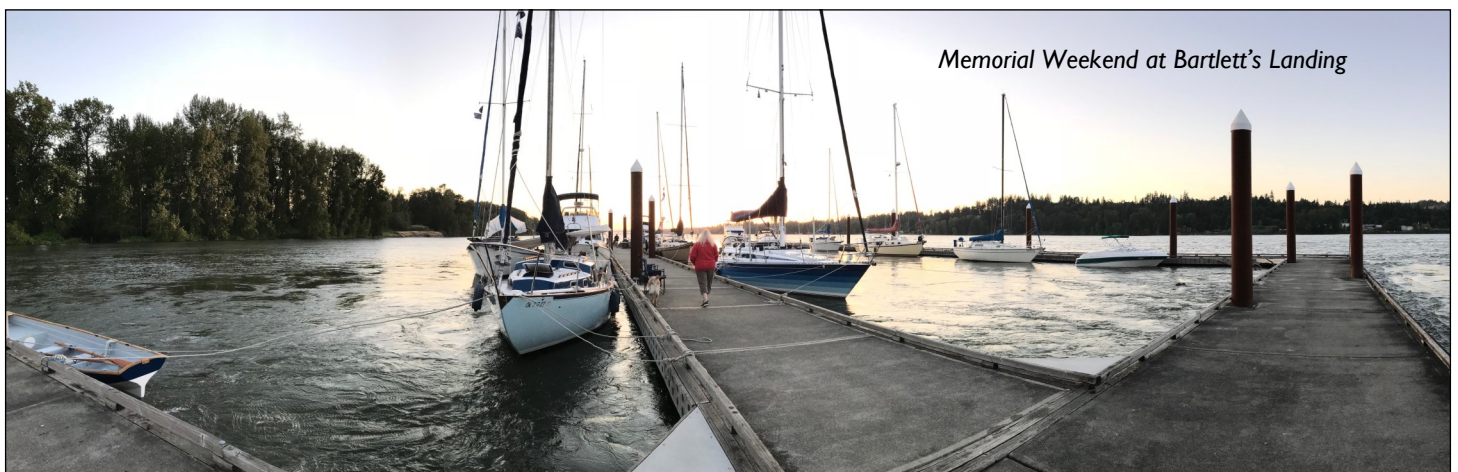
The **Labor Day Cruise** is Aug 31 – Sept 3 at Coon Island's East Dock on Multnomah Channel. With the water running lower and slower, it should be an easy down and back for this fun cruise. The island has a few trails to stretch your legs and pretty good docks. We may end up rafting together depending on the crowd, so be ready to welcome some neighbors with open arms!

There have been a few instances this year while cruising where our fellow members have come in to dock but have not been completely ready for the task. For everyone's safety, be sure to have your fenders and lines ready to go before you even get close to the dock. This means have LONG, neatly coiled lines, without snubbers on them, ATTACHED to your cleats at the bow, stern and midships. Fenders are important too! Be sure to have at least two (three is better) out for the proper dock height. Some docks are pretty low! If you have new crew onboard who are unsure of what to do, it is the captain's job to educate before coming in. Of course, those on the dock will always be happy to help, but docking can quickly escalate in difficulty if proper preparation is not done.

We'll see you out there! As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Chris or Ally through email or phone. And remember always wear your PFD's when out on the water!



Chris, Taylor & Ally



Memorial Weekend at Bartlett's Landing



Vice Commodore's Report

Chuck Pennington, Vice Commodore

Calendar Update - There are a couple of changes to the calendar for the month of August. The Walk 3 barbecue has been changed to Saturday, August 4th and the Walk 4 barbecue has been changed to Saturday, August 25th.

Work Parties - All organized work parties for the first half of 2018 have been completed. Just a friendly reminder - if you want your work hours properly credited please sign the work hour log hanging on the wall adjacent to the men's head.

Racing Report

Todd Bassham, Race Captain

Summer is here, and the racing is getting hot. Here are the highlights:

RCYC Clubhouse Open after Tuesday and Thursday Races.

The Board has given thumbs up to a proposal to allow racing members to use the Clubhouse after the Tuesday or Thursday night races to bring your crew in for post-race celebrations.

Rose City Classic Postponed to August 4. The first of these casual Club races was planned to occur in conjunction with the Walk 3 BBQ formerly scheduled for June 16, but after the Walk 3 BBQ was moved to August 4, we moved the Rose City Classic to August 4 as well, because Club racing and Club BBQs just go better together. Same drill: meet at 1500 for a brief skippers' meeting, race starts at 1600 off our docks, back in time for BBQ at 1700.

