

Commodore: Chuck Pennington

Vice Commodore: CJ Volesky

Secretary: Mike Finch

March 2019



From the Helm

Chuck Pennington, Commodore

My First Mate and I would like to extend our gratitude to all those who helped make this year's Commodore's Ball a success. I know there were many people working furiously behind the scenes without fanfare or personal recognition to help make this special event possible. Please accept my special thanks to you all, and to Dave and Marili Reilly, who planned the entire event. Dave and Marili, you are truly a class act.



Chuck and Sue Pennington, our Commodore and First Mate



Matt Richard presenting Golden Hammer Award to Ron Moran

Activities Chair Lisa Petersen is in the process of organizing Friday night trivia/game nights at the Club. Please check the calendar and come and enjoy the fun. The next game/trivia night is Friday the 22nd at 7:00PM, which will have passed by the time you read this Foghorn. Lisa has also expressed the need for volunteers to help her with organizing activities. If you are interested, please give Lisa a call as she would most definitely appreciate the help. Also, check the calendar for Saturday night music/jam night hosted by Tod Bassham. If you are musically inclined or want to sing along, come and enjoy the fun. Everyone is welcome to attend and take a seat, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy the music. Check for dates and times on the web calendar.

Lots of activities await us for March. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

2019 Officers: Matt Richard (Rear Commodore), Judy Oxborrow (Treasurer), Mike Finch (Secretary), CJ Volesky (Vice Commodore), Chuck Pennington (Commodore) and Directors Tod Bassham, Julie Schumann, Dennis Annotti, Gareth Tabor and Carl Corey



RCYC Happenings

March 2019

- 2 Work Party, 9:00am
- 4 Knauti Knitters & Krafters, 10:00am
- 9 Saturday Night Music Jam, 6:30pm
- 10 Knot Tying Educational Class, 10:00am
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Party, 5:00pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters & Krafters, 10:00am
- 20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 22-24 Coon Island Cruise
- 23 RCYC Frostbite Regatta,
Clubhouse Social, 6:00pm
- 30 Work Party, 9:00am

April 2019

- 1 Knauti Knitters & Krafters, 10:00am
- 6 Walk 3 Barbecue, 5:00pm
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13 New Member Orientation, 9:00am
- 13 Saturday Night Music Jam, 6:30pm
- 15 Knauti Knitters & Krafters, 10:00am
- 17 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Work Party, 9:00am
- 23 Opening Day Planning Meeting, 7:00pm
- 26-28 Bartlett Landing Cruise
- 27 Rivers West Small Craft Annual Meeting,
6:00pm

- Check the website for updated Club dates, the Foghorn, and more information about RCYC. rosecityyachtclub.org.

Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds the darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it.

Terry Pratchett



Secretary's Update

Mike Finch, Secretary

At the February Board Meeting, board members interviewed prospective member Chris Sheesley. Chris currently owns a Paceship 23 and is in the process of purchasing a Morgan 32.

As of this writing, new member Arnie Polk was sworn in at the February General Membership meeting. Prospective members Toby Elliott and Chris Sheesley were introduced and will be voted on at the March Board meeting. Please extend a warm RCYC welcome when you see them on the docks.

From the Rear

Matt Richard, Rear Commodore

The annual RCYC Commodore's Ball at the Riverside Golf and Country Club was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by 112 members and guests. We honored, in style, new Commodore Chuck and First Mate Sue, and all the other Officers and Directors. A big thank you goes out to Dave and Marili for all their hard work to organize this year's grand event.

For next year, we will be changing the venue as we return to the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. Riverside has done a great job over the last several years, but we have been offered special pricing at the Edgewater going forward and we're going to give it a try.

Did you know there's a Club cruise in March? Well there is, and it's headed to Coon Island on the weekend of March 22nd - 24th in celebration of Spring Break. This is what happens when a school teacher is Cruise Chair (along with her husband). Ally needs a break, so come celebrate the beginning of Spring Vacation and bring hot chocolate! That same weekend is the RCYC Frostbite Regatta, so there's lots to do, and as the name implies, you'll need hot chocolate for that event too! Enjoy!

