

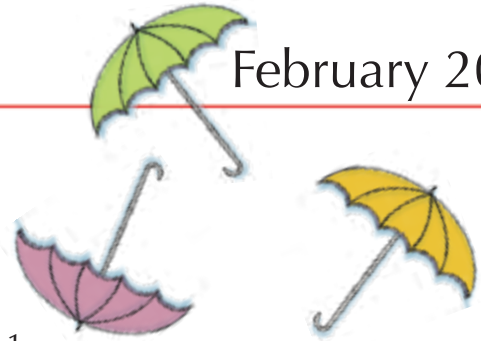
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Secretary: Julie Schumann

February 2020



From the Helm

CJ Volesky, Commodore



February starts off with our Commodore's Ball on Saturday, February 1. This year's Ball will be held at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. Hope to see each of you there. On the 8th is the Coffeehouse Music Evening. These get togethers have had good turnouts and provide an evening of entertainment for your enjoyment.

This month's General meeting will be in our newly stringered Clubhouse on the 19th. Ron Moran has been overseeing the construction and has done a great job. It is looking like the project should be complete by the 7th. This project ensures our Clubhouse being stable and floating for years to come. No more worrying about bringing hip waders to Club events.

In addition to these events, I will be having Saturday Chats during the winter months. These informal Saturday morning events will have coffee and pastries available to those who attend and will each have a different theme. This month's theme will be cruising. Come and enjoy a pastry and hear stories about members' cruising adventures. Also, ask any questions of those with more experience on tips and tricks, such as how best to provision your boat, security measures to take while cruising, etc. The first Coffee Hour

Chat will be Saturday, February 15th at 10 AM. Hope to see you there.

January's Board meeting was productive. Mark and Lori Dunham were sworn in as new members. This happened at the Board meeting due to the cancelation of the last 2 general meetings. Make sure to welcome them when you see them at the Club.

The electrical upgrade project has been put off until 2021 because the car charger danger was corrected, which removed the urgency. This will allow us to do a more thorough review and design. Also, it will free up funds for our desperately needed patio float repair/replacement project.

Pam Corey is spearheading the investigation of our patio float project. Ideas are to repair what we have or to replace it with something new. Costs for both options are being looked at.

I want to thank Tom Stringfield for the 15 years he has represented RCYC at Waterfront Owners of Oregon. He has attended meetings and kept an eye on issues that could affect RCYC. If you would like to take over for Tom, please let me know. This would entail attending the monthly meetings or watching the minutes while keeping RCYC's interests in mind.

A proposal was made to terminate the dry moorage. This hasn't worked out the best for our club and has been difficult to manage. I will be giving more information on this topic at the February General meeting.

Be sure to take advantage of our Ships Stores. Both the online store and the in-house store have great products to meet your needs. Get some products to show off our club and your boat.

Also, don't forget about our Forum. Posts have been coming a little slow but are sure to pick up with Spring and Summer coming fast.

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A big thank you to Tom and Jeannie Becker for their hospitality in inviting me to ride along on Crystal Swan for our New Year's Day Sail. Well, more like a motor, but fun all the same. **Smoothie** is in the process of getting her new iron sail and she won't be ready until spring (fingers crossed). If you are interested in following the process, I will be posting progress updates on the RCYC forum.

Until next month, CJ

2004 COMMODORE'S BALL



L/R: Commodore Terry Foren, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Phillips, Rear Commodore, Larry Corderman, and Directors; Alverna Martin, Rick Royce, Marili Reilly, and Gary Whitney,



Commodore Terry Foren and First Mate Barbara Chabala



Wade Cornwell leads the procession honoring all past Commodores, with Marianne Roberts.



Vice Commodore's Report

Carl Corey, Vice Commodore

First of all, I want to thank all of you at RCYC for your encouragement and support in allowing me to serve as your Vice Commodore for 2020. It has already started out being a good year! Work Party dates have been established and are on the RCYC Calendar. The first one is scheduled for February 29 (how did you spend your Leap Day???), and we will have enough tasks to accomplish in both the maintenance and "special projects" arenas. In fact, there are opportunities this year to get in some of your six required work hours for the first half of the year - even before the first Work Party.

Walking the docks today I see that many of the wood stringers have been removed from under the Clubhouse and the crew is about to start pulling in the last two steel stringers on the east end of the building. Shortly, Ron Moran will be heading up one of the two related projects that the Club will be doing, which is to attach additional flotation between the steel stringers to support the Clubhouse when we fill it up with people for our larger gatherings. This is likely to be started the week of January 19 and is expected to be completed before the February 8th Coffeehouse. These Coffeehouses are proving to be very popular with RCYC members and are well attended.

The second opportunity to get Work Hours prior to the first Work Party is the second task related to the Clubhouse - rebuilding the decks surrounding it. This time we'll put down composite decking which requires less maintenance and is generally easier to work with. We'll use hidden fasteners which allows us to remove or replace boards as needed for repairs or access.

There are always other smaller tasks which need to be done as well. If you have some extra time to spend down at the Club, give our Work Party Chair Toby Elliot a call (home: 360-695-2768; cell: 360-513-954) and see if there is something that needs to be done.

