

Commodore: Chuck Pennington

Vice Commodore: CJ Volesky

Secretary: Mike Finch

December 2019



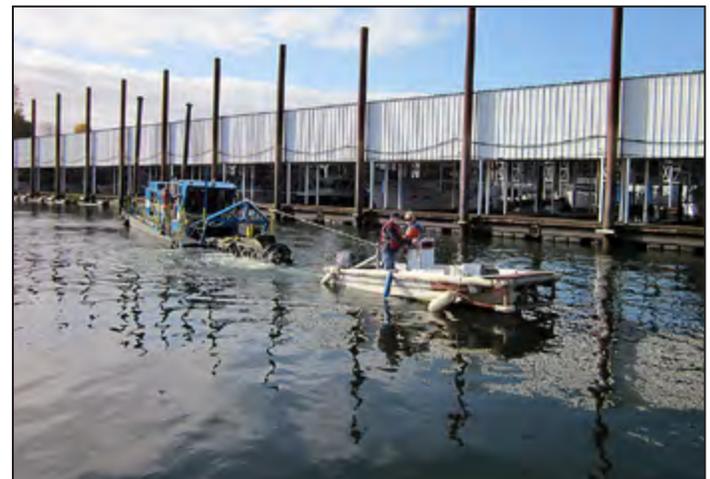
From the Helm

Chuck Pennington, Commodore

December marks my last month as Commodore of Rose City Yacht Club and I would like to start by expressing my thanks to all who have contributed to the success of RCYC. Whether you serve in an official capacity or steadfastly work behind the scenes, your efforts make a difference. Thank you to all. Please extend a hearty welcome to CJ Volesky as our new Commodore for 2020.

Also I would like to thank Piper Easton for graciously serving as Daughter of Neptune this year. Many thanks to you Piper! You were a great representative for our Club. On that note, we are advertising for a Daughter of Neptune for 2020. If you have a daughter or granddaughter, preferably a sophomore or junior in high school, who would be interested in representing RCYC next year, please contact me.

Work is scheduled to begin replacing the Clubhouse stringers about the second week of December. Clubhouse use will be impacted likely affecting the December calendar of events. *Cheers.*



*Christmas Ships,
Potluck &
Gift Exchange*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT THE CLUB
HAPPY HOUR AT 5:00PM POTLUCK AT 6:00PM

Gifts should be nicely wrapped, inexpensive gift, \$10-\$15 (no white elephants please).





Vice Commodore's Report

CJ Volesky, Vice Commodore



Welcome to Winter. Work hours for the second half of 2019 need to be completed by December 10th. We currently have a total of 1383.25 hours logged. That saves us a lot of money. Thank you all for stepping up. If you are short on hours, there are plenty of opportunities to get them logged. Also, the 12 hours required are only the MINIMUM. We have members putting in 46 times this amount. I challenge each membership to go for a minimum of 8 hours this half of the year. That would be an additional 250 hours of labor and would go a long way to getting some long overdue maintenance projects completed.

Keep in mind all hours recorded will need to be approved by the person who assigned you the task or the Work Party leader/chair. This means get your hours recorded early so the leader remembers you doing the task. If you wait too long, the hours may not be approved.

There have been a lot of questions on what type of hours can be approved. Only hours that are for the normal day to day operation of the Club will be approved. This means work party hours, Board member hours, Committee Chair hours, etc. This does not mean working at BBQs or other social events/activities unless the Board has approved the granting of work hours.

Honorable mention goes to those members who have gone above and beyond to help our Club be the best on the river. In addition, I want to thank all the Life Members who are not required to log any hours but still log hours. I cannot list them all, but here are the top work hour performers.

71.5 hours - Loren Beach (Life member)

69.5 hours – Steve Beaty

113.5 hours – Carl & Pam Corey

121.5 hours – Doug McClary

89 hours – Bill & Liv Ormond

52.5 hours – Chuck & Sue Pennington (Life members)

63.5 hours – Richard Pickwick

115.25 hours – Tom and Cathy Skach

285.75 hours – Christian Steinbrecher

Lastly, I want to recognize 3 of our new members who have not even been here a year and have logged many times the required hours.

