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March 2023



From the Bridge

Tod Bassham, Commodore

Returning from the British Virgin Islands, our sun-blasted skin was met with the chilly winds of February in our fair city. We quickly swapped shorts and t-shirts for long johns and fleece jackets. But our thoughts are turning with the seasons toward spring and summer cruising.

A recent innovation is the concept of land cruises, or combo land/sea cruises. A few folks last year brought their RVs down to Cathlamet and met the Lazy Days fleet on its way back upriver. A brilliant idea! It allows members who for whatever reason cannot join the water cruise to participate. CJ Volesky has organized a spring land-only cruise to Memaloose Park upriver in April, which many Club members have signed up for. Should be fun! But I would like to see more land/sea cruises, as not all of us have

RVs or campers. There are a number of places along the river where there is an RV park or campground near water access. Beacon Rock is an excellent example.

But we could even extend that concept further to rendezvous in northern waters. I know PYC recently held their summer rendezvous in Anacortes. Club boats cruising up north gathered there, met by a group of PYC members in their RVs who drove up for the event, and probably kept on land-cruising thereafter. RCYC could do something similar. A number of RCYC members keep boats up north or cruise there every summer. It should be easy to find great anchorages/marinas with RV camping on site or nearby that could host our rendezvous. All we need is an organizer. Who is willing to step up?

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Whether you're full of blarney, or not, come to the

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

There will be a St. Patrick's Day potluck at the Club on Saturday, March 18. The Club will provide corned beef and cabbage. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Full details will be forthcoming in an email to members once the leprechaun has the undivided attention of the Activities Chairs.

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But why stop there? Our BVI charter opened our eyes to tropical cruising. What about an RCYC flotilla to the Sea of Cortez this November or December? Charter some boats out of La Paz, explore the warm blue waters together or on your own, meet up at a remote desert island anchorage for sundowners? A dream, yes, but doable if there is a will.

OK, time to turn to the here and now. Folks, we have Trouble in River City, and Trouble starts with T and there is a T in meeting. Yes, I'm talking about the General Meeting. During the pandemic we switched to Zoom. With return to a semblance of normalcy, we resumed in-person General Meetings, with a Zoom option for those who could not attend. Trouble is, the vast majority of members seem to prefer to attend General Meetings via Zoom, sitting at home sipping a sundowner, rather than braving the traffic and the long dark roads to get to the Club. I get it. Zoom is darn convenient. But over-reliance on Zoom is threatening to kill an important part of the social vibe at our Club.

What to do? Some have urged eliminating hybrid meetings and going back to only in-person General Meetings. I think that is the wrong approach. The genie is out of the bottle, and we should not deny members who want to participate in General Meetings a convenient opportunity to attend. But we can do more to encourage in-person attendance.

Part of the problem, I suspect, is the dark discouraging winter mid-week weeknight venue. Another part is the lack of social incentive to attend in person. So I propose an experiment designed to remedy both those discouraging aspects. I will seek Board approval to move the March General

Meeting to Saturday, March 25, at 3:00 pm. This follows a work party, so there may be a number of people down at the Club anyway who choose to stay for the Meeting. The Club will provide food, snacks, and beverages, and there may be music before or after. In other words, it will be something of a party, on a weekend afternoon instead of a cold dark weeknight evening. And yes, we will Zoom the Meeting so those who cannot attend may participate. But I guarantee it will be more fun to attend in person.

If this experiment is a failure, then I think the logical course is to go with Zoom only General Meetings. It is not worth the trouble of setting up all the hybrid gear for just a few in-person attendees. And even if the March General Meeting is well attended, I think it is likely that we will return to Wednesday night meetings in the warmer, brighter months. Summer weekends are too precious to waste on meetings!



Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair



On March 4th, if all goes well and our weather cooperates, water will be turned back on to all the Walks in the moorage during the first work party of the year. March will be a good time to get our boats, dinghies and dock boxes clean and ready for the coming boating season and also get in shipshape form for the Commodore's moorage walk-down in April.

Here are the moorage movements that took place during the very busy month of February:

- George and Sue Kaplani have moved from Slip 17 to Slip 15 on Walk 1.
- Pam Sesar and Ken Park have moved from Slip 15 to Slip 17 on Walk 1.
- Tod and Deedie Bassham have moved from Slip 30 to Slip 2 on Walk 3.
- New member Judith Lebzelter has been assigned to Slip 30 on Walk 3.
- New members Marcin Merek and Joan Cromwell have been assigned to Slip 9 on Walk 3.
- New member Steven O'Neill has been assigned a sublet in Slip 21 on Walk 1.
- New members Andy and Robin Curry have been assigned a sublet in Slip 12 on Walk 3.

