

ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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July/August 2022



From the Helm

Loren Beach, Commodore

This time last year we were planning for a July celebration that was subject to distancing restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic, and there was hope that this would all be in our wake by this time in 2022. Alas, not quite. Fast forward to the present. We will indeed have our BBQ this July 2 and will also have a little ceremony for our new deck and a ceremony for introducing—belatedly—a new Board and presenting some annual awards. Present plans are to again have a Commodore's Ball in early spring of 2023 and then try to get back on track for most traditional Club activities.

The pandemic is still with us, and thanks to extensive vaccinations, fewer people are getting sick enough to require hospitalization or die. But "fewer" is a long way from "zero." The positive test numbers are staying steady as the current virus variant spreads rapidly throughout the land. Indoor masking is again recommended although not required by local government. RCYC has learned to have events with enough social separation and enough precaution to be reasonably safe enough for those of us without underlying health concerns.

Attention! Last July we overloaded the new deck platform and cannot do that in 2022. As the Foghorn goes to press, we are awaiting the installation of the remaining flotation and then the Final Permit sign-off that will allow us to occupy the deck for use by members. Note that we now will have real Maximum Occupancy stated for both the Clubhouse <u>and</u> the deck, due to requirements of the Fire Marshal and also due to the limits of our flotation. When the structures are full, do not try to crowd in; Archimedes would have been proud of you.

The river has been flowing very fast and was at flood stage height quite recently and is now dropping, albeit rather slowly. No diver can install flotation with the present strong current due to the risk involved. (Aside: no diver will even commit—yet—to cleaning the slime off of my boat's hull for the same reason.) Our new deck has been built out and roofed by a large number of members. We have mechanics, welders, carpenters, and roofers among our ranks. It's been a number of years since this many members have worked together on such a large project. You have all put in a LOT of hours. (I would tell you that "You've all done very very well!" but was warned that some younger members have no idea where that phrase originated.)

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Almost but not quite ready—top: Pam Corey, center: Ron Moran

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Secretary's Report

Gary Brown, Secretary

Wow, is the river high – the "ramp" was hardly ramping at all the other day. I hope it comes down at least 8 feet in the next week and a half or we will have to cause an I-5 bridge lift when we return with our boat from up north. Sorry, Portland, traffic is bad enough without our help!

By the time this Foghorn is published all Moorage Agreements will be signed and done (prediction as there are

only a small few left). Thank you everyone for not causing us to do too much pestering to get them wrapped up.

Tod Bassham, who is up north cruising with Deedie, would want you to know that June 10 marked the last day for collecting work hours for the first half of 2022. Club members worked a total of 4,062 hours! Thank you and well done. There were three memberships deficient to the tune of only two total hours.

In Member News, there were no new members introduced at the June Board meeting, nor any sworn in at the June General Meeting. There were, however, the resignations of Darren and Donna Knittle, as they are moving to Canada. We will miss the Knittles. Darren was serving as Race Captain and did an outstanding job. Brian Moore will step up to cover for the rest of this year. Big thanks to Darren and Brian!



The "Members" tab is for the private use of RCYC Members Only. To get access: Use your same email address as is on the "everyone-at-rcyc@simplelists.com" list. Select "Lost Your Password?" to create a password. The Forum is located here with

major topics of Information, Activities, Mechanical systems and Maintenance, and Classifieds. Subscribe to your favorite topics and get emails on replies to your posts or any new posts.



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If you have not logged on to our new/revised club website, you should give it a try. This has become an important member benefit and was the well-presented show-and-tell at the June General Meeting. There are forums for sharing information and selling boat parts. You can also read the current and past minutes of meetings and all of the financial reports; read and download present and past Foghorn copies; and download forms. All of this is in the password-protected part of the site. Please do read the meeting minutes. Gary has done an excellent job of reporting all of the facts with accuracy and relevant detail. Karen has shepherded us through a major bookkeeping vendor changeover and keeps our reports current. Everyone on the Board has made strong contributions.

The timetable for July 2nd food and drink was sent out on June 18, and there will be a follow-up email to all members about fitting in our other events planned for July 2. As stated, the deck may or may not be approved for occupancy by that day. We will keep you informed. We do have a backup plan to utilize some of the marginal walk for BBQ-ing and food serving if we need to. The party will happen! If you have not yet volunteered for food prep or cleanup, drop an email to Liv Ormond. She says she will try to find you something to do. Watch your email for more info.



