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Vice Commodore: Carl Corey
Secretary: Julie Schumann

May 2020



From the Helm

CJ Volesky, Commodore

Wow, it's May already! This year is really going by quickly and what a year it has been! I never dreamt I would have to shut down all events at the Club and deal with something on the level of a pandemic. The support I have received from all members has been humbling. Thank you for your continued efforts to work within the guidelines and to get through this pandemic in a positive manner. It saddens me to say this, but consider all events at RCYC cancelled until further notice.

A quick reminder - practice social distancing when at the Club. In this time of new norms, fears, expectations, and high stress levels over life and death decisions others make, we need to err on the side of what is healthy for all our Club members. Listed below are some simple ways we can all respect others views and wishes.

1. Respect others' space by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others. Some of you may feel this is all for nothing, but others are taking this very seriously. Keeping your distance is about respecting others' opinions and feelings.
2. If you see someone coming up/down the gangway, stop and let them finish. Once they are finished you can proceed up/down the gangway. There is no way to keep 6 feet between yourselves if you are passing on the gangway.
3. It is not appropriate to have a get together on a walk that may affect others by blocking access with chairs or bodies. We have the patio float, the Clubhouse and boat cockpits that are all available if some members want to get together. Please remember to practice the recommended distances.
4. If you stop for a short chat while on the walks, please keep in mind those who would like to pass through. Make sure you give way and allow them to pass while keeping the recommended distance. Other members should not have to ask you to move so they can pass.



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First Mates Style Show



Seated: John Huber, Russell Snodgrass, Edgar Ordway, Merle Starr. Standing: Tom Green, Carl Savage, W. Moran, George Bemis.

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Our next topic is security at RYC. Recently we have had several incidents at the Club. First, we had a dinghy stolen from Walk 1. This dinghy was locked with a cable, which was also taken. We found where someone had cut a hole in the gate up by the pond which allowed easy access. Several trespassers were found on Club property and had to be asked to leave. Also, a member found an RYC big black cart hanging off one of the campers by the 205 Bridge. This cart was retrieved with the help of Portland Police and Pam and Carl Corey.

I ask each of you to keep your eyes open when at the Club. If you see someone who you haven't seen at the Club before introduce yourself to them. If they are not a member, inform them they are trespassing. If you do not feel safe or confident to do this, let someone know so the issue can be addressed.

We are responsible for our own security. Keeping our eyes and ears open can help protect all of our members and our boats. No one wants to come down to the Club to find their boat has been ransacked or stuff is missing. Your help is appreciated.

I am happy to say that we are in 100% compliance of the registration, key, and insurance moorage rules. There are a couple of people who need to put stickers on their boats when they feel safe, but they all sent in receipts for their registration. I believe this is the first time in many years that we have been in 100% compliance and it feels good. Great job to all members.

One of the changes the Board implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic is to not move any new applicants through the process until we are back to normal. The applicants who were already moving thru the process could continue and be sworn in as members. I met these members at the Club and while keeping our 6-foot separation, sworn them in as new members. The Board did put a requirement that they come before the membership once the meetings resume to be presented to the membership. If you see them on the docks, please make them feel welcomed.

The new members are:

- Ann Tesora & Jordan Bailey
- Dan Coles & Patricia Rojas
- Andre & Sierra Bickford
- Alan Goodman & Kareen Maddalone
- Naja DiPilla & Ben Emery
- Chris & Kirsten Sheridan

Soon we will be seeing Riverbank Construction back at Rose City to build our new patio float. This will be a 60' x 20' float with composite decking. Once they are complete, there will be a rail and roof structure added. Please stay clear and allow the crews to get this done. Construction will start around the 15th of May.

Lastly, make sure to take care and have a wonderful summer.



