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From the Bridge

Tod Bassham, Commodore

Summer Cruising. It's the reason most of us own and maintain these aging fiberglass beauties. It's the reason why we spend all winter, spring and fall maintaining our aging but beautiful marina, sitting in committees, writing newsletter articles, etc. In the summer, we can cast off the lines, cruise to distant shores, pull up to a reciprocal slip, plunk our visiting card on the Clubhouse bar, and raise a glass. Say to our hosts: "I'm from the Rose City Yacht Club, and I sailed hundreds of miles to get here. The drinks are on me!"

Actually, no, I'm too much of a cheapskate to buy rounds for a bar full of thirsty sailors, even if that is what some idealized version of myself would do. Still, our summer cruise to British Columbia this year was pretty sweet. Instead of remote northern anchorages, we decided this year to explore the southern BC waters we usually pass by on our way north. The main objective was the Vancouver Folk Festival, three days of world-class folk. We scored by getting a reciprocal slip at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, mere steps from the festival at Jericho Beach. After the Royal Van kicked us out for playing music all night with long-haired musicians, we explored Howe Sound and then hopped across the Strait to witness the Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society's annual race. The LNBS racers bolt clawfoot tubs onto sleds powered by huge outboard motors, then sit in their tubs racing at 70 kph around a 50 nm course that takes them out into the Strait of Georgia and back, to a dramatic beachside finish in front of cheering thousands. Surprisingly few die each year.



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Pirates Cruise 2023

There may be few but they be fierce.



Chris, Owen, Carter and Jessica Wade



Kieran Moran and Wendy Woodward



Colleen Moran and Galen

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The one downside of visiting our crazy northern cousins is that we missed our own Club's big cruise, the Lazy Daze downriver. Word is that it was a smashing success, with some 15 boats and 50 members gathering at the new River Mile 38 brewery in Cathlamet, followed by a week or more of leisurely exploration of the estuary. Wish we'd been there! But we are looking forward to attending the cruise to Beacon Rock over the Labor Day weekend, by land or sea.

The Pirates Cruise to Government Island on August 12 traditionally features a sumptuous pancake breakfast cooked on the docks by superannuated Commodores (someday I hope to be a superannuated Commodore, exchange my gavel for a spatula!). But this year, due to an apparent lack of interest in the cruise, the organizers decided to delink the cruise and the Commodores' breakfast, and move the breakfast and related ceremonies to August 26, to be held in the Clubhouse. The thinking is that the move to the Clubhouse would increase participation, particularly for newer members not familiar with Club traditions. However, the change sparked an outcry from members who prefer the old ways, with pancakes served hot at the dock, sprinkled with a bit of beach sand. This, in turn, sparked a conversation about our Club's many proud traditions and whether and how we should make changes to those traditions over time, in response to changing circumstances. It is an important conversation for us to have, and a delicate tightrope to walk.

Another important conversation we need is about our breakwater/wave attenuator, which protects our marina and boats from damaging waves. It was last refurbished in 2005 or so, with new wood stringers and decking, and new metal pilings to replace the rotted wooden

ones. The existing stringers and decking, at least, may need to be replaced within the next few years, which may cost several hundred thousand dollars. Hopefully, the logs and pilings are still good to go for the foreseeable future. Replacing the logs and pilings will cost a lot more, probably millions. The Board has formed a Breakwater Committee, led by engineer Christian Steinbrecher, who is arranging for a survey to evaluate the breakwater's current condition, so we can make an informed decision how to proceed. Meanwhile, the Budget Committee is looking at the budget implications and how to finance future repair/replacement of the breakwater. Stay tuned.

Let me close by inflicting another mock anglo-saxon poem on you, this one about broaching under spinnaker. If you pay attention in Rene Emch's spinnaker class, this will never happen to you!

