



ROSE CITY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Secretary: Cathy Skach

Rear Commodore: Loren Beach
Directors: Kelly Brown, Rene Emch,
Mark Holzmans, Kathy Souhrada, Barbara Weiss

November 2023



From the Bridge

Tod Bassham, Commodore

I love the smell of rain in the morning; it reminds me of ... taxes. Yes, you may have heard that the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is again proposing what opponents call a "rain tax." It is not a tax, technically, but an extension of the existing stormwater fee that the city extracts as part of your monthly water bill if you own developed land within the city. The stormwater fee is calculated based in part on how much impermeable surface (roofs, paved parking lots, etc.) you have on your property. The collected stormwater fees pay for the local stormwater drainage system most properties direct water to, as well as larger communal drainage facilities, a network of pipes including the "Big Pipe" that keeps sewage from flowing into the rivers during big rain events.

RCYC owns real estate, but we have heretofore paid no stormwater fees, nor have we contributed to any community stormwater facilities because our shoreside facilities (gravel parking lot, mostly) are permeable and not subject to stormwater fees. But the City has noticed that we (and many other waterfront owners) indeed have a bunch of impermeable surfaces floating on the river: our Clubhouse, Patio, docks, etc. If the stormwater fee is applied to our structures, our annual stormwater fee could jump from zero to approximately \$8,000.

As many people have noted, floating structures like our Clubhouse do not rely on any City stormwater facilities; the rain just drips directly into the river. The lack of any connection between the proposed stormwater fee and city services is perhaps the most troubling aspect of the proposal. Nonetheless, BES believes that the burden of paying for communal stormwater facilities should be more broadly shared by all owners of impermeable structures in the city, not just landlubbers. BES claims that the proposal is revenue neutral; the revenue base will grow, but stormwater fees for some landlubbers will go down. Perhaps.

Elected 2024 RCYC Leadership

Officers

Commodore: Gary Brown
Vice Commodore: Cathy Skach
Secretary: Barbara Weiss
Rear Commodore: Tod Bassham

Directors

Greg Douglass
Mark Engdall
Mark Holzmans
Bruce Newton
John Osborne

At its October meeting, the RCYC Board voted to take a stance in opposition to the "rain tax." Further, the RCYC Board authorized the Commodore and Vice Commodore to evaluate participation in the public relations and legal campaigns of the opposition, including possible financial donations. The public relations campaign has already borne fruit. City Commissioners received many emails in opposition, including a number from RCYC members. The Waterfront Owners Organization (WOO) met with the Commissioner in charge of BES, Mingus Mapps, and he agreed to remove the proposal from the City Council's October 18 agenda. But it is a safe bet that the proposal is not going away. This is not the first time BES has tried to expand the stormwater fee revenue base, and it is unlikely to be the last.

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Vice Commodore's Report

Gary Brown, Vice Commodore



The days are getting shorter, fall work parties are in full swing, dredge season is upon us, water to all the Slips and the pump-out station are about to be shut down, and we are starting to talk about plans for the Holiday Party. These are all signs that another summer and sailing/boating season has come to an end. It was a fun season filled with fond memories and new To-Do lists as we think about plans for next year. In the meanwhile, now is the time to winterize our boats and the Club. The last work party will be on Saturday, November 4.

If you have not completed at least 16 work hours for the year, then you should plan to be at the work party or participate in the dredge operations. Note that the calendar year for work hours ends DECEMBER 10. Don't procrastinate until the last days to get your hours done, and then go calling us looking for ideas on what you can do. Rumor has it that the work party leads and all the officers of the Board just might be in the Bahamas soaking up sun the entire month of December, with our phones on silence mode. At least, I heard something like that. In any case, the opportunities are provided now so that none of us need to hassle with this at the end of the year when everyone is busy.