59.75 hours – Kelly Brown & Susan Applegate

80 hours – Toby Elliot

45 hours – Steve Moran

Next up I want to remind you to take advantage of our Ships Stores. We now have the in-house and on-line store. Both are there for all your shopping pleasure. See Terry Foren at the General Meetings or hit the red button on the bottom of the website and shop away.

Speaking of the website, our new website is up and running. It has a modern look and is easy to use. In addition, we now have a members' forum. Watch for one of our training sessions for assistance with this new site and features, if needed. The Committee that made this new site possible include Sherry Buchanan, Cathy Skach, Barbara Weiss, George Kapllani, and me. I can't say enough how much work this took. Special recognition goes to Sherry for countless hours (more than a 100 hours) she put in which were not logged in the work hours log. Thank you all.

Lastly, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



RCYC Commodore's Ball

February 1, 2020

Happy Hour starts at 6:00 pm

Columbia Edgewater Country Club

2220 NE Marine Drive, Portland

The Commodore's Ball is returning to the Columbia Edgewater Country Club and is sure to be an event not to be missed. Come welcome CJ and Roxana as your 2020 Commodore and First Lady of RCYC and thank Chuck and Sue for their good work in 2019. Happy Hour begins at 6:00 pm and dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. The popular band, The Stingrays, will be returning to keep us dancing through the evening. Look for your invitation right after Christmas and get your RSVP returned right away. If you are a new member sworn in in 2019, there are complimentary dinner tickets waiting for you so don't miss out!

If you are interested in serving on the Commodore's Ball Planning Committee please send me an email. Please join us at our first meeting on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 pm in the Clubhouse to get things rolling.

Matt Richard, Rear Commodore



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

Dredging is pretty well done, but the installation of the new stringers under the Clubhouse will continue to cause some dislocations in parts of Walk 1, 2, and 5. This makes it difficult to assign slips to those on the waiting list until probably January.

Registration registration stickers, if your stickers expire at the end of 2019, they must be replaced with 2021 stickers soon. The Oregon Marine Board mailed out the renewal notices in batches by both snail mail and email, starting on November 8. You can log into their site and renew it on line whether or not you have received notice at <https://apps3.oregon.gov/Application/OSMB/elicence/Default.aspx>

If you do not have a login password, you can create one.

You need to get your new two-year stickers properly displayed early in 2020 dependent on weather. Note that USCG Documented Vessels have to have these stickers applied to both sides of the boat by the stern, nominally within a foot of the stern and something like a foot down from the deck. Double enders usually have them just forward on the side, a foot or two from the stern. Local LEO's are not too fussy, but looking 'squared away' may get you some slack if the USCG has eyes on you. Current registration is required by our Club's moorage rules and the fine for not having current stickers was around \$100 (last time I checked). Do not let this little chore drop off of your 'to do' list.

If you have questions, the OMB web site has their phone number, and I know from experience that email questions are answered rapidly.

Thank you.



