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Vice Commodore: CJ Volesky

Secretary: Mike Finch

June 2019



From the Helm

Chuck Pennington, Commodore

The month of May was certainly busy. Opening Day ceremonies were emceed by Ron Moran, flag raising was conducted by Portland based "City of Roses" Sea Scouts, and the invocation was presented by Frank Patrick. RCYC's entry in the parade was organized by Fleet Captain Bill Kramer, followed by a Club sponsored barbecue headed up by Lisa Petersen and crew. Gareth Tabor graciously offered to have his band, True North, perform for us, and I must say that it was very well received. Many thanks to everyone who helped make Opening Day a success.

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At the May Board Meeting, the board authorized the purchase of a wrought iron bench as a memorial to long time member, Wade Cornwell, who passed away last year at the age of 104. Wade's daughter, Mary, will dedicate the bench in her dad's honor at the 4th of July land cruise. In the near future, we will be having a plaque inscribed to denote Wade's long service to the Club.



Happenings around the Club include new gravel at the east end of the parking lot, along with an excavated area for the new concrete pad for the dumpsters. Carl Corey is leading the way on the forms for the concrete pad, while Pam is taking charge of reinforcing the base for the mast puller.

The next cruise in our calendar is the Memorial Day weekend cruise. Please note the recently announced location change as we will be heading up to Bartlett Landing (East Dock). Come and enjoy the Club outing with plenty of beach combing, bird watching, hiking, kayaking, socializing, etc. Hope you can make it.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

Summertime brings longer days. During the next few months, be alert for strangers attempting to access the Club docks. During a recent meeting, there was a group of four people found on the docks who were asked to leave. One of them said they were meeting someone at the Club, but when asked who, gave a fictitious name.

While some "visitors" just want to walk on a dock, others may be casing our property. Usually it is sufficient to remind strangers of the "no trespass" sign they ignored when they entered while our gate was open. If you feel threatened, call the police. Then call a Club officer and let them know what happened. If you see a resident, do tell them, also.

I am working on filling a couple of shorter slips this month from the list(s). Openings for larger boats remain elusive.

There is a lot of current through the moorage for the next month, so be careful when leaving or returning. Always keep the bow pointed slightly upstream.

Fair winds.



Vice Commodore's Report

CJ Volesky, Vice Commodore

Work hours are due. June 10th is the final day to report work hours for the first half of the year. The Club requires six hours be performed in each half of the year, for a total of 12 hours. After the 10th, all hours will count toward the 2nd half of 2019. This means that you will be charged for any hours that you are short of the required six hours. These hours are critical to our Club's health and appeal, and reduce our membership rates substantially. With labor rates being well above \$100 per hour, the cost to hire out this work would be substantial. A little help from us members goes a long way. I will send out a spread sheet soon with all hours recorded so you can check how many work hours you have.

The smoking ban survey results are in. Responses were as follows:

Total Ban: 49%

No Total Ban: 51%

(37% no ban, 14% partial ban)

63% were for some type of ban

This time of year, it is good to remind ourselves of the safety precautions we should observe to ensure a summer filled with good memories and not tragedy. Things can go wrong quickly, and that is not the time to try and implement safety measures. Trying to put on a life vest when already in the water and the life vest is on board is quite difficult to do. Like everyone, I sometimes suffer from "INGHTM" syndrome – "it's not going to happen to me" syndrome can... affect us all and can cause a person huge regrets, or at a minimum, lots of embarrassment when we get the Boner's bib. It is right up there along side "Hold my Beer" syndrome. So, let's help eradicate these preventable infirmities by thinking safety.

One last note for the summer, if you are going on a trip and drive to the Club, do not park on the east end of the parking lot. Park at the west end, away from the main traffic area. It is quite inconsiderate to park your vehicle right in front of the ramps for a week or more when you are going on an extended cruise or race. It is consideration for others that makes our Club the best Club in Portland.

See you on the water.



Secretary's Update

Mike Finch, Secretary

At the May Board Meeting, Directors and Officers interviewed Kathy Souhrada. She owns a 31' Hunter and is a member of the Oregon Women's Sailing Association. Kathy is looking forward to being active in Rose City Yacht Club functions.

At the General Meeting, Rear Commodore Matt Richard re-swore-in familiar faces, Jim Calnon and his wife Liza. Jim is a second-generation member who grew up sailing in RCYC. He owned **Katzenjammer** for many years and is now in the process of purchasing a J-120 in the East Coast.