Click on the "How Many Work Hours Do I Have?" link on the *Forms and Documents* page in the *Club Members* area of the RCYC website to find out how many work hours you have so far (updated every couple of weeks). To date, members have worked about 4,000 hours for the year, for roughly 165 memberships. Do the math, that's over 25 hours average so far per membership. It usually takes about 7,000 work hours per year to maintain our Club. Hum. Enough on that. Now is the time to settle on the Club Calendar for 2024. You should have already submitted your events/dates to me by the time this Foghorn goes out, but the reconciliation of conflicts will happen during the month of November. It may take a little flexibility on everyone's part but let us get it done. 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 it to yours truly, Gary Brown.

A final note, Lorena and I just returned from the October General Meeting where the election of Officers and Directors was completed by a unanimous vote to accept the full slate of recommendations of the Nomination Committee. I am looking forward to serving as the Commodore for 2024 and will do my best to rally the Board and our collective members to get all the needful things done and to maintain a "Happy Ship." (If you have read the 21 books, 7000 pages Aubrey-Maturin Master and Commander series, you know what I mean by that. Pretty good read.) It will be a fun year for all of us – you can count on it! Thank you for the vote of confidence. I can only do this with your help, so I am counting on that too.

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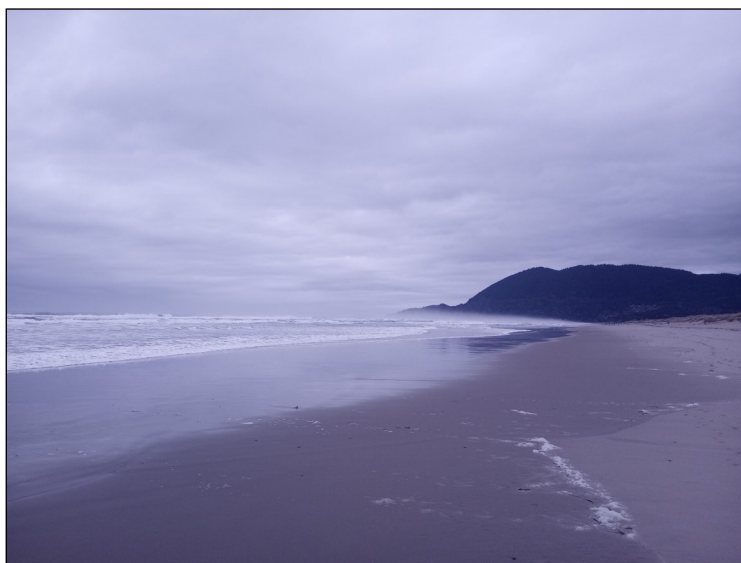
Speaking of floating structures, the Breakwater Committee has been evaluating the current condition of our 50-year-old breakwater. Looks like about 20 percent of the logs are saturated and are no longer contributing to floatation, many of the stringers are rotten, and some of the joists and deck boards need replacement. So, some serious construction work is in our future. The Committee will make a report to the Board in November and will develop recommendations for the next steps.

As this article was going to press, we experienced another stirring triumph of small "d" democracy. The members of our Club elected a new slate of Officers and Directors! Congratulations to Commodore-elect Gary Brown, Vice-Commodore-elect Cathy Skach, and incoming Secretary Barbara Weiss. A big thank you to the Directors who volunteered to serve on the Board. This is a great group of people we can trust to lead the Club into a bright future.

They can't do it alone. One thing the incoming Commodore will do is contact our hardworking chairs, activity leads, and primary contacts, and ask if they wish to continue into the next year. We have over 50 chairs and leads (see the list in the Yearbook). They are the ones on the pointy end of the spear who get done much of the things needed to maintain and improve our Club. Usually there is some turnover every year. If you are a current chair, lead, or primary contact, and know you do not wish to continue into 2024, please contact the incoming Commodore ASAP. If possible, please suggest a replacement (ideally someone you've been secretly mentoring for lo these many years). For those who have never served as a chair or activity lead, it is a fun way to earn work hours. If you are interested, contact the incoming Commodore, and see what slots are open and what might suit your skills and interests. We are a do-it-ourselves Club!

Fall Land Cruise to Nehalem Bay

CJ Volesky



Gathering at a Manzanita restaurant instead of a potluck

Secretary's Report

Cathy Skach, Secretary

John Sunseri informed us that his mother, **Angela Sunseri**, passed away on October 14th. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil. She was 101 years old. Angela and Phil Sunseri joined RCYC in 1965.

