

Commodore: Chuck Pennington
Vice Commodore: CJ Volesky
Secretary: Mike Finch

January 2019



From the Helm

Chuck Pennington, Commodore

I would like to express my gratitude to the RCYC membership for allowing me to serve as your Commodore for 2019. I look forward to serving RCYC, carrying on the 'do it yourself' tradition of the Club. At this time I would also like to extend a special thank you to Commodore Matt Richard for his mentorship in guiding me through the rigors of Vice Commodore.

As we look forward to 2019, the New Years Day Soup and Sail is a great way to start the New Year. Come and enjoy the festivities. Perhaps the weather gods will cooperate and bring us sunny skies and calm winds. For the benefit of new members, it is customary to bring a can of New England clam chowder to donate to the soup kettle. The Club furnishes the rest of the meal.



Rose City Yacht Club

Cordially invites you and your first mate to honor our Commodore Chuck Pennington and First Mate Sue

Saturday, February 2, 2019

2019 Commodore's Ball

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 15, 2019

Please indicate choice of hanger steak, prosciutto wrapped salmon or seasonal risotto.

Include any dietary needs (no salt, gluten, dairy, etc.) with your RSVP.



Vice Commodore's Report

CJ Volesky, Vice Commodore

Well here we go, year two of my run of the gauntlet. This past year as Secretary has taught me a lot and I look forward to the new position as your Vice Commodore. My responsibilities will include maintaining the master calendar for Club events and rentals. If you wish to rent the Clubhouse, please contact me to reserve a date. Clubhouse Rental Rules and rental form are in the year-book and on the website.

In addition, I will be tracking work hours for the coming year. 2018 work hours have been recorded and any new hours will be posted for the 2019 year. Please log any work hours you have on the Work Hour Log in the Clubhouse. If it isn't on the log or a team of forensic investigators can't read it, it didn't happen. As stated in the yearbook, each membership is required to perform 6 hours in the first half of the year (due by June 10th). An additional 6 hours needs to be recorded in the second half of the year (due by December 10th).

Roxana and I are looking forward to the upcoming year and hope to see you all soon and often. See you at the Commodore's Ball.



Secretary's Salutation

Mike Finch, Secretary

Welcome to the New Year. Pending the completion of the application process, we should be welcoming a new member in January. This is a great way to start the New Year.

Neil Smits owns a 36' Union (sail). He has little sailing experience but has worked on many boats in Holland. Please show our new member the RCYC spirit when you see him on the docks.

The Board has accepted the resignation of Will and Kelsi Pollard, effective January 1, 2019.

NEW YEAR REMINDERS

Judy Oxborrow, Treasurer

Membership Cards

The 2019 membership cards were distributed to members at the December general meeting. Membership cards for 2019 are have been mailed to those members who were not at the meeting. If you do not receive your membership card by the end of the year, contact Judy Oxborrow at judy87807@centurylink.net

Vendor Accounts

Each vendor with whom the Club maintains an account is being provided notification of those members who are authorized to sign on that account in 2019.

Members who are authorized to sign on Club accounts are also being notified of the accounts on which they have signing authority. Letters are expected to be mailed prior to the end of 2018. If you do not receive a letter, you do not have authorization and will need to pay for any purchases and submit a reimbursement request for payment. Please submit all reimbursement requests timely.

Quarterly Billings

Quarterly billings will be released during the last week of December or on January 2. For some members, these billings will include a bill for work hours not performed. The bookkeeping service is not authorized to change any billings. If you have a question about your billing, please contact Judy Oxborrow at judy87807@centurylink.net

RCYC Emails

For the benefit of members, email sent to the Club's email list goes into a queue for review before it is released to members. If you do receive an email addressed to Everyone-at-RCYC@simplelists.com, it is from a member – even if you don't recognize the member's name – and has been screened before being released to the Club. Please do not mark these messages as spam. If you do so, you also remove yourself from the Club's email list. You then have to be manually added back onto the list. If you receive an email addressed to Everyone-at-rcyc@simplelists.com and are not interested in the subject, just delete the message. If you do delete yourself from the Club's email list, you will be contacted to confirm whether that was actually your intent.