First Work Party of the Year is on Saturday, March 2nd,

a little more than a month away. The first work party is when we turn the water back on, recommission the pump-out and shower, and start getting the Club ready for Spring and Summer.

If you haven't already signed up for the work party, please sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/UfgMjPO9MQluHmpc2>

If you're interested in cooking for a work party or learning how to lead a work party, please email me.

Rick Samuels,
Work Party Chair and Resident Member



Vice Commodore's Report

CJ Volesky, Vice Commodore

Our first work party will be March 2nd; the next scheduled work party is March 30th. Rick Samuels is our Work Party Chair. Look for his emails and reminder in this Foghorn and remember to sign up. Signing up for the work party helps in planning food for lunch and makes it easier to plan supplies and tasks. However, drop-ins are always welcome.

If you notice something at the Club that needs work party attention, please add it to the Work Party "To Do List" kept by the Work Hours Log outside the restrooms. Keep in mind that each member family is required to contribute a minimum of 12 work hours, six of which need to be in the first half of the year. Work parties are the best way to log those hours. Already this year, members have contributed close to 1000 hours worked. Great job.

The Work Hours Log is kept on a clipboard outside the men's restroom. Be sure to log any and all work hours on this log. **This log is NOT scrap paper that you can tear a piece off for your personal needs. This is an official record that is kept and put into our archives.**



It makes it very hard to keep this archive together when pages are missing pieces and in odd shapes.

Lastly, I want to thank all those who go above and beyond the required 12 hours. We have members who already have logged over 60 hours, more than five times the required amount for the year. In addition, I know for a fact that a lot of hours do not make it onto the log. Wow, great job!

See you on the water.

Racing Report

Tod Bassham

Here's the latest in RCYC racing news:

Three RCYC members, Rene Emch, Karen Feulner, and Yours Truly, crewed on Flying Tigers 7.5 in the 2019 St. Petersburg National Offshore One-Design race in Florida, winning third place after three days of racing, against nine boats, some of them professionally crewed. Nice going, guys!



Registration on sailpdx.org is open for the RCYC Frostbite Regatta, March 23rd, the opening race of the racing season. Free to members! Volunteers are needed to help with the social BBQ post-race.

Finally, rumor has it that as many as six RCYC boats may participate in the Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race in May, racing from Astoria to Victoria, including two, or maybe three, boats in cruising class. What a great way of getting your boat up to the Sound!

RCYC Members, you have mail:

The Club now has an Evite on-line invitation system for all major Club events.

This invite process will help us get a handle on the number of attendees to Walk parties & Club functions including St. Patrick's Day, Opening Day & the 4th of July.

By RSVP'ing you will help planners understand how many people are attending so we can purchase the correct amount of food, etc. We hope this will eliminate waste and improve our party budgeting and planning.

Please watch for emails from a new address - RCYCpartyevite@gmail.com. Evites will be sent to all listed member emails, so please ensure couples/families only **respond once** so we don't double up on attendees.

Cheers & hope to see many of your Evite replies!

Lisa Petersen, Activities Chair

Commodore's Ball 2019



MC Marili Reilly



Matt Richard celebrating his parting gift (handheld VHF radio) for outstanding job as Commodore last year

Our Past Commodores were presented during the March of the Commodores



Laurel and Larry Roberts starting off the March of the Commodores as most senior Past Commodore present



Matt and Laura Richard, Dave and Marili Reilly, Laurel and Larry Roberts.



Oscar Hendrickson



Chuck Fisher, John and Jan Dees, Doug and JoNell McClary, Vickie Nissen Stringfield and Tom Stringfield



Cathy Skach, Ron Moran, Wendy Woodward, Tod and Deedie Bassham, Julie and Mike Schumann, Tom Skach



Madeline Muller, Patrick Burns, Eric Parker, Diane Shiner, Steve and Lisa Petersen, Melissa Bears, Sherry Buchanan



Gary Whitney, Linda Shaw, Fran and Pat O'Bryant, Susan and Chris Dorn, Tony and Ruby Zuccatti



