

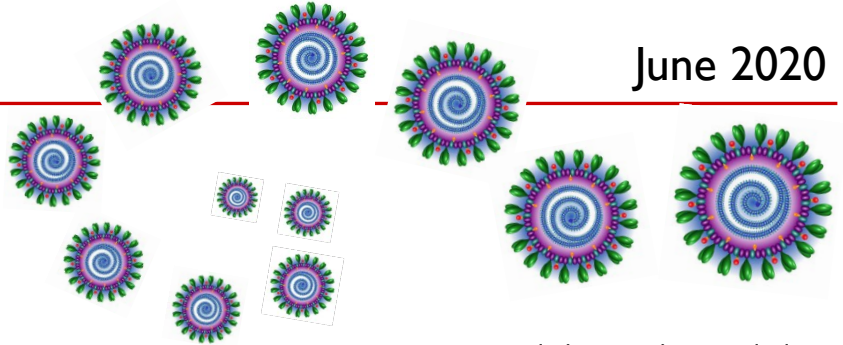
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June 2020



### From the Helm

CJ Volesky, Commodore



Club happenings have been slow due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Here we are in June and I have only presided over one general membership meeting. We have had a few online meetings, but they are not the same. I never anticipated a year like this. However, this has allowed me time to get Smoothie up and running with her new engine and fuel tank. You can follow the progress on our RCYC Forum page: <https://rosecityyachtclub.org/forum/>

The construction of the new patio float is scheduled to start on June 1 and may be done by the time this article reaches you. This float will still need a roof and railings. The Board has agreed to look at options for a new roof with side curtains (for winter use). The hope is low maintenance and year-round use. Stay tuned for updates. The Board has approved the purchase and installation of new lighting by the man-gate. Gary Whitney will be overseeing this work.

Recently we have had a few security issues at the Club. We had a dinghy stolen from Walk 1. This dinghy was locked with a cable, which was also taken. In addition, we found where someone had cut a hole in the fence up by the pond and have confronted people in the Club who were not members or guests.

I ask each of you to keep your eyes open when at the Club. If you see someone you don't recognize at the Club, introduce yourself to them. If they are not a member, inform them that they are trespassing. If you do not feel comfortable in doing this, let someone know so the issue can be addressed.

We are all responsible for our security. Keeping our eyes and ears open can help protect all 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.

As we are not having in-person meetings, remember the online Ship's Store is available for your use. They have different products than we carry at the Club and can take special orders for just about anything you would like to have RCYC's or your boat's name on. Just send them an email to find out the details. The link for the store is on our webpage and I have included it here for your convenience: <https://rosecityyachtclub.itemorder.com/sale>

Stay safe and respectful to each other.

See you on the docks/water.



*Morans' Honahlee on a previous Opening Day*



## Vice Commodore's Report

Carl Corey, Vice Commodore

While the social distancing and "stay home" guidelines have put a major dent in the Club's 2020 scheduled activities so far this year, there looks to be some relaxation in the guidelines, possibly even before the end of June, if we all continue to do our part. Whether we can hold activities as we originally envisioned them is still unknown at this time. It's safe to say that, at best, June will be a transition month with no large gatherings.

Here at the Club there continues to be a moderate number of Club members coming down to work on their boats, take them out on the river, or just to sit in the cockpit for a quiet evening. Some days the parking lot is at least half full. For the most part everyone is being considerate of others. We are finding that the finger docks provide extra space when we meet others on the main walks.

Folks are also putting in some work hours to attend to tasks that need to be done. While not as much work is getting done as we could accomplish with work parties, there were still over 60 hours recorded in April by Club members and we are over 50 hours so far in May.

Remember, the 6 hour Spring requirement has been rolled into an overall 12 hour requirement for the year. If you have some time and want to get a head start, contact Toby Elliot to see what might need to be done.



Darren Knittle drags a sunken hobie pontoon out of the river

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## Work Hour Committee Update

Pam Corey

Your RCYC Work Hour Committee continues to meet and discuss how we utilize work hours. Since a large part of our work was going to be centered around work parties which have been cancelled for the spring we have been focused on other tasks. The recommendations that we had planned to have out to the Board by June will not be formalized now until after some of the fall work parties. In the meantime, we continue to work on two tasks:

1. Identifying and defining what tasks have automatic allocations of work hours.
2. What members think about work hours.



To that end, first we developed a consistent set of questions to address task 1. Tod Basham, Brenda Annotti and Gareth Tabor sent the questions to Committee Chairs and Contacts, and Pam is summarizing the replies that they receive. If you have an email from Brenda, Tod or Gareth that asks questions about your duties, please reply to them so we can have a full understanding of the hard work that you do for the Club.