The Broach

*The gust hammers the race boat at the foam-riven top of the wave.
In his hands, the helmsman feels the tiller go slack.
He knows at once the rudder has no grip in the wave-froth.
"Hang on tight!" he shouts as the boat yaws, twists, tumbles
headlong down the wave.
The spinnaker gyres and spins,
A mighty hand heaves the boat onto its beam-ends.
Cold, bitter waters wash the cockpit, overtop the open hatchway,
And flood the boat's buoyant heart.*

*Rise, rise she will not.
The wind presses her sails down, down.
No mercy there, nor pity:
Only what good men can do to aid each other when maelstrom
rules all.
Two crew are in the water; the rest lie tumbled where fate left them.
Only one can reach the jamméd mainsheet.
No knife, keen-whetted, lies at hand, but strength comes with fear,
And one massive heave breaks free the sheet.*

*Now the heavy-laden main spills its water-weight,
And she rises, O she stands, staggers to her feet,
Water streaming from her back like a breaching whale.
Swiftly order is fashioned from chaos: the lost crew
Hauled aboard, the tiller manned; clews are sheeted home,
Flogging sails taught to obey.
The spinnaker bucks, fills with an almighty crack!
Now the boat responds again to helm and hand.
Now like a wingéd hawk she pursues the fleeting foe.*



Vice Commodore's Log

Gary Brown, Vice Commodore

Summer has just about come and gone, but the heat has not. Fine with me.

This is my favorite time of the year. You just can't beat a good sail late into the evening. I love a beautiful sunset and a warm, stiff breeze whether I am racing or just out having a good time with friends and family. I am sure you feel the same. Just doesn't get much better than that on the Columbia River. We are



fortunate that our river provides a variety of activities. A couple weeks ago we brought home 3 chinook from a fishing trip out of Astoria – oh yeah! At the same time, there are some things to watch out for. Be mindful on the slower moving rivers and still lakes as dangerous algae blooms are popping up all over. The Willamette is particularly bad this year. Don't swim in nor let your pets run around in green water – this can be deadly.

The Club was well prepared for the summer, and it gave us a nice break from doing our chores. As one party ends, another takes its place. September brings our first work parties, on the 16th and 30th to be specific. It is about time to pull up our boots, put on our gloves, and get back in the saddle to prepare the Club for the end of the year.

This is a reminder that all Active Members (except life members) are required to contribute and log at least 16 hours annually. Note that the calendar year for work hours ends DECEMBER 10th. Please do not wait until then to try and get your hours done. Start wrapping things up in September when the weather is still nice and warm. We can use your help now, and we can use your help later too! October and November will bring dredge opportunities and the Club will need to be winterized before the cold weather hits, so there will be plenty to do. Click on the [How Many Work Hours Do I Have?](#) link on the Forms and Documents page in the Club Members area to find out how many work hours you have so far (updated every couple of weeks). See the Calendar for the Work Party dates for 2nd half of the year. If you have a medical reason or situation that will prevent you from getting all your work hours done, please contact me to discuss the issue.

For any who want to rent the Clubhouse/patio, there is an updated application form on the Club website on the [Forms and Documents](#) page. Fill it out and send to me. Anything else that needs to go on the calendar can also be sent to me.

Happy end of summer!

LAZY DAYS at Walker Cove





Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

There has been a great amount of movement of boats in the moorage this summer. Here is all that has transpired so far. Please welcome your new walk neighbors:

- Andy and Robin Curry with their Westerly Centaur 26 have been assigned regular moorage at Slip 19 on Walk 3 ending their sublet of Slip 12 on Walk 3.
- Chris and Ally Richard have moved their second boat, their Tartan 412 named Intrepid, from a sublet slip on Walk 1 to a sublet slip on Walk 5 Slip 20.
- Bill and Nina Kramer, have returned from their extended cruising, with their Cascade 36, Gypsy, and have been assigned temporary moorage in Slip 15 on Walk 2, commencing a sublet.