With these changes 3 Slips are being sublet and our moorage remains fully assigned. Please inform the Moorage Chair if you plan to leave your Slip empty for more than a month either for maintenance or travels. It helps us protect your boat and also opens up a potential sublet for the benefit of a fellow member.



Secretary's Salutations

Cathy Skatch, Secretary

A recent change in membership status here at RCYC has Christian Steinbrecher's membership changed to Active Life Member status. We hope that he will continue to actively participate in RCYC's many land and Clubhouse-based activities as much as his life will allow him!

In December, new members David and Krista Price, Steven O'Neill, Marcin Manek and Joan Cromwell and Judith Lebzelter were all sworn in. In February we welcomed Andy and Robin Curry as they were sworn in at the last General Meeting. Welcome new members! We look forward to seeing all of you on the docks!

On December 19, we lost Inactive Life Member George Kent who joined RCYC with Roberta "Bobby" Pierce in 1968. Bobby preceded George in passing. George's bright presence around the Club and at meetings will be missed by all.

It is with a sad heart that we learn of the passing of two long time members of Rose City. Cancer claimed the life of Cliff Stephens in early February. He was around 90 years of age. There will be a Celebration of Life for Cliff on Saturday, March 11th, from 1 to 3pm at Portland Yacht Club. All RCYC members that wish to attend are invited to do so. Kathie Kneeland, a former Commodore, had been ill for some time when she passed away; she was in her early 80s. There will be a Celebration in honor of Kathie on March 26th from 1 to 5pm at RCYC. Flowers have been sent from the Club to the families.



The Ladies Dinner Returns

Save the date! After a multi-year hiatus, Thursday, May 18th has been chosen for RCYC ladies to gather and enjoy each other's company while dining on a delicious meal prepared and served to us by a few of our fine RCYC gentlemen.

This year's theme is May Day, so think spring, warmth, flowers and sunshine! Look for an electronic invitation in early April. Reservations are required due to our Clubhouse capacity limit of 84 (72 women with 12 cooks and servers).

The traditional raffle will also be part of the festivities, but rather than soliciting companies for donations we will be relying entirely on our very talented and creative community to supply items for the bidding. A theme basket, craft, textile, gift card, music lesson, massage, tickets, or anything you can think of will be most welcome. Details to follow as to who will be gathering donated items. All money from the raffle will be put towards something needed for the Club and/or a donation to an agreed upon organization.

Looking forward to resuming traditions!

Please address any questions to Deedie Bassham at 503-705-6929 or deediebassham@gmail.com.

March General Meeting Speaker: Pacific Cup Racer

Chris DeVere Sheesley

Prepare to be astonished! Our March guest speaker for RCYC's General Meeting will be Molly Howe. Molly completed the Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Hawaii in 2022. You can [read about her adventures](#) in the August copy of 48° North. She will be joining us via Zoom from Seattle to share her adventures (the preparation, the journey, the reflections). Mary also happens to be a yacht broker at Swiftsure Yachts. You may recall that the Swiftsure's founder was our February speaker. Please join us for this unique opportunity to hear from a true sailor who is living her way through her sailing dreams.



Vice Commodore's Log

Gary Brown, Vice Commodore

Happy March! Spring is upon us and the extra daylight and warmth feels wonderful. The Club has become alive with renewed activity. Work parties are ramping up and the Club is taking shape for a new season. Got to love it!



Prepping for a sailing season takes on a different form for all of us, whether we're cruisers, racers, or just like to enjoy day sails under a warm sun and a light breeze. For me, it means more race training, boat maintenance, extra fitness workouts, and registering for the various upcoming events, local and offshore.

In the spirit of prepping for this season, some members of the Club including Rene Emch, Karen Feulner, Brandon Soule, Sean McElderry, and my daughter Tracy and I spent the first week of February in the US Virgin Islands at a North U racing clinic. What a great way to hit the hyperspace button and launch into the new sailing year with about 50 race starts in 1 week! Of course, we arrived home to find a dusting of snow, and had to tap lightly on the brakes, but now spring is just around the corner and we're in full gear again. I highly recommend training or chartering in a nice warm place during our winter.

No better time than now to think about how you can help develop and maintain our Club facilities. We need help year round. All memberships are required to do at least a minimum number of work hours annually. The bona fide policy for this has been approved by the Board and is stated as:

Each membership shall perform a minimum of sixteen (16) work hours each year, with at least eight (8) hours performed in the first half of the year.

