

**Minutes**  
**RCYC General Meeting**  
**May 17, 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 18 in attendance by Zoom and another 37 at the Clubhouse, 3 of the 37 being officers. Total attendance was 55.

**Program**

Peter Petrik and Adrienne Palmer: Retracing the journey of Lewis & Clark, Peter and Adrienne took their 37' Southerly 115, S/V Amazing Grace, on a two-month upstream cruise from the Columbia River Bar to cover the nearly 500nm of navigable waters of the Columbia and Snake Rivers to the furthest inland North American seaport of Lewiston, Idaho.

**Introduction of Prospective Members**

Lucas and Amy Larimore, Island Packet 38, Neverland. They have been sailing for about five years on a Buccaneer 18. Now have an Island Packet 38, named *Neverland* up in Bellingham. She will be refit over the next summer or two and they are planning on some long term cruising and eventually they are planning on taking it up north to sail around Vancouver island a summer or two, Their long term plan is to circumnavigate.

**Swearing in of New Members**

- Linda Starr, Ericson 23
- Dean Terry, Ericson 36 Cutter
- Mike McClain, Canadian Sailcraft 36

**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 Parade/BBQ/Music - thanks to all of the organizers!
- Going North Seminar reviews;
- Board actions:
  - Tipp Topp Marine approved as vendor.
  - Approval of amendment to Clubhouse Rental Policy 7, which formerly required ramp gate to be left open during events and now reads: 8. Security and Safety - All gates are to be left closed at all times and specific event codes issued and used. If the gate code pads are inoperative then the host/sponsor of the event is to appoint a gate monitor to closely monitor the drive through gate. During that time the ramp gate may remain open ONLY as long as the entrance gate is closely monitored. The entrance gate and the ramp gate are to be closed and locked when the gate

monitor retires to the event. All gates and clubhouse doors and windows shall also be secured immediately after the end of the event.

- The Board approved formation of the Big Picture Budget Review Committee (BPBRC?): Karen Jacobson, Chair, Treasurer, Judy Oxborrow, Membership Support, former Treasurer, Kelly Brown, Director Rene Emch, Director, Matt Richard, Long-Range Planning Committee Chair, Jim Calnon, member-at-large, Bruce Newton, member-at-large. They are charged with looking at the values and priorities of the club are expressed in the budget. It's time to reflect who we are as a Club and how do we want that to show up in our budget?
- Dock Walk
- Looking ahead
  - Coffeehouse Jam Monday May 29th, 3pm
  - Swap Meet tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 10
  - July 4th Party on Sat. July 1; Organizer needed for this; Walk 5 BBQ will be moved to July 1; music? Will include an open-boat event.
  - Belshaw Boathouse update: Still waiting for a tow captain.

#### **Vice Commodore - Gary Brown**

- Work hours report: 2235 hours, 1375 performed at the Club. Out of the 130 memberships required to do work hours, 102 have met the 8-hour requirement for the first half of the year ending June 10th. 20 memberships still deficient, 8 memberships haven't done any hours at all. Getting down to the wire. Lots of gentle reminders are going out. Hopefully we won't have to do any charges. Members are able to go to our website and look up your work hours. Look under the Member only area.
- Offshore report: Four boats from RCYC participated; *Pathfinder* with Jim Calnon and Liza Wells, *Penelope* with ben and Naja, *Soufflé* Phil Lewis with, Gary Brown with *Get Set Go*. Pathfinder finished second in it's class. Highly variable wind with most of it on the nose.

#### **Secretary - Cathy Skach**

- Steve Peterson's father passed the week of April 25th. The Club has sent our condolences.
- Dan Cole's father passed away in recent weeks. The Club has sent our condolences. Membership changes:
  - Jim and Bette Johnsrud resigned effective May 1, 2023.
  - Cliff and Cheri Hunter changed their membership status to Active Life effective May 1, 2023.

#### **Rear Commodore - Loren Beach**

- Fire extinguisher training: Fire extinguisher class took place. They are willing to do a class on a Saturday if we give them enough notice.

#### **Financial Reports**

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

#### **Directors Reports**

Workboats (Kelly brown)

The workboats are all mechanically set; the steering is good, electronics are good. We need a little help cleaning them up. We have a few more instruments to put in the Launch but otherwise is operational and is *clean*.

#### Security (Barbara Weiss)

In the interest of increased Club security, we are looking at installing key card reader at the exit and figuring out how to make that easy for all of us as well as the large trucks that take away all of that sand. CJ and Barbara will have a proposal in the next month.

#### Program (Chris Sheesley)

Next month's program will be coming in (via Zoom) from New Jersey President of Mariners Learning Systems. They do Captain's licensing and they were the first one to do online licensing for captains. He retired at 38, sailed around the world, has 100,000 miles under his keel, got taken prisoner by Moroccan police, and had a near-miss with some pirates on his voyage. This guest is a remarkable guy and you're in for a treat next month.

