

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

May 2019



From the Helm

Chuck Pennington, Commodore

Welcome to new members Steve and Cindy Moran, and Kelly Brown and Susan Applegate who were sworn in at the April 17th General Meeting. Also, former member Jim Calnon is rejoining RCYC along with his wife Liza. Let's extend a warm welcome to them all.

All new members are encouraged to participate in the opening day festivities as it is a great way to meet other members and enjoy the social activities.

Opening Day is just around the corner on May 4th starting at 11:00 a.m. Bill Kramer will be Fleet Captain, organizing the flotilla of boats. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. followed by a BBQ on the patio. Gareth Tabor and his band have graciously offered to play for a couple of hours. Enjoy the festivities and have a safe boating season.



Container Garden group of Sue Pennington, Karol Cushenbery, Laura Richard, Kathleen Moss and Willa Ralphs putting the final touches on the Spring flower planting.

RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

May

- 4 Opening Day, 10:00 am
- 6 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 11 Work Party 9:00 am
- 11 Saturday Night Jam 6:30 pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 General Meeting - Alison Mazon Speaker, 7:00 pm
- 16 Ladies Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- 19 Marine Electrical 101, 10:00 am
- 20 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 24-27 Memorial Day Cruise - Schwitter Landing

June

- 3 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 8 Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Single Handed Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- 15 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:00 pm
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 July/Aug Foghorn Deadline
- 19 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21-23 Hadley's Landing Cruise
- 22 RCYC Medium Distance Race, Clubhouse Social, 6:00 pm

• Check the website for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC. Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC website: www.rosecityyachtclub.org.



Secretary's Salutations

By Mike Finch, Secretary

No prospective members appeared before the Board at the April meeting. I don't recall this happening in a while.

At the General Meeting, however, Past Commodore Terry Foren swore in new members, Steve and Cindy Moran, and Kelly Brown and Susan Applegate.

Jim Calnon and his wife Liza are rejoining the club after a two-and-a-half-year absence.

Please give them a warm RCYC welcome when you see them around the club.

Moorage matters

By Loren Beach

It has been a quiet couple of months for boat moves. The larger boats on our waiting list will likely have to wait at least six more months for a slip, give or take. The openings that we have now will only fit smaller boats, under 30 feet in length and less than 9 feet of beam. Having said that, changes and vacancies can often occur with little notice.

If you know some small boat sailors please invite them in and give them a tour. I doubt that many of them know all the advantages of bringing their families into a secure facility like ours with all of its amenities.

Vice Commodore's Report

By CJ Volesky

Work hours are coming in – we've tallied 1,216 so far. However, there are still 61 memberships that do not have the required work hours for the first half of 2019. There are still two work parties scheduled for this half of the year. In addition, you can contact Rick Samuels to get assigned tasks outside the work parties.

The "Smoking Ban" survey is now closed. I will report on the results once the data has been tabulated. Thanks to all those who took the survey.

It has come to our attention that some members have been giving their keycard to vendors/persons who do not have a card. The rules do not allow this. If a person who is not authorized to have a keycard is found with one, the card can be taken and the person will have to leave the moorage. The person whose card is taken will then need to come before the Board in order to get the card back.

Vendors can come before the Board and ask for a card of their own. If approved the vendor will receive their own card or access code. This is important because the Board needs to make sure the vendor has the proper insurance, etc. to operate at RCYC. Also, it is every member's responsibility to keep an eye out for violations of Club policies.

Spring is here and with that comes Club clean up and repairs. However, the best part is, with the improved weather our time spent on the river increases. Therefore, remember to think about safety while on or around the river. Don't forget to wear your lifejackets and tell your guests to put one on. Being safe on the river will make your summer memorable in the right way. Smooth Sailing!

Welcome New Members



New members Susan Applegate and Kelly Brown



New members Steve and Cindy Moran

Racing Report

By Tod Bassham

The moment we've all been breathlessly waiting for—the start of the racing season—is finally here. Check out these exciting events:

SYSCO Spring Series starts Tuesday/Thursday April 23/25, and runs for five weeks. This is basic, wholesome around-the-buoy racing for those needing a weekday racing fix.

CYC Oregon Offshore, May 8-12. Four club boats, including two offshore newbies, are taking the offshore challenge of racing from Astoria to Victoria, B.C., 190 nautical miles. For some it is the adventure of a lifetime, for others, a fun way to get your boat up to the northern cruising grounds for a long summer.

SYSCO Grow-the-Sport Tuesday/Thursday May 7-9. Help introduce sailing to the next generation. Sign your boat up for this free, one-night casual race, and show some new sailors what they've been missing.

ISC Pirate Night Beer Can Race, May 18. All beer cans this year have themes (the themes for the RCYC beer cans in June and July will be Fly Your Flags, and Rum-Run, respectively). This kickoff to the beer can season is pirate-themed. Appropriate dress and flags required, but try to refrain from looting and burning.