Lastly, be sure to:

- Record your hours on the Work Hours Log next to the men's head and remember to write clearly.
- Jot down maintenance tasks you discover that need to be done on the Maintenance Needs List next to the Work Hours Log.



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

The Clubhouse stringer project is moving along steadily but we are unlikely to place more boats into slips until February. The slips that would be open are in temporary use while the work goes on. Please be careful when transiting the main fairway due to contractor floats and tugs tied there.

All of the Committee Chairs are currently writing out our job descriptions. This is kind of a first and should be helpful to new Chairs. When I started out, I received nothing to read but a list of boats and slips, which had not been updated very often. I received the list and a file folder full of moorage applications.

It is interesting to acknowledge just how much of my job here is dependent on the help of other members. There is a lot of volunteer effort that goes into maintaining this Club. Thanks to all who are part of it!

Speaking of moorage and requirements, I hope that you all have your 2021 registration stickers attached. I did get ours on during a recent day when the temperature was over 45 degrees and there was no wind or rain. A small heat gun did help a lot in removing the old stickers. The old adhesive leaves a residue, and a bit of solvent on a rag cleans it off.

The threat of snow and ice remains, thru February, so take care when walking on the docks.

Our Roving RCYC Members



George Kent and daughter Trishee, reciprocal guests at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club December 2019.

New Work Hour Committee

By Pam Corey

During the winter and spring, the Club has a new Work Hour Committee. Our small committee includes Tod Bassham, Brenda Annotti, Gareth Tabor and yours truly, Pam Corey. We were asked to evaluate a variety of work-hour-related questions including:

1. Is the current 12 work hour requirement per year per membership unit fair?
2. Is the current work hour requirement adequate to meet the current needs of the Club to complete annual maintenance and special projects?
3. Who should receive work hours for what tasks? For example, Committee members, not just the Chair, for some "standing" committees; people who work on social activities as well as maintenance; Foghorn staff?
4. Do the current standing committee Chairs receive the appropriate number of hours?
5. Is there a need to increase the work hour requirement and/or the per hour cost of hours not completed?

You all play a part in this. As you complete any tasks for the Club this year be sure to clearly record your hours on the clip board that hangs in the west entry. We want everyone to fully report work hours for all tasks performed, not just work parties. Our hope is that we can get a clear understanding of how many hours it really takes to keep our Club ship shape.

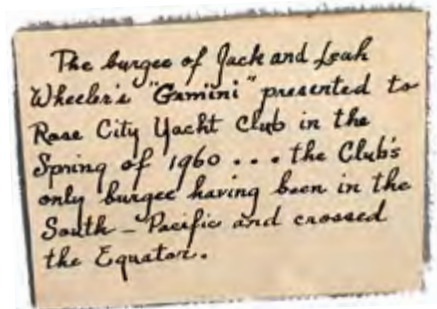
If you currently serve as a Committee Chair or Contact you will be receiving an email from one of our committee members to ask you some specific questions related to your role.

And lastly, if you have any comments you would like to contribute please contact one of our committee members. We will wrap up our committee tasks and make recommendations to the Board after the spring work parties are done.

How Far have you Cruised?

Recognize this picture? Although we have made it part of our "history wall," it occurs to me it's terribly out of date! Yes, the Wheelers and their S/V Gemini were the first RCYC members to make it to the South Pacific, but they are no longer the only ones. I'd like to turn this memento into a recognition of the other RCYC boats that have sailed a few of the Seven Seas, whether they have made it their own equatorial crossing, have made a transit of the Panama Canal, or otherwise made it to another continent. Please get back to cascademarili@gmail.com if you made such a trip. Include your boat name and the date, your destination, and, if you'd like to include them, crew names and one or more of the other ports you reached.

Marili Green Reilly



Secretary's Corner

Julie Schumann, Secretary

New Member Update

On January 13, 2020 the Board interviewed prospective members Chris and Kirsten Sheridan, Andre Bickford and Sierra Vejvoda.

Chris and Kirsten own a Moore 24, named **Morpheus** and are also owners of Sheridan's 52nd Ave Sports Bar. Chris has experience racing and would like to continue to do that and both Chris and Kirsten are looking forward to Club cruises and Club events.

Andre Bickford and Sierra Vejvoda own a 1984 Catalina 22', named **Avalon**. Both are newer to sailing and look forward to a joining a community where they can grow their sailing skills.

New members Mark and Lori Dunham were sworn in by Gary Whitney at the January Board Meeting. **Welcome!**

Need to Log Your 2020 RCYC Work Hours?

Has your schedule or location interfered with making the work parties? Here's the solution!