We received a note from **Bette Johnsrud**, thanking us for the condolence flowers sent and the kind words that went along with them. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for **Jim Johnsrud** in the Spring. Bette's card will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Jeanne Becker had surgery on her ankle on September 25th. She won't be walking for a while, so she will really enjoy hearing from her RCYC friends!

New Members

Sergei and Ximena Joslin have a Nauticat 36. They became aware of RCYC and got to know some RCYC members this summer at Cathlamet. Sergei lived on a sailboat as a kid between the ages of 2 and 6 and has loved boating ever since. They are hoping to sail with fellow members as much as possible.

Jeff and Megan Weatherill have a Cascade 42. They spent a lot of time sailing their Catalina 27 and are now getting back into sailing after 15 years off the water. They are looking forward to belonging to a boating community, going cruising, having breakfast with members – the whole thing!

Harmony and Jeff Burright have 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 have a Northwest 21 in Oregon waters. They met RCYC members while at Beacon Rock and were motivated to join. They are happy to have found a group of people who like to talk about boats as much as they do!

Membership Changes

The Board accepted **Bill and Nina Kramer's** request for Life Membership effective November 1, 2023.

The Board accepted **Nathalie Mary and Steve Spon's** request for resignation effective October 1, 2023. Happy trails to Nathalie and Steve!



Walk 2 Oktoberfest
Photos by Vickie Nissen

Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

During the October work party, several of us experienced what happens when a sudden series of large wakes hit the normally calm waters of the moorage. We didn't see what caused it as we were all busy trying to hold on. But we did see a stern line break free from a boat on Walk 3. Thanks to the quick work of new member Mike McClain we were able to get the boat secured and retied. It turns out that the stern line had severed its loop splice. So, heads up everyone! Please check your moorage lines for wear and old age and replace any lines that look suspicious. It is also a good time to double up on stern and bow lines if you haven't done so already. You will want to tie them looser than your lines that have snubbers.

Be advised that the water to the Walks will be shut off and the water pipes purged with air in preparation for winter on November 4 during this year's last work party. If you need water after that there is a way to get it. We have previously brought Blue Moon to the Marginal Walk between Walks 3 and 4 and obtained fresh water from a faucet just under the Corey's front deck. Also note that the Club's pump out station at the end of Walk 5 will be secured for the winter during the same work party.

Here is what's been happening in the moorage:

Chris Sheesley in Slip 29 on Walk 4 and John Tichenor in Slip 28 on Walk 4 have voluntarily exchanged slips.

Kathy Souhrada has purchased from Eric Parker and Diane Shiner their Hunter 38 sailboat, *Aiya*. The boat is moored in Slip 14 on Walk 1. Kathy took over the slip assignment on Walk 1. She has removed her other boat from the moorage and has relinquished her previous Slip 27 on Walk 3. This slip is now open.

Chris and Ally Richard have removed their 2nd boat from Slip 20 on Walk 5 and it has departed the moorage, ending their sublet.

Dean Terry has removed his boat, an Erickson 36, from Slip 9 on Walk 1, ending his sublet.

Sean and Jill Harris in Slip 29 on Walk 2 and Jay and Catherine Thiele in Slip 28 on Walk 2 have voluntarily exchanged slips.

Allan Weber in Slip 3 on Walk 3 has relinquished his slip. This slip is now open.

Linda Starr has moved her Erickson 23 from Slip 17 to Slip 12 on Walk 3, transferring her sublet so she will have assured moorage through spring.

Boats in Slips 1 through 4 on Walk 1 have been temporarily moved to other slips to accommodate dredge work on the Marginal Walk in the southeast corner of the moorage during the first week of November.

As stated above, there are currently two slips on Walk 3 that are open. These slips will be assigned in early November after the space created by the temporary moves is no longer needed for the dredging along Walk 1 and underneath the Marginal Walk.