Also, at the General Meeting, prospective member, Matteo Luccio 28.5, introduced himself and announced a "Sail and Swing" event at Bartlett Landing, aka, Government Island East Dock. Participants sail up to the island and then dance – some staying overnight. The event takes place on August 24th and there will be a flyer in Clubhouse. This is the same date as the Walk 5 Barbecue. So, I suppose members will have to choose between "walk" and "waltz".

Stay salty, my friends.



Alison Mazon, marine surveyor, gave a very informative presentation, DEATH BY OSMOSIS at the May General Meeting.

From the Rear

Matt Richard, Rear Commodore

This isn't the type of article we normally want to see in the Foghorn, but it's important the membership be informed of this long-term, frustrating, but hopefully soon-to-be ending situation. The Club has been the reluctant moorage for a past member's neglected sailboat for nearly two years, and although it was abandoned that long ago, this past month we have officially posted the boat as "Abandoned". We have attempted to notify the owner to come remove their boat several times in the past to no avail. With this one last notification, if the boat is not removed, we will take up action with the Oregon State Marine Board to obtain official title to the boat. Once the Club has the title, we will hold an auction to sell the boat. The auction will be open to members and any interested persons and is presently scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 29th at noon at the Club flagstaff.

The sailboat is an Ericson 25-Plus model designed by Bruce King, and according to our Moorage Chair and Port Captain, Loren Beach, "under all of that grime and neglect is actually a high-quality cruiser/racer". The successful bidder will have ten days to remove the boat from the moorage and will not be awarded title until such time it is evident the boat will actually depart the moorage.

The boat was moved from its slip at the end of Walk 3 to Walk 2a, Slip #2 so that it is easily available to potential bidders, and also close to the dewatering station should it need additional dewatering.

We looked into donating the boat to the Sea Scouts, but they are not taking in any boats at this time. So, if the boat is not sold, then the next action will be to part-out the boat, sell its usable salvaged components and then cut up and dispose of the hull. If you have any ideas or comments about the boat and this course of action, the Rear Commodore would be happy to hear from you.





RCYC Happenings

June

- 3 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 8 Coffeehouse Music Jam, 6:30 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Single-Handed Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- 15 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:00 pm
- 16 OCSA Race Event, 8:00 am
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 July/August Foghorn Deadline
- 19 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21-23 Hadley's Landing Cruise
- 22 RCYC Medium Distance Race, Clubhouse Social, 6:00 pm
- 29 Fly Your Flag Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm

July

- 1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 4 4th of July Land Cruise. Time TBA
- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 13 New Member Orientation, 9:00 am
- 15 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 17 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 No Foghorn Deadline (July & August combined)
- 20-28 Lazy Days Cruise
- 20 Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- 27 Rum Run Beer Can Race, 5:00 pm
- Check the website for updated Club dates, the Foghorn, and more information about RCYC. rosecityyachtclub.org.

OPENING DAY PARADE RESULTS

This year's Opening Day Parade saw blue, sun-filled skies and freshly washed RCYC boats decorated with brightly colored red, white, and blue pennants from Ships' Stores. The theme of this year's parade, "Let's Festival" was, as usual, open to interpretation amongst the participating clubs, but that didn't stop a few members from taking their boats out and joining the annual parade that marks the beginning of the boating season.

RCYC placed in five of the six competition categories for clubs with more than 60 members.

- Seamanship – third place
- Appearance – third place
- Best decorated boat – second place
- Best decorated club – second place
- Best overall club – third place

Thank you to all of our members who took part in our Opening Day festivities! If you didn't take your boat out for the parade this year, know that there's always room for you in next year's parade.

Colleen Moran

Memorial Weekend Location Change

From Schwitter Landing to Bartlett Landing





OPENING DAY!





Call for help to keep the fun a coming!

From: Lisa Petersen

To: Everyone-at -RCYC

Subject: Activities Committee Update

Your Activities Committee is comprised of volunteers that make events happen, but this year we only have 5 people and myself on the committee. 3 of these volunteers cruise for part of the year so we are often short of hands to help with planning, decorating, setup, food purchases and clean up.

I'd appreciate a few more members on the team – please email me at papillonmom11@gmail.com to join.

Our next event is the July 4th Land Cruise, if you would like to assist just with this event please contact me. It takes a team to make this happen & we do try to have as much fun as possible together, also there is wine for volunteers!