ANNOUNCEMENT & REMINDERS

- ✓ After using carts to transfer items to/from your vehicle, please return them to the staging area next to the ice machine.
- ✓ With the recent security issues, please allow the gate to close behind you before exiting onto Marine Drive. It is often too easy for someone to sneak in as a vehicle leaves. Also, for the walk in gate, please remember there is a short time delay on the lock mechanism. It is best for you to pull the gate closed and then make sure it is latched by pushing on it. A few seconds may save someone's property from being absconded with or rummaged through.
- ✓ Personal recycle is still being put into the GLASS ONLY blue container in the parking lot. Please Stop!! The blue rolling cart in the parking lot is NOT for mixed recycle. It is clearly marked GLASS ONLY. The improperly dumped recycle is primarily metal cans. If you must bring this to the Club, put it in the very large RECYCLE container. If you see someone putting anything but glass into the blue containers, please take a moment to help educate them.
- ✓ We've experienced some high winds at RYC during the past month. Please check your lines closely for chafe. If the lines are old, replace them with good quality three-strand nylon. Stern and bow lines need snubbers. When strong winds move the boat sideways hard and then the occasional wake rolls thru, lines can break. Also, check your fenders too. Old vinyl gets brittle, and they can pop.

Thank you



Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, Moorage Chair/Port Captain

With (almost) no place to go cruising this summer, it looks like most of us will be working on boat projects and spending some “socially distant” time on board at the dock, greeting our friends at a safe distance.

On the off chance that the Canadian border opens this summer and you decide to “go North” for a while, please let me know the dates of your absence so that a new member on the Wait List can use your slip temporarily. We are full up with quite a few boats waiting to get in.

Moorage concerns: Be alert to avoid the workers and their tug and barge soon to be building our new patio deck. This will at times cause some restriction for the inner part of the Walk 2 fairway.

Security: We just had a theft of a dinghy, and the burglars cut the security cable. Also our members just repaired a new hole cut thru our fence along Marine Drive. As always, watch for strangers accessing the marginal walk from the east end or following a car thru the main gate. Before and after daylight hours, ALWAYS keep the ‘man gate’ at the top of the ramps closed/locked.

Dinghies: If you have a dinghy or canoe on the racks, you **MUST** have a **legible name plate** for it. If you no longer have a little boat stored here, please remove the name plate.

In general, just keep an eye on the moorage. If you see a light out or a faucet leaking, report it to a Resident, to me or to an Officer. We are all volunteers here, and we all need to continue to contribute.

Thank you!



George Kent
sheltered in place
in home away
from home on
Maui



Vice Commodore's Report

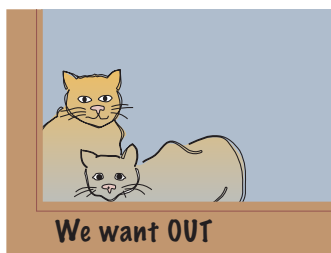
Carl Corey, Vice Commodore

Well, it seems like I just did the report for the April Foghorn – and here it is time to do one for May. As with most of you, the last month has seemed both awful long and the days have kind of run together. I have a sense that I haven't done a whole lot even though the weather has been relatively warm and dry. As two of my main duties are to keep track of work hours and administer Clubhouse rentals, I've not worked up a sweat on either lately. Work parties are postponed until further notice (likely to be summer before we can have a formal one), and we won't be using or renting the Clubhouse for large gatherings until at least July. If you do perform a task for the Club, please record hours worked and the task accomplished on the clip board in the Clubhouse.

While I know CJ is addressing security here at the Club, I also want to remind everyone to be diligent when they are here. It doesn't hurt to ask others you see in the parking lot or on the walks if they are members, especially if you don't recognize them. It is both a chance to meet some of our newer members and for new members to get more familiar with some of the older members (especially those who have pictures in the yearbook that look like college graduation...).

If you find people that don't belong, and you are comfortable in doing so, you should tell them 1) that they are trespassing and 2) ask them to leave. Take a picture if you have your phone handy. If the situation deteriorates, you should call 911 and let the Commodore know. While we are not security for the Club, you can also look to Resident Members for quick moral support if we are home.

Although we are physically distancing, we are glad to see you when you come to the Club and urge all members to be especially kind to someone today.





Secretary's Corner

Julie Schumann, Secretary

The bright news is RCYC continues to receive applications for new membership. However, due to the threat of COVID-19, the Board decided at its April 13 meeting to temporarily suspend processing of new member applications. The Board meeting was conducted via Zoom and interviews with prospective members under those circumstances didn't seem practical. We will keep all pending new member applications on a tracking sheet. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are eased, we will resume interviews and meetings.

That being said, the Board did approve two pending membership applications. Daniel Coles and Patricia Rojas were sworn in on April 15. They purchased *Tink*, an Islander 30 formerly owned by Lea Sanders-Wilcox. Also sworn in were Ann Tesora and Jordan Bailey. They sail an S2 9.2C named *Ever*.