View from the Rear

Loren Beach, Rear Commodore

I want to (again) recognize and thank our Nominating Committee that identified and enticed our 2024 slate of officers and directors. The members of the Nominating Committee were: Carl Cory, Judy Oxborrow, and Toby Elliott, with the Rear Commodore chairing the committee per the Bylaws.

Our 2024 slate of candidates was presented to the membership in September and voted in at the October General Election Meeting. Congratulations to all the new and continuing Board members.

Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation

Piper Easton

Are you worried about the decline of sailing?

Support the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation and our mission to continue to make sailing sustainable and accessible to all.

Right now we are hosting our annual raffle.

Win a Brand New ILCA Laser for \$100!

Actual value: \$8,330.

Only 250 tickets will be sold until November 29, so try your luck while supporting the future of our sport!

All proceeds go to support Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. See the details and buy your tickets on our website www.OregonYouthSailing.org



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RCYC 2023 Dredging

Christian Steinbrecher, RCYC Dredge Chair

The moorage has silted in, and it will be necessary to dredge this fall. The dredging effort will commence the first week of November and continue until completed, which should take about 6 weeks depending on the progress made. The moorage has been surveyed and the depths to be dredged have been determined.

Members will notice the dredge in the fairways and the discharge line on the Walks. The material removed is loosened by the cutter head, sucked up by the dredge and discharged into the settling pond at the east end of the parking lot. The excess water flows back into the Columbia River over a weir at the east end of the settling pond. This decanting process reduces the flow of solids back into the river and keeps the operation within the turbidity limits of our permits. The work is carried out pursuant to multiple permits issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of State Lands and the City of Portland's Bureau of Development Services. There is a myriad of requirements that must be adhered to. The key elements include a depth of removal that cannot go below -7 feet Columbia River Datum and turbidity limits that cannot be exceeded.



This effort included about 45 Club members in past years. There are subcommittees to organize and perform the needed efforts including setting and moving the steel cables that allow the dredge to do its work, an operators group, a fueling and maintenance effort, turbidity monitoring and a soundings group. An initial work party will set up the discharge piping to get things started. Much of the heavy work activities have been redesigned so that all of our members (including our women members) can participate. For example, the long sections of pipe on the bank have been cut up so that they weigh no more than 30 lbs. Emails have gone out asking for volunteers to serve on the various committees.

RCYC's dredge is an 8-inch Badger suction dredge that was manufactured in Michigan by DSC (Dredge Supply Company), located in Louisiana. The dredge has a 250 horsepower Caterpillar diesel engine for primary power connected to a hydraulic pump which rotates a 30-inch cutter head through a hydraulic motor. The main dredge pump is rated at 160 TDH at 2,500 gallons per minute. It will pass a particle size of up to 4 inches. Hydraulic winches are used for raising the ladder and swinging the dredge. The cost to the Club was approximately \$325,000 in 2015.



RCYC Ship's Store

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- Sport-Tek® Dry Zone® Raglan Polo
- Sport-Tek® Rashguard, Men's Tee & Long Sleeve & Women's Tee & Long Sleeve
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- OGIO Women's Luoma Tank
- Allmade Men's Tri-Blend Crewneck T-Shirt
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- Sport-Tek® Women's Dry Zone® Raglan Accent
- Port Authority® Glacier® Soft Shell Jacket
- Sport-Tek® Adult Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt
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Shop online & at the Club for products to show your colors.

Holidays are Coming!

Check out RCYC's "Ship's Store" button on the RCYC website

www.rosecityyachtclub.org

—or—

Contact Terry Foren at nirecap@comcast.net

Heading out of town this winter?

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

PLEASE email the following:

Pam and Carl Corey—cpcorey@gmail.com

Rick and Liz Samuels—rick@samuels.com

Matt Richard—mattrichard@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

If vehicle in parking lot—make, model, color

RCYC Upcoming Activities

November 2023

- 4 Work Party—9:00 am—WATER SHUT OFF
- 6 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 6 SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 11 Walk 3 BBQ
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 15 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 18 December Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Knauti Knitters 10:00 am

December 2023

- 1 Holiday Party
- 4 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 4 SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 18 January Foghorn Deadline
- 18 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 20 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm



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Need something added to the calendar?

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