We are in the process of developing task 2. Look to your email this summer for a "Survey of Members" with questions about work hours. We need and value input from all of you as we explore work hours and how they relate to making our Club a continued success.

New patio float is coming together



# Saga of the Stolen Dinghy

Ethan VanMatre

It all started with an email from the Coreys stating that my dinghy was not on the dock or on my boat. Natasha and I soon discovered that during the night or early morning of April 15 or 16 someone had stolen our 9' Zodiac inflatable dinghy by cutting the stainless-steel chain that secured it. Fortunately, the outboard was stored elsewhere and was safe and sound. We filed a police report later that day and contemplated a replacement dinghy. Every few days we checked Craigslist to see if it was posted for sale and sure enough, on the evening of April 26 we spotted an ad that listed a "Zodiac with 4 Stroke Mercury for \$1000" with a photo of our dinghy tied to a boat. By scrutinizing the background of the photo, we were able to recognize that the photo was taken in the channel south of the west end of Hayden Island.

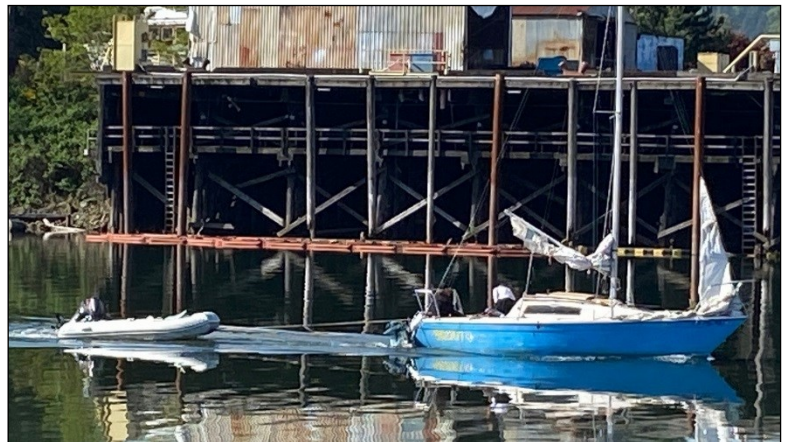


On April 27 we contacted the sheriff's River Patrol

Unit which sent an officer down the channel to take a look. As expected, the boat and the dinghy were no longer there. We also emailed everyone at RCYC asking if anyone could identify the location based on the dredge equipment in the background of the photo. Soon after, Jim Calnon responded that the equipment was a Booster Pump for the Dredge Oregon. We sent an email with that information to the Port of Portland reporting the dinghy theft and asking if they could identify the location of the photo. Within 40 minutes Bryce Marriott, Chief Engineer

of the Dredge Oregon, emailed back and stated that the photo was taken at the "poll yard" south of Hayden Island. On April 28 at about 7:30 a.m. we got an email from Chief Marriott asking that we call him. It turned out that our Zodiac was tied to the back of a blue sailboat anchored outside his office on Swan Island. By 7:40 a.m. we had photos of what looked like our dinghy and were soon on the way to Swan Island for a better look.

Natasha and I walked the bank around the Swan Island lagoon near the boat launch and sure enough there was our dinghy tied behind a 22' Blue Bayliner Buccaneer Sloop named Scout, OR 160 RZ. We contacted the Portland Police and soon after the Portland police and the River Patrol were on their way. In our effort to not alert the two guys living on the blue boat, we did end up making the folks in the businesses along the bank nervous. Soon they came out to ask what we were doing sneaking around their parking lot. With a few words of explanation, we allayed their concerns and they expressed the hope that the folks on the blue boat would be arrested. Evidently many things had gone missing and the blame was laid there. Seeing the Portland Police Officers looking through the trees at Scout, the guys on the boat realized that the game was up. We could see them hurriedly prepping to up anchor and make an escape. In their haste they fouled the Zodiac's painter on their prop and had to jump into our dinghy to unwrap the line. Soon they were underway and running at a blazing 6 knots with our Zodiac in tow.



