

Minutes
RCYC General Meeting
September 20, 2023

Call to Order: by Commodore Tod Bassham @ 7pm

- **Board Members and Resident Members Present:** Tod Bassham, Loren Beach, Kelly Brown, Rick Samuels, Cathy Skach.

Adopt Agenda: No corrections to the agenda. It was moved to adopt the agenda. Approved.

The meeting was held with 24 in attendance by Zoom and another 22 at the Clubhouse, 3 of the 22 being officers. Total attendance was 40.

Program

Craig and Barbara Johnston (Sauvie Island YC): Serious Cruising: Europe! They didn't have the ability to take years and years to sail to Europe, so they developed their method of shipping their boat to Europe, and then sailing to make the maximum use of their time. The Johnston's shared their experiences sailing through Germany, Denmark and Switzerland.

- Fielded questions from the the group, Both live and on Zoom.

Introduction of Prospective members and guests

- Sergei and Ximena Joslin, Nauticat 36. They got to know RCYC through meeting members at Cathlamet. Planning to sail with members a lot. Sergei grew up on a sailboat from 2-6 years old.
- Jeff and Megan Weatherill, Cascade 42. Spent a lot of time sailing a Catalina 27 and looking to get back into sailing after 15 years off of the water. They're looking forward to belonging to a boating community to go cruising, have breakfast with, the whole thing!
- Jeff and Harmony Burreight, Islander 36. They sail an Islander 36. They started sailing together in 2008. Since they had a boat, they decided to take an extended honeymoon to Panama and back up to Mexico. They picked up a Northwest 21. Their Islander 36 is currently in Newport. Look for them at the General meeting! They met RCYC members while at Beacon Rock and were motivated to join. They are just happy to have found a group of people who like to talk about boats as much as they do.

Minutes of the July General Meeting

No corrections to the July General Meeting Minutes. It was moved to adopt the Minutes. Approved. The adoption of the minutes was moved, seconded and approved.

Reports of Officers & Directors

Commodore - Tod Bassham

- Breakwater committee did a survey using our member's skills to evaluate the status of our breakwater.
- Big Picture Budget Review Committee (BPRC) have been looking intensely at the Club's budget situation.
- The City of Portland is proposing a new stormwater fee (colloquially known as the 'rain tax'). This is a fee on impermeable structures, including our Clubhouse and our docks. They have had such a fee for land based structures, but this is the first time they have actually tried to extend that to waterborne

structures. This new fee, if passed, will quadruple our water bill. Tod is meeting and organizing with other waterfront owners to lobby the city to either modify or do away with the fee altogether.

- Historically, this fee funds projects related to the Department of Environmental Protection's mandate for Combined Sewer Overflow requirements. The fee makes NO SENSE, since the overflow is just water returning to water.

Vice Commodore - Gary Brown

Secretary - Cathy Skach

- Condolence flowers were sent to me, Cathy Skach, when I had hernia surgery. I'm doing fine. I want to thank everyone for the thought!
- It is with a sad heart that I report Jim Johnsrud's passing on September 10th. He had additional strokes and was left without speech. Had passed two days later. Jim and Bette were about to celebrate their 56th anniversary on September 23rd. Bette said that it was so close, she's going to count it. Happy Anniversary, Jim and Bette!

Rear Commodore - Loren Beach

Rear Commodore: Rear Commodore- Report of Nominating Committee. The committee consists of Toby , Carl Corey, Judy Oxborrow. They presented their report to the September Board meeting and

Officers:

- Commodore: Gary Brown
- Vice Commodore: Cathy Skach
- Secretary: Barbara Weiss
- Rear Commodore: Tod Bassham
- Directors:
 - Mark Holzmann (returning)
 - Greg Douglass
 - John Osborne
 - Mark Engdall
 - Bruce Newton

Financial Reports

- [BIG PICTURE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS](#), is posted with September Board Minutes. This report was shared with the Board at the September meeting.
- Big Picture Budget Review Committee, consists of Karen Jacobson, Judy Oxborrow, René Emch, (Director), Kelly Brown (Director), Bruce newton, Matt Richard.
- The task of the committee was to answer the questions:
 - Are Club reserves sufficient for our needs?
 - Is revenue sufficient to meet current and projected expenses?
 - Do we need to adjust dues and fees for inflation?
 - How do we plan to fund big ticket items such as the breakwater on the long range planning list?
 - What happens when the dredge loan and Walk 5 loan are paid off?
 - What improvements can we make to the budgeting process?

