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July/August 2020



From the Helm

CJ Volesky, Commodore

Summer is here and what a summer it is turning out to be. On the COVID-19 front, Multnomah County is going to Phase I, which means groups of 25 or smaller can gather. If you plan to gather at the Club, please be respectful of others' wishes and do not block pathways for those who wish to maintain social distancing.

Our patio float is now complete. However, we still need to add a railing and a roof structure. We hope to have this up and completed by the end of the summer. In addition, both old patio floats have been sold. I am looking forward to having our Club back to normal, both physically and operationally.

Official Club Cruises are on hold, but Smoothie is up and running and Roxana and I will be starting to use her. I will be posting in the forum where we will be going and when.

The 4th of July Cruise and the Pirates Cruise have both been cancelled. The Club is still available for use on the 4th of July, and I am sure there will be a few at Schwitters landing the weekend of the Pirates cruise. However, no official events are planned.

Lazy Days is still up in the air. However, Smoothie is still planning on going downriver during this time frame. We have an anchor, and we are not afraid to use it. Keep watching emails and the forum for updates on the Lazy Days cruise.

In other Board actions, both pumps for our black water pump station are going to be replaced soon. This work will be done once the parts come in and should ensure a good operating head system for the foreseeable future. In addition, we now have 100% compliance with registration, insurance, and keys as the Club rules require. Thank you to all for your cooperation.

Stay safe out there and hope to see you all soon.



Vice Commodore's Report

By Carl Corey

There looks to be some relaxation in the Covid-19 Social Distancing guidelines, as even Multnomah County started Phase I reopening in June. While it still remains to be seen what we can do in terms of Club activities, there will at least be some opportunities in July and August even if they are "unofficial" in nature. Pam and I plan to practice significant social distancing (but including our oldest grandson and not staying home) for a month and a half or so in July or August while checking out the actual conditions in central and south Puget Sound.

The work barges and little tugs from Riverbank Marine Construction LLC are now gone and there is left in their place our new patio float. A decision on what kind of roof it will get will have been made by now and acquisition should be in progress.

Members are putting in work hours to attend to tasks that need to be done. While not as much work is getting done as we could accomplish with full work parties, Toby is having small work parties to get a lot of maintenance and other items accomplished. Over 110 hours were recorded in May by Club members and we are over 50 hours so far in June. Remember, the 6-hour Spring requirement has been rolled into an overall 12-hour requirement for the year – so if you have some time and need to get some hours in – contact Toby Elliot to see what might need to be done.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone!

Moorage Matters

By Loren Beach

As of press time, the construction barges and tugs have vacated and our new deck is "walkable". New rails and a roof are still under discussion, so for the present, use caution when stepping onto the deck. The former patio deck is about to go to a new owner, which will free up a slip. Several new member boats are having to move around a bit, as temporary slips open and close.

Spring runoff current is strong, but will subside to normal this month, and the depth in the moorage will also drop to summer levels. If your boat drafts over six feet, you may occasionally find a high spot in any of the inner fairways. If you do, take detailed notes about actual water level and the date and time. Send the information to me and I can forward it to the Dredge Chair for next dredging season's planning, or just send your info directly to the Dredge Chair.

As you noticed from the June Board minutes (just emailed to you), we are one boat away from being current with all having their registration stickers displayed. If you want to pass your Vessel Safety Check and get a current VSC sticker, please contact Resident Rick Samuels.

If you want a current moorage list so you will know who those other members are that are 'social distancing' along your walk, just ask and I will email one to you.

These long summer days can lead to more trespassing and other criminal activity on our property, so be diligent about closing the man gate at the top of the ramps at sunset.

Security around our moorage depends on the same dynamic as recruiting new members and maintaining our fine facility - there are about 150 of you to step up and do your part. There are no paid staff, just our volunteer Officers and Chairs. If you have an idea or a concern, call or email the appropriate Chair or an Officer.

