

RCYC General Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

Call to Order – 7:08pm by Commodore Tod Basham

The meeting was held with 37 in attendance by Zoom and another 12 at the Clubhouse, 3 of the 12 being officers.

Program: Chris Sheesley: Pete McGonagle, “Good [Old] Sailboats: Buying, Selling, Values, Trends.” Member questions discussed: “What is the first thing you look for?”, “How much attention do you pay to engine hours?”, “Blisters?” “How do you feel about older boats?”, “Who do you recommend as a broker?”

Agenda: No corrections to the agenda. Moved to adopt the agenda. Approved.

Introduction of Guests and Prospective Members

Introduction of prospective members and any guests: - Chris Hathaway and Meg Devoe, Catalina 27 named Andromeda (from Craigs List), their family boat. They brought it down from Idaho with their 2 1/2 year old and 11 year old, through all the big Columbia River dams. Chris, a Portland native, works for a nonprofit that works on Columbia River issues and part of the lower Columbia Partnership for about 25 years, and has spent a good part of his life water skiing, sailing, swimming and going to the beach on the lower Columbia River. The River is a big part of our life.

Swearing in of New Members:

- Andy and Robin Curry sworn in by past Commodore Gary Whitney. They have a twin keel Westerly Centaur named Alpha Centauri which sailed from England across the Atlantic into the St Lawrence Seaway and then spent many years in the Great Lakes.

Minutes of the December General Meeting

- Loren Beach moved to adopt the December General Meeting. Seconded. Passed.

Reports of Officers & Directors

- Commodore, Tod Basham: Projects ongoing:
 - We’re in the middle of the survey and renewing our DSL (subsurface land) permit but we’re hung up working out the details.
 - The new fence replacement is up around the property. It looks really good

and is taller than the previous one and should be more secure, although our RCYC sign is now obscured. We're going to team up to raise it up.

- At the Board meeting on 2/13 we approved the reappointment of Karen Jacobson as Treasurer.
 - The 2023 Budget was adopted at the Board meeting.
 - We still have a few folks without their 2023 Stickers on their boats.
 - There is a proposal to haul out our dredge and do some needed maintenance. We don't have a budget item for that but will try to work it out at the next Board meeting.
 - The Board approved the replacement of the galley sanitizer which is 25 years old.
 - Gareth Tabor and his band *True North* has agreed to play at Opening Day again and the Club will make a donation to Youth Sailing.
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- Vice Commodore, Gary Brown: Work Hours
 - Digital Storage of documents approved. Going forward we'll store all of the official documents RCYC produces digitally. Paper will still be accepted but will later be scanned and then be digitally stored.
 - Work hours report: Second-half Work Hours ambiguity resolved with 70% of the membership preferring the resulting language, "Each membership shall perform a minimum of 16 work hours each year with at least 8 hours performed in the first half of the year." Gary: "It is important to know that members understand that the minimum work hours is not sufficient to keep this operating".
 - If everyone did their minimum 16 hours they would add up to around 2000 hours for a year, not nearly enough to support the Club. Last year it took over 7000 hours to keep the Club operating the way that it needs to be. We presume that members are responsible and recognize that we need that work spread throughout the year.
 - We have work that needs to be done this spring. We'll be starting with the first work party on March 4th, part of that will be a special project - part of a drain in the parking lot needs repaired. We will also be rebuilding a retaining wall near an electric panel.
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- Secretary, Cathy Skach: Communications
 - It is with a sad heart we learn of the passing of two long time members of rose City:
 - Cancer claimed the life of Cliff Stephens in early February.

- Kathie Kneeland, a former Commodore, had been ill for some time.
- Rear Commodore, Loren Beach: Commodore's Ball Feb. 18, 2023. Be there or be square: We will celebrate multiple Commodores and their spouses.
- Treasurer , Karen Jacobson: Current financial reports are available on our Club website, posted with the January Board Minutes.
 - Message from Karen is to encourage Members go online and pay their bills.
- Directors: Reports, Barbara Weiss: Parking lot anti-theft measures
 - Barbara investigation other yacht club's approaches to solving gate exit solutions, safety, legal implications, etc.
 - Working on feedback from members and working with CJ and some other members to work on developing a project proposal including project parameters and pricing and project implementation.

Committee & Leads Reports

- Moorage, Matt Richard:
 - Three improvement moves in the last month
 - George and Sue Kapllani from Slip 17 to Slip 15 on Walk 1
 - Pam Sesar and Ken Park from Slip 15 to Slip 17 on Walk 1
 - Tod and Deedie Bassham from Slip 30 to Slip 2 on Walk 3
 - New member Judith Lebzelter assigned to Slip 30 on Walk 3
 - New members Marcin Merek and Joan Cromwell have been assigned a sublet in Slip 9 on Walk 3.
 - New member Steven O'Neill has been assigned a sublet in Slip 21 on Walk 1.
 - We have two boats in the process of being sold, so their slips should come open soon. We are still waiting for the Don Belshaw slip Boathouse to vacate the moorage. When that happens, we have a new finger to install and that will supply two more slips.
- Racing, Brian Moore:
 - Racer's Checkin meeting coming up February 25th at 2:30pm to be held at the Club.
 - Brian has been building a mailing list of folks who are interested in racing so that he can coordinate with everyone without using the @everyone

email list. If you are interested, reach out to Brian Moore from the yearbook (which is conveniently hosted on the [website](#)).

- Cruising, Chris and Ally Richard: No report, but the full cruising schedule is available on the website for those seeking it. Look on the [Activities](#) page.
 - CJ Volesky has coordinated the first ever RCYC Land Cruise, happening at Memaloose State Park, April 14-16
 - If you have a trailer, tent or other RV, you are welcome to join the group or even stop by for the day.
 - Further info and sign-up can be found on our [forum](#) under cruising.
- Education, Rene Emch:
 - February 25 - Racer's Checkin meeting 2:30, RCYC Clubhouse
 - March 15 - presentation by Zoom, **How to Use the Lifesling**. Available to all of Portland area, not just RCYC members
- Work Parties, John Osborne:
 - Retaining Wall Project
 - First work party March 4th
- Social Events. St. Paddy's Day. Linda Shaw
 - Commodore's Ball plans are going well. Flower arranging happening Friday AM. morning
 - St. Patrick's Day Party will be happening March 18th
 - Corned beef & cabbage provided by the Club
 - Will be potluck
 - Begins 5pm
- Chris Shelley - Next month's General Meeting speaker will be speaking about her experience on the 2022 Pacific Cup Race. You might possibly have seen her article in the August 31st edition of 48° North. She will astound us with her offshore adventure stories in Hawaii!

Membership Changes:

- Resignation: Andre Bickford
- Resignation: Erick Nodland and Julia Duffy

New Business

- Proposal: members will be able to access individual Work Hours on the website
- Gary Brown
- Member Alan Bergen proposed that the Board have some kind of exit interview process of members who resign from the club to collect information on the reasons why members leave. It would be good to know whether it was something that happened that turned them off from the club, or if it was personal matter such as moving.

Gwinner Awards

- None

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- René Emch reported that a few members were at a racing clinic last week and during this clinic one of the attendees got washed out of the boat. This is a reminder for those that wear inflatable jackets to please review the instructions on how to manually operate your jacket if it doesn't automatically open, and how to manually blow it up as well. There was some discussion at that clinic about how many people have actually taken their jackets apart and put them back together. I would encourage, as a good of the order, that those of us who have inflatable jackets become familiar with how to operate them in case they don't work automatically as they should.

Tell Tales

- None

Adjournment: Loren Beach moved to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Adjourned 8:33pm.