New Year's Day Soup & Sail

Start the New Year with a brisk morning sail then head in to the Clubhouse for a hot lunch of clam chowder & fixins



Bring a can of New England Clam Chowder to add to the pot—the fixins provided by the Club

January 16 General Meeting will feature a presentation by Deputy Ron Osborn of the Multnomah County River Patrol

Friday Night Coffeehouse & Music Jam

Tod Bassham

Come down to the Clubhouse Friday, January 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for the Friday Night Coffeehouse and Music Jam.



This is just what it sounds like: a chance to sip fine coffee and listen to good music performed by your fellow Club members and guests. The second Friday of every month through May will feature a 45-minute set by a surprise main artist, followed by an open mic or jam for anyone in the audience who wants to play their songs or jam with the house band.



Questions, details - contact Tod at basshamfam@hotmail.com or 503-705-5737.

Submit your Articles, Notices & Photos for the February Foghorn by January 18

Email articles, announcements and photos with "Foghorn" in the header to: RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com

Editors: Judy Oxborrow, Janice Choy-Weber, Sheri Lee
Graphics: Vickie Nissen, Rhonda Morgan-Boguslawski, Cathy Skach

Wade's Hula Dance

Marili Green-Reilly says, "This picture is from my parents' album. Dave and I had it put on a T-shirt to honor him for the 50th anniversary of his being Commodore in 2001, then we had people sign it before the Commodore's Ball presentation. I was afraid he might be embarrassed by it, but not at all -- he wore it proudly and often!"





Wade Cornwell July 5, 1914 - December 13, 2018

by CJ Volesky with a big assist from Marili Green-Reilly

Wade joined RCYC in 1948, nineteen years before I was born. I met Wade in 2001 when I became a member of RCYC. I learned of Cascade Yachts and how Wade and four others started making these legendary boats. I remember dreaming how wonderful it would be to own a Cascade 36.

Wade was married 3 times and has one daughter, Mary Jacobs. While at RCYC, he had several boats, starting with a Bee Boat (a small sailboat). He then built a Chinook called *Windjam'r*. He sailed that north and left it up there to be used as a charter boat. Later he owned a Cascade 27 named *Fun-Tas-Tik*. In addition, he owned *Minor Key*, you guessed it, another Cascade.

His first job was in his parents' mine in Eastern Oregon near Prairie City. In Portland, he went to work for Hoody. At the time Yacht Constructors was started, he had been working at Union Carbide for many years as a purchasing agent.

When asked about Cascade Yachts and how many people had originally been interested in building fiberglass boats, Wade said, "Just about the whole Club. We had 20 people at the first couple of meetings. Everybody was tired of fixing their wooden boats. We decided to get some information about fiberglass, and Hank Morton had a secretary (so he) wrote letters. We made the famous bullet test. We got in touch with someone at the Bremerton Navy Yard." The Navy had started using fiberglass early, as soon as the material was available, and they had built "a tug and a barge." After a few years, they took "core samples" and found they were stronger than when the vessels were built. That sold Wade and the others on the material.

Before that, they had learned of several small boat manufacturers who had been building small dinghies and runabouts – Skagit and others. He said that on some of them, when they put a motor on the boat, "the back end fell off." He didn't know why – "perhaps mat was used, or it was just before fiberglass was very good. We didn't know why, we'd just heard it, so we were very cautious about getting into it."

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Only five members were willing to put up the money to build the new boats. Wade recently said, "There were two other boats out there that had been built out of fiberglass, but we were the first ones to build production boats. We launched the first Chinook in 1956." None of the five men had any experience with boat building, and fiberglass was a new material with very little research available, so they laid up various thicknesses and put them to the test before deciding how thick to make the hulls. "We got the plans from a designer back east. We told him what we wanted to do and he adjusted a design he already had, rounding out some corners to work better with the fiberglass."

Wade recalled they started the business in 1956. "We built 70 Chinooks," he said. They were still building Chinooks when they started adding the Cascade line – the 29's, 42's, 36's. "Later we built the 27's and the 23's." He thought they had built about 800 boats altogether: 200+ 29's; 125 36's; and 110 42's. *(The total number may be closer to 1,000, per other sources).*

"When we started the company, we were still doing it in our spare time, after our regular jobs," he said. "I worked for Union Carbide, Tom (Green) worked for Hyster, and Merle Starr was a professor at University of Portland." Wade left that job and was the first to go full-time, running the office. "After we built those first five boats, I never got my hands on the fiberglass again."