RCYC is an incredible community. Each time I have ventured down to the docks to check on *Blue Heron*, I find myself engaged in lively conversation with other members. During these conversations, we have been careful to practicing social distancing. I thank all members who are taking these measures seriously.



Dan Coles and Patricia Rojas



Jordan Bailey and Ann Tesora



Alan Goodman and Karen Maddalone



Chris and Kirsten Sheridan



Jocelyn, Naja DiPilla and Ben Emery

CALL ON ALL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY "NEW MEMBERS"

If you have joined the RCYC family in 2019 and/or 2020, please share your story, experiences and photos in a brief document to be sent to the Foghorn staff for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. This will give all of us an opportunity to learn more about you. With your cooperation, we hope this will become a regular feature of the Foghorn.

New MemberSpotlight

Andre Bickford – Sierra Vejvoda

Andre is originally from Buffalo, NY and grew up sailing small boats on Lake Erie. After moving to Portland six years ago, he found renewed interest in sailing and took sailing lessons at Portland Sailing Center, right next to RCYC. When he's not working on his boat or at his day job in software, he enjoys skiing, cooking, going wine tasting in the Willamette Valley, and playing with the three dogs he and Sierra own together.

Sierra is originally from Visalia, CA and coincidentally also moved to Oregon six years ago. Sierra went to college at CSU Monterey Bay and has always had a love of water and marine life. She sailed in college, and grew up fishing with her Dad on lakes, rivers, and occasionally the ocean. Ever the nature lover, when she's not at her day job as a project manager for a marketing company, Sierra can be found most weekends hiking, backpacking, skiing in the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest.

Andre and Sierra bought their first boat together in March of 2019, a 1984 Catalina 22 which they named *Avalon*. She was moored at Steamboat Landing last summer where they sailed and did their first overnight anchored near Government Island. Andre and Sierra reside in their home in NE Portland, don't have kids yet, but have two 2-year old Australian shepherds and a 12-year old bichon frisé/poodle mix that keep them plenty busy. Their other passions include wine tasting, gardening, traveling and dreaming of retiring to a catamaran some day.



EDUCATION

Ethan VanMatre, Education Chair

As Education Chair, I had an exciting series of events planned for this spring. Mostly these were hands-on looks at knots, marine electrical, my ice box rebuild and perhaps some diesel engine topics. Alas, with group meetings on hold, I offer up a few YouTube videos as substitution.

First up is 7 knots that you should know

And this Marine Electrical series of 6 videos

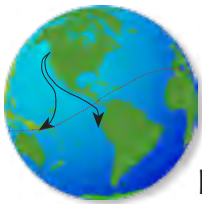
With regards to my icebox rebuild, the goal was to rip out the old box and install a new box that would be a spillover freezer-fridge. Our goal is to have ice cream in the tropics without excessive compressor run times. I planned R30 insulation throughout and a total capacity of about 6 cubic feet, 2 for the freezer and 4 for the fridge. R30 is 6" of blueboard XPS insulation or about 10" to 14" of your typical attic insulation.

I ended up using 6" XPS on all sides, except for the front and top where I used a combination of XPS and Aspen Cryogel. Cryogel is R10 per inch which is about twice that of XPS. I'm still working on the top, but I have turned it on to see if things were working. Using only R5 on top (1" XPS), the fridge ran all night and brought the entire 6.5 cu ft box down to 29 degrees. I've a big grin on my face.



Photo of the box minus the top.





Our Roving RCYC Members

BILL AND NINA KRAMMER

Time to start heading north, back to La Cruz. First stop, Isla Cocinas in Bahía Chamela where we anchored not far from Sirena, a boat we met in Tenacatita. We headed over to say hi, and they invited us to a beach fire picnic that evening. The next morning, we heard on the radio net that a number of Tenacatita boats are beginning to head north. We, too, pulled up anchor and headed north into Bahía Chamela, a short motor away. When we were there three weeks or so earlier on the way down, they had been working on the breakwater in the estuary and had made progress in building the wall and dredging the channel. Unfortunately, we didn't get any pictures.



Hazards of the sea. We had a big wave that bounced the dinghy off its chocks. The bottom part is supposed to be on top of the wood blocks.