RCYC Medium Distance Race May 19. Strong currents, no wind = no race, but there was a great BBQ afterward. Kudos to Kevin Kahl and team for getting us out on a beautiful day. Also kudos to two member boats (Wave Dancer and Goose Chase, I think) that leaped into action to tow to safety a disabled power boat that was drifting helplessly down onto our headwall.

RCYC Beer Cans June 30, July 14 and July 28. RCYC is hosting three of these free, casual Saturday Beer Can races, which start just off our docks at 1700 and typically race down to the red-green navigation buoy and back. The July 14 Beer Can will be preceded by a gathering of the RCYC Song Circle at 1500 in the Clubhouse, because, well, music and sailing just go together. The plan is to put down our instruments at 1630, jump on some Club boats, and go out for a lovely evening sail.

Ain't summertime grand?

Come join the fun Walk 3 BBQ "Summer Fresh"

Saturday, August 4th
5:00 - Cocktail Hour, BYO cocktails
6:00 - BBQ, BYO meat for the grill
**Your Walk 3 friends will provide
appetizers, side dishes and dessert**



Pam Sesar & her brother doing the Delta Ditch on June 2 from San Francisco to Stockton—only took 15 hours!

Atomic 4 Returns to Its Natural Habitat

Richard Kelleher, s/v Mariah

At long last, the rebuilt Atomic 4 has been returned to its proper home, the engine bay of Mariah. With the help of two RCYC members and a very high river (the ramp from the parking lot was almost flat) the now bright red A4 found its way from the back of my Subaru to Mariah. Tom Skach and Alan Boguslawski met me in the RCYC parking lot where we carefully slid the A4 out of the back of the car onto the Club's new heavy-duty cart, strapped it down and rolled it out to Mariah's slip on Walk 3.

Tom and Alan attached the load leveler to the top of the engine and got the rigging set while I ran back to the car to get some more bits and got things organized in the engine bay.



Starting with a couple of loops of line wrapped around the boom, with the main halyard attached to the top, the mainsheet rigging attached to the bottom, the outhaul keeping it positioned near the end of the boom and one line running to a starboard winch, we hoisted the motor off of the cart, which was sitting on the dock finger, and swung it carefully to center it over the cockpit. Tom released and controlled the outhaul and main sheet while Alan and I worked the motor forward into the companionway.

It took some time to get the motor positioned; I ended up attaching the mounts to the motor and lowering them together in order to clear everything. The mounts were then lag bolted down. Sadly, there are no pictures of the three of us working - our hands were a little full, but here are some pictures of the rigging and the final placement. Many, many thanks to Tom and Alan who provided great help and were patient with me while I stressed about everything!

Home at last!



Close up of rigging & adjusting engine angle

Rose City Youth Sailing Society

Pam Sesar

Looks like summer has arrived at last! With school out for the summer and the weather warming up, it's a good time to check out the local sailing schools for youth. This is a great opportunity for children to learn problem-solving skills and develop lifelong friendships. The adventure camps teach sailing and give children opportunities to experience river life.

RCYSS was not able to hold the spring auction this year but we are hoping to have one this winter. In the meantime I have a Cal 2-27 7.5 storm jib, an anchor, a small boat hook and some other miscellaneous items for sale. For more information or to donate, please contact me for a complete list. If you would like to donate to RCYSS, please contact me at pamsesar@gmail.com.

Also, please remember that we get member discounted rates at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and Willamette Sailing Club because of our donations to them. Go to their websites to get applications for their schools, then fill out the information on RCYSS's brochure (found on RCYC's web site) and email to me for reimbursements. Make sure you mention the discounted prices when you apply for the sailing schools as that will help our funds to go further.

If you have any stories to share about learning to sail, please send them to RCYSS so that we can share them.

Happy sailing!

A First Build - The Vivier Morbic 11

Gary Brown, s/v Get Set Go



About a year and a half ago I decided to rekindle my high school wood-working skills and build a boat. Inspired by the beautiful kayaks a friend builds, I decided on a small, strip-plank sailboat.

I came across an article in Classic Boat Magazine on Francois Vivier, who they claim is France's "top designer of sail and oar boats". The lines of his clinker plank Morbic 12, featured in the article, jumped out at me. I sent Francois an email to see if it could be designed as a strip plank. He said yes, with some modification.