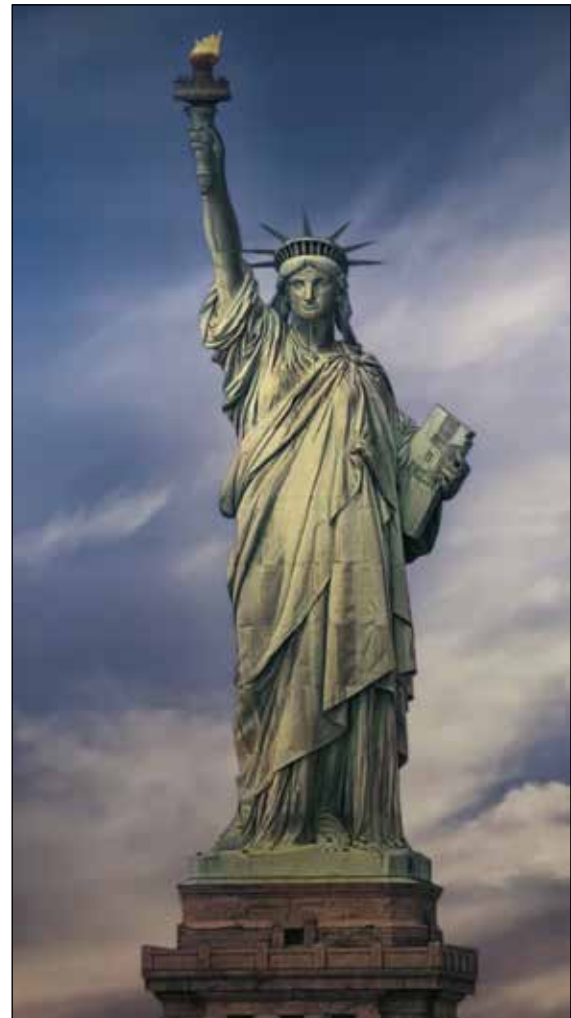
There have been nice breezes on the river recently and more warmth. Fair winds to you.

Greetings From The Rear

By Chuck Pennington

At the June general meeting (via Zoom), it was decided that RCYC will have a less formal version of the Pirates Cruise slated for August 7-9. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic self-distancing measures in place, no activities will take place and no pancake breakfast will be provided.

Happy Sailing,
Chuck Pennington
Rear Commodore RCYC



Foghorn Copy Deadline: 18th of the Month

Please send your titled articles and photos to: rcycfoghorn@gmail.com

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Cruising Corner

By Chris and Ally Richard



Ah summer, the great time in our year where we spend copious amounts of time on our boats soaking up those sweet rays while enjoying the company of our families and club members... At least that was our plan until COVID-19 hit.

Your Cruising Chairs have been disheartened since the beginning of the pandemic and unsure about cruising in general. But we have some good news! From what we can tell from the super helpful state park websites (we're being sarcastic here), it would seem that Government Island is open to boaters.

Also, if you want to participate in Lazy Days, Cathlamet's Elochoman Marina and Astoria's West Basin Marina are open as well. Both offices have been contacted and said "yes, we are open!"

However, there will not be any potlucks, and please note that the Club will NOT make reservations for dock space at any location. Furthermore, CRYA has determined that all cruises for the year are essentially cancelled, making every cruise we have planned unofficial for the time being, which means that any spot on the river could be busy.

So, what does this mean? Please feel free to go out on your boat to enjoy the river with club members - at a distance. Also, because the state park website is so super helpful (again, we're being sarcastic), be prepared to be asked to leave a dock by a patrol if it does end up being closed.

Next weekend, June 26th-28th, there is an unofficial cruise to Schwitter Landing. This is a great swimming location, with plenty of beach space! We really hope to see you there, unofficially.

Going back to Lazy Days. A lot of members end up following their own schedules, so please try to find a buddy boat and enjoy your time.

Here is the general unofficial schedule:

- July 18—Martin Slough
- 19—Walker Island
- 20—Cathlamet
- 21-22—Astoria West Basin
- 23—Cathlamet
- 24—Walker Island
- 25—Martin Slough

For Elochoman— you cannot enter the office to pay for your slip, so the staff request that you call and pay with a card over the phone. You may also put an envelope in their drop box with cash or check, but card is preferred.

Everything else is open, just look at signage.

If you do plan on traveling to Astoria, please call ahead to see where they would like you to go. Again, their office is

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closed to visitors, but all other facilities are open as of this writing. Just call to make sure there is space.

