



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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July/August 2023



From the Bridge

Tod Bassham, Commodore

Ah, that feeling of possibility that descends around the Club once summer is finally here! The spring work parties are done, all work hours accounted for, the racing season is in full swing, and the cruisers are busy planning, preparing or already on their way off to their chosen cruising grounds.

Sometimes I ask myself: am I a racer or a cruiser? And the answer is always: yes. I want to race and cruise equally, always and forever. It is a cruel twist of nature that the best season for racing is also the best season for cruising. The best I can manage is a manic switching of personalities: spring and early summer I am in race mode, until I switch abruptly to cruise mode. Sometimes the transition does not go smoothly, as my First Mate can attest. But, always, I am in sailing mode.

Usually, we spend the summer cruising up north, but this year, due to a guilty sense that the Commodore should spend some part of the summer actually present and accounted for, we are planning only (only!) a mini-cruise to the southern BC area. We hope to anchor in False Creek in

the heart of the great city of Vancouver, or get a reciprocal there, and attend this year's Vancouver Folk Festival. We should be back in town by early August, in time for the Pirates' Cruise. In my absence, my esteemed fellow officers, Vice-Commodore Gary Brown, Secretary Cathy Skach, and Rear Commodore Loren Beach will be holding down the fort.

While I am off playing, various dedicated groups of members will be engaged in very important matters. The Big Picture Budget Review Committee, headed up by our Treasurer Karen Jacobson, is answering some big questions, such as whether our revenue stream is keeping up with expenses. One of the big budget uncertainties is whether (or how soon) we need to repair or replace the Breakwater and, if so, how will we pay for that? A newly formed Breakwater Committee will soon be evaluating technical options and providing input to the Board and the Budget Committee in the fall.

What else is percolating this summer? Gary Brown, Director Rene Emch, and yours truly met with representatives of our

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Photo by Rick Samuels



Vice Commodore's Report

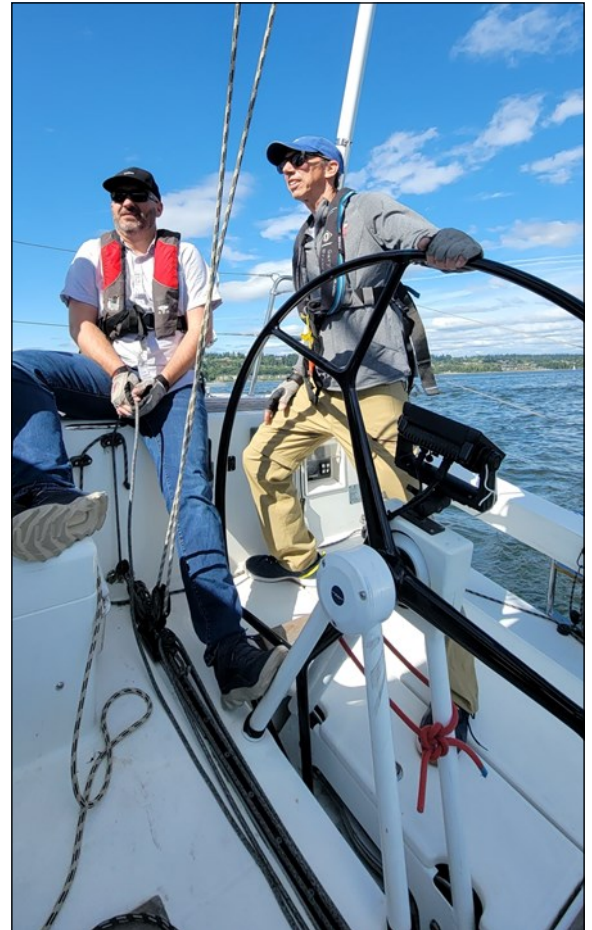
Gary Brown, Vice Commodore

The first half the year, from a Work Hours perspective, officially ended on June 10th. The vast majority of members served at least the 8 minimum hours. Club members worked a total of 2881 hours – not bad considering that if everyone did just the minimum it would have added up to only about 1000 hours. Thank you for your effort and extra effort! Give yourselves a hand ... yeah, that sounded great!!

There were a small handful of members that were deficient by an hour or two and will unfortunately see their July bill increased by \$100 for each deficient hour. Breaks my heart, but rules are rules and we sent out plenty of warnings. Please don't make us do it again – I would rather do something useful like clean the algae off my topsides, or maybe be keel-hauled. .. maybe not.