Thank goodness for Google to look up all the new terminology so I could keep up with Francois during the

design phase. New terms: scantlings, baseline, buttocks (not what you think!), table of offsets, general arrangement, sheer, stations, on and on. He provided a very detailed hydrostatics analysis. This was great fun – I was working with a Real McCoy Naval Architect and it was exactly the experience I was looking for.

In the end, Francois proposed a new design, a strip-planked Morbic 11. I chose to build hull #1 using a combination of Red Western Cedar, Yellow Alaska Cedar, Sapele, Okoume, Maple, Mahogany, Oak and Douglas Fir sheathed with fiberglass and 6 coats of epoxy resin and 6 coats of varnish inside and out. Each of the 220 strips was beveled on the edges, tediously dry fit with clamps, unclamped, glued and re-clamped.



In addition, the strips at the "football" (bottom of the hull), were mitered at each end and precisely fit to length in a herringbone pattern, each one bent in a manner in which it didn't want to naturally bend. I hot-glued the strips to the stations to avoid nail marks. After the first few strips, I wondered what I had signed up for, but persistence paid off and I did finally finish. Whew! The entire boat was completed after 16 months of calendar time and some 500 hours of 'labor of love' time!

The balanced lug is such a simple design, easy to rig and sail, taking only about 15 minutes to rig and launch from trailer to water. Overall, it was fun to build and has been even more fun to sail!

Classic Boat Magazine published an article on my boat build for their July '18 issue. How cool is that!

The construction blog is here: http://brownz.com/?page_id=269





Frank Noragon & Cool Change Crew



Phil Lewis & Souffle Crew



Frank Noragon Offshore Old Salt

Nautical Reads

Bill Kramer

This month's book is ***Murder at the Marina***, a brand-new book by author and sailor Ellen Jacobson. We met Ellen through her sister Susan, who also works at the library. Back when we had Gypsy in Tom Becker's shop, Nina was talking to Susan about our boat project and Susan responded that we were almost as crazy as her sister, who used to live aboard a sailboat in New Zealand. Well that didn't sound crazy at all to us and we started following Ellen's blog. We got to meet her when she was visiting in Portland. She now lives aboard in Florida and is publishing her first novel.

Murder at the Marina is set at Palm Tree Marina in Florida. The book starts with Mollie and her husband Scooter having a romantic dinner to celebrate their tenth anniversary. During dinner Scooter announces to Mollie that he is buying her a sailboat. Mollie is expecting serious jewelry and is not thrilled. When she sees the boat the next day, she is faced with mildew and peeling paint. She also meets Captain Dan, the fast-talking boat broker who is selling them the boat.

They get invited to a BBQ at the marina that evening, so Mollie heads off in search of brownies and a bottle of wine. The following morning, Mollie and Scooter are going to work on the boat, but when they get there they find a dead body in the vee berth.

Mollie is not enjoying the boat, but she is making friends and enjoying life at the marina, so she decides to find out what is going on. Follow Molly's adventures as she solves the mystery.

This is a Cozy Mystery that will give you a feel for Florida marina life and you'll learn a bit about boats. A fun, quick read!

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Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

A bit tongue-in-cheek, but “moorage” seems to matter a bit less than “boat handling” lately at our little marina. I know of at least three boats that bumped into downstream walks when they got crossed up while exiting or entering their fairway.

Fickle Fate, playing no favorites, laughed when I over-corrected while trying to back out and also control our boat’s side motion. I bumped the piling in front of me trying to change direction for a third time, or perhaps a fourth, maybe. Now the river level has dropped from over 12 feet, down steadily to a more ordinary four feet at low tide.

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=vapw1> The current has slowed significantly as well. You still have to ‘crab’ when motoring in or out of fairways, but not nearly as much.

We are presently moving boats into vacant slips on Walks 3 and 4 and have also filled one slip on Walk 2. Openings on Walks 1 and 5 take a lot longer to develop. The total number of boats on the waiting list has changed little, due to new memberships.

Rivers may rise and fall, but some problems remain the same. By this I mean the very few remaining boats with expired registration stickers or no stickers. Your vessel **MUST** display a 2018 or 2019 sticker. This is not an option; this is a Moorage Rule.

I recently sent out an email to announce that there is a new diver working in our area to remove slime from your (boat) bottom. Sean Kelley has posted his business card on a cork board in the Clubhouse (men’s head). Finding Sean was fortuitous because the hard-working guy that had been cleaning a lot of our boats for a decade has recently retired from diving.

In other moorage news, two special work parties have just finished replacing most of the bad decking on the floating patio decks. Even the planks that looked “sort of OK” came up in pieces with rot all through their interiors. Soon we should have some resealing happening on some of our concrete Head Walks, so watch out for signs telling you where to walk when the sealant is freshly applied.