Back in La Cruz we reconnected with friends, worked on our Spanish lessons and attended more cruising seminars. We went sailing in Bahía de Banderas and saw whales. We ate shrimp, and vegan ice cream (but not together).

And then we heard news of the COVID-19 virus outbreak. All of us began to wonder how it would change plans. Banderas Bay is a hub for cruisers heading to the South Pacific as well as a gathering place for those of us staying local in the Sea of Cortez. All kinds of questions were asked, and often answers changed from morning to afternoon. As we left La Cruz for Mazatlan, we heard that many of the South Pacific Islands were closed to cruisers. A number of boats had crew cancel. On the morning HF radio net, we heard from boats who have turned around and returned to Mexico. What to do? For many people we know down here, their boat is their only home. Bashing back up the coast isn't really feasible until May or June. The Hawaii/Pacific Northwest route has Hawaii forbidding travel between islands, and the season for sailing back to the West Coast doesn't begin until June/July. If you leave your boat in Mexico, you have to get to where the marina



La Cruz murals. These popped up between the time we left and came back. There were 36 murals in total, done by different artists over a couple of day period. They interviewed the people whose walls they were painting and incorporated that into each mural.



Puerto Vallarta. The hearts were on the Malecon. Frida is a very popular image and she shows up on everything. We did wonder what she would think of the marketing of her image, good Communist that she was.

or boat yard is and spend about a week getting the boat ready to store. We were planning to store the boat for the summer in Puerto Peñasco, on the northern end of the sea, over 400 miles away. Do we head straight there or carry on with heading to La Paz and up the Baja side of the Sea of Cortez to see the islands we missed at the beginning of our trip?

Note: At last report, Kramers were going to put their boat on the hard and fly home in about a week. Mexico is shutting its ports and asking cruisers to stay on their boats, which is good for virus containment. They figured it was a good time to head home for a visit.

RANDY AND RUTH WEBSTER

Coronavirus and a Level-4 Lockdown: We are well and safe, snug in Velic at Riverside Drive Marina, Whangarei, New Zealand.

New Zealand has been under a nation-wide lock down since March 25. Businesses deemed essential are still open: grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, hospitals, etc. People may go out for exercise as long as they stay close to home and maintain social distance (2 meters/6 feet). So we take long walks along the river front. Whangarei has very nice parks and paths along the Hatea River for miles. It's an easy "step out the front door" for us.



Mo, the main guy in the boatyard, has an artistic bent and decorates the boat yard work benches. This was before Covid-19.

All work and shops in the boatyard are now shut: Metal fab, wood/fiberglass repair, chandlery, and café. Normally the yard is busy this time of year as visiting

yachts, like us, are preparing for the austral winter cruising season in the tropics. Austral summer is the cyclone season, so many of us hang out in New Zealand. By late May and June, there is quite a migration north, to the tropical Pacific islands. Not this year. Pacific island nations are shutting their borders to visiting yachts. So the whole annual migration is up in the air and quite uncertain. Many cruising sailors are now anticipating staying in New Zealand on their yachts well into the southern winter season; Brrrrr!

And speaking of cold, an Antarctic leopard seal was seen among the Town Basin docks last week. "Owha" (say Ofa) was recognized as a return visitor. The morning radio net cautioned against approaching leopard seals as they are large apex predators. Small children and dogs beware: No Petting.

House Stay and Pet Sitting: We spent February in a house-sit. That is, we get to live in a house while the owner goes on vacation. We don't pay rent or utilities, nor are we paid. We look after the place and keep it occupied. Most house sits involve pets, so we think of them as 'house stays + pet sitting.' It's convenient for everyone, and most often works out very well for all concerned — especially the pets.

We were planning to refresh paint and varnish in the saloon and galley. The prospect of living off the boat during this project was irresistible. We enjoyed a month living in a house with a cat, Amber. A small vegetable plot supplied abundant tomatoes, herbs and Swiss chard during our stay — a bonus!

Scallops: Back on the boat in early March, we spent a few days on the lower Hatea River buddy-boating with New Zealand friends, who introduced us to scuba diving for scallops. We had collected oysters, clams and mussels while cruising our home waters, but we had no experience with scallops.



Randy getting instructions on shucking scallops from experts. Caroline is especially fast, accurate, and clean. Randy, on the other hand, was particularly messy.