Chef Ruby Zuccatti prepares a delicious lunch of homemade calzone and fresh tossed salad at the April 20th work party.

RCYC Educational Event - Marine Electrical 101

By Ethan VanMatre

Join us Sunday, May 19th, at 10 am to noon at the Clubhouse for a gentle introduction to Marine Electrical Systems. The first hour or so will be learning "how" electricity works and how to use a multimeter to measure it. Do bring a multimeter if you have one. We will spend the time between talking and hands on measurements and explorations of electrical circuits. Even if you never touched a multimeter before this will be your chance to learn the basics. The last half of the event can be spent exploring electrical system topics that you, the participants, are interested in. If you know electricity in and out please also do come to help out and share your knowledge. One resource well worth having is Nigel Calder's book - Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual.



Pansy gracing Lady Louise

Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your titled articles and photos to: rcycfoghorn@gmail.com

EDITORS: Judy Oxborrow, Janice Choy-Weber, Sheri Lee

GRAPHICS: Vickie Nissen, Rhonda Boguslawski, Cathy Skach

PHOTOGRAPHERS: All Club Members with cameras!

Reciprocal Reminders

Tom and Cathy Nelson, RCYC Reciprocal Co-chairs

As spring heads toward summer our thoughts are turning to cruising, not just in Oregon, but north into Washington State and British Columbia. One of the enjoyable things to do when cruising beyond our local area is to seek out yacht clubs which have reciprocity with Rose City Yacht Club. If you are heading north, RCYC has 62 reciprocal clubs in Washington and 19 in B.C. Most of the clubs are free for one or two nights and charge a nominal fee for shore power. These clubs, plus clubs in Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii, are listed on pages 94 and 95 in our 2019 Yearbook-- keep a copy onboard. Also, when visiting reciprocal clubs, be sure to always fly our burgee and have your 2019 membership card with you.

A website that we find most useful during our cruising is: www.yachtdestinations.org. By using this website, you can determine which reciprocal clubs are nearby as well as glean considerable information about each club.

When you are in the Puget Sound/Seattle area a fun experience is to transit the Ballard Locks and go into Lake Union, Portage Bay, and Lake Washington. RCYC has a number of reciprocal clubs within this area. If you have never gone through the locks, google "Navigating the Ballard Locks with Capt. Gerry Santillan". It's a 12-minute video which explains how to transit both the large lock and the small lock.

Finally, if you haven't gone north before, a very helpful cruising reference book is the "Waggoner Cruising Guide" which covers, in detail, an area from Olympia, WA. to Ketchikan, AK.

As you travel this summer please let us know if you find any discrepancies with our yearbook listings or discover a new club that would be interested in a reciprocal membership.

Have a great summer cruising!



Do These Four Things Now To Help Ensure a Summer of Safe Boating

BoatUS Foundation tips are free or low-cost

Boatyards, marinas and clubs are waking up after a long winter's nap and boaters have begun preparing their vessels for the season. Just as the boat needs to be looked at and readied for a summer of fun, so does your safety. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water says that doing these four free or low-cost items now will help ensure a summer of safe boating.

1. Get a free Vessel Safety Check: Where else can you ask a professional to go over your boat to ensure it's safe and has all the required safety equipment? And if the boat is not up to snuff, you won't be penalized in any way and will instead get some welcome, friendly advice on how to improve. That's what a Vessel Safety Check does, so schedule a Vessel Safety Check now. Just call club member Rick Samuels at (503) 799-4255. Vessel Safety Checks are completely free and you may be surprised by what they find.
2. Register your DSC-VHF Radio to get your MMSI number: Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios can greatly reduce rescuer response times – but only if you have taken the time to register the radio and request your vessel's unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. If it's not registered, or if it's still registered to the prior boat owner, you're not helping yourself and you could likely waste valuable response time in an emergency. BoatUS offers DSC VHF radio registration to the public for \$25 or free to BoatUS members. If you're not a BoatUS member, you can join at the group rate of fifteen dollars. Our Cooperative Group number is GA84669Y
3. Inspect and prep your life jackets: Inflatable life jackets need to be opened up every season to ensure they are in good shape. Regular (noninflatable) life jackets need to be brought out of hiding, inspected, and placed in locations aboard the boat that make it very easy for passengers to access. Life jackets are no good (and not legal) if they are buried at the bottom of a storage compartment and not "readily available."
4. Take a free boating safety course: The numbers don't lie. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that 81 percent of boating fatalities occur on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Recognize the upshot of these statistics and get instruction now at BoatUS.org/Free. The free online BoatUS Foundation state boating safety course easily fits into busy schedules, allowing course takers to stop at any time and pick up again later where they left off. It could also earn your state's boating safety certification. BoatUS membership is not required.