- Linda Starr, with her Erickson 23 named, Saoirse, has been assigned temporary moorage in Slip 17 on Walk 3 commencing a sublet.
- Due to the Belshaw boathouse removal, Ron Moran has moved his second boat Honhalee from Slip 10A on Walk 5 to Slip 27 on Walk 1, commencing a sublet.
- The Belshaw boathouse was removed from the moorage on July 12th. The new 42 foot long finger for Walk 5 was installed the next day.
- Sarah Streicker and Travis Johnson have relinquished their assignment of Slip 24 on Walk 3.



We had to fight a lot of current at the Sundance Marina, so the original "catamaran" plan was scuttled on the fly as we had to use a lot of power to pull it away from the dock. We kept in that configuration all the way upriver, with the current fighting us occasionally - the course was a very long snake shape rather than a straight line.

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- Chris and Linda Loughran have been assigned to Slip 24 on Walk 3
- David and Krista Price have moved their catamaran, named Kalimera, from Slip 18 on Walk 2 into Slip 11 on Walk 5
- Bill and Nina Kramer have moved Gypsy from a sublet in Slip 15 on Walk 2 into permanent moorage in Slip 18 on Walk 2.
- Mike and Debra Hibbs have moved their American Tug, named Aris, from Slip 21 on Walk 1 to Slip 12 on Walk 5.
- Carol Bobo's Cascade 36 was moved from Slip 10 on Walk 5 to Slip 21 on Walk 1.
- Pam Sesar has moved from Slip 10 on Walk 1 to Slip 10 on Walk 5 and has arrived with her Cascade 36 named Misty.
- Dan and Karin Brown have moved their C&C 34, named Katzenjammer, from Slip 10 on Walk 4 to Slip 10 on Walk 1.
- John Osborne has moved his Catalina 30, named River Weasel, from Slip 8 on Walk 4 to Slip 10 on Walk 4.
- Steve O'Neill has moved BARCODE from temporary moorage to permanent assignment in Slip 8 on Walk 4.
- Tom and Cathy Skach have temporally moored a second boat, a Tanzer 22, named Magic, in Slip 2 on Walk 1 while they perform repairs on their Chinook 34.
- Annette Kienberger and Kevin Kahl have relinquished their assignment of Slip 8 on Walk 1.
- Michael McClain with his 36 ft Canadian Sailcraft, named Salty Dame, has been assigned to Slip 8 on Walk 1.

Thanks to everyone's cooperation in making all these assignments and moves go smoothly.



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Shop for RCYC products online and at the Ship's Store at the Club, or order from the Ship's Store by emailing Terry Foren.

Kevin Steberg and Chris Loughran working with Jeremy Chedester, new member (in the water) to fix the waterline supports on Walk 4.



A View from the Rear

Loren Beach, Rear Commodore

Whether racing, day sailing, cruising, or just overnighing, Club activities seem back on track this year. Being somewhat lazy, we do not race our boat and only occasionally cruise long distances, but we do get out for evening sails and spend nights aboard.

It's been sooooo nice to sail on other members' boats as well as take friends out on ours. You should try it - just email a handful of member acquaintances with a suggestion of day and time of departure. Often you will have some good conversation under sail. Or, if the wind is MIA, just go out and motor around for an hour. Remember the health benefits of socialization, which is medically recommended for everyone, along with regular physical activity like winching in a jib, attaching a fender, or fetching a drink from the ice box.

In my daily walks, I exchange narratives and anecdotes with other sailors, some from RCYC and some from other clubs. An interesting/odd interaction with a few people always involves "score keeping". When anyone mentions some club activity, inevitably someone will demand to know how many boats were present or how many persons were dining at a social event. This always reminds me of the SNL Weekend Update sketch with the newscaster presenting Sports Scores as a list of numbers without team names -- just to ironically magnify the lack of importance... :)

At least one person walking along will conversationally ask about a recent RCYC BBQ, cruise, or party. I answer that we had good conversation and great food. And then that person will reply with a list of stats for their recent grunion-eating festival with a classical jazz ensemble featuring a famous kazoo player. Or, their club's successful visit to another resort/port involving XXX number of boats and XXXX number of members, and a list of pedigreed pets present as well. OK. Slight exaggeration for effect, but not too much.