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### *Stolen Dinghy continued*

In the meantime, the Sheriff's River Patrol boat was closing fast. A 6 knot sailboat is no match for a 45 knot patrol boat! The patrol boat easily caught up to the sailboat, our dinghy was recovered and the two guys interviewed. It turns out that these folks are well known on the river. But being non-violent offenders, they haven't been previously arrested although there may be a grand jury in their future to decide their fate.



All in all, we got the dinghy back with only a little damage done. It was dirty and missing the oars and fuel tank but otherwise intact. There are a few lessons to learn here. First, don't give up. If we had let this go, who knows if we would ever get the dinghy back and in what condition? Secondly, we are switching to a heavy security chain made from HT or G70 steel which is quite hard to cut. Lastly, we have the registration numbers on a plastic panel that we display when we are operating the dinghy. We will be putting the numbers directly on the dinghy to make identification easier. I should note that even though we did the sleuthing we, had no intention of confronting these guys. That's what the pros are for!



On a parting note, our dinghy was being offered on Craig's List along with a black Mercury 15 HP 4 stroke outboard that was not ours. We never did hear the status of this outboard. Does it belong to someone else? If so, a call to the River Patrol with your serial number may be in order.

## Moorage Matters

*Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

The moorage and waiting lists are up to date and posted in the west hallway of the clubhouse. If you want a copy just email me and request one. Newer members might like having a copy, to see who their "socially distanced" moorage neighbors are. We recently filled one smaller slip, and no further openings are known for the near future.

The company building our new deck is about to start actual construction, having moved the logs and a barge load of steel beams in so be cautious transiting the Walk 2 fairway. Our old smaller patio deck was recently sold, and next we plan to advertise the larger patio deck that is temporarily stored in Slips 1 and 2 on Walk 2.

If you have a spot on one of the storage racks, please make sure the name plate for your dinghy is legible.

River boating activity is increasing, so be sure and check these three items: mooring lines, chafe guards, and fenders.

And finally, a repeat of a previous Spring Runoff warning. Keep the bow well upstream when moving in or out of your fairway. You will find that the current increases in the outer (more northern) portion of all fairways.

The Columbia River is running fast this month with current up to 3 knots. I was on the water for a couple of hours twice in recent days. One trip was down Multnomah Channel, where the current was much slower. It appears that the Willamette was moving a lot less water in comparison.

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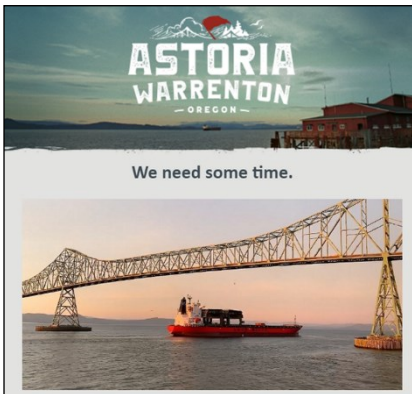
### NEED RCYC WORK HOURS?

Serve as Clubhouse Steward, which involves light housekeeping tasks. These tasks can be done on your own schedule around events. Sign up now to do the duty in July or December and your work-hour quota for all of 2020 will be satisfied. This option may suit your busy schedule.

First come, first reserved!

Contact Clubhouse Chair today:  
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## A Request

from Regina Willkie and  
the Astoria-Warrenton  
Chamber of Commerce  
Staff

## Please Stay Home

This is a confusing time for travel, isn't it? We want to welcome you back to Astoria and Warrenton, but now is not the time. Our stay home order in Oregon continues, even as most counties are entering the first phase of reopening. This phase allows more businesses to operate although under new restrictions. This lets us visit our barber, go to the gym and sit in a restaurant while we enjoy a meal.

However, not every business that has been allowed to open may decide to do so. Many reasons have some business owners waiting: concern for the health of their team and customers; need to remodel to adapt to current guidelines; supply or staffing shortages; etc. Please remember that we have all been in the same situation these past couple of months and it may take some of us more time than others to reemerge into this new way of life.

Phase 1 in Oregon still restricts travel beyond your local area: *Stay close to home. Avoid overnight trips and minimize other non-essential travel, including recreational day trips to destinations outside the community where you live. Travel the minimum distance needed to obtain essential services.*

In addition to the state guidelines of Phase 1, our County and Cities have declared that lodging properties cannot allow leisure guests to stay. These emergency order decrees are in effect until further notice in Astoria and Warrenton. We expect this will continue until we enter Phase 2 and more restrictions are lifted. Our neighboring communities of Seaside and Cannon Beach are also restricting overnight stays to essential travel for now.