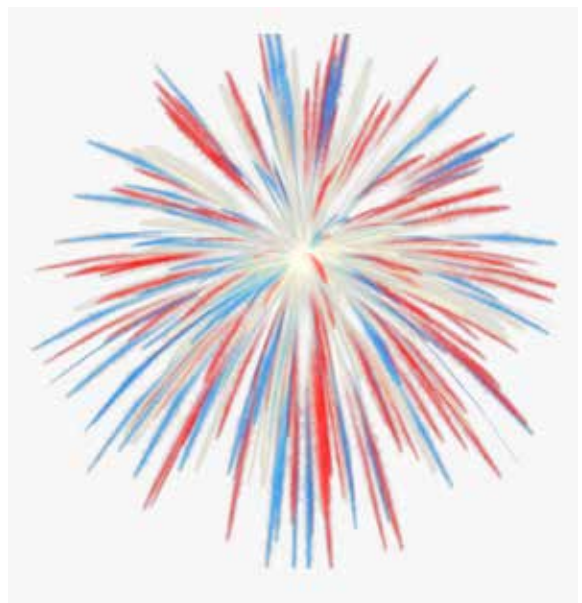
To sum up, all cruising is unofficial and cancelled for the summer, but feel free to observe the cruising calendar and make plans as long as you feel safe. Please make sure to keep a respectful distance, take masks with you, and wear your PFD. As always, with any questions regarding cruising, please reach out to Chris and Ally Richard - they're in the Yearbook.

Security Reminder

By Pam & Carl Corey

Just a friendly reminder folks. It is great to see more and more of you at the Club and many of you work into the evening on your boats and squeezing in that last ounce of daylight on a sail. Please, as you walk up the ramp to your car, make sure that the gate is closed and locked behind you. We lock up every night but more and more we end up going back up the ramp to lock up once again. Now yes, I can use the exercise but I also enjoy my evening down time. SO -- if the gate is locked when you get there, please make sure that it is locked behind you. Give it a gentle shove after you close it. Often it takes a second or two to cycle the lock if you have used the red button to open the gate.

If you go up the gate and it is getting dark and the gate is still open, we appreciate it when you take the time to close it behind you, saving us the trip up the ramp. It takes a village...thanks for doing your part to help keep the Club secure.



Why You Should Use a Float Plan

Reprinted from BoatUS magazine, submitted by Alan Bergen

You're a few miles from shore, wrapping up a few hours of fishing, when you turn the key to start the engine and hear "click." Your battery is dead, and you're too far from shore to get a cell signal. You told a friend you planned to be home before nightfall. As the sun sets, you realize that's not going to happen. The next day your friend realizes you're not home and calls the Coast Guard. They ask what kind of boat you're on, the color, what kind of trailer you have, where you launched. Your friend doesn't know any more than that you're on a small boat with an outboard. A wide area search and rescue is launched with no way of knowing where to start.

Scenario 2: On the way back from a nice outing off the east coast of Florida, a thunderstorm suddenly kicks up and a huge gust flips your small boat, dumping you and your nephew in the water. Your electronics are wet, and all you can do is hold on to the hull in the chilly water as the sun sets. It's Saturday and you're not due back to work until Monday. No one knows anything more than you "went out in the boat somewhere."

These two scenarios have two things in common. First, they're both actual events, and second, both skippers needed a float plan. In the first instance, the man was found after an exhaustive search that started in the wrong place. In the second one, the men were located nearly four days after capsizing and spent a few days in the hospital recovering. In either case, giving a float plan to a trusted person would have allowed rescuers to quickly locate the distressed boaters and prevented unnecessary time and expense for searchers.

Float plans are useful for any boat, whether it's a kayak or cruising yacht. Here is a blank one to get you started. Fill it out completely and give it to someone reliable. Be clear about when they should take action. You don't want them to panic if you're a few minutes late, but you also don't want them to delay too long. It's better to notify rescuers and have it called off when you show up a little late than wait overnight while you may be treading water. Whether you are on the water for an afternoon or a month-long excursion, a float plan can be a lifesaver.