Pre Walk 2 BBQ Race



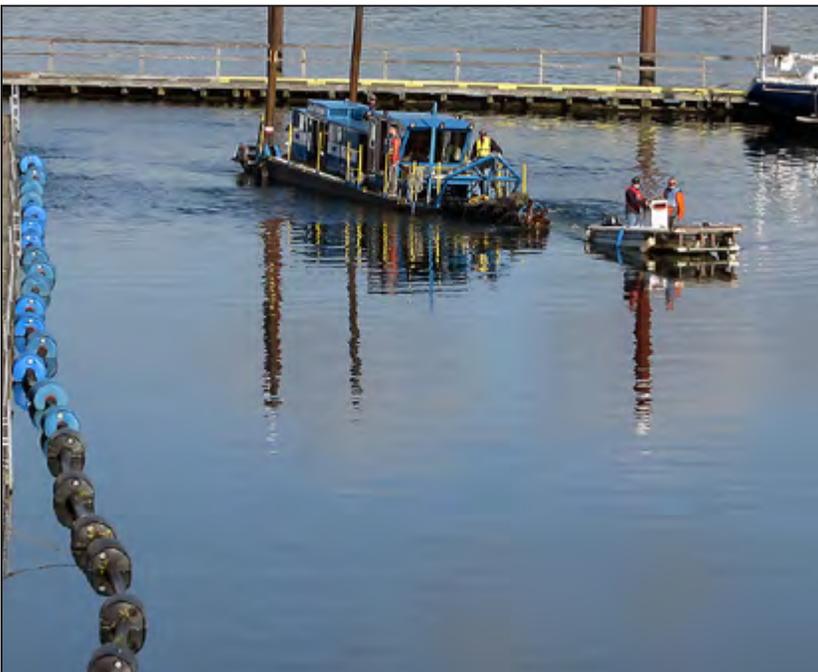
"More is better" is certainly true when applied to sailboat racing and sadly, the number of racers on our river has been in decline for a number of years. That was some of the thinking behind the informal pre Walk 2 BBQ race last weekend spearheaded by Rene "EMC2" (ask him...) Emch. The plan was to meet in the Clubhouse at 1:00 pm, see who was interested, which boats were willing

to take part, and put together a fleet. More experienced racers could either take less experienced racers on their own boats or offer to coach on other boats. Novice racers would get a chance to learn the 5-4-1-Go start sequence, the basic racing rules of sailing, and perhaps gain enough confidence to enter a beer can race in their own boat next year. Plans are all

well and good, but the day dawned grey, drizzly and with just a whisper of wind. A few diehards showed up however and were determined to make the best of it. Rick Samuels had just purchased a spinnaker and associated hardware for his Yamaha 33 Vaporware and was keen for some coaching. So off we went

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'tis also the season to Dredge.



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into the drizzle - Loren Beach at the helm; my wife Karen and Rick on the sheets, guys, topping lift and halyard; and myself and Rene getting in each other's way on the foredeck. Believe it or not we had a fun time. The river was a beautiful soft grey and the drizzle was light. Karen learned how to fly a spinnaker under Rene's

guidance (so much better than mine) and Rick gained the confidence to fly his spinnaker next day in Sailing on Sunday (SOS). Heck, even the wind briefly co-operated as we exceeded 3 knots TTW at one point! So please join us again before the next Walk BBQ. And for those of you taking part in SOS (or those wanting to),

come join us after each race in the Clubhouse for beers, chips and post-race stories. Let's develop some good community around racing on the river. There's nothing better than beers-n-boats after all.

David Shepherdson

The Mission of Long Range Planning and Finance Committees

These two committees work together to manage finances, create annual budgets, provide a planned and logical process for financing projects, manage and protect our current structures and assets, and plan for future development of the Club. Every decision made by the Officers and Board, as well as the members, impacts the finances of the Club.

The purpose of this article is to give you some idea of how the finance and planning process works. Our By-Laws limit the indebtedness of the Club. Every effort is made to pay for projects out of Capital Improvement Funds without borrowing money. However, in some cases, loans are a necessity. For example, the need to replace Walk 5 occurred far sooner than expected resulting in a loan consolidated with the balance on the Walk 1 replacement for a total of \$572,000. That loan now has an outstanding balance of approximately \$226,000 and will be paid in full March 2024. Initially the dredge replacement was on the long range plan for 2014 at an estimated \$100,000 to repair or buy a used dredge. A new dredge was purchased in August 2015 at a cost of \$320,000. This was done through a combination of \$120,000 from Capital Improvement Funds and a \$200,000 loan. That loan has a balance of approximately \$128,000 and will be paid in full in August 2025.

Projects on tap for 2020 include electrical panel repairs/move/replacement (\$40,000), steel stringers for the Clubhouse (\$60,000) and dredge permits (\$50,000). This totals

approximately \$150,000 in capital expenditures.

