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ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commodore: Loren Beach
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Secretary: Gary Brown

Rear Commodore: Carl Corey
Directors: Alan Bergen, Mark Holzmann,
Bob Phillips, Cathy Skach, Ben Thomas

November 2022



From the Bridge

Loren Beach, Commodore



Welcome to the 2023 Board Officers and Directors - Commodore Tod Bassham, Vice Commodore Gary Brown, Secretary Cathy Skach, Directors: Mark Holzmann, Kelly Brown, Barbara Weiss, Rene Emch, and Kathy Souhrada, Rear Commodore Loren Beach.

Thank You to those leaving the Board- Past Commodore Carl Corey, Directors Alan Bergen, Bob Phillips, and Ben Thomas.

Much was accomplished this year; and I hope that 2023 will be a bit less hectic - less, in the sense of unanticipated sorts of "hectic." (If it please the laws of chance, may the Club's water system not self-destruct for another 20 years, or longer.)

The October General Meeting went well, and the "zoom" hybrid format seems very popular. I made a rough count of about 41 voting memberships present. A valid election needed 32, so we had a solid representation of our members. The official tally will be in the minutes, soon to be posted on our website. Thanks to members watching for raised hands on the screen and monitoring the position of the new microphone. Communication is getting clearer and will improve with practice.

On a technical note, when you are participating remotely via the Zoom application, practice using the "raised hand" icon located in the Reactions box at the bottom of the Zoom screen. It makes your request easier to see, and puts you into a queue at the top left of the screen, in the order of requests. This is an equitable way for all members to get a turn to speak.

A cheerful agenda item at this meeting was the swearing in of Bruce and Wendy Newton, with Past Commodore CJ Volesky doing the honors. Welcome Bruce and Wendy!

Now, we need to address something completely different. i.e., not about meetings and business.

Winter is coming soon. Sometime in November, we will drain all the water out of our Walk supply lines to protect the pedestal pipes from freezing and breaking. The system will stay dry until the first work party in the spring.

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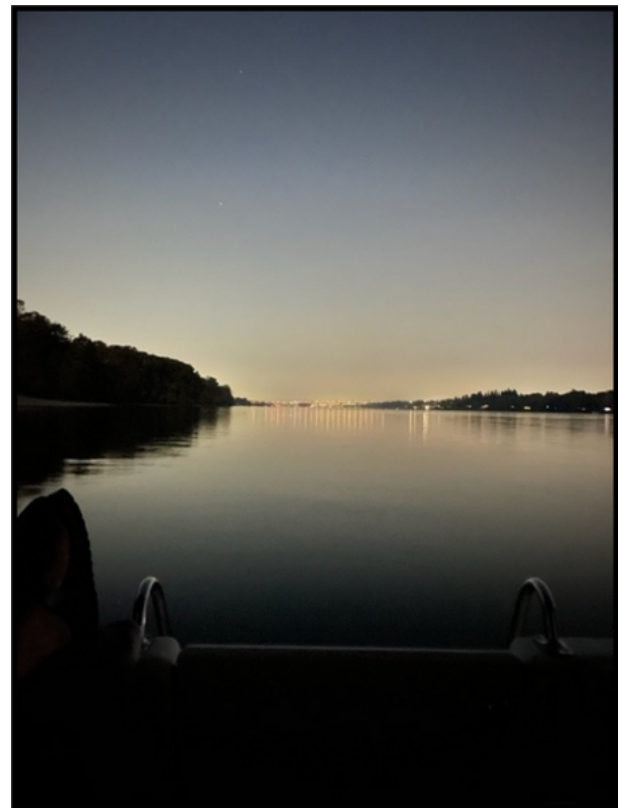


*Day time at Bartlett Landing, Fall Foliage Cruise from the 7th to 9th.
Photo by Chris Richard*

While we do not always get a hard freeze every winter, one thing that does happen every year is that some members travel out of the area, sometimes for several months. I know of members that arrange for a friend or family member to check on their boat every week. (Indeed, I have done this favor for a friend.) However, there are a few members that evidently make no arrangements regarding their boat.