Tony Bacon, James and DeAnn VanNess, Negar and Max Heckscher, Mike and Karen Finch, Bernie Bacon



Dave and Marili Reilly, Dennis and Brenda Annotti, Deborah Arden and Jon Geffen, Laura Richard



Craig Cordon, Dawn McClard, William Schuldt, Liv and Bill Ormond, John Sunseri, Don Belshaw, Patti Cordon



Rick and Liz Samuels, David and Karen Shepherdson, Gareth Tabor, Larry and Laurel Roberts, Oscar Hendrickson



Bob Phillips, Willa Ralphs, Jim Clark, Anita Melbo, Richard Sandefur, Patti and Smoke Fischer, Leslie Phillips

BoatUS

Did you know that Rose City YC is a cooperating group member of BoatUS? Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatUS dues of \$30.00 – only \$15.00 a year! If you're already a BoatUS member, you can renew your membership at the low \$15.00 rate. For information about BoatUS benefits, check out their website: www.BoatUS.com.

BoatUS Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips, or repairs at more than 600 marinas. Locally, Rocky Point Marina on Multnomah Channel offers fuel and repair discounts.
- Low cost, high protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- On-the-water towing, with your choice of service levels – from \$50 per incident (free with membership) up to unlimited service – provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatUS.
- BoatUS Magazine – a full year's subscription is included with membership.
- Rebates on purchases at West Marine

If you were thinking about joining and just didn't get around to it, now is the time. Membership applications are available on line at the above website, or contact me for more information. If you are renewing your BoatUS Membership, be sure to mention Rose City YC and our Co-op group #GA84669Y to get the special \$15.00 rate.

This is not be construed as an endorsement of BoatUS by Rose City YC or its officers. However, more than sixty RCYC members have taken advantage of this Co-op group rate.

Alan Bergen, BoatUS Coordinator



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

It's been a mild winter in Portland, so far. I finally did winterize our engine, but that may not have been necessary. I heard that the wind and rain removed one hatch canvas cover on another boat.

Heading into spring, there are one or two openings on the dinghy racks. Put a durable name plaque on your spot, whether you have used that spot historically, or are just now claiming it.

After I replaced one chafed dock line, I wrapped some heavy cloth chafing material around the replacement line where it passes over the deck edge. After recently acquiring a little "fender hand pump", our fenders no longer have their cold weather dent in the sides. You could perhaps use a football inflation needle and our shop compressor, but one little error and you will blow a rip in a \$50 fender. You want enough pressure to make the sides straight, but not enough to put a bulge in the middle.

We have a several open slips for boats around 30 feet long and under 9 feet wide. Members with large boats will need to wait longer for openings on Walks 1, 2, and 5.

The spring moorage inspection by the Commodore will happen soon. If you have not applied your new registration stickers, get them attached. Do not put this off. The River Patrol Deputy that recently visited us pointed out that the fine for lapsed or missing stickers is about \$100. Besides, having them on your boat is a requirement to moor a boat here. It is just that simple.

Insurance is also required, and you need to send a copy of your Declarations page to our insurance coordinator, Gary Whitney, at a special address for this purpose. Email to Gary at: RCYC.insurance@gmail.com

Pressure water on all the headwalks should be back on by the end of our first March work party, and then the dirt and mold of winter can be washed off.

Fair winds, Loren



Local Government Presents Potential Laws for River Use

As the new year and new legislative session gets underway, our local officials are mulling over some potential rules and regulations for our waterways. The Columbia River Yachting Association is keeping an eye on the following issues and bills that could impact boaters like RCYC members.

The City of Portland is presenting their plan for updating the [1987 Willamette River Greenway Plan](#). The original plan, drafted back in the days of Mayor Bud Clark, set an ambitious goal to restore natural habitat and to increase public access to the banks and waterway.

Now the City is looking at the plan with renewed interest as they begin work on what is called the "River Plan/South Reach Project". This new plan will include updating the original Greenway Plan policies and regulations for the South Reach of the Willamette River (Ross Island Bridge to Dunthorpe). The new plan could include:

- Regulations on development near the riverbanks
- Reevaluating river floodplains and prioritizing projects to reclaim and restore those areas

It's possible that the River Plan could include regulations for recreational boaters. You can read more about the plan, and share your thoughts with the City's planners, [online](#).