Serve as Clubhouse Steward, involving light housekeeping tasks, for either the month of July or December. These tasks can be done on your own schedule around events. Signing up now, and actually doing the duty in July or December, will satisfy your annual work-hour quota for all 2020. This option may suit your busy schedule. First come, first reserved! Contact Clubhouse Chair today: Annette Kienberger, 503-367-9978 or akienberger@hotmail.com

Thanks, Annette

TALE OF THE BROKEN RUDDER CABLE

Submitted by Rene Emch and Karen Feulner

Last fall, Karen and I decided we should formalize some of our sailboat training, so last month we took ASA classes 101, 103 and 104. After an uneventful first class, our second class was straightforward and all was going well until the rudder cable broke! During the class, with good 10 to 15 knot winds, we chose to practice a “heave to” maneuver. After discussing our strategy with our instructor, Captain Phil, with me at the wheel, we began our tack. About half way through the tack, we heard a huge POP and suddenly the wheel began spinning without resistance. When I told Captain Phil I thought the rudder cable had broken, he replied that he thought not, moved me out of the way, and took the helm. It did not take Captain Phil but a moment to agree with my assessment. With the rudder at full starboard, the genoa working hard to finish the tack, and the main flopping back and forth, we suddenly began spinning in circles. Karen and I tried unsuccessfully to gain control of the boat by way of working the sails. In a starboard spin, with the genoa continuing to pull, as well as having the rudder at full lock, the boat went jibe, tack, jibe, tack...around and around. I opened the hatch to get access to the rudder stock while Captain Phil quite handily opened the lazarette and pulled out the emergency tiller. The rudder was easily plugged in, we swiftly regained control and had an uneventful sail back to the dock. Throughout the sail back, the tiller was surprisingly heavy and difficult to handle. We all gained a new found appreciation for the mechanical advantage of using a wheel, as opposed to a tiller.

In it for the long haul, Karen and I stayed with the Captain Phil at the dock for the rudder cable fix. For us, the “fix-it” experience at the dock was as valuable as our time on the water.

What did we learn in the first 5 minutes after the cable broke?

- 1) Yes, cables really do break.
- 2) Know where the emergency tiller is and how to quickly get it in place.
- 3) Think, Dummy, Think. Had we rolled the genoa up in short order, we would have had regained boat control, and probably stopped the boat from spinning.

What did we learn from the fix?

- 1) Most Important: When fixing a broken rudder cable, you must cross the cables on the way to the quadrant. If the cables are not crossed, everything will be backwards, i.e. if the wheel is turned to starboard, the vessel will move to port; if the wheel is turned to port, the vessel will move to starboard. Captain Phil gave us that pointer in detailing his prior cable break experience to us.
- 2) Know how to access your quadrant by actually going into the compartment and touching it. Investigate the parts and learn how much stuff will need to be moved in order to gain quadrant access.
- 3) Have the parts available to replace or rebuild a broken rudder cable.
- 4) Have a metal coat hanger handy because it is a good tool for threading the cable within the binnacle.
- 5) Like most boat projects, a cable fix takes twice as long as your longest estimate.

Later that evening, after the cable fix was done, over a nice bottle of our new favorite red wine, Stave and Steel, Karen and I decided we needed to:

- 1) Make the emergency tiller on our boat readily accessible and make sure our crew knows its location.
- 2) Know how to get to the quadrant on our boat and have the area cleared as much as possible for easy access at all times.
- 3) Regularly inspect the cable and end fittings.
- 4) Have parts available on board to build a new cable, including that ever so useful metal coat hanger, spare cable, thimbles for each end of the cable and a set of cable clamps.

Some of the above is done, and more will get done in due time. Part of the fun of sailing is trying to be prepared so when small things happen, they do not become hard to manage situations.

Are you ready? We're getting closer.



RCYC Happenings

February

- 1 Commodore's Ball
- 3 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 8 Coffeehouse, 6:00 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Saturday Chat, 10:00 am
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19, RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22 Private Party, 4:00 pm
- 29 WORK PARTY, 9:00 am

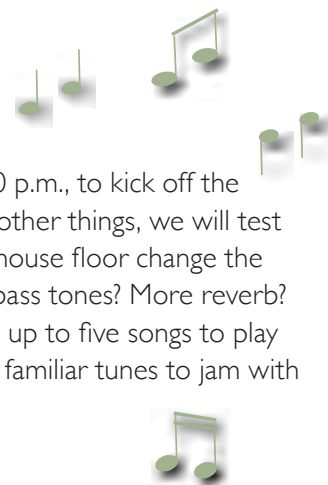
March

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 9 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 Foghorn Deadline, 7:00 pm
- 18 RCYC General Meeting
- 21-24 Coon Island Cruise
- 28 WORK PARTY, 9:00 am
- *Check the website for updated Club dates, the Foghorn, and more information about RCYC. rosecityyachtclub.org*

February Coffeehouse

Tod Bassham

Come join us Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., to kick off the 2020 RCYC Coffeehouse music series. Among other things, we will test whether the new steel stringers under the Clubhouse floor change the acoustic environment. Deeper, more resonant bass tones? More reverb? To find out, bring an instrument, your voice, and up to five songs to play during the open microphone set, as well as easy familiar tunes to jam with at the end of the night.



Windswept on New Year's Day



See you all at the newly stringered Clubhouse!

Thanks Ron Moran for overseeing the construction of this project.



Foghorn Contributing Deadline is 18th of the Month

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