The requirement for Work Hours, for the entire year which ends on December 10th, is at least 16 hours total, including hours already worked. Please plan to have at least the minimum done well ahead so we do not have to scramble trying to find additional things for you to do, nor write so many emails reminding people of their obligations (believe me I already have well over the minimum work hours and don't need to spend more hours sending emails). We really do not want to bill people for deficient hours.

See the Calendar for the Work Party dates for the 2nd half of the year. To see how many Work Hours your membership has accumulated to date, you can use the "How Many Work Hours Do I Have Tool" in the Members section of the Club website on the Forms and Documents page. To book the Clubhouse and Patio, send requests to Gary Brown. The Rental Policy and Application Form are also on the RCYC website.



The RCYC sponsored Medium Distance Race was a blast with nine participating boats. Gary Brown, at the helm of Get Set Go, had a great time sailing with his son-in-law Jason Turner.

Insurance Declarations Page Matters

Gary Whitney, RCYC Insurance Tracker

It has come to your Insurance Tracker's attention that some members are assuming that their Insurance Company mails a copy of their Declarations Page to RCYC each year.

NOT TRUE

It is the members' responsibility to send a copy of the Declarations Page to the RCYC Insurance Tracker. The "Additional Insured or Additional Interest" means that if the insurance is CANCELED, the insurance company will send a postcard to notify RCYC.

If you get an email that says "RCYC Insurance – EXPIRED" expect a contact from the Commodore and a possible invitation to attend the next Board Meeting to explain why your insurance record is not up to date.

8.5. Enforcement: Upon failure of the member to verify renewed boat insurance as provided in Rule 8.2, the member in charge of Member Boat Insurance Tracking shall notify the Commodore

8.5.2. Noncompliance: Should a member fail to appear at the Board Meeting or provide the required insurance documentation, the Board shall direct the member to remove their boat from the moorage within ten days.

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sister clubs, PYC and CYC, to discuss the fate of the Pacific Northwest Offshore race (PNWO). This is a prestigious and challenging race from Astoria up to Victoria, BC. The race is run by a small number of CYC volunteers, but they could use some help, and want to know if PYC and RCYC racing members would be willing to step up and help out with discrete tasks. Discussions are ongoing. Among the topics of discussion are whether CYC should start later in summer and try to organize a sail and powerboat cruising rally up north as an adjunct to the race. Combining racing and a cruising rally seems like a good idea to me.

One of the few privileges of being Commodore, aside from the parking space, is that you are authorized to inflict your poetry on unsuspecting members. If you are not a fan of poetry, stop reading here. If you are willing to suffer through a few iambs, you might enjoy this poem about sailboat racing, written in an Anglo-Saxon-like style, with lines of five syllables, a caesura, followed by four syllables.

The Rounding

Like a whetted blade	the sharp prow carves
To windward, clawing	to reach the mark.
On the bow, the girl	grips the steel rail,
Clips one-hand the guy	in the pole jaws,
Calls over her shoulder:	"Ready for launch!"
At the zone, the helm	points high to break
The overlap, bears down	to shut the door
Against the attack,	steers for the mark.

Rounding, mast hauls hard	hand over hand, heaves
Until the bright sail	is mast-headed.
Trim hauls sheet and guy,	spreading wings wide.
<i>Crumpf!</i> The deep chute fills,	broad-shouldered.
Steel and sinew take	the strain, transfer
Loads to winch and hull.	On the wave-top
The bow lifts, stern sinks,	and the sleek hull
Rises on a plane,	effortlessly.

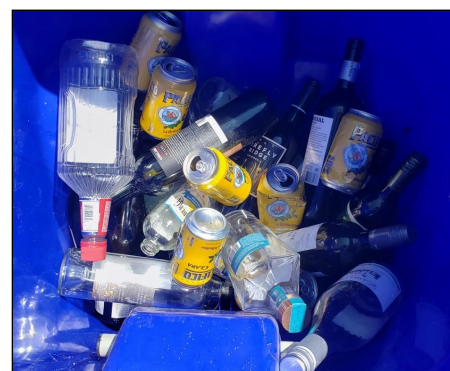


*Plastics in the Returnables Bin
NOT GOOD*

Recycling *Jay Thiele*

There once was a yacht club on the river
whose efforts recycling made us quiver.
They picked through bottles and glass,
poking and picking the paper from trash,
and even returnables they did deliver.