- Check the [BIG PICTURE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS](#) for the committee's findings and recommendations.

Breakwater Committee

Rose City Yacht Club has a breakwater structure on the north side of its leasehold. The purpose of the breakwater is two fold:

- First to calm with waters within the marina caused by wakes of other small boats or generated by wind. This is accomplished by the mass of the breakwater as well as its depth and width. There is a limit to the waves that can be attenuated by the breakwater. Long period waves such as those generated by large boats will not be calmed by the breakwater. Strong winds generally come in the winter from the east and are attenuated by walk one. The current design of the breakwater has accomplished this calming task with reasonable success.
- Second to provide additional moorage space for transiting boats from reciprocal clubs as well as additional moorage for members as needed. As the moorage is on the outer portion of the marina the spaces are subject to the wave action that is not attenuated by the breakwater.

The Rose City Yacht Club Breakwater Document with its preliminary survey results and recommendations is included with these minutes

Directors Reports:

Moorage (Matt Richard)

- Dean Terry has temporally moored his boat, an Erickson 36, in Slip 9 on Walk 1, commencing a one month sublet from Terrence Thatcher.
- Cathy and Tom Skach have moored a second boat, a Tanzer 22, in Slip 2 on Walk 1, commencing a sublet from Alison Mazon.
- Annette Kienberger and Kevin Kahl have relinquished their assignment of Slip 8 on Walk 1.
- Michael McClain, with his Canadian Sailcraft 36T, named Salty Dame, has been assigned to Slip 8 on Walk 1.
- There are currently 5 active sublets.
- The moorage remains fully assigned.
- There are 6 boats awaiting slip assignment on the Moorage Waiting List.

Committee & Leads Reports:

Work Parties & Upkeep. (John Osborne)

- We had a very successful work party last Saturday. Thank you to the 35 people that showed up. We got an awful lot of work done. A fabulous job by Pam doing the lead, very organized - she kept everybody hopping.
- On Tuesday, Toby and and two other volunteers sealed walk 2, which was due up this year.
- Our next work party is Saturday, the 30th and we do not have a work party lead for that! If you've never had the opportunity, we have the tasks and the tools - we just need someone to help keep organized, we really would appreciate it if someone would step up and get involved with that. It's not a tough job, it's and important job.

Social Events (Linda Shaw)

- Walk one BBQ coming up this Saturday evening. Happy hour @ 5pm, Dinner @ 6pm. BYO adult beverages and meat for the grill. The Club will be providing appetizers, mixers, sides, and desert.
- Walk 2 BBQ coming up on November 21. Traditionally a brown bag auction event.
- Plans for the Christmas Party is already under way.
- Linda and Fran are retiring after this year as social chairs. They recommend that a team of two people fill this position.

Dredging Committee (Christian Steinbrecher)

Dredging season is upon us, it begins November 1 and runs all the way to around Christmas. We've done some preliminary depth surveying and the work looks to be about the same as it did last year, which means there isn't that much to do but there's enough to do. Just so everyone knows, this is a committee of 50 people who did this last year. Everyone has an opportunity to participate in this. I'll be sending out an email shortly asking for volunteers to come back and join us. There are all kinds of roles that everybody can participate in: whether you are short, tall, large, small, male, or female. Come and help!

New Business (none)

Gwinner Awards (none)

Good of the Order

Gary Whitney - to whomever displace the glass carafe coffee pot for decaf coffee, please either return it or let someone know it's broken.

Tell Tales

Matt Richard - Shared his tale about accidentally kicking his port supply valve open and drawing oil from the starboard tank sending return fuel to the starboard and the port tank. Christian Steinbrecher Nominated Matt for the Tell Tale award, Cathy Skach Seconded. Passed.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:39