

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

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From the Helm

CJ Volesky, Commodore



The main summer season is behind us and that means the best sailing season is upon us. We had four boats take part in the unofficial Beacon Rock Cruise. The weather was perfect and the dock was not crowded. Boating is a great way to social distance and still be able to get out of the house and have fun. Just remember to respect others and follow the recommended social distancing and mask wearing guidelines. You may be comfortable without a mask, but think of those who have underlying conditions that make this virus a lot scarier. Give them space and/or wear a mask.

The patio pavilion engineering and permitting process has taken longer than expected, but will soon be completed and the manufacturing will begin. We were hoping to have this done for the fall season, but it looks like it won't be until late fall or winter before we take possession of the pavilion. The Board has decided to put the purchase of new tables on hold until spring, as they are not used much in the winter months.

Security is again a topic I need to discuss. Just need to remind people to keep your eyes and ears open. Recently we had another hole cut in the fence and our \$250 yellow cart is missing again. Help us keep your costs down by keeping your eyes and ears open and making sure people at the Club are members or with members.

Members are responsible for dinghies, kayaks and other flotation equipment stored on docks/racks. Please be reminded to post your name on your dinghy/kayak slots and ensure they are properly secured to avoid damage and liability to other boats. The last windstorm saw several kayaks take flight and crash into boats.

Finding ways to have social events at Rose City Yacht Club during COVID-19 has been challenging. Watch the webpage, forum, and email for planned events coming up. Some events we may try are movie nights, Saturday morning coffee hour, and coffee house jam sessions. All of these will be limited to the attendance allowed by the State and will follow set guidelines and requirements. Reservations will be required. In the meantime, watch for some Zoom happy hours and Zoom trainings. If you



have any ideas on other events we can have, please let me know.

Lastly, I am continually impressed by the commitment our members have to RCYC. Some donate countless hours to make this Club what it is. Remember the more you put into RCYC, the more you will get out. Volunteering does not have to be all hard work. I personally have fun at most things I do at the Club. Come join me.

Clear skies and fair winds.



Vice Commodore's Report

Carl Corey, Vice Commodore

Well, summer is over and fall should be in the air – once the smoke gets blown out of here! The summer went fast, but also slow. I hope everyone had a reasonably good one! We were hoping to get back to some resemblance of normalcy with respect to work parties and social events, but that is not to be. We are all still grappling with what will become the new normal in the COVID-19 era.

We have a large number of maintenance tasks and other work that need to get done this fall. The Board modified the work hour requirements for this year in that each membership unit still needs 12 hours for 2020, but no first half/second half requirement. Hours just need to be done by the end of the year. If you were waiting to get your hours during dredging operations, preliminary results of existing sediment levels in the moorage indicate that dredging is not going to be a lengthy operation this year. A bright side to work hours is that the Club accomplished over 150 hours during the month of August – over 50% greater than either June or July!

To meet our objectives for getting tasks completed, we will need to think outside the box to provide opportunities for members to get in their hours in a safe and effective manner. I'm not sure what it will look like, but possibly some shorter time periods and fewer members on future "Work Party" days, lists of tasks that can be accomplished by members individually, or other ideas I haven't even thought about. Generally, Toby Elliot always has some tasks that can be done during the week by individual membership units and we will need more of that type of opportunity as we go forward. One opportunity, with the low water levels, is the need to pull trash and garbage out of the water and haul it up to the dumpster.

Work Parties and Club activities come with awareness of some implemented COVID-19 restrictions for our Clubhouse. For the foreseeable future:

- Clubhouse is limited to a maximum of 10 people inside for any activities.
- Those people need to be physically distanced.
- This precludes any rentals of the Clubhouse and most other activities inside.
- We have more flexibility (25 people) if we have an activity outside, but this is challenging in terms of logistics.