I thought about this whole "competitive" dynamic recently when a member inquired firmly about the number of boats and humans present at our recent Club outing to Government Island. I honestly could say that I did not have a head count or boat census, but we all enjoyed happy hour and a calories-to-the-point-of-guilt potluck. The rhubarb cake was delicious, BTW! And several of us chatted with a non-club sailor sharing the dock who said he is serious about joining a group like ours.

Point is, let's keep the "numbers" part where it belongs: in the Planning and RSVP stage, so that the right amount of food and soft drinks can be purchased or dock space arranged for. Whether we have 19 boats or 9, we should be happy. Thinking back to our recent cruising activities, I actually got to talk, one on one, with the same number of members at the raucous Cathlamet potluck as I did at the recent pirate potluck, over the course of a typical couple of hours sitting around a table. The quality of the conversation is equally good whether the gathering is huge and enthusiastic or friendly and more compact.

Do you know...?

Someone who has been ill? Or someone who has had a recent surgery? Or someone who has lost a loved one?

Rose City Members are a caring bunch and would really like to reach out with a card and in some cases, flowers. If you know of someone who has experienced illness or loss, please let me know and I will be happy to reach out to them and then follow up with condolences from the Club.

Please feel free to call or email. My contact information is in the yearbook.

Cathy Skatch, RCYC Secretary



Friday night Happy Hour was slim, but ahoy, more Pirate ships landed, lines secured, and they joined in on merriment.



A SMOOTH SEA NEVER MADE A SKILLED PIRATE!



Secretary's Salutations

Cathy Skatch, Secretary

We received a letter from the daughter of former member George William Smith, letting us know that he passed away on June 19th at the age of 97. She added that he was able to keep up with his social obligations until the last few days before he passed. He participated in Club activities and worked as a dredge crew member for many years. RCYC has sent a condolence card.

Teresa Long was sworn in as a new member at the July Board meeting. She has a Seward 25 named Miss Molly. She works part time so that she can sail more.

David Wood and Cindy Argo were sworn in as new members at a Special General Meeting before the August Board Meeting. They were impressed with the Club and that there are 10 Catalina 30s in the Club. They are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Say hello to our newest members as you see them around the Clubhouse and the docks!

It's time to say goodbye to some old friends and adjust to some changes in our membership as we see less of other old friends. At the August Board meeting, the

Board approved the following membership changes:

- Richard and Barbara Gicking resigned effective July 12, 2023.
- Kevin Kahl and Annette Kienberger resigned effective August 31, 2023. Kevin and Annette leave a big hole in our Club's machinery as they have been serving as Floating Dock Advisor and Clubhouse Stewardship Chair.
- Don Belshaw has been approved to change from Life Member status to Inactive Life Member status effective July 12, 2023.

The Board also interviewed two new prospective memberships. Jeff and Megan Weatherill have a Cascade 41 named Mareva II. They have two children, ages 14 and 16 and are looking for a community with a cruising focus. They went to Mexico and did their ASA 3 and 4 classes as a family event.



Yo Ho, Ho, Kathy Beach is ready.

ONLY PIRATES CAN
GET AWAY WITH
SAYING YO HO!

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Sergei and Ximena Joslin sail a Nauticat 36 named Tortuga. Although they cruise more than they race, Sergei acknowledged that he got "salt in his socks" as a child when sailing around the Southwest Pacific with his family. He was a member of the Sea Scouts, has experience fixing docks, and is looking forward to work parties.



Happy
4th of July
on the 2nd of July at the Club!