The company was incorporated as Yacht Constructors, and they started hiring employees. The numbers fluctuated over time, depending on demand. "We had as many as eight people working there at a time," he said, "or as few as three or four."

They sold the company around 1988-89 but he and Tom, the two remaining partners, kept the property and rented the building to Hans Geerling and his partner. "We sold the molds to a group down at the coast," he said, "but I don't think they ever did anything with them."

In the years since Wade retired, he would be at most of RCYC's parties and made our 4th of July celebrations brighter with another year celebrated. Sitting here now looking at a picture of Smoothie, I am thankful for knowing Wade and being able to talk with him about my 36. I will miss the excitement I saw in his eyes when he talked about Cascades. Thank you, Wade, for the memories, past and future.



Wade & daughter, Mary, sailing in BVI 1996

A Thank You from Mary Jacobs

Wade's daughter, Mary, said, "Thanks so much for the kind words and thoughts! It's been quite a whirlwind lately. Many RCYC members have sent cards. Please put a "Thank You" from me for everyone's kindness in the next Foghorn, I would like to thank all those who have expressed condolences. He was quite a guy and I will surely miss him but can hardly complain about a 'run' of 104 years!"

Mary said Wade didn't want a memorial service, so none is planned. We can do something simple at the Club next July 4th celebration. In addition, Mary said, "I was a 'member' of RCYC before I was walking, so it's had a fond place in our hearts."

CJ Volesky has been discussing with members what might be a proper memorial for Wade. One idea high on the suggestion list is to put a bench dedicated to Wade up in the parking area, overlooking the moorage. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please contact CJ to discuss them.



Wade with daughter, Mary, Mary Ann Cairns & Marianne Roberts

From the Rear

Matt Richard, Rear Commodore

The Board is considering some important topics in the next couple of months that need member input concerning the Clubhouse and patio floats. As you may know we have a committee researching the state of the support structure underneath the Clubhouse. There were three proposals presented to the Board at the December meeting.

The first proposal is to professionally replace the shims and blocking between the float logs and the existing wood stringers, and shift the securing cables to the float logs and off the stringers, at a cost of \$11,120.00 plus flotation.

The second proposal is to perform all of Proposal 1 plus the replacement of the wood stringers at each end of the Clubhouse with new steel stringers at a cost of \$27,475.00 plus flotation.

The third proposal is to perform Proposal 1 plus the replacement of all the wood stringers with new steel ones for \$48,975.00 plus flotation. Although Proposal 3 sounds like a responsible long term solution there is concern about the existing state of the rest of our 66 year old Clubhouse and its ability to accommodate our needs.

Do we want to make such a big investment to a structure that may not be meeting our needs in the years to come, or should we take a less expensive approach which would serve us for the next fifteen to twenty years?

Also under consideration is a possible replacement for the floating patio. The PT Boat Club has a 55' x 45' float made of concrete, foam and steel that they are considering to sell. This float would provide a lot of wide open area for Club activities but at the same time would require the loss of the three small slips immediately adjacent to the patio off Walk 2. We are seeking ideas on what we would do with such a float. If this proposal moves forward we will form an exploratory committee to evaluate the possibilities. But for now what are your ideas or concerns for such a development?

The Board has decided to make this information available to the membership and is seeking your input. A discussion was held at the December General meeting and we will have another round of dialogue at the January General meeting. The Board needs to hear from the membership to guide us to a possible decision in February, at least as far as the stringer work is concerned. It is now time to make your voice heard.

One more thing - I had a great year as your Commodore, thanks to all the help I received. I look forward to serving you in 2019 as your Rear Commodore!



INSURANCE REMINDER

Gary Whitney, RCYC Insurance Tracker

The New Year is upon us and it's time to send in your Insurance DECLARATIONS PAGE when you renew your policy. Some of you have been great and have sent in a copy each time your insurance company has sent you the notice. Then there are the others that have not sent anything, even though they have been sent reminders. There are nine that are past due and whose names may be referred to the Board for action.