Obtaining our last dredge permit proved to be a mixed blessing. The Federal part of the permit was good for 10 years. The State part of the permit was only good for 5 years. Unfortunately, the State part of the permit is the one that requires all the special tests. Last time we paid \$37,000 before the permit process was completed. By late spring or early summer 2020 we should know what the final cost of the permit will be and can again look at long range planning and Capital Improvement expenditures.

We have one cost proposal on the electrical panel project and are obtaining two others from reliable companies. This project is a necessity and needed in order to assure power to the Club and bring our electrical system up to code.

Finally, early in 2019 the Board committed to replace wooden stringers under the Clubhouse. We had replaced some sections of the stringers and all blocking in 1996. Now all stringers and all blocking needed to be replaced again. Rather than again face the issue of having to replace more stringers and blocking in a few years and to assure the Clubhouse remains a safe structure and asset to the Club, the Board chose to permanently resolve that problem by replacing all wood stringers with steel stringers and using composite blocking.

there is approximately \$133,000 available in the Capital Improvement Funds without touching the mandated emergency reserve funds. Each year, through a membership fee, we add approximately \$54,000 to the Capital Improvement Funds. Adjusting funds

in other budget areas will also result in some additional funds available.

Everyone is in agreement that having a new patio float is an excellent idea and would provide relief on the Clubhouse for many functions. It is the intention of the Finance Committee and Long Range Planning Committee to achieve that goal as soon as possible. It has been added as a priority item on the Long Range Plan. That plan now includes other items such as new gate/fencing, new Club launch for racing program, new breakwater, new finger slips to be replaced as boathouses leave the Club, and eventually new Clubhouse facilities. Undoubtedly, there will be other projects added to this list before all of these are accomplished.

Every unplanned expenditure of capital improvement funds for emergencies requires more juggling of the long range plan and impacts funds available for projects. The goal of the Long Range Planning and Finance Committees is to track all planned expenditures to assure we meet our goals and at the same time, provide for protection of Club assets.

Infrastructure, Safety, and the Good of the Club!



RCYC Happenings

DECEMBER 2019

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Christmas Ships Potluck, 5:00 p.m.
- 9 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Coffeehouse Jam - CANCELLED
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 RCYC General Meeting – CANCELLED
- 30 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 31 New Year's Eve Party - CANCELLED

JANUARY 2020

- 1 Soup and Sail - TBD
 - 13 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
 - 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - 18 Foghorn Deadline
 - 27 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- Check the website for updated Club dates, the Foghorn, and more information about RCYC. rosecityyachtclub.org



Secretary's Update

Mike Finch, Secretary

At the November Board meeting, prospective member, Mark Dunham introduced himself and his wife Lori to the Board and submitted his application for membership. He is the son of Life Members Arly and Pamela Dunham. An RCYC "legacy", Mark has been sailing for about 40 years. He and Lori currently own a Farr 40 named "Astra", which was purchased in California and sailed to Portland earlier this year. He has plenty of offshore experience including Oregon Offshore and Swiftsure races. He is a retired military officer who began his career in the Navy and finished his career flying F-15s out of Portland.

As you know, work is about to commence on the Clubhouse stringer project. In preparation of the work, the patio floats and the safety railing on the walkway, north of the Clubhouse, have been removed. Do not use the walkway or the sliding glass door until the work is complete and the walk is again deemed safe. This will likely be at least a couple of months.

At the November General Membership Meeting, members voted for next year's officers and proposed changes to the bylaws. Election Results

The 2020 RCYC officers:

CJ Volesky – Commodore
Carl Corey – Vice Commodore
Julie Schumann – Secretary

2020 Directors:

Ben Thomas Dennis Annotti
Alan Bergen Gareth Tabor.
Tod Bassham,

Congratulations. The members also approved all proposed bylaw changes.

A Special Thank You to Marili Green-Reilly.

Marili has volunteered to edit the January Foghorn which had been assigned to Janice Chow Weber. She has also agreed to fill in as backup editor if we run into any further scheduling conflicts.



Foghorn Contributing Deadline is 18th of the Month

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