Take note and take heed: Each member is responsible for their vessel. If you do not have family nearby, you must make arrangements with the Board to grant temporary permission for a friend to access your boat to check the bilge and whatever else on it needs attention. Per Club rules, a key cannot be given to a non-member unless that named person has permission from the Board to access the Club for a specified period of time. I note that several local yards and shipwrights do have permission to access, and some do vessel “check ups” for a nominal fee.

Our Residents do walk the marina regularly, but are not Club employees nor your boat’s personal guardian. That said, we are glad to inform you if your vessel needs attention. We will always try to add a temporary dock line to replace a broken line on any boat until the owner arrives to properly secure it. If canvas is tearing, we may attempt to board your vessel, but never if the weather (wind gusts or ice) causes too much personal risk.



A tranquil scene at Bartlett Landing, Fall Foliage Cruise from the 7th to 9th. Photo by Eric and Leslie Foren

Also, in late November or December, many Oregon vessels have to renew their two- year registration stickers. Those stickers must be applied in January, and it is the boat owner’s responsibility to see that this gets done. “A word to the wise is sufficient” is an old saying, so I hope that all will find this reminder “sufficient.”

Now for some “other Club business.” I need to find an immediate volunteer to take over the Chair for soliciting/securing our Yearbook Ads. I have a job description in hand from the former member that did this, now relocated out of state. There are

merchants and vendors to contact in the next couple of months, and then billings to monitor. It does not take too much time throughout the rest of the year. You would coordinate your efforts with the Yearbook Committee and the Treasurer. You would be a contact point for members who suggest a vendor wishing to advertise with us. Email or call me. Thank you.

I hope you all enjoy some late season sailing, whether “SOS” racing or overnighting at a nearby dock. Stay warm and dry and always wear your PFD.

Cheerio,
Loren Beach, Commodore



Night time at Bartlett Landing, Fall Foliage Cruise from the 7th to 9th. Photo by Chris Richard



Vice Commodore's Report

Todd Bassham, Vice Commodore

Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their yacht club. Yes, much remains to be done to prepare our facilities for the long winter ahead. We have several tons of sand to move, water lines to purge, and much else. The last fall work party is scheduled for November 5, 2022. About a third of our membership has yet to complete their second-half work hours. So those folks in particular should be sure to sign up for the work party, volunteer for the dredge crew, or otherwise line up and record some work hours. All 2022 work hours must be completed no later than December 10. This is not a drill.

On a more cheerful note, members have been enjoying our fabulous new Patio. After the conclusion of the Sail on Sunday race in the afternoon, there is always a bunch of folks grillin' and grinnin'. Good to see. The Board recently revised the Clubhouse rental rules to include some safety and use regulations for Patio usage. The goal is to maximize opportunities for member use of the Patio, while still allowing members to use the Patio as part of a member private event. These new use regulations include:

- Outside organizations renting the Clubhouse are generally prohibited from using the Patio as part of their event.
- Members can rent the Clubhouse alone for a private event, or the Clubhouse along with the Patio, for an additional fee. In the latter case, Patio usage is shared (other members may grill or sit on the Patio), with limited exceptions for special events, like a wedding, where temporary exclusive use is appropriate.
- Patio usage is subject to several safety limitations (e.g., 50 person maximum), and restrictions on decorations to protect the wood.

We'll give these new regulations a try and see how they work, maybe tweak them a little later on in light of experience.



RCYC Ship's Store

Shop online & at the Club for products to show your colors.

Contact **Terry Foren** to order: nirecap@comcast.net

Eastdock Cruise - With a touch of colorful creativity





Photo by Cathy Skach



Secretary Salutations

Gary Brown, Secretary

This long summer has been helpful to get some last warm weather chores done. Greetings from the cockpit locker on our new/old Merit 25 where we have been reenforcing the backing on the traveler mounts, among other things. Must say it's kind of tight in there! Hoping to get a few more warm days.