A float plan includes all the pertinent information the Coast Guard will need in a search, including the names of the owner and operator of the vessel, description of the operator and passengers, and information about the vessel. It will also include info about your trip including departure date, departure location, destination, your planned route, if you will have a buddy's boat close by, and your

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RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

JULY

Note: cruises are officially cancelled (no activities), but are still scheduled as 'on your own'

- 4 4th of July Land Cruise, cancelled
- 6 Knauti Knitters - 10 a.m. - TBD
- 11 New Member Orientation - 9 a.m. - TBD
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18-26 Lazy Days Downriver Cruise - Cancelled
- 20 Knauti Knitters - 10 a.m. - TBD
- 25 Beer Can Race: Rum Run

AUGUST

- 3 Knauti Knitters - 10am - TBD
- 7-9 Pirates Cruise - Cancelled
- 10 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 17 Knauti Knitters - 10 a.m. - TBD
- 18 September Foghorn Deadline
- 22 Walk 1 BBQ - 5 p.m. - TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 4-7 Labor Day Cruise – Cancelled
- 7 Knauti Knitters - 10 a.m.
- 14 Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 16 General Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 18 October Foghorn Deadline
- 18-20 Schwitter's Landing Cruise - Cancelled
- 19 Work Party – 9 a.m.
- 21 Knauti Knitters – 10 a.m.
- 26 Walk 2 BBQ – 5 p.m.

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Tribute to a Young Lynn Easton

Thanks to former member, Janice Choy-Webber, for digging up these articles!

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Record Found Free Of Obscenities, Examiners Fail To Decipher Lyrics

The U.S. Post Office has made it official. There is nothing off-color about the lyrics of "Louie, Louie."

Nothing, at least, if it's the version (there are four others) recorded by the quartet of Portland boys who call themselves "The Kingsmen."

Lynn Easton, a spokesman for the Kingsmen, said in a telephone conversation from Wichita, Kan., Thursday that his company, Wand Records, has even offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who can find anything "dirty" in their song.

"There wasn't the least thing of that kind intended when we cut the record," Lynn said.

"What we wanted was a basically instrumental number," he added, "so we had the singer move back from the mike. I guess you might say his words are pretty insignificant."

Federal Communications Commission officials agreed. In answer to complaints that if the record was played at 12:30 p.m. the lyrics would be decipherable and obscene, an FCC official demurred after giving it a listen.

"As a matter of fact, we found the record to be unobjectionable at any speed we played it," he said.

Paul Cantor, an executive of the Kingsmen, said he had received a letter from the FCC giving "complete clearance." That was 10 days ago.

Cantor said he understands there is a set of lyrics "that sag around" that is off-color, but that there was "no question" that the Kingsmen's record is all right.

While "Louie, Louie" is being played to sag on the charts in this country, it has suddenly been discovered in London, Easton said. The group's recording was rated No. 4 in the English capital last week.

To capitalize on the growing popularity abroad, The Kingsmen have scheduled a trip to London in late March. Prior to that, though, they'll be back in Portland for a brief visit.

"Right now," Easton said, "we're playing a series of one-nighters in the Midwest."

Lynn, Gary Abbott and Mike Mitchell are graduates from David Douglas High School, Norm Sundholm came from Beaverton High and the fifth member of the group, Don Gallucci, still attends Franklin High School when he's not on the road.

City Council Members Praise MAC Decision

City Council members were enthusiastic Thursday over the decision of the Multnomah Athletic Club membership to reinstate the stadium property at



PORTLAND RHYTHM and Blues group, "The Kingsmen," have hit the big time with their recording, "Louie, Louie," named number three in the country by Billboard and Cashbox. Group includes Norm Sundholm (left, kneeling) Don Gallucci, Mike Mitchell, Lynn Easton (standing, left) and Gary Abbott.

Portland's 'Kingsmen' Score With R-B Record

By WILLIAM SANDERSON
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Two nationally-known songwriting establishments, "Billboard" and "Cashbox" magazines, made startling announcements this week.

A rhythm and blues number called "Louie, Louie," is currently the Number Three recording in the nation.

There has been some astute speculation in this most speculative industry that "Louie, Louie" may well be rated Number One next week.

This may be distressing to some—particularly when that elevation may be at the expense of Dominique, The Singing Nun. It is certainly a surprising development to five Portland lads trouping as The Kingsmen.

They recorded the number. "That shows you what a crazy business music can be," said 19-year-old Lynn Easton, whom the others call Leader. "We recorded the song last May. It just sold maybe 600 copies. Then it just laid low. We figured, 'Well, so we dropped a bomb. The experience was worth the trouble.'"