Buying Boat Insurance: The Fine Print

Submitted By Alan Bergen

As boat owners prep for the season, it's time to dust off the boat's insurance policy and grab a magnifying glass to read the fine print. Unlike auto or homeowner's insurance, recreational boat insurance has distinct coverages that can perplex boaters and leave them scratching their heads. What do you need to know? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) takes a look at the fine print on six of the most important coverages.

The consequential damage fine print: Half of all sinkings occur at the dock when some small part below the waterline fails. However, these parts – an outdrive bellows, for example – most often fail due to “wear, tear, and corrosion” or a lack of maintenance, so the policy won't pay for a new outdrive bellows. But here's the rub: As a consequence of the failed bellows, your boat has sunk and is likely a total loss. Who pays for that? That's why you need “consequential damage” coverage that pays for losses that often start with a failed part that may be excluded under the policy. The small, inexpensive part that failed may not be covered, but most importantly, the rest of the repairs or total loss will be. One caveat: this consequential damage coverage often applies only to specific types of losses, for example, the immediate consequential damage resulting from any fire, explosion, sinking, demasting, collision or stranding.

The fuel-spill liability fine print: In addition to your policy's standard liability coverage for physical damage or bodily injury to a third party, fuel-spill liability protects you from claims for cleanup or third-party damage due to the accidental discharge of oil or fuel that can occur in a sinking, fire, collision, or grounding. Some policies only pay the costs associated with a fuel spill up to the policy's set limit of boating liability coverage. A better policy separates out fuel-spill liability and provides coverage up to the maximum amount you can be held liable for under federal law, which today is a whopping \$939,800.

The on-water towing fine print: Many boat insurance policies offer some kind of on-water towing endorsement that provides a level of towing and assistance for routine breakdowns or soft ungroundings. Know how you will be able to use that coverage: Who provides the service? Does the company have 24-hour dispatch service to call for assistance? Is it easy to summon on-water help? Having an on-water towing endorsement or a stand-alone on-water towing membership
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plan could allow you to leave your credit card in your wallet, and you'll get priority towboat service.

The salvage coverage fine print: When fires, sinkings, shed-roof collapses, or running up on a shoal damages your boat, you end up with a “salvage” situation. If the boat is not a total loss and needs to be recovered and brought to a repair facility, costs can escalate quickly. Most boaters assume the cost of raising or moving the boat to a safe location is covered by their policy, but some marine insurers will subtract salvage costs from the insured value of the boat, reducing the funds available to repair the boat or the amount paid in the event of a total loss. Also, in case of a total loss, you'll receive a check for the boat's insured value, but to pay for salvage you may only have a small percentage, perhaps just 5 or 10 percent of the insured value, to pay for recovering the boat which may not cover the salvage bill. That leaves your wallet short and you managing a potentially complex task. Better policies don't let you go it alone and provide salvage coverage that is separate but equal to the boat's hull value coverage.

The boat trailer fine print: Not all boat insurance policies automatically provide boat trailer coverage, so be sure to check. Also find out if there are geographic limits on where you may trailer the boat. Note that if you have an accident while towing, it is your boat policy that pays to repair or replace the trailer, but any third-party damage your trailer causes to property or injuries to people is covered under your auto policy.

The liability-only boat policy fine print: If you opt for a liability-only policy, make sure that it provides not only coverage for property damage and bodily injury to others but also coverage for salvage and removal of the wreck, and that separate coverage is available for fuel-spill incidents.

Need some help? The marine insurance specialists at BoatUS can help you review your current policy by calling 800-283-2883 and also offer free quotes at BoatUS.com/Insurance.



Ladies' Dinner

- Ladies' Dinner is May 16, 2019, so don't delay on getting your reservations in.
- John Flenniken still needs 4-5 waiters for the late shift. Please contact John if you can help out.

Thank you to everyone who is helping with this event. Every effort is appreciated. RCYC is a great club and our activities are more fun because of the participation.



Rose City Yacht Club's Ladies Dinner
"GARDEN ON THE RIVER"

Our Menu

- Hors d'oeuvre Assorted Cheeses with Baguettes and Vegetables
- Garden Supreme Green Salad
- Salmon with Aioli Sauce *or*
- Portobello Mushroom Tower (vegetarian option)
- Wild Rice Pilaf
- Asparagus with a Light Garlic Glaze
- New York Cheese Cake with Fresh Raspberries
- Coffee (wine and soft drinks will be available)
- Raffle Items and a Grand Prize Drawing

May 16, 2019
Happy Hour 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM

Reservation deadline May 8, 2019
Guest clubs are limited to 3 guests per club
Cost is \$28.00. Payment must be received by reservation deadline, May 8, 2019
Call or text JoNell for reservations at 503-891-9720



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