Great Barrier Island: In late March we took a short cruise to Great Barrier Island, which lies in the outer Hauraki Gulf. It's a single day sail from the mouth of the Hatea River to Great Barrier, 45 nm.

Great Barrier Island is a beautiful place that offers a lot to the cruising sailor. And we had wonderful weather in which to enjoy the island. Great Barrier is mostly park and forest lands, with a small population. The island is serviced by one ferry a week during the off-season, which is now. So, once Level 4 restrictions were announced, the locals were understandably concerned about visitors adding pressure to limited resources and possibly bringing Covid-19. We were already there when the restrictions were announced, but we weren't prepared to stay indefinitely. And we didn't know how long the Level-4 restrictions might be in place. And so we decided, reluctantly, to go back to our berth in Whangarei, promising ourselves that we would return once things settled down.



A local duck accustomed to handouts from anchored yachts hoping Ruth who indulged him.

WATCH FOR CLUB EMAILS UPDATING MEMBERS ON STATUS OF PENDING EVENTS

COVID-19 FACE MASKS

In this present stay-at-home order of isolation and with the calling from national and local news for quilters and seamstresses to help make face masks for our caregivers in need, I decided that "I can do this!"

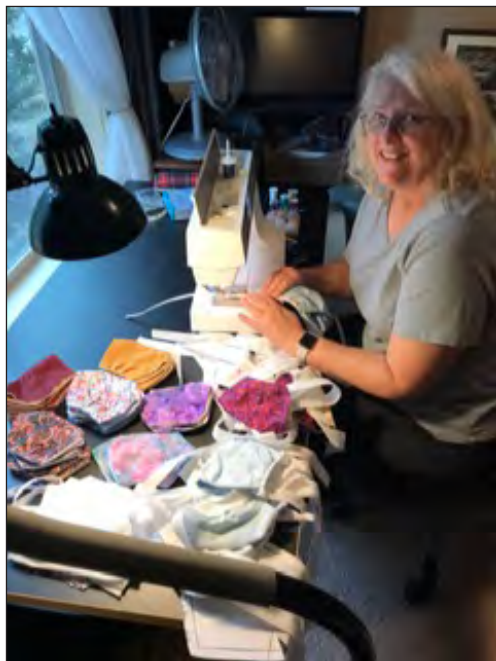
So, I learned that we had a nurse in our neighborhood and spoke to her about helping. She was pleased and handed me a pattern and a finished sample mask that she had made. Yes, she was making them too on her off hours from work.

I got excited about this project as I would be helping in some small part and knowing I had tons of leftover scrapes of fabric from over the years of sewing projects that would be put to good use. I just needed some 100% cotton material for the outer layer and flannel for the inside layer, closest to the face, and bias tape to use for ties, which is more adjustable to a person's head.

Now there are several different designs of masks online to choose from and all are needed from the simple pleated mask with elastic around the ears to making masks big enough to go over the N-95 mask. I'm making one that has darts for the nose and chin and still have side pleating with ties, more form fitting to the face. At least they're washable and can be reused for a period of time.

I bet with all the members that we have that quilt and sew, there's probably a few of us working on some now. If anyone wants the pattern I'm using, let me know by email and I'd be happy to send you a pdf file of it. Otherwise be safe and keep healthy.

Laura Richard



RCYC Happenings

MAY 2020

- 2 Opening Day – **CANCELLED**
- 4 Knauti Knitters – **CANCELLED**
- 9 Work Party – **CANCELLED**
- 11 Board Meeting – Video Conference – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Ladies Dinner – **CANCELLED**
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m. – **Pending**
- 20 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – **Pending**
- 22-25 Memorial Day Cruise, Hadley's Landing – **Pending**
- 30 Walk 4 BBQ, 5:00 p.m. – **Pending**

JUNE 2020

- 1 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m. – **Pending**
 - 7 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – **Pending**
 - 13-17 Schools Our Cruise – **Pending**
 - 13 Walk 5 BBQ, 5:00 p.m. – **Pending**
 - 26-28 Schwitter's Landing Cruise – **Pending**
- Check rosecityyachtclub.org for updated Club dates, the Foghorn, and more information about RCYC.



Foghorn Contributing Deadline is 18th of the Month

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