If the pull of travel is tempting you to visit Oregon's North Coast, please wait. Here in Astoria and Warrenton, many shops and restaurants are keeping their curbside pickup practices in place or only allowing one group inside at a time. Our historical museums are staying closed. Fort Stevens State Park and Lewis and Clark National Park continue to be closed to day-use -- even the trails and beach accesses are closed.

We ask that everyone have some patience as our businesses get their heads wrapped around their new operating procedures. For now, we encourage you to explore the community you call home and help your local businesses test things out.

We'll be here and look forward to welcoming you again when the time is right. Thank you for your support.

## Reciprocal Updates

Tom & Cathy Nelson, Reciprocal Co-chairs

As we are all acutely aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has seriously impacted the way in which we are boating this year. Like many others in our club, we are not planning to go north this summer to our favorite cruising grounds in British Columbia and Puget Sound.

However, we have heard that one or two of our members may be considering it. Currently the border into Canada is closed, as are many of the marinas and marine parks. Many of the marinas in the San Juans and Puget Sound are closed or partially open; often restrooms are closed and the marine parks are open only for day use.

If you do venture out this summer to any of our reciprocal clubs listed on pages 94-95 of the 2020 RCYC Yearbook, be sure to take your RCYC membership card and fly your Burgee while at another club's dock.

To keep updated and to get more specific information on the status of marinas, marine parks, and border regulations for the U.S. and Canada see : [www.waggonerguide.com/covid-19](http://www.waggonerguide.com/covid-19).



**Gypsy on the hard in  
Puerto Escondido, Mexico  
Bill & Nina Kramer  
are now back in Portland  
until, well, who knows?**



## Remembering Lynn Easton

*Judy Oxborrow—With thanks to Tom Stringfield and Vickie Nissen for the memories*

According to Club membership records, Lynn joined RCYC in May 1980 – the same year Mount Saint Helens erupted – 40 years ago. He was Commodore in 1994, the year Michael and I joined RCYC. That was a momentous year for the Club. It was the year the Club sidewalk superintendents watched as Walk 1 was completely replaced – the first time. Within a year, winter storms had damaged the walk so badly that outside engineers determined the walk had been under-designed and would not withstand the wind and wave action, so lengthy legal action began. It was also the year the Club raised funds to sponsor Team Portland (Rage, Sting and Magic Carpet) for the 1995 Pacific Cup Race to Hawaii. Over 300 supporters more than maxed out the Clubhouse and over \$4,500 was raised.

In 1999, Lynn was one of the Past Commodores who stepped in again to serve as a “Quarterdore” because RCYC found itself in need of leaders when illness in the family prevented the incoming Commodore from continuing in the position.

Over the years, as Michael and I become more and more involved in Club activities, we got to know a bit about Lynn Easton. We had been in the Club a couple of years before I learned that he had been the drummer and a lead singer in The Kingsmen and one of those responsible for the hit song, “Louie, Louie.” When I mentioned it to him, he noted that it had been in another lifetime. And, it was not among the first things a new member learned about Lynn.

Lynn was a member who was deeply involved in the Club. He was more than willing to pitch in on almost any Club project. He was a regular at walk barbecues and Club cruises. We often saw him playing his drums at those Club cruises or at the Club’s coffeehouse music sessions. For years, Lynn performed the Vessel Safety Checks on Club boats prior to Opening Day. His years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary were as much a part of him as being an RCYC member. Although his personal life may have had its ups and downs, RCYC and the Coast Guard Auxiliary were constants in his life. He seemed happiest when he was in a boat on the water or just messing around in boats.



You can watch Lynn sing *Louie Louie* here: <https://youtu.be/fvxH64sB4sE>



Somewhere between when we joined the Club in 1994 and 2005 when I became Commodore, Lynn became one of the Resident Members at RCYC and became even more a part of the Club and its activities. I didn't know much about Lynn's family. I do know that he loved each of them very much. He was always posting pictures of family, boats, and musical bits on Facebook. He beamed when talking about the accomplishments of Joby and Joby's daughter, Piper – who is also an accomplished sailor and became our Daughter of Neptune for 2018, 2019 and 2020. I remember one picture of Piper that was posted by Joby (probably pre-teen) – she was putting the winter tires on the family car – presumably with her father supervising. Lynn boasted how she “was taking care of business.”