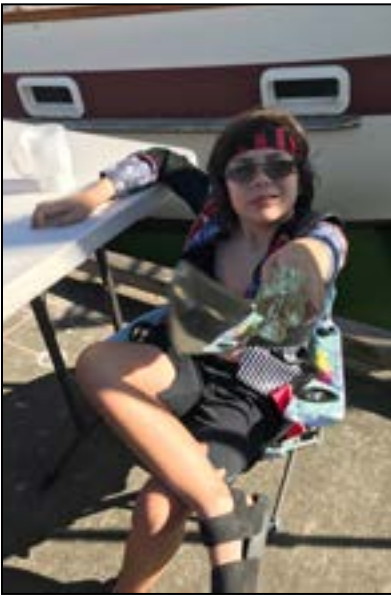


4th of July Crawfish Boil was a big success!



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Ron Moran giving Initiation instructions at the Pirates Cruise, 1990



Pirates Breakfast, 2004



Pirates ready to search for the treasure chest, 2004



Pirates Breakfast, 2018



Sunday mornings Pirates Breakfast, 2023



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Kieran and Ron Moran. Galen and Colleen Moran.
Art work by Colleen - look for her gallery opening.



Tom Stringfield is in the thick of picking
blackberries to prevent scurvy.



Jeanne Becker and Jessica Wade found there
are more ways to stay cool and have fun.

TO ERROR IS HUMAN,
TO ARR
IS A PIRATE!

Work Parties Ahead!

The beginning of the fall Work Parties is almost upon us. The dates will be 9/16, 9/30, 10/14 and 11/4. We will begin each Work Party at 9:00 with coffee and a snack to help power us through the day. Lunch will be served at 1:00 giving us a full 4 hours of time. Plan out your calendar so you can get your second half hours in with time to spare. Last minute scrambles are no fun for anyone.

Each Work Party will have a Work Party Lead, an Assistant and the Lunch Lead. All four Lunch Leads spots have been reserved at this time, thank you. We still have plenty of opportunity for filling the Work Party Leads and Assistant. Please use this [LINK](#) to sign up and help the Club with these very important roles. If you have any questions about what is involved in these jobs, please give me a call to discuss.

Kevin Stenberg and his team are working on Walk 5 to replace the support brackets and clamps that hold the submerged pipes in place. The old brackets have failed due to corrosion and have allowed the fire standpipe to break loose and float putting it at risk. This has become a more involved project than originally anticipated. How did that happen? Thank you for all the effort by Kevin and his team.

There will be a few special projects that will come up outside the normal Work Parties. They will require a few folks at a time to complete these projects, and I will send out the information to the Membership as they come up. Please help where you can.

Thank you to everyone that helped us complete the spring Work Parties and all the tasks on the Maintenance Monitor's spreadsheet.



The Wade's at the Pirates Cruise 2016: Chris, Carter, Owen and Jessica Pirates one and all!

*Ahoy, ye mateys, get ta planning
for next year's RCYC Pirates
Cruise. . We hope to see ye all at
the grog barrel in 2024!*



Remember when: Pirates 2013



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RCYC Happenings

September

- 1-4 Beacon Rock Cruise
 - 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
 - 4 SYSCO Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 9-10 Long Distance Race
 - 11 Board Meeting, Zoom 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 Private Party (Neild), 4:00 p.m.
- 15-18 Cruise, Schwitter's Landing
 - 16 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
 - 18 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
 - 18 Foghorn Deadline
 - 20 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - 23 Walk 1 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.
 - 30 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.

October

- 2 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 SYSCO Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 6-8 Cruise, Bartlett's Landing
 - 9 Board Meeting, Zoom 7:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Fall Land Yacht Cruise (see Forum for details)
 - 14 New Member Orientation, 9:00 a.m.
 - 14 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
 - 16 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
 - 18 Foghorn Deadline
 - 18 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - 21 Walk 2 BBQ, 5:00 p.m.

Check www.rosecityyachtclub.org for updates and more!
Contact your Vice Commodore for additions or changes
to the calendar?

Send articles, announcements, and photos to the Foghorn,
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