So, good job RCYC one and all,
among recyclers you do stand tall.
When something gets missed
and the glass and paper get mixed,
I blame it on the alcohol.



*Returnables in the Glass Only Bin
NOT GOOD either*

Secretary's Report

Cathy Skach, Secretary

Introduction of Prospective Members

David Wood and Cindy Argo (Catalina 30, *Eagle*) visited RCYC and were so impressed with the Club they knew they wanted to join right then. They were also swayed by the fact that there are 10 Catalinas in the Club. They are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Teresa Long (Seaward 25, *Miss Molly*) works part time so that she can sail more.

Membership Changes

The Board voted to accept the membership of **Lucas and Amy Larimore**, (Island Packet 38, *Neverland*). They were sworn in at the June General Meeting.

Bill, Nina & Gypsy Kramer are back in the Moorage.

Rick Royce requested to move from Active Life to Inactive Life status, effective June 1, 2023. The Board has accepted his request. As an aside, there was one Board member who tried to block this vote but was reminded that Rick has done his share of Ladies Dinners, and the objection was dropped.

At the June Board Meeting, the Board accepted **Susan Dorn's** request to resign effective June 1, 2023. Her boat will stay in the marina since it is now owned by her son, Chris, who is a member in good standing.

Loren and Yvonne Christopher have put in a request for resignation effective June 1, 2023.

In Other News

The Club received a \$200 donation from local boaters, Gary Piercy and Dianna Harris, out on their new boat near the Interstate Bridge for the first time. They were out of gas due to a faulty gauge when RCYC members **Brian Moore** and **David Welch** volunteered to bring gas to them.



July 1st Open Boat Show

RCYC will again have an Open Boat Show on July 1st as part of the day's festivities. The Open Boat Show is an opportunity to show off your boat and meet other members. All boats are welcome to participate especially our smaller boats.

Host boat owners are welcome to provide a hospitality table for guests with food or beverage of your choice. Some hosts have set up a display showing unique features of their boat or some of the adventures it has done.

We will set up a schedule giving about one hour of time for your Walk to show off boats and this schedule will rotate the viewings during a three hour window from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

If you are interested in participating, please send a message to Loren Beach at sailaway10@comcast.net.

Please include your name, your boat name, your Walk # and the type of boat you own.

Looking for Used Sailboat Stuff?

I always look for bargains for my Cape Dory 25. Columbia Marine Exchange on NE 33rd used to take care of all my needs, but the owner closed up shop a few years ago and is off cruising somewhere. So, I have shopped alternatives (they all have websites). Here is where I have been:

The closest one to RCYC is Sextant's Chandlery, 303 NE Tomahawk Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217, 503-289-9358. They have a lot of different items on consignment from owners, including rigging, ground tackle, engine parts and others. Prices are all marked and vary depending on the item.

In Eugene, Underway LLC, 29772 Clear Lake Rd (at the intersection of Clear Lake and State), Eugene, Oregon 97402, has a selection of used sailboat parts scattered around several buildings and trailers. Their inventory includes masts, sails, winches, blocks, galley stuff railings, trim, a 10,000 lb. hoist as well as lots of other gems. They also do custom trailer fabrication and re-fit your old trailers to fit new boats. Pricing is subject to negotiation with the owner, Scott Coleman, 541-954-7223. Business hours depend on the whims of the owner. Best to call him first.

Finally, there is the Sailboat Wrecking Yard, 210 Duffner Drive, Lynden, WA 98264. This is a boat salvage yard that disposes of boats (for a fee) and strips usable parts from those that are to be crushed. They have a great selection with lots of parts. Their sail inventory is well organized. You can go through and pick what you need. The prices, however, are not junkyard bargains and are equivalent to about 50% of the price for new items. How much longer they will be there is questionable as there is much retail development going on to the left and right. Business hours are 1 pm to 6 pm, Wed to Fri; 360-739-8748.

Christian Steinbrecher, S/V Alouette

A Diesel Outboard Motor?

by Mike Oxborrow

Would you believe it? A Diesel Outboard motor!! A rumor? A myth? An outright falsehood? No folks, it is absolutely true! Let me tell you about some of the excursions on our recent Viking Cruise on the Great Lakes.