In 2014, Lynn sold his floating home to Pam and Carl Corey, who joined RCYC and began their service as Resident Members. He moved on to the next chapter in his life. Over the last few years, he spent time between Oregon and Canada. He had a smile on his face and seemed to be enjoying his retirement. It was strange to see this professional, clean shaven, Coast Guard Auxiliary veteran growing a beard and so laid back. No matter what life held for him, his love of music, passion for boating, and enjoyment of just being on the water stayed with him. We will miss him for all this and, most of all, we will miss his laughter and sense of humor.

Lynn's sense of humor and gift as an inspirational speaker made him a sought after emcee for gatherings. He presided at memorial services for quite a number of RCYC members who had “crossed the bar.” It is so ironic that with the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service to celebrate Lynn's life and share memories isn't possible at this time.

Lynn's 76th birthday would have been June 6. So here's an invitation to all Club members who knew Lynn: Wherever you may be at sunset on that date, raise a glass to toast Lynn and all our RCYC friends who have crossed the bar.



## Racing News

David Paul, Race Captain

Below is information on summer races that may be of interest to RCYC members:

### **BYOBAC Saturday Social Separation Series**

While most RCYC activities have been cancelled due to the need for social distancing, one activity on the Columbia River seems to be flourishing - the BYOBAC Saturday Social Separation Series, 2020. Boat owners are observing the social distancing rules and are sailing singlehanded or only with members of their immediate household. The race is held on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. between Buoy 14 and the RCYC Breakwater. Monitor Channel 72 prior to the race.

### **SYSCO Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon**

SYSCO is organizing some "fun" races on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting June 2. We recognize that safety has to be a priority and we must not put our fellow sailors in situations that may compromise their health and well-being in regard to the Coronavirus. We are encouraging sailors to follow the Guidelines of the State of Oregon (<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342E.pdf>) to create a safe environment for sailboat racing.

For more information on races please visit the SYSCO website at [www.syscosailing.org](http://www.syscosailing.org)



Alex Moss & Sakana on a warm August day  
Yes, Summer will come again!

## Oregon State Marine Board Update

Colleen Moran, Oregon State Marine Board member

With all of the shelter-in-place orders currently in effect, "Can I go boating right now?" is a valid question. The short answer is yes, you can certainly go out on Oregon waterways. Where you can go is another question as, at the time of this writing, many *state parks* (including docks) remain closed to overnight visits. Please look online for updated closure information before you cast off those dock lines. If you do take your boat out, please remember to be courteous to others and maintain six feet of separation from those not in your immediate household.

Here's what the Oregon State Marine Board reviewed and approved during this quarter's meeting.

**Repurposing the Duckworth Dock** – The Kevin Duckworth Memorial Dock is part of the Eastbank Esplanade. Unfortunately, due to its location under the I-5 overpass by the Steel Bridge, it's an underutilized part of the highly popular Esplanade. The Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Human Access Project asked the Marine Board to repurpose the dock as a multiuse community space. While 50 feet of the dock will continue to be used for temporary motorized boat tie-up, the rest of the dock will be turned into designated fishing, swimming, and paddling areas once the City of Portland installs swim ladders this summer. For more information about this newest swim spot, check out the *Human Access Project's website*.

**New Rules for the Newberg Pool** – The Board expanded regulations on wake surfing and wakeboarding in the Newberg Pool. Hopefully these changes, and the accompanying signage, will clear up confusion as to where each activity is permitted on this stretch of the Willamette. The new regulations go into effect on July 1.

**Lower Willamette Rulemaking** – First, a big thank you to everyone who submitted a public comment about the rulemaking options for the lower Willamette River. (Yes, Marine Board members really do read your comments!) The Board discussed many proposals regarding wakes and slow/no wake zones on the lower Willamette (Hawthorne Bridge to Waverly Yacht Club, including Holgate Channel alongside Ross Island). The goal is to find a way for all boaters to safely share this popular recreation spot. Rest assured, motorized boats will still be allowed on this portion of the river. As the road from proposal to actual rule is a long one, stay tuned for another opportunity to share your opinions on this topic once the Rule Advisory Committee and the Board finalize the proposal language this summer.

If you have questions on these, or other related topics, please feel free to reach out to a Marine Board member.