Cheers – Lisa Petersen, Activities Committee Chairperson





Bartlett Landing, April Cruise



RCYC Ladies' Dinner

Sue Pennington, First Mate

Our Ladies' Dinner was a magical event. The Clubhouse was decorated as a "Garden on the River," and it truly was. I may have picked the theme, but Fran O'Bryant and Linda Shaw designed the theme. Fran hand drew the flower vines and baskets, then she and Linda hand painted them. The ceiling adorned with flowered umbrellas and twinkling blue evening and white lights really was beautiful! The committee comprised of Patti Fischer, JoNell McClary, Jean Beaty, Jan Dees, Laura Richard, Renate Bittner, Roxana Alviar Volesky, Fran O'Bryant, and Linda Shaw worked together on Wednesday and Thursday to put it all together. Leslie Phillips was also present to help decorate the cupcakes on Wednesday afternoon with the committee.

Our garden is never complete until we have our gorgeous flower arrangements created by Laura Richard; the little garden boots with yellow and white daisies and ribbons decorated the front door. A moss chair also enhanced the entrance, and greeting guests at the bottom of the east ramp was a purple flower and vine draped bicycle. This all started with Vickie Nissen designing the invitations, Bernie Bacon writing our donation letter, and Janice Choy-Weber's help in editing both. There are so many people who contributed to this event; I'm sure I've missed someone. I thank you for your contribution and your effort, and I apologize if I've missed mentioning you.

As I mentioned before, the setting was magical, and the salmon dinner was simply delicious - it was the main event of the evening. I want to thank our chefs Rick Royce, Doug Macaben, and their staff for a lovely

dinner; John Flenniken and the wait staff, who served our dinner; Terry Foren for selecting the wine; and Gary Whitney and Pat O'Bryant our wine stewards who kept the wine flowing. Roxanna Alviar Volesky did an amazing job selling the wine tickets. The finale to our evening was the raffle drawing, and assisting with the drawing were the Daughters of Neptune: Alena Wells, Crystal Becerra, Parker Jellum, and Zoie Cochran. They were so helpful to keep the prizes coming and delivering them to the lucky winners. Thank you.

As our donation letter promised, we are publishing business cards of businesses that contributed to our raffle. Remember to mention RCYC when shopping at them. Please see the list on the following page.

Also, I want to thank the following who contributed raffle baskets:

- Judy Brandon
- Judy Oxborrow
- Nina Kramer
- Don Belshaw
- Karen Jacobson
- Larry Roberts
- Jan Dees
- Cathy Nelson
- Sue Pennington
- Linda Shaw
- Knauti Knitters
- Laura Richard
- Susan Dorn
- Fran O'Bryant & Dulan's Village Restaurant
- Jean Silver
- Kathy Kuhl
- Gareth Tabor
- Kathy Beach
- Natasha & Ethan VanMatre
- Oregon Dollhouse and Miniatures
- Wet Paints - Judy Stubb





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RCYC BOATS ROMP THE OFFSHORE

Four RCYC boats crossed the bar May 9th and turned their bows north, racing in the CYC Oregon Offshore from Astoria to Victoria, BC. All four will return with honor, taking first, second, or third in their respective divisions.

The Ericson 33 **Margaret** and skipper David Shepherdson took first place in the competitive PHRF B fleet, with a corrected time of 41:25:40. Taking third place in PHRF B was the well-experienced Alan Bergen and crew on the C&C 35 **Thirsty**, with a corrected time of 44:49:42. Thirsty would have finished higher in the rankings, but Alan wisely chose not to fly the spinnaker down the Strait, given the 20-knot winds, pea-soup fog, and heavy freighter traffic.

Not so wise was the crew of **Chinook**, a Beneteau Idylle 11.5 skippered by yours truly, who opted to fly the chute all the way down the Strait. **Chinook** took full advantage of the Cruising class rules, which allow four hours of "free" motoring, to zip up the coast in the light airs on Friday, reaching the mouth of the Strait just as the PHRF A-I leaders, including the 70-foot Rage, came blasting into the approaches and popped their chutes. Inspired, **Chinook** hoisted the light air spinny and chased after the leaders. As night fell, the wind increased and we swapped out for the 1.5 oz heavy air spinnaker. Then impenetrable fog descended, and we whomped along blind, staring at the AIS targets on the chartplotter and trying to stay clear of the shipping lanes. We opted not to try blindly sailing through Race Passage against the

ebb, and went the long way around. Then the wind shut off like a faucet, just as we exited the fog bank at dawn within two miles of the finish. A C&C 115 in PHRF A-I emerged from the fog on our tail, and we vowed to finish ahead of them if it meant paddling with the dinghy oars. After an hour of all-hands-on-deck ooching and scooching, a waft of wind took us across the line just ahead of the C&C. **Chinook** was the seventh boat to finish, taking first in Cruising class with an uncorrected time of 46 hours. What a great way to deliver your cruising boat to the northern cruising grounds!