"Louie, Louie" did lay around. Here in Portland it faded and was virtually forgotten. Then, inexplicably, Boston teenagers bought 21,000 copies in a week. It's been the bean city's best seller for the past month.

The other members of the group are Mike Mitchell, 19, lead guitar and vocalist; Norm Sundholm, 18, bass guitar; Gary Abbott, 20, drums; and Dan Gallucci, organist. Lynn plays sax, drums and sings, too. He, Gary and Mike all graduated from David Douglas High School. Norm came from Beaverton High and Don still attends Franklin.

"Gary and I formed the group when we were in the eighth grade," Lynn said. "We just added the other guys as they came around." Informality is the watch word with rhythm and blues.

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THE MUMMERS can relax all day long in a cruise, and there's no more chance for rescue. Mrs. Lynn Easton and her sailing buddy, with son Judy and daughter Lynn, keep their cool under the hot sun. Judy's son is seen above that.

Wives Take Heed For Safe Boating

By CHARLOTTE GRAYDON
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

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ONLY WAY to go is to the bar on a water course. Mrs. Lynn Easton and her sailing buddy, with son Judy and daughter Lynn, keep their cool under the hot sun. Judy's son is seen above that.



GETTING BEHIND under way in the city of their Midway (Ore.), Mrs. Lynn Easton and her sailing buddy, with son Judy and daughter Lynn, keep their cool under the hot sun. Judy's son is seen above that.

This "Hostess House" article was a nice surprise seeing a very young Lynn Easton, and Marli with her mom!

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RCYC Medium Distance Race Defies the Odds

By Race Captain, David Paul

While Sailboat racing on the International level has been beat down under the threat of COVID-19, RCYC produced a credible alternative to the annual Medium Distance Race. The fleet was required to follow social distancing, wear masks and reduce crew numbers. Under mostly cloudy skies on Saturday, June 20, two dozen boats celebrated the solstice and welcomed summer with RCYC's assistance. The racing consisted of five fleets. All fleets posted finishers within the established five-hour time constraint (except for the lone cruising class entry). The course started up-current, but the current was too much for several boats, some of which withdrew after light winds made it exceptionally hard to get above the first turning mark for all fleets at Buoy 18. The fastest two fleets, with ten boats total, sailed down to Buoy 2 and back to a finish at the club dock.

Winners were: MYST (Rod Buck-PHRF A), Breakaway (Daniel Petrin-PHRF B), Misty (Pam Sesar-PHRF C), Free Bowl of Soup (Eric Hopper-J-105) and For My Girls (Craig Daniels-Cal 20).

RCYC sponsored racing continues with the "Fly Your Flag" Beer Can, Saturday, June 27 and the RCYC Long Distance Race (overnight to St. Helen's and back) on September 12-13. Stay tuned for further details and keep on sailing safely.

Using a Float Plan, Continued from page 4

expected return time. Also, consider adding another page with photos showing the make and color of the boat along with any identifying markings, and the size and brand of your outboard. And don't forget to notify your emergency float plan contact when you reach your destination and if you materially change your plans. Some details in float plans may vary depending up on the length of your trip.

Float Plan Travel Tips

1. During your trip, try texting, emailing, or/and calling your float plan contact person to check that you can get through.
2. Text or call your contact at arrival and departure points during an extended trip, especially one with several longer legs.
3. If your boat has an MMSI properly registered and an AIS properly set up, your contact (or even rescuers) can plug your MMSI number into an AIS tracking website to pinpoint your location and watch your progress. (Note that the websites aren't always up to date.) Members can request a free MMSI number at BoatUS.com/MMSI.
4. If you're buddy boating, encourage your friend(s) to file a float plan, too, and tell your contacts you're traveling in company, following the same itinerary — useful info if help is needed. Also, if both boats have MMSI-enabled VHF's, try calling each other's MMSI number periodically to check in. Calling by MMSI number keeps channel 16 open for emergencies as it starts its transmission on dedicated digital MMSI channel 70.

[Download a copy of the BoatUS Float Plan](#)



Wave Dancer works her way upstream during the RCYC Medium Distance Race, June 20. Photo credit: David Paul



**Happy
Summer,
Y'all!**