Moorage Rules, Section 4b states what the insurance MUST include and that "Each member shall annually provide a copy of the declarations page." This is the page that summarizes the insurance coverage, not a proof of insurance card. Paragraph "c" states "Failure to provide insurance information in a timely manner will result in a referral to the Board."

Send to: RCYC.insurance@gmail.com -Or-
Insurance Tracker
C/O Rosecity Yacht Club
3737 NE Marine Drive
Portland, OR 97211



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

Recent strong winds caused one boat to break a dock line and another boat to lose its dock box into the river. Both events ended happily; although, the contents of the recovered box were not well preserved.

If you moor on Walks 2 through 4, please use the tie-down loops on the inside of the triangle. If any of the screws holding the triangle down have loosened, please tighten them.

Walk 1 boats have sometimes put a screw eye in the "ice wall" to tie to; and, on Walk 5 you will need to gently pry up the heavy concrete triangle and thread a line under the frame. I did this for the tie-down to our box.

I recently retired (to the trash) one of our lines that had chafed through one of its three nylon strands. The replacement now has chafe guard material on it. If you wish to look at this, our boat is at Slip 23 on Walk 5. I also have doubled up the lines for the winter.

Dredging is winding up this month, and a lot of sand is piled up on our east lot. There will be trucks working to remove it, with no fixed schedule. So, leave plenty of room for them to work, and if they are there, do not park on the south side of the median.

On December 18, a lost winch cover was found, blown into the river from a boat on Walk 4. Check all of your canvas regularly, and check all your lines and fenders.



Moving Mt Rose City

It takes a village to move the dredge pipe!



Cruising Corner

Chris & Ally Richard, Cruise Chairs

While we wait for the 2019 Cruise Schedule to be released (insert the Jeopardy theme song here), let's chat about some other events.

New Year's Day Soup and Sail is a wonderful event to help start off the year. Members get together for a quick trip up to Portland Yacht Club then return to the Clubhouse for some hot, delicious soup! Please keep the Soup and Sail in mind when thinking about what to do on New Year's Day!

(The final notes of the Jeopardy theme play out...) Ok... ummmm.... We're still waiting for the schedule to be officially released, but have heard that our dates have been approved, so let's keep everything lightly penciled in your calendar! Also remember that these are subject to change...

March 23-26 Coon Island
April 26- 28 Bartlett Landing (Government Island East Dock)
May 24- 27 Schwitter Landing (Government Island West Dock)
June 21- 23 Hadley's Landing
July 20- 27 Lazy Days Downriver Cruise
20@ Martin Island
21@ Walker Island
22@ Cathlamet
23-24@ Astoria West Basin
25@ Cathlamet
26@ Walker Island
27@ Martin Island
Aug 9 - 11 Pirates' Cruise—Schwitter Landing (Government Island West Dock)
Aug 30- Sept 2 Beacon Rock (Labor Day Weekend)
Sept 13 - 15 River Place
October 4-6 Bartlett Landing (Government Island East Dock)



As you can see, we added a Spring Break Cruise in March! With Ally being a teacher, we thought to ourselves "Hey, why don't we make a cruise for Spring Break?" We checked out a few school schedules and decided upon March 23-26 for a quick trip to Coon Island. Now, all we need to hope for is wonderful weather! So, while we wait for the super official approval of the 2019 Cruising Schedule, enjoy your holiday and we will see you out on the river.

RCYC Upcoming Meetings & Events

January

1	Soup & Sail	9:00 am
7	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
11	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
14	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
16	RCYC Gen Mtg	7:00 pm
18	February Foghorn Deadline	
21	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am

February

2	Commodores Ball	6:00 pm
4	Knauti Knitters	10:00 am
8	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
9	New Members Orient	9:00 am
11	RCYC Board Mtg	7:00 pm
18	March Foghorn Deadline	
20	RCYC General Mtg	7:00 pm
23	Board-Roberts Rules	9:00 am
25	Opening Day Planning	6:00 pm

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

Need something added to the calendar? Contact Vice Commodore CJ Volesky cjroxs08@gmail.com