Our ship – the Octantis – has all sorts of toys for excursions – Special Operations Vessels (two at a cost of \$1.2 million each), submarines (two at a cost of \$2.8 million each) and Zodiacs (17 each, cost not known). Our first excursion was on a Zodiac powered by a 50 hp outboard motor. Got in right close to the shore to show us all the wonders of the area. While idling I thought I caught a whiff of diesel exhaust. No other boats or motors around – must be from our Zodiac's motor? I asked our Expedition Team guide at the helm if it was a diesel outboard. Yep – all the Zodiacs have 50 hp Yamaha outboards. A casual observer wouldn't notice anything odd about the outboards – they are smooth, quiet, powerful, start easily.

Back home, I googled “Diesel Outboards” and learned a few things about them. Some of the engines did not have a Yamaha label – apparently Yamaha had an arrangement to market them, which has now expired. They are actually a Neander Motors product. Here is a link for lots of info:

<https://www.neander-motors.com/outboards/>.

Interesting stuff – they use two counter rotating crankshafts (each piston has two connecting rods), turbo charging and common rail injection. Neander Motors is a German company – their US partner is ADR Power Systems.

During one of our excursions later in the week, the Expedition Team guide encountered a couple of large rocks. When we got into shallower water, he lifted the motor out of the water and discovered a seriously bent prop. He only felt a problem when he got the boat up into higher speed. We then learned that the ship also has its own maintenance team for the toys and that so far, since January 1st of this year, the ship had gone through 64 props at a total cost of \$32,000. Don't know what one of these outboards would cost, but probably significantly more than a regular outboard. If you are interested, you might want to contact ADR Power Systems.

All RCYC Members, please join us on

July Fourth at 4 pm for a **CRAWFISH BOIL**

**Boil Masters Barnaby Tuttle and
Chris Richard will be cooking a
Louisiana-style crawfish boil!**

**Crawfish, AKA mudbugs, will be cooked in
special spices with potato, corn and sausage.**

\$12 per serving to cover the cost.

**PLEASE RSVP
SO WE CAN PREPARE ACCORDINGLY**

Olga Tuttle
olga@teutonicwines.com



**If you are vegetarian, please let us know in
advance so we can accommodate you.**

Please bring your own drinks and libations.

Cruising Corner

Ally Richard

There are so many cruising events happening this summer! July 22 to 30 is the Lazy Days Down River Cruise. Lazy Days is a fun one or two week trip that takes us from the Club all the way to Astoria, if you choose. The schedule isn't concrete by any means, many people just end up sticking together and figuring out a schedule as they go. If you have not yet, please take a moment to fill out this survey (<https://tinyurl.com/RCYC-Cruising-Survey>) so that we can work on getting slips reserved for you in Astoria and Cathlamet. The general rule of thumb, though, is for everyone to be at Cathlamet for the potluck on Thursday, July 27th. Then of course, you will want to stick around to try and claim the best seat at the local brewery River Mile 38.

So, the fluid July dates are as follows:

- July 22—Martin Slough
- July 23—Walker Island
- July 24—Westport, Oregon
- July 25—26—Astoria West Basin
- July 27—Cathlamet
- July 28—Walker Island
- July 29—Martin Slough

Remember, there's information in the Yearbook to give you hints of what traveling to each location is like and of the available amenities. For more specific details, please connect with Chris, Ally, or a seasoned Club member. Alternatively, there is a presentation on the RCYC website under Activities.



RCYC Cruise June 27—John Dees

There have been a few instances this year while cruising where our fellow members have come in to dock but have not been completely ready for the task. For everyone's safety, be sure to have your fenders and lines ready to go before you even get close to the dock. This means: have LONG, neatly coiled lines, without snubbers on them, ATTACHED to your cleats at the bow, stern and midships. Fenders are important too! Be sure to have at least two, three is better, out for the proper dock height. Some docks are pretty low! If you have new crew onboard who are unsure of what to do, it is the captain's job to educate before coming in. Of course, those on the dock will always be happy to help, but docking can quickly escalate in difficulty if proper preparation is not done.

After Lazy Days, there is the Pirates' Cruise up to Schwitter Landing, Government Island West Dock, from August 11th through the 13th. This is a fun family cruise with lots of different events including the Past Commodore's Pancake Feed!

Mmmm... pancakes... mmm... eggs... delicious.