RCYC webcam image of smoky conditions at the Club due to forest fires



Summer Pump Replacements

Pam Corey

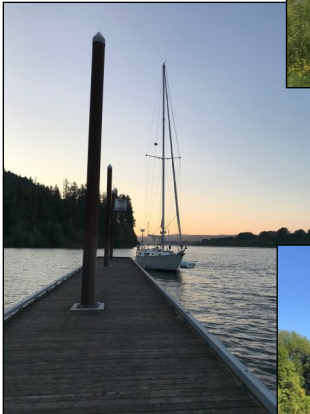
Ooohh shiny bits! The label from the old pump shows that we have had it since 1993! The technicians were impressed. I told him we do tend to take care of things here. Two shiny new pumps and plastic plumbing are installed. All systems are a go and now it is full flush head! Or is that you can now flush your full head?



West Dock



Cathlamet



Walker Island



Coon Island

Strange amount of dock space this summer



Secretary's Salutation

Julie Schumann, Secretary

On a solemn note, Lisa Peterson's mother passed and flowers were sent to Lisa and Steven.

Alverna Martin's daughter and Marie Griffin's sister, Monica, passed on Labor Day. The Club sent them flowers acknowledging their loss.

Cathy Skach spent a very quiet birthday recovering from knee surgery. The Club sent her flowers wishing her a speedy recovery.

On a brighter note, the Club introduced the following prospective members at the September General Meeting:

- **Rob and Pam Neild**, *Paceship 23, Zeitgeist*
- **Sarah Streicker and Travis Johnson**, *Catalina 27, Sloans*
- **Butch Bogan and Cynthia Colledge**, *Devlin Surf Scoter 26.8, Zelda Belle (not here)*
- **Jonathan Patrick Tuttle (Barnaby) and Olga Tuttle**, *Cape Dory 33, Sea Sponge*
- **Dean and Abby Boudouirs**, *Hunter 25, Kaze*
- **Brian Moore and Sarah Peters**, *Yamaha 33, Kaiju*

A kindly reminder. COVID-19 is still a present risk in our environment. RCYC has members with pre-existing conditions. When I was working with a group a few Saturdays ago, a couple of members in that group were not wearing masks. This does make me feel uncomfortable. Please note that the State of Oregon does require mask wearing when you cannot maintain a 6 foot distance outside. Help us keep our community safe and wear a mask when you cannot safely distance yourself.

From the Rear

Chuck Pennington, Rear Commodore

As Rear Commodore, I chaired a Nominating Committee consisting of Matt Richard, Cathy Skach and Gary Brown. This Committee is tasked with selecting a slate of officers for 2021 to be voted on by the membership. The nominations for 2021 are as follows:

- Commodore: Carl Corey
- Vice Commodore: Julie Schumann
- Secretary: Sherry Buchanan
- Rear Commodore: CJ Volesky
- Directors:
 - Ben Thomas
 - Tod Bassham
 - Alan Bergen
 - Dennis Annotti
 - Jim Calnon

A special thanks to Gareth for his service to the Club.

Preparations for the Commodore's Ball are underway. You can expect an update in December when we have more information on what COVID-19 restrictions may be required.

Meet Prospective New Members Brian Moore and Sarah Peters

Brian and Sarah live in Portland. Brian became aware of RCYC while crewing on boats owned by Rene' Emch and Karen Feulner, Tod and Deedie Bassham, and Alan Bergen over the past three years. He has been actively sailing for the past six years including some cruising in the San Juans and Gulf Islands. Brian and Sarah sail a Yamaha 33 named *Kaiju*. For those unfamiliar with the term *Kaiju*, it refers to the Japanese film style featuring gigantic monsters like Godzilla. Because the boat was built in Japan they felt it an appropriate name. Brian is involved with the Willamette Falls Legacy Project/ Riverwalk at the old Blue Heron mill site in Oregon City and with the Albina Vision Project.