In member news: **Nick Economus** (C&C 34 "Ruffian") and **Todd Busch** (Morgan 27 "Nirvana") were sworn in as new members of the Club at the September General Meeting by former Commodore **Bob Phillips**. **Bruce Newton** joined us at the October General Meeting. Welcome!

Several were introduced to the Board in October as potential new members. **Sean McElderry** and **Megan Spornli**, co-owners of a Merit 25 with members **Travis Johnson** and **Gary Brown**, with whom Sean has been racing for the past year, locally and offshore. **Judith Lebzelter** has a Catalina 25 "Sheri Lynn", at Tomahawk Bay and has been involved with OWSA for several years. **David and Krista Price** have a Gemini Cat 34 "Kalimera" that they recently purchased and look forward to some recreational sailing with their family.

Ryan Rogers and **Ryan Walsh** have moved and have resigned from the Club.

We are saddened by the passing of two of our members. **Paul Glynn** passed on September 24th. In Remembrance of Paul, Rose City Yacht Club will host a reception with light refreshments & beverages at 2:00 o'clock Sunday November 13, 2022 at the RYC Clubhouse. **Roberta "Bobby" Pierce**, wife of George Kent, passed on October 1st. Her service was held on Wednesday, October 12th at River View Cemetery, Portland.



Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

Mark and Susan Brodesser with their Targa 96 have been assigned to Slip 21 on Walk 4. Their boat will arrive soon after November 1st. Michael Valenti with his Catalina 27 will be assigned to Slip 26 on Walk 3. His boat will arrive before the end of the month. Bruce and Wendy Newton with their Merit 25, have been assigned to Slip 2 on Walk 2a. They may move in when ready. Please welcome these new members to the moorage.

The moorage has one available unassigned slip, Slip 5 on Walk 2a (Slip 5 has a second member boat in it). Slip 12 on Walk 5 is being maintained unassigned as described below.

There are currently 3 slips being sublet. Ann Lemke is subletting from Rick Royce in Slip 4 on Walk 4. Tony and Beth Phipps are subletting from Brian Terrett in Slip 16 on Walk 4. Dennis Stewart is subletting from the Finches in Slip 13 on Walk 2.

Don Belshaw's Nordic Tug 26 has been sold and there is an interested buyer for the boathouse. Slip 12 on the north side of boathouse is being held empty anticipating the boathouse removal. There is still a 44 ft sailboat moored to the south side of the boathouse. It will be moved in a few weeks. The new 42 ft long finger is complete and being stored at Bellingham Marine and can be delivered to us when we are ready to receive it.



From the Rear

Carl Corey, Rear Commodore

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee John Osborne, Cindy Moran and CJ Volesky for their help in putting together a very successful slate for your 2023 Board. The Board was approved by membership at the General Meeting on Wednesday October 19th. Congratulations to all of the new Board members.

We have been having a wonderful trip in Churchill, Manitoba, at Hudson's Bay. It has been a balmy low to mid 30s during the day. We have seen Arctic fox, ptarmigan, Arctic hare and polar bears of course. Dog mushing was done on hard trails rather than in the snow, but the dogs seem to still enjoy pulling us through the boreal forest.

Hudson's Bay is quite choppy and extremely cold. We have not seen any suitable anchorages.



RCYC Activities

November

- 5 Work Party #4, 9:00 am
- 5 Walk 2 BBQ
- 7 Knauti Knitters, in the Clubhouse, 10:00 am
- 13 Paul Glynn Reception, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Education: How to Make Soft Shackles
- 21 Knauti Knitters, 9:00 am

December

- 2 Holiday Party
 - 5 Knauti Knitters, in the Clubhouse, 10:00 am
 - 12 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
 - 18 Foghorn Deadline
 - 19 Knauti Knitters, in the Clubhouse, 10:00 am
 - 21 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
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Check the website calendar for updates and more information about RCYC at www.rosecityyachtclub.org

Need something added to the calendar?
Contact Vice Commodore Tod Bassham
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Email articles, announcements and photos with "Foghorn" in the header to RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com by the **18th** of the month

- YOUR FOGHORN TEAM -

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