Traveling?

If you will be traveling for more than a week, please let the Resident Members and Moorage Chair know.

PLEASE email the following:

Pam and Carl Corey—cpcorey@gmail.com

Rick and Liz Samuels—rick@samuels.com

Matt Richard—matrichard@me.com

Please include the following information:

How long you will be gone

Who we can call regarding your boat in an emergency, including a phone number

Vehicle in parking lot—make, model, color

September 1 to 4 is the Labor Day Weekend Cruise to Beacon Rock. It is definitely recommended that you bring cash or a check with you for moorage and quarters for the showers, so that you can easily pay at the top of the ramp. If you forget, though, you can pay at the Ranger's Office near the Beacon Rock Trail Head.

We'll see you out there! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Chris or Ally by email or phone. And remember always wear your PFD when out on the water!



Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

Moorage activity of mention for the early summer:

Chris and Ally Richard have moved their second boat, the Tartan 412 named *Intrepid*, from a sublet at Slip 24 on Walk 1 to a sublet at Slip 20 on Walk 5 effective June 1st.

Rick Royce has relinquished his moorage at Slip 4 on Walk 4 effective June 1st.

Chris Hathaway and Meg Devoe, with their Catalina 27, have been assigned a spot of their own at Slip 4 on Walk 4 ending their sublet of Slip 17 on Walk 1 effective June 11th.

Bill and Nina Kramer have returned from their extended cruising and have moored in a sublet spot in Slip 15 on Walk 2, with their Cascade 36, *Gypsy*.

Mike and Debra Hibbs will be arriving with their American Tug 362, *Aris*, in mid-August and will occupy Slip 21 on Walk 1.

We may see more moves once the new 42 foot long finger is installed on Walk 5, so be ready to welcome new neighbors!

The Moorage is tight and remains full. While there appear to be vacancies, these are due to members on 2-to-3-months long cruises or outages. If you are looking for a sublet for this length of time, please contact the Moorage Chair.



View from the Rear

Loren Beach, Rear Commodore

Attention all RCYC Pirates!

You may have noticed the 2023 RCYC Calendar entry for August 11—13—“Pirates’ Cruise”—(Schwitter Landing, Government Island). Back in 2022 this fun event returned after being off-line for a while during the pandemic. The 2022 description reads just fine for 2023 as well:

“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 Saturday, followed by a Dinner Potluck at 6:00 pm.”

August 11—13, 2023, we will have a gathering of the RCYC pirates of all ages. We have a tradition that the Rear Commodore coordinates this event, with assistance from past Commodores. Coincidentally, my experience with piracy, even if only watching *Pirates of the Caribbean* three times, meets our minimum requirement. Having a license plate that reads “ARGH” is my additional personal qualification, if there are any doubts.

So, I now need a **Pirate Crew** to step up and help splice the main brace—among other activities! In 2022, there was a pancake breakfast served. I do not recall whether we had a treasure hunt.

From loading up the food and grills at the Club, transporting to Schwitter, and returning the cooking supplies later, to planning activities for kids (or perhaps for adults also), **volunteers are needed**. The good news is that semi-retired fierce Pirate Captain Bob Phillips is offering to assist. I can figure out the basics of transporting food and grills to the Island dock, but you boys and girls will need to sort out the social and fun activities ashore. If you decide that socializing, napping, and walks are sufficient, that is just fine, too.

Send me an email with your ideas for activities and offers to help out. We can easily set up a meeting via the Club’s Zoom account to discuss details. Note that I may be out of town that very weekend, but the preparation and organizing should be in place, and that’s the important part. Thank you!

Ron Moran & Michael Alley with Awesome T-shirts given to the hard workers of the Patio Float Crew—photo by Diane Alley

RCYC Upcoming Activities

July 2023

- 1 July 4th Party—Walk 5 BBQ—Open Boat
- 3 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 4 Crawfish Boil—4:00—8:00 pm
- 5 SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 8 New Member Orientation—9:00 am—12:00 pm
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 17 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 19 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 23 RCYC Pirates Beer Can Race
- 23—30 Lazy Days Cruise

August 2023

- 7 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 7 SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 11—13 Pirates Cruise—Schwitter Landing
- 14 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 18 September Foghorn Deadline
- 21 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am



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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 Gary Brown
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Aerial View of RCYC—David Price