### **Committee & Leads Reports**

#### Moorage (Matt Richard)

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

1. Andy and Robin Curry have been assigned regular moorage at Slip 19 on Walk 3 ending their sublet of Slip 12 on Walk 3.
2. Chris and Ally Richard have been temporarily assigned second boat moorage in Slip 24 on Walk 1, starting a sublet of Jim Calnon's slip. This is to accommodate a new boat purchase during a transition period between their existing and new boats. Their new boat, a Swan 47, named Quintet, will reside in their regular Slip 5 on Walk 5.

All available slips are assigned

3 slips are being sublet

#### Fleet Captain (Matt Richard) No report

#### Website (Cathy Skach)

- The Club is now centralizing the its forms and documents at a Club Dropbox.

#### Racing (Brian Moore) No report

#### Cruising (Chris and Ally Richard)

- Memorial Day changing plans and heading to Bartlett Landing. It's time to let Chris and Ally, your cruising Chairs know what your plans are for Lazy Days so that you will have a dock space. Here is a [link to their survey](#).

#### CRYA Liaison (Colleen Moran)

- For those of you who live in Multnomah County, The City Commissioners are working on next year's budget and part of that budget goes to the River patrol. The current proposal would mean cutting their number down by two. That would mean they would be going from 8 to 6 and the budget would also have their hours reduced. If you have a strong opinion about this and would like to share this opinion

with the County Commissioners and you live in Multnomah County, please use the [this link](#). You have until the end of may to share your opinion with Commissioners.

Education (Rene Emch) No report

Work Parties & Upkeep (John Osborne)

- The work parties are over but we do have some special projects coming up. For people who are looking for hours, these are some great opportunities. John Osborne will be sending out sign up links any time this are organized:
  - May 21st, we'll go after the brackets on Walk 5. Martin Short and Kevin Stenberg will be heading up that project. We'll need 2-3 helpers on this project. A sign-up link has been sent out.
  - May 31st, the Belshaw boathouse will be removed and then we're going to need help moving the new finger into place. Tom Stringfield (if he's still in the country) will head this project up. We'll need 7-8 helpers on this project.
  - Replacing of the retaining wall. Need 1-2 volunteers to head up that project, and then we're going to need a lot of volunteers out there to work on that project. It's going to be a lot of work to hopefully get it done hopefully in two days. You may use [this link](#).

### **New Business**

- Matt Richard - New speakers in the Clubhouse east wall donated by Barnaby Tuttle (Thank you, Barnaby); Matt is putting out a call to the entire Club: he is looking for the old speakers that were on the old patio. Does anyone know where those went? Are they sitting in someone's garage? They are special speakers which align with the 70V amplifier that we have installed in the electronics rack.
- Alan Bergen - Summer Sailstice, an event that takes place on a weekend closest the longest day of the year. This year it's June 24th which happens to coincide with the school's out cruise. The nice thing about it is you don't have to participate in anything. You can if you want to get out there and cruise, but if not, just sign up on the website and you qualify for really nice prizes. Alan won a weekend ASA 104 class class in Bellingham, someone else in the club won a winch handle.
- Bob Phillips and Loren beach will be coordinating the Open Boat show for July 1st. Members are invited to enter their boats into the show. This is your opportunity to have other people come aboard your boat and take a look around.
- Ben Thomas - Shared several sign options to replace the current sign which is obscured by the new fence. A proposal will come before the Board as costs are worked out. Diagram attached.

### **Gwinner Awards**

- Gary Whitney nominated Richard Sandefur and Tony Phipps. Richard saved our communication cable. A log had floated down and snagged it, and was severely stretching it. Seconded. Passed.
- Rick Samuel nominated Kelly Brown, Pam and Carl Corey and Susan Applegate for rescuing the gas pipe at the bottom of the west ramp. One of the workboats had water in it. They went to get the dewatering cart that's at the bottom of the west ramp and found that because the river water had risen, the pump was caught between its cart and the ramp, and was under stress. They took the weight off,

got the cart out of there and the pipe that was bent slightly, the gas company checked it out and it was still safe. The motion was seconded. Passed.

### **Good of the Order**

Christian Steinbrecher - There are a lot of sailboats are sold and a lot of sailboats that are *not* sold, they just kind of disappear out of the way. For those of you who know me, know I'm always on the look for a bargain, so I'm always wondering 'where do those sailboats go?' Some of those sailboats go down to Eugene, there is a used sailboat junkyard. They sell stuff by the pound or by the foot. The other junk yard is up in Lynden, Washington. This guy has all kinds of boats scrunched in a very small space and he salvages them and if you want to get rid go one, you've got to pay him to take it off your hands and take parts off of it and put them in the bins. He's all very well organized. Like the guy in the south, he's got a great selection of sails. He says, "there's the container, go find what ya like". The guy in the north has a spreadsheet, it's all very well organized. But he doesn't sell it by the pound, so if you want to buy stuff, you might as well go to Sextant's. But the selection this fellow has is unbelievable, because he doesn't sell anything since his prices are so high! But it was worth the visit on my part just to find out what they have. He's got a great selection of teak, all kinds of teak, all of it nicely bundled together, labeled with what boat it came from. He's got windows, he's got masts, he's got big boats, little boats, sawed up boats. It's quite a show! It's kind of sad, actually. A lot of dreams you see in there.

**Tell Tales:** none

**Adjournment:** Loren Beach moved to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Adjourned at 8:28pm.