August RCYC Fun Race

Tod Bassham

On August 22, skippers and crews of 12 Club boats gathered (in a socially separated sense) on the new patio, masked up and ready to inaugurate what will hopefully become a new Club tradition of casual Club races. Racing co-chair Rene' Emch led a chalkboard discussion explaining how the start and race would be run.

The skippers unanimously agreed no spinnakers were to be allowed, as many boats were sailing shorthanded or with inexperienced crews. Then each boat shoved off, circling around the start line between buoy 14 and the Club breakwater in the fresh 10-15 knot breeze. To maximize fun, the race committee boat was not a stationary observer, but also participated in the race, drifting down toward the line under main alone, calling out the start sequence on channel 72.



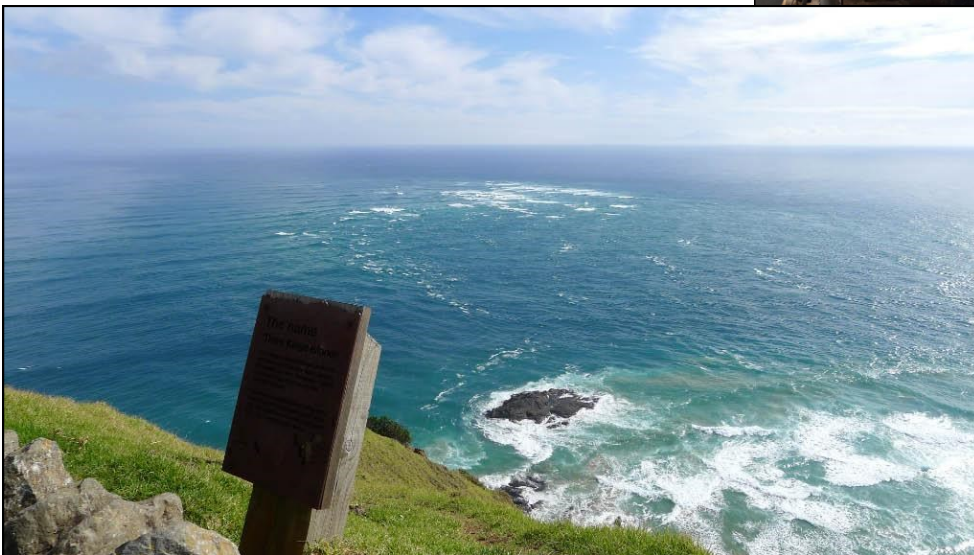
Every boat hit the line running and the entire fleet tacked their way down to the red-green navigation buoy. Rounding, the boats spread their wings and romped back upriver. Some boats finished ahead of others, but no one paid much attention to the standings. Afterward, some crews gathered on the patio for happy hour. Initially, folks spread out responsibly, but as more and more joined, the human tendency of sailors to rub elbows and talk sailing got the better of us. We'll need to work on that.

Randy and Ruth Webster Making the best of it in New Zealand

Catch up on their news at:

<https://velicblog.wordpress.com/2020/08/23/still-in-a-good-place/>

Ruth at the Kauri Museum in Matakohu
Kauri, now protected, is a slow-growing tree that can achieve circumferences of 8m (26') or more.



Randy at the lighthouse of Cape Reinga, or Te Rerenga Wairua, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean and is one of the most sacred places to Maori culture.

The distant whitewater shows the Tasman Sea (left of sign) colliding with the Pacific Ocean (right). It's difficult to convey the energy/turbulence in a photo.

Moorage Matters

Loren Beach, *Moorage Chair*

The recent 40 to 50 mph winds were a precursor to our regular winter storms, so take the 'hint' and:

- 1) Replace any worn mooring lines. Use quality new 3-strand nylon.
- 2) Replace or up-size any old and brittle fenders.
- 3) Add some chafe gear where lines cross hard deck edges or sharp chocks.
- 4) Secure canvas against repeated movement or from being blown away. Assess whether you really need to risk your rolled-up headsail during the winter storm season.