Important Info About Power Cords and Water Hoses

Power Cords—Everyone with a connected shore power cord is required to have a strain relief line on their cord so that the plug does not pull sideways on the outlet. If a boat requires a longer power cord to allow for enough slack at the dock post, so be it.

Water Hose Storage— Please do not hang a hose coil from your faucet tap. Further, do NOT leave a hose pressurized when you walk away. Always turn your water off at the faucet. We are finding dripping and dribbling hoses here and there around the moorage. The club pays an impressive water bill as it is, and we all need to do our part to keep it as low as possible. This expense is paid by all of us. Hoses found left “on” will be disconnected and may be randomly stored in your cockpit. Repeat offenders may have the hose tied in knots!

Hope to see you at the big RCYC Open Boat event on July 4th.





Bob & Gail at First Nations Kitasoo Big House
In Klemtu, British Columbia

News from Soleil's Cruise to the North British Columbia Coast

June 17: We are back in Shearwater after Klemtu and Ocean Falls and have decided to head south tomorrow. The weather is finally giving us the sun but we're tired of the long days motoring, it's either too much wind or not enough!! Though we will for sure have the sails up catching NWesterlies coming down Queen Charlotte Sound and around Cape Caution.

We'll have a slide show of our adventure to share with RCYC maybe the October meeting; will have to check with Julie.

See you sometime in August,
Gail & Bob on s/v Soleil



From the Rear

Dave Reilly, Rear Commodore

July already! Where is this summer going?

Marili and I have enjoyed a month-long sojourn to the Gulf Coast in our dirt yacht (actually dirt dinghy) that included a cross country trip with a granddaughter and a visit to Yellowstone National Park and now we are ready for some cruising on the Columbia.

But there is some work to do also. The Rear Commodore has three main tasks to perform:

- 1) Pull together a Nominating Committee to select a slate of Officer and Board member candidates for the coming year,
- 2) Organize the Pirate's Cruise and Breakfast which will be held August 10, 11, and 12, and
- 3) Organize the Commodore's Ball which will be held in February, 2019.

Two of those things are due pretty soon and I need to get started. With respect to the Nominating Committee, if you have an interest in serving on the committee or being considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, let me know—503-347-5464 or at cascadetamara@gmail.com. Serving on the Board is a great way of being of service to RCYC and the boating community.

The Pirate's Cruise and Breakfast has traditionally been a great family event. It features a breakfast prepared by Past Commodores, kid events, new member initiations, and the usual happy hours and potluck. I'm pretty good with happy hours and RCYC potlucks take care of themselves, but I really need help with the kid events. (I'm an old guy and my recent cross-country trip with a granddaughter suggests I may not be all that current with kid stuff.) If you can help me out with the kid activities PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE get in touch with me.

Hope you are having fun!



RCYC SUMMER EVENTS

July

2	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
4	Independence Day Land Cruise	
7	OWSA Beer Can	5:00 pm
9	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
14	New Member Orient	9:00 am
	RCYC Beer Can	5:00 pm
16	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
21	PYC Beer Can	5:00 pm
21-29	Lazy Days Cruise	
26	Lazy Days Cathlamet Potluck	
28	RCYC Beer Can	5:00 pm

August

4	RCYC Classic Race	3:00 pm
	Walk 3 BBQ	5:00 pm
6	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
10-12	Pirates' Cruise-Schwitters	
13	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
18	September Foghorn Deadline	
20	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
25	Walk 4 BBQ	5:00 pm
31	Headout for Labor Day Cruise	

September

Aug 31-Sept 3	Labor Day Cruise	
	Coon Island-Multnomah Channel	
8-9	RCYC Long Distance Race	
10	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
14-16	River place Cruise	
17	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
18	CRYA Mtg	7:00 pm
	October Foghorn Deadline	
19	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
22	Work Party	9:00 am
29	Walk 5 BBQ	5:00 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



RCYC
Independence Day
Land Cruise
at the Clubhouse

Watch your email
for more information

New Member Orientation

Ron Moran, New Member Orientation Chair

Want to learn all about the Club?

Plan on attending the

New Member Orientation Class

July 14th—From 0900 to 1200 hrs—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.

The Foghorn Staff is very happy to announce that Sheri Lee has joined our jolly crew as Editor!

Foghorn Deadline is the
18th of the month—August to June
(July-August is combined issue)

**Don't forget to send us news & photos of
your summer fun!**

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Summer Evening at Willow Point on the Columbia River

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