East of Tongue Point, behind Lois Island—watch charted depths for shoals

Given that our major cruise starts July 23, there is much to look forward to. Be aware also that the downriver cruise can be for whatever length fits your life plans, whether one week, two weeks, or more. Speaking of cruising downriver, plan (if you have a day or two to spare) to anchor out in the large protected bay on the east side of Tongue Point. Twenty feet deep with a sand/mud bottom with excellent holding. It's an established RCYC cruising destination.

Stay safe, and remember to "crab" when motoring your yacht down our fair ways.

Cruise Corner

Chris and Allyson Richard

There's a lot of information in this month's Cruising Corner, so grab yourself a delicious beverage or a snack, sit back, and enjoy! June's Cruise took you to Schwitter. Wasn't that a really fun cruise? The weather was super interesting! And, as always, the Happy Hour Potluck was amazing! Thank you all for contributing to a fun weekend. On June 23-26 we did the Second Annual School's Out Cruise to Coon Island East Dock and Martin Slough. High water & sun! So much fun!

July 23-30 - Lazy Days is our personal favorite cruise of the year! For those new members, this is a week-long (or two weeks for some) cruise downriver out to Astoria and back again. A lot of members end up following their own schedules. Try to find a buddy boat and enjoy your time! Here is the general schedule:

- 23 Martin Slough
- 24 Walker Island
- 25 Cathlamet
- 26-27 Astoria West Basin
- 28 Cathlamet
- 29 Walker Island
- 30 Martin Slough



We will have our Dinner Potluck in Cathlamet on July 28 at 6:00 pm over by the office. This will be an actual potluck so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. New members, definitely check out Elochoman Marina's website if you're interested in overnight accommodations and think you might drive there, though we highly encourage the trip via your own boat with the rest of us. Again, there will be raffles for gift cards! If you are going on Lazy Days, please fill out this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9p9ItlEmpTscgEXC9h3BgIqu22sf4auiGQYsq5u-sfQU-yA/viewform so that we can reserve slips for you at Cathlamet and/or West Basin. The form will close on Monday, July 11. Please get it filled out ASAP!

August 12-14 - Pirates' Cruise at Schwitter Landing (Government Island West Dock)

Pirates' Cruise is a fantastic family fun cruise with many kid-friendly events including the Past Commodores' pancake feed. Feel free to dress up and decorate your boat as much as your pirate heart desires! Happy Hour at 4:00 pm followed by a Dinner Potluck at 6:00 pm.

September 2-5 - Labor Day Weekend at Beacon Rock

Beacon Rock is a special location that we take turns with other clubs to use every year, so please try to attend! Happy Hour potluck on Sunday at 4:00 pm.

For all cruises going forward we will return to informational emails and flyers (if we remember) for any updates or changes. If you have any questions, please email us and we will help out as much as possible!

Happy cruising!

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Contact Terry Foren nirecap@comcast.net -orhttps://rosecityyachtclub.org/ & click on "Ships Store" button



Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

Walk 4 has the pleasure of welcoming a new member to their row. Mark Salholm with his Catalina 30 named *Puddletown* has moored in Slip 17. In August we can expect to see Dennis Armstrong and Coral Simdorn bring their Cascade 38 *Yonder* into Walk 1, and we should also see Tom and Christina Boyd arrive in Slip 20 also on Walk 1 with their Tayana 42 named *Austin B*. August will be interesting as the boats that went north for the summer will be returning, and there are a couple of new members who will be seeking slips about that same time. There may be some opportunities for subletting.

The RCYC Racing Launch has moved to Slip 8 on Walk 2 from its previous position at Slip 6. The reason for this move is to provide easier mooring for the launch's multiple users, provide consistent mooring by the member who has the sailboat in Slip 2b-9 and also provide a more private mooring for a member's boat in Slip 6 compared to Slip 8 (which is directly adjacent to the new patio). This move will also keep the launch and its big Honda outboard out of view from the shore.

As of this writing 98 percent of our active members have submitted signed Moorage Agreements. Thank you to everyone for getting your Moorage Agreement signed and submitted.

We are on the downhill side of the runoff season on the river. On our mid-June cruise to Schwitter Landing there was no beach, and the shore at Bartlett Landing was submerged at the base of the ramp. At the Club,



Debris accumulating during high river levels against the upriver side of Walk 1

the depth was reading 16 feet on the depth piling, and the current was flowing strong. Maneuvering in the moorage required careful attention, good communication and a bit more thrust. The river will begin to get back to normal, just in time for low water conditions later in the season — life on the river! Have a great summer, everyone!



