

Minutes
RCYC General Meeting
April 19, 2023

Call to Order: 7:03pm by Commodore Tod Bassham

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

The meeting was held with 14 in attendance by Zoom and another 22 at the Clubhouse, 5 of the 36 being officers.

Program: No program tonight. Instead Tell-Tales!

Introduction of Guests and Prospective Members

- Dean Terry, Ericson 36 Cutter, started sailing in his teens and twenties with a boat that would fit on the top of his car. He spent time racing on Bellingham Bay. After power boating around the San Juans and backpacking the Pacific Crest Trail from California to Portland, Dean has decided to slow down a little and currently has an Erickson 36 cutter. Dean is a former dredge operator for the City of Portland's lagoon.
- Mike McClain, Canadian Sailcraft 36, started sailing with his Catalina 22 pop top. He sailed in the San Diego Bay and out in the ocean. He spent years in the Navy and 4 years in the Coast Guard. After retirement from PGE, he returned to San Diego and purchased a 36' Canadian Sailcraft, fixed her up and sailed back to Portland. Has done racing with Gary Bruner and completed 5 Offshores with Phil Lewis on Soufflé.

Swearing in of New Members:

- Swearing in of New Members: – Jeremy Chedester & Shannon Chedester Beneteau 30;
- Chris and Linda Loughran, Yamaha 25.

Minutes of the March General Meeting

- No corrections to the March General Meeting Minutes. Moved to adopt the Minutes. Approved.

Reports of Officers & Directors

Commodore - Tod Bassham

- Opening Day May 6th, Parade your boat or ride in another's.
- Going North Seminar April 29th, panel of RCYC members who frequently go north in their boats who will talk about boat preparation, logistics of crossing the bar and itinerary once there, buddy boating, rendezvous there.
- Swap meet tentative June 10th, same day as the Walk 5 BBQ.
- There has been a request for some comfortable furniture for patio, perhaps a couch or a conversation pit. Kathy and Richard Pickwick are doing some research and will be making a

presentation and recommendation to the Board that we acquire some all-season patio furniture.

- Renewal of DSL permit still in progress. We hope to be in the DSL's good graces soon.
- The gate card reader has now been repaired. When the fence was put in, a fence post was driven nearly through the electric cable to the card reader. Thanks to the team who repaired that!
- Boathouse update: Pam Corey is helping to mediate among Don, the buyer and the tow captain to help the process to move along. The Board decided not to pursue acquiring the structure as Club storage facility.
- Dredge Maintenance: There is a proposal to do some work on the dredge. It's been 7 years since we've done any maintenance on it and we need to budget for maintaining our dredge. We'll be doing some work in the water this year to replace the spud cables. We'll probably haul it out next year and do the bottom.

Vice Commodore - Gary Brown

- Work hours report: about 1700 hours done so far this year, 900 at the Club. About 35 memberships have completed at least 8 hours so far, which is the minimum requirement for the first half of the year. By June 10th, every membership needs to have at least 8 work hours done! (New memberships are prorated when you join part way through a work period). It'll be really rough on our work party leaders if the 60 memberships that haven't done any work hours yet, all show up on the last week end.
- Melges 24 Collegiate Race Clinic, May 20-21: Two Day clinic hosted at RCYC, 12-6pm each day. College students from all over the PNW will be participating. Our local Melges fleet has volunteered five of the Melges for this event. The owner of each of the boats will be on the boat with the student sailors.

Secretary - Cathy Skach

- Communications: None.
- Membership changes:
 - Mike and Judy Oxborrow changed their membership from Active to Inactive status effective April 1, 2023.
 - Nathalie Mary and Steve Spon's request to change their status from Active to Inactive effective March 31, 2023 was approved.
 - Mike and Karen Finch's resignation from the Club effective May 1st, 2023 was approved.

Rear Commodore - Loren Beach

- Fire extinguisher training: Room for a few more people in Fire extinguisher class. Plan for a Tuesday afternoon. If interested, contact Loren.

Treasurer - Karen Jacobson

- Current financial reports are available at Club web site, posted with April Board Minutes.

Directors Reports

Work Boats - Kelly Brown: Next week will be putting work boat back into the water.

Racing Update - Brandon Soule: Racers at RCYC will be sending a survey as the first step and with the hopes of making racing more relatable and getting more people involved in racing.

Committee & Leads Reports

• Moorage - Matt Richard

Moorage movements and changes since last month's report: (all of these actions have been previously reported to Karen):

- Mike and Judy Oxborrow have relinquished their moorage at Slip 1 on Walk 3.
 - Peter Kavanagh has moved from a sublet in Slip 4 on Walk 4 to an assigned slip, Slip 1 on Walk 3.
 - Chris Hathaway and Meg Devoe have accepted a sublet of Slip 17 on Walk 1. The slip is assigned to Pam Sesar.
 - Ron Moran has been temporarily assigned to Slip 10A on Walk 5, this is the slip at the south side walkway connected to the Belshaw boathouse. This is to accommodate a new boat purchase during a transition period between his existing and new boats.
 - Lauren and Yvonne Christopher have relinquished slip 19 on walk 3, it will be filled soon.
 - 3 slips are being sublet.
 - The new 42 foot finger to replace the Belshaw boathouse is complete, paid for, and in storage at Bellingham-Marine in Lynden WA awaiting delivery instructions.
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- Clean Your Boat Day (vessel check available), April 30th.
 - Fleet Captain - Matt Richard
 - Opening Day, May 6th (decorating May 5th).
 - 9am Breakfast, 10am Flag Ceremony, 11am Captain's meeting, 1:00pm Parade assembly, 2pm parade, 4pm BBQ.
 - Website - Cathy Skach
 - 2023 roster in the member-only area until the 2023 yearbook is published.
 - Just as a reminder, the member work hour look-up tool is available on the Member Only pages of the website.
 - Cruising - Chris and Ally Richard:
 - This weekend we have our cruise to Schwitter with a dinner potluck on Saturday And of course an unofficial happy hour before that.
 - May 26-29 Cruise to Coon Island
 - June 16-18 cruise to Bartlett's Landing and June 22-26 School's out Cruise to hopping from Coon Is. to Martin Is. And back to Coon. See [the RCYC website](#) for more details.
 - If you are planning on going to Lazy Days, please reply to the reservation form we will be sending out for you so that we can get docks together for our group at Cathlamet.