Meanwhile, down in Salem, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB, which also oversees the Columbia River) is presenting a few bills to the legislature.

- **HB 2351**: Authorizes OSMB to adopt special regulations to protect shoreline in the Willamette River Greenway
 - Translation: Lawmakers could decide that it's in the state's best interest to reduce or limit motorboat access to parts of the Willamette River in an effort to help with the restoration and protection of natural habitat

- **HB 2352**: Creates a towed watersports program
 - A new boater registration program geared toward owners of towed motorboats that includes hefty fines for violators
- **SB 47**: Waterway access account
 - Kayakers, canoeists, and rowboat enthusiasts, this one's for you: Requires anyone operating a nonmotorized boat to have a waterway access permit, but would eliminate the need for an invasive species permit.
- **HB 2080**: Updates OSMB fees, including your boater registration fee

If you'd like to learn more about what the OSMB has in store this year, Director Warren gave an agency overview to the House Natural Resources Committee in which he covered all of the bills the Marine Board will introduce this year. See his presentation [online](#).

Thoughts? Concerns? Please feel free to share your reactions to these proposed bills with your local government official. You can also share your thoughts with me, your CRYA representative, and I'll pass your feedback along to the CRYA board so they know exactly which issues RCYC members are passionate about.

Colleen Moran,
colleenmoran@me.com



Laura and Matt Richard

OPENING DAY IS COMING, MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 4th, is Opening Day. Plan on joining your friends at RCYC to celebrate the official start of the 2019 boating season. There will be a flag ceremony in the morning followed by a boat parade. The boat parade is the main event, and you'll want to be part of it.

To participate in the boat parade, you need to:

- Wash your boat
- Decorate your boat with red, white, and blue flags. If you don't have flags, Terry Foren and Ships Stores will have flags for sale.
- Join the parade

The parade does require advanced seamanship. You need to be able to motor in a straight line for 500 yards. I think all members of RCYC can do this perfectly adequately. Chuck Pennington, our Commodore on the S/V *Puffin*, will be leading us this year.

This is a fun event where the local yacht clubs celebrate the start of a safe boating season. Make it a part of your boating year.

Thanks, Bill Kramer

RCYC Opening Day Fleet Captain



CJ and Roxana Volesky

Educational Event

Ethan VanMatre, Education Chair



Sailing Knots, Knots, Knots, Knots...

SUNDAY • MARCH 10TH • 10:00 AM • RCYC CLUBHOUSE

As sailors and boaters, we use various lines and depend on attaching those lines with knots. Being able to efficiently tie the correct knot for a specific application is a hallmark of a "Salty Dog", and a worthy goal.

It is intended that this event be lightly structured with an emphasis on helping each other learn to tie common and not so common knots. We will be teaching each other and start out with a brief introduction to line types, tools, and such.

The first hour is very beginner friendly. We will focus on the 7 essential knots for sailors outlined in the SAIL magazine article listed below, and will likely cover other common knots as time allows. This is your chance to get some hands-on help tying these knots if you are

less familiar tying them than you would like. If you know how to tie them, do come by and lend a hand for those who need a little guidance. Bring a 6' or so piece of 3/8" line to practice with. Double Braid is best.

The second portion will focus on tying soft shackles made from AmSteel Blue (Dyneema SK75 HMPE) and tied with a Button Knot. If you want to tie a few soft shackles, bring a length of 1/4" or 3/16" Amsteel line. If we have time we will take a look at the Bimini Twist and Worm Knot for fishing.

[7 Sailing Knots](#)

[Soft Shackles for Headsails](#)

[Splicing Guide](#)

[Bimini Twist](#)

[Worm Knot](#)



Pam Corey, Kathy Beach and Gib Colistro



Laurel and Larry Roberts, Deedie and Tod Bassham



Laura Richard, Julie Schumann, Cathy Skach



Mike Schumann, Bob Gales, Gail O'Neill and Julie Schumann

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