Bring your needles
(or knaut)
& join the
Knauti Knitters
at 10:00 am on the
first & third Mondays
of every month

Left to right around the table:
Cathy Nelson
Sue Pennington
Patti Fischer
Jean Beaty
JoNell McClary
Kathy Beach
Vickie Nissen
(behind the camera)

Remembering Tommy Green

February 22, 1966—June 11, 2022 By Marili Green Reilly

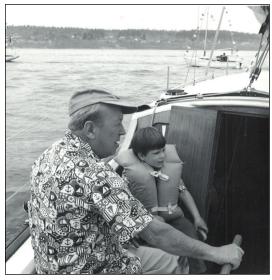
With great sadness I report the recent loss of my nephew, Tommy Green. He was the son of past member Tommy Green (a winning skipper and skilled fiberglass repairer) and grandson of past Commodore Tom Green (president of Yacht Constructors and builder of Chinook and Cascade sailboats).

Young Tommy spent his childhood and teenage years around Rose City Yacht Club, racing and cruising with his grandparents, Tom and Connie. True to the "Tom Green" work ethic, he picked up do-it-yourself skills from his father and grandfather and in recent years became known among his friends as someone who could fix what was broken or build something you needed, including a tiny home for a friend and a camper for his uncle.

Although he was out of contact with our family for many years, once he got back in touch, he pitched in to help maintain the house that he and I grew up in, repairing appliances and plumbing fixtures; installing an attic exhaust fan for Dave and me; putting in a new lawn and hardscaping; cleaning gutters and doing other general maintenance; and house-sitting during our cross-country trailer trips.

During an extended stay with a friend, he was hospitalized with the first in a series of strokes. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 11. He is survived by two of his mother's siblings, Mary and Tony, and by me, his dad's sister. Although he is the last Tom Green in our family, he is survived by a son who is also named Tom and with whom he was only recently reunited. He will be missed by family and by the close circle of friends who enjoyed hearing about his adventures aboard the *S/V Tamara*.

During a cruise up north with his grandparents, Tom & Connie Green, and Tom's niece, Beverly Kilpatrick



May 1971 RCYC Opening Day – with grandpa, Tom Green, aboard the Chinook, *Tamara*



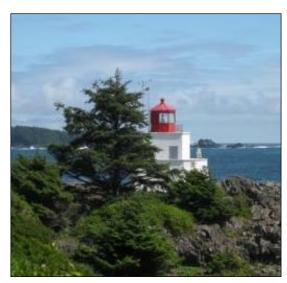
Rear Commodore's Log

Carl Corey, Rear Commodore

Summer is here, although the weather has not recently supported that premise. My guess is that the heat will show up soon enough. While it is over a month and a half away, one of the highlights of the summer could be the Pirate's Cruise from August 12-14 at Schwitters Landing (Government Island West Dock).

This event is one where we focus on the kids (or grandkids in many cases), and while a lot still is dependent on the Covid situation at the time, George Kapllani has vowed to provide (with help) fun activities for the kids. We also have an ample list of Past Commodores who have pledged to help as well, including setting up and preparing the Pirate's Breakfast on Sunday.

If all goes well, Pam and I will still be on the hook somewhere on the west side of Vancouver Island, enjoying seafood and pretty sunsets. We plan to be back around the end of August, refreshed and ready to jump back into things RCYC.



Amphritrite Point—Barkley Sound
West Vancouver Island

RCYC Summer Schedule

July

- 2 Independence Day Celebration
 - 4:00—Appetizers
 - 5:00—Dogs, Burgers & Fixings
 - 6:00—Awards Ceremony
 - 7:00—Dessert
- 4 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 17 Family Night Beer Can Race
- 18 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 20 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 23-30 Lazy Days Cruise
 - 23—Martin Slough
 - 24—Walker Island
 - 25—Cathlamet
 - 26-27—Astoria West Basin
 - 28—Cathlamet—Potluck 6:00 pm
 - 29—Walker Island
 - 30—Martin Slough
- 24 Pirate Beer Can Race

August

- 1 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 12-14 Pirates' Cruise at Schwitter Landing
 - 13—Happy Hour 4:00—Potluck 6:00 pm
 - 14—Commodores' Pancake Breakfast
- 15 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 18 September Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Sport Your Colors Beer Can Race
- 28 Mardi Gras Beer Can Race

September

- 2-5 Beacon Rock Labor Day Cruise
 - 3—Happy Hour 4:00 pm
- 5 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 10 Walk 5 BBQ-5:00 pm
- 10-11 RCYC Long Distance Race
- 12 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 16-18 Schwitter Landing Cruise
- 17 Work Party—9:00 am
- 18 October Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 21 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 24 Out of This World Beer Can Race



Dawn Schuldt & Liv Ormond baking quiche for the deck work crew



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