The perennial Cruising class champion, **Souffle** and skipper Phil Lewis, was not far behind, after suffering a blown mainsail in the Strait. Phil plans to repair the main and race in the Swiftsure on Memorial Day weekend, then cruise for a while before returning to PDX, to start planning the campaign to regain his Cruising class crown in the 2020 Oregon Offshore.



Deedie Bassham helms her boat **Chinook** across the finish line at Ogden Point, Victoria, BC.

Photo credit: Michelle Bennett

Tod Bassham

Racing Report

David Paul



Racing on the Columbia surges forward in June with the RCYC Middle Distance Race, now in a new time, but same place! The Middle Distance, hosted by RCYC, features a new date of Saturday, June 22, the summer solstice. We moved away from the previous early season date to promote better weather and less current. We welcome you to verify this hypothesis as we sail upriver to a single mark and back home for social hour just around the corner from the finish line at RCYC. Thanks in advance to the volunteers who make this happen.

Also, the Club will host a special guest, Mr. Andrew Kerr, who is an internationally recognized racer and sailmaker. RCYC will host Andrew on Sunday, June 16 at 8:30am for an advanced racing trim/tactics seminar. There are boats signed up already, but individuals may attend his morning chalk talk at the Club for an incredibly generous \$10.00 charge at the door. Portland seldom sees such sage wisdom. Sharing information widely will be good for all.





OREGON OFFSHORE, ABOARD MARGARET

Our 2019 Oregon Offshore started in the good company of fellow RCYC members. Wind was very light at the start and for the first four hours and we were doing fairly well. To take advantage of the stronger offshore wind, we made one long starboard tack about 60 miles out to sea on Thursday and a port tack back to the race mark at Duntz Rock near Cape Flattery on Friday. At dusk on Friday, the wind died coming into Juan De Fuca Strait, a fog bank rolled in, and we had an anxious hour while the wind circled us and the current drew us relentlessly towards Duntz rock, but we passed eventually with room to spare. About an hour into the Strait, the wind gained considerably in strength from the West, and at 2:00am we raised the spinnaker. From then until 9:00am was a wild ride with true wind speed approaching 20kn by the end. Crossing the shipping lanes on a beam reach with the spinnaker pulling hard was particularly memorable (Seattle Traffic were notified, declared it safe to cross and confirmed that our AIS signature was visible). Broad reaching towards Race Rocks at one point we briefly hit 9kn surfing down a wave (highest speed seen by me to date on **Margaret**), 7-8 knots was about the average for a while. We doused the spinnaker at Race Rocks with a sigh of relief and turned north outside the rocks for Victoria. An hour later we popped out of the fog into a beautiful sunny day with blue sky, deep blue water, and behind us the white fog bank topped by the snowy Olympic Mountains. The wind gradually died as we neared Victoria and the chute went up again. About 50 yards from the finish, the very light wind did a 180 and the chute threatened to push us back; we got it down asap and a very slight current just barely pushed us over the line. Customs, followed by my wife Karen and friends, champagne, and hot towels greeted us in front of the Empress Hotel - lovely! **Chinook** was already docked and **Thirsty** came in shortly after, followed by Phil on **Souffle** with a torn mainsail ("it's only 19 years-old"). We didn't know we had won our division until the awards ceremony the next day at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, a great Mother's Day surprise.



Margaret is named after my departed mother who loved to sail and was a successful dinghy racer; I think she would have loved it. **Thirsty** and **Chinook** also received awards – quite the clean up by RCYC! A big thanks to all my crew and especially "Ist Mate" Justin and for all the encouragement and help I have received from RCYC members, particularly Alan.

David Shepherdson





Memorial Weekend

Bartlett Landing

May 24-27



Join your fellow Club members at Government Island's East Dock, **Bartlett Landing!**

In lieu of a dinner potluck, please bring a Happy Hour item to share on Saturday, May 25th at 4:00 pm.

See you out there!

Questions? Contact ally.chris2012@gmail.com

Walk 4 BBQ

Italian Theme?Done that!
Mexican Theme?.....Been there!
Beach BBQ Theme?.....Last year!

What to do Just can't decide ... I know,

>GENERIC BBQ!<

That's right, no Theme whatsoever.

Join Unadorned Walk 4 for some Nonspecific fun!

Date: Saturday, June 15th

Time: 5PM - Happy Hour, 6PM - Dinner

Walk 4 will serve: Universal Appetizers,

Ubiquitous Sides

Non-exclusive Dessert

Beverages: Non-Generic Soft Drinks & Mixers provided

Bring your own Non-Proprietary Protein to Grill

BYO Beer, Wine, Etc.

Foghorn Contributing Deadline is 18th of the Month

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