- Education - Rene Emch: April 22 10am-12pm. Sail material educational presentation by Kerry Poe. Kerry owns North Sails in Town.
- Social Events - Linda Shaw: Opening Day is May 6th:
 - Continental Breakfast at 9am
 - Flag raising 10am
 - Captain's meeting 11am
 - Parade assembly 1pm
 - Parade 2pm
 - BBQ 4pm

Decorating May 5th, the day before. If you're interested in helping, Contact Linda.

New Business: none

Gwinner Awards: Rick Samuels nominated the work crew who worked on fixing the gate card reader: Jeremy Chedster, Bruce Newton, Mark Engdal, Gary Whitney, CJ Volesky. Gary Brown Seconded the nomination. Loren Beach amended the motion to include Rick Samuels who was also part of the work crew who fixed the Gate card reader problem. The motion passed.

Good of the Order

- Water is on as of March 16th.
- Watch for bird's nests in your dodgers, under booms, etc.
- Deedie Bassham Made a reminder for the Ladies Dinner. Please RSVP. Raffle donations are still being accepted, contact Kathy Beach. Table runner stenciling will be finishing up on May 18th. Please join us!

Tell Tales:

Mark Brodesser: 1978 when George Bush was in his first term of office. His flairs were 38 years old and crusty.

Ken Stephens: His first sail of the season. Came back on Friday and Sunday pressure washed the deck, cleaned it up and started it up and made sure water was coming out of the back and shut her down. Monday I took her to Schooner creek to have a bottom job done this year. I was taking her out of the marina single hand. I was wondering why I was 'putting'. It doesn't usually do that when I'm getting up to cruising speed, but it was going "put-put-put-put". And so I realized "we'll... you know, there's usually supposed to be a seat cock in there that goes to the cooling system. So I put the engine in idle, went down, opened the engine compartment and opened the valve and everything was fine.

Bob Phillips: Lessons learned and what did well from a 2006 trip to the VBI. First of all, we went with 'club charters and the boat we wanted wasn't available. The gave us a 44' Beneteau. Immediately there were maintenance issues. We got them straitened out before we left and there were maintenance issues all along until the very last day. On the last day, we went to anchor at Peter island and I went to open the forward hatch and took the control out. The

forward hatch was broken - it either flopped all the way back or all the way forward and I didn't want to crush the cable had come out to the windlass, so I flopped it all the way back. As I was letting out anchor rode, I turned back to give directions to Leslie and I stepped through the forward hatch. I would have been OK if I hadn't have put my arms out to stop myself, by when I put my arms out to stop myself, I tore my bicep tendon loose. We got the anchor set, We did a short tie with 5 other boats. If you look at my background photo, you see kind of an angry sky? Well that angry sky came rolling in and we got 50 about knot winds on the beam. We immediately got a knife out to cut our short, taught lines. We started our engines and a couple of the boats on either side of us did the same thing. That's pretty much how we stayed for a while until we got the dingy out and went and put another anchor out at about a 45° angle from our original one because we started to drag. I stayed awake all night during the storm. Lessons learned:

1. Don't rent a cheap boat.
2. Don't throw the forward hatch all the way open because you *can* fit through it.

Rick Samuels: Rick's was close to home, very literally, since he lives in the floating home at the end of walk 5, and his boat is moored to the house. Rick keeps all the tools and boat parts in the house, so he considers his house the world's biggest dock box. Last summer he was stepping from the dock on the side of the house into the cockpit and just as I was stepping a big wave came by and I tripped and fell flat on my face and broke my nose. There was blood all over the cockpit. Lesson learned there is when I step on, I always step on in the middle the boat and with a hand on one of the shrouds. And I have not fallen on my face since. Given what my nose is, no one even noticed that it was even broken!

Gary Brown: We had a Corsair f27 trimaran, regularly had it at 18-19 knots. Great boat, it was trailerable and before we found permanent moorage for it, we used to launch out of Cascade Locks. The second time we it was really, (really) windy and I made a rocky error, I didn't cleat the furling line for the jib. I got the mast set up, I got the bow sprit up, and I put a screecher, a sail the flies off the bow sprit (kind of like a code zero). On the ramp as I put the boat in the water, the jib sail started to unfurl right on the water. It was quite embarrassing. There were several boats lined up there so I quickly grabbed the furling line and got the furl dead in and locked it in. I got the boat out in the water, I put the main sail up and then went to unfurl the jib, but one of the screecher sheets, when I furled the jib, had started wrapping around the bottom of the furler and now had a big mess on the jib and couldn't unfurl it. I put the boat on autopilot and went forward. So I'm on the bow working like this, we're going upriver, and I notice this monohull next to us and we just have our main sail up and we're passing them. I imagine these people laughing at me because here I am trying to untangle this mess on the jib, and I look over at them and I'm thinking "well ha-ha-ha" because I'm going at least twice as fast as you are! I was probably going about 9 knots upwind. I was laughing at them thinking they were laughing at me, and I lifted up as my PFD rip cord caught on the pulpit and my PFD inflated. It was terrible and they were really laughing at me!

Adjournment: Rick Samuels moved to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Adjourned 8:21pm.