Do NOT take for granted the cleats on your finger dock. Actually check each to see if it is firm or if the nuts on the bottom side have loosened.

Review your shore power cord path from the boat's inlet to the post on the dock where you have your strain relief line tied. If the cable is ancient and cracked or shows any discoloration around the prongs, replace it. If there is any discoloration or other sign of over-heating in the socket, replace the inlet socket (or have a marine electrician do this). If your boat's AC wiring does not meet ABYC recommendations, bring it up to code. If you should experience a fire on board, your insurer will inspect this first, and your Club will be rather curious about it as well. Liability may likely attach.

Tie your dock box down. As addressed by CJ as well, please add a retaining line on your dinghy or kayak. Make sure there is a legible name plate on the rack for your little boat. If not, the Club has the right (after reasonable attempts to locate an owner) to remove it and auction it off.

Days are getting shorter, so remember to close the main gate at the top of the ramps at sunset. Same for locking up the clubhouse. We have no paid help and depend heavily on our 150 moorage members to keep an eye on the place.

Dredging is limited to November and December, so be patient if a fairway is temporarily blocked by piping or the dredge.

Moorage (slip) turnover has been nil the last month with waiting list growing. Other than a couple of thin little slips on walk 2A, we have no openings at present.

The Oregon Marine Board sends out the two-year registration renewals sometime in November. Be sure to obtain your new set of stickers promptly. If you use an outboard motor on your dinghy, it also needs stickers and numbers from the OMB.

If you are US Coast Guard documented, be sure to process your annual renewal through the official USCG web site, and not the expensive private site that imitates the look/layout of the real government site.

Stay safe.



Auntie Em ... Auntie Em ...
Rene' Emch wind gauge on *Cando*—September 11



Liv Ormond watched the Fire Boat
practice maneuvers on Walk 5 fairway



Another hole cut into the fence

The Best Boat Winterizing Checklist and everything else you ever wanted to know about putting away a recreational boat for the season

Alan Bergen, Boat US Coordinator

Boaters in much of the U.S. and Canada acknowledge the need to winterize their boat's engines each autumn. But what else can go wrong? Boat Owners Association of The United States (*BoatUS*) offers boat owners a free online resource at <https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/how-to-diy/winterization>. The website is chock full of winterizing checklists, tips, and a downloadable Boaters Guide to Winterizing to help all vessel owners ensure their boats are stored safely for the winter.

"In addition to winterizing the engine, there are a few other important things boaters should know," said BoatUS Vice President of Public Affairs Scott Croft. Like should you use a plug-in heater? How do you store a boat that has E10 fuel in the tank? Or once preparations are done, how can you keep your boat safe over the winter months?"

In addition to a boat engine winterization checklist for both outboard and inboard engines and another on what to look out for over the long winter lay-up period, BoatUS.com/Winterization also offers offseason outboard care tips and help with what to do if the winter storm of the century approaches. Following the winterization guidelines from BoatUS will help ensure you get back on the water faster next spring.

GEICO Giveback

Did you know that with a GEICO | BoatUS insurance policy, you can bundle and also save on a GEICO auto policy? If you already have GEICO for your car, enjoy an additional 15% credit applied to all six months of your auto policy with GEICO Giveback.

Hurry! The offer ends on October 7th.



RCYC Schedule

October

- 3 Work Party—Cancelled
- 5 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am—Postponed
- 9-11 Unofficial Bartlett's Landing Cruise
- 12 RCYC Zoom Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 17 Work Party—Cancelled
- 17 New Member Orientation—Postponed
- 18 November Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am—Postponed
- 21 RCYC Zoom General Meeting—7:00 pm

November

- 2 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am—Postponed
- 7 Work Party—9:00 am
- 9 RCYC Zoom Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 14 Walk 3 BBQ—Cancelled
- 16 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am—Postponed
- 18 RCYC Zoom General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 18 December Foghorn Deadline



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