## Cruising Corner

*Ally & Chris Richard, Cruise Chairs*

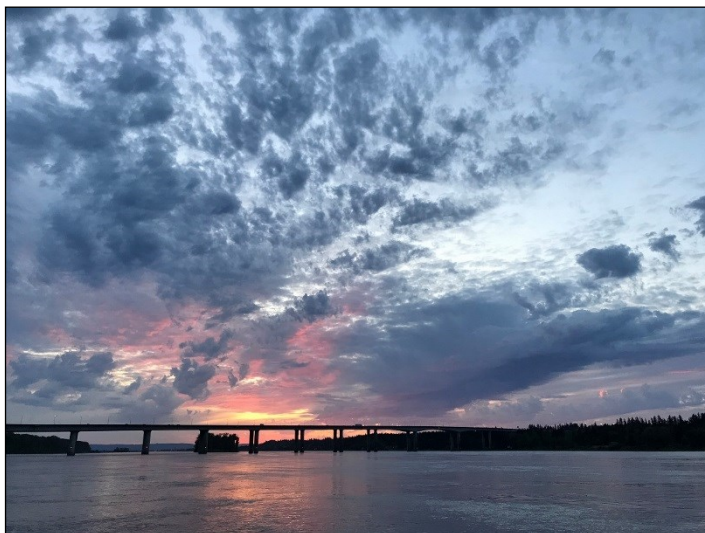
The Cruising Corner has been fairly quiet as of late because there haven't been any cruises to write about or get excited about or talk about or think about. Cruising has only been in our dreams ...

The Memorial Weekend cruise is cancelled since most parks and docks are still closed because of COVID-19. Of course, if you are comfortable with anchoring and can maintain social distancing to the extent you feel comfortable, head on out and enjoy the water!

As far as this summer's events, everything is still a wait- and-see scenario. Once we get word as to what, if anything, is open we will let the membership know! But for now, keep those cruising dreams alive and we will see you on the other side of Corona.



Anchored out near Government Island  
Alan & Rhonda Boguslawski on Summer Wind



Yes! You can get out on the river! Steve & Jean Beatty on Para Handy

## RCYC Summer Schedule

### TBD=To Be Determined

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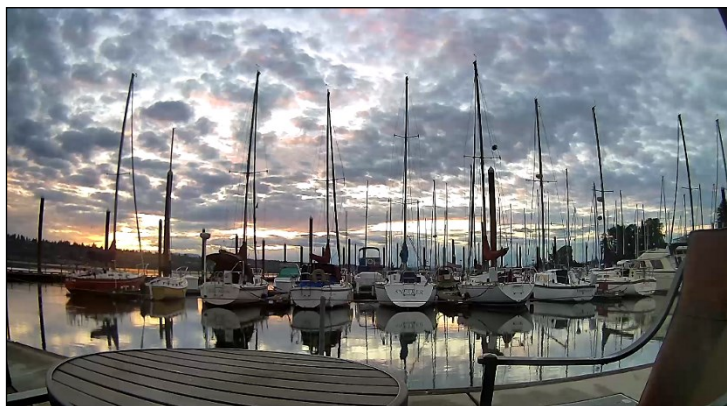
- 1 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm Virtual
- 13 Walk 5 BBQ—5:00 pm TBD
- 13-20 School's Out Cruise CANCELLED
- 15 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 17 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm Virtual
- 18 July/August Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Middle Distance Race TBD
- 26-28 Schwitter Ldg Cruise CANCELLED
- 27-28 RCYC Beer Can & Race Seminar TBD

#### July

- 4 4th of July Land Cruise TBD
- 6 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 11 New Member Orientation—9:00 am TBD
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm TBD
- 15 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm TBD
- 18-26 Lazy Days Cruise TBD
- 20 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 25 Beer Can Race Rum Run TBD

#### August

- 3 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 7-9 Pirates Cruise TBD
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm TBD
- 17 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am TBD
- 18 September Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm TBD
- 22 Walk 1 BBQ—5:00 pm TBD



Sunrise on the Samuels' deck

## From the Rear

*Chuck Pennington, Rear Commodore*

The Pirates' Cruise planning is moving forward. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, it is difficult to determine whether the cruise will be a fully organized event or an impromptu affair.

I will keep everyone apprised of the situation as we are better able to determine which course of action we will take.

Until then, Happy Sailing!



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Check the website calendar for updates and more  
information about RCYC [www.rosecityyachtclub.org](http://www.rosecityyachtclub.org)

Need something added to the calendar?

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