Watch your emails, the calendar, announcements at General Meetings and the Foghorn for opportunities to serve and jump right in. In addition to work parties there are occasional needs that pop up, so be ready to jump in. We appreciate all those willing and able to help out.

For booking the Clubhouse and Patio, send requests to Gary Brown. The Rental policy is found on the RCYC website [HERE](#) and the application form is [HERE](#).

Club Cruise Schedule 2023

Chris and Ally Richard, Cruise Chairs

March 17-19	Bartlett Landing (Government Island East Dock). AKA "Spring Break Cruise"
April 21-2	Schwitter (Government Island West Dock)
May 26-29	Coon Island
June 16-18	Bartlett Landing (Government Island East Dock)
June 22-26	Schools out Cruise
22	Coon Island East
23	Martin Slough
24	Martin Slough
25	Coon Island East
26	Coon Island East
July 22-29	Lazy Days
22	Martin Slough
23	Walker Island
24	Westport
25-26	Astoria West Basin
27	Cathlamet
28	Walker
29	Martin Slough
August 11-13	Schwitter Pirates' Cruise (Government Island West Dock)
September 1-4	Beacon Rock
September 15-17	Schwitter (Government Island West Dock)
October 6-8	Bartlett Landing (Government Island East Dock)

Rose City Yacht Club's 2023 Commodore's Ball

“Anchorages of British Columbia” Honoring

2023 Commodore
Tod Bassham and First Mate Deedie

2022 Commodore
Loren Beach and First Mate Kathy

2021 Commodore
Carl Corey and First Mate Pam











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“Sécurité, sécurité, sécurité”

Barbara Weiss, Director, RCYC Board

Not only a cry for help across the radio waves concerning the safety of life at sea, or on the river – we have security concerns of our own at RCYC. In the past year, there have been two known instances where RCYC members have had vehicles stolen from our gated parking lot.



In a 2022 article in the New York Times, journalist Mike Baker wrote that “vehicle theft is up across the country – there was a 17% increase from 2019 to 2021.” And the Portland metro area is among the leaders of this spike. The city ranks fifth in the U.S. for car thefts per 100,000 people, above San Francisco and Seattle.”

This harsh and sad reality is affecting many of us (in the past six months my own vehicle has been vandalized with intent to steal three times) but at RCYC there are actions we can take to help navigate this new normal.

We are in the process of finishing the installation of a taller, more secure fence. Generally, we are all cognizant of the importance of consistently closing the locked gate to the marina and being aware of individuals on the premises we're not familiar with, and asking about the purpose of their visit.

What more can we do?

A number of RCYC members have suggested that we increase security in our parking lot by deactivating the pressure pad in front of the entrance/exit gate and installing an exit trigger via a keypad, card, or fob. This way, potential car thieves might get in, but they won't be able to get out.

There is precedence for this approach to increasing security up and down Marine Drive. A few other yacht clubs including CRYC and Bid Eddy (marina and gated community) require key cards to enter and exit.

I will be partnering with CJ Volesky and other RCYC members to investigate costs and processes before making a proposal to the Board.

To be sure, installing an exit trigger raises some questions – and that's where you come in. **We want to hear from you! What thoughts, questions, or concerns do you have?**

Please email me at barbaraweiss11@gmail.com by March 10.

Work Parties

John Osborne, Work Party Program Lead

We have been asked to help on short notice a couple of times already this year with several special projects and small Work Parties. The willingness of the members to jump in and help has been very much appreciated by the Commodore and me as this makes keeping the Club running a much easier task. These special projects have involved repairing a broken sewer line, trimming back vegetation in preparation of the new fence along with many other small day to day items. Don't worry, we still have plenty of tasks planned for the upcoming Work Parties that will provide ample opportunity for you to get in your work hours plus some extra hours for the first half of the year.

Toby Elliot has agreed to start us off this year by leading the first Work Party scheduled for March 4th. This important first scheduled event will wake up the Club for the year and begin to prepare for Opening Day. Getting water back to the docks will help cure some of the green stuff that is growing on the north side of our boats. Kathy Souhrada will be keeping us well fed with a breakfast snack and lunch for the day. I encourage you to sign up and participate in these Work Parties throughout the year, especially if you are somewhat new to the Club. It is a very rewarding opportunity to get to know fellow Club members while exploring areas of the Marina you either did not know existed or have not yet had the opportunity to see.

Signup link for the [Work Party #1](#) on March 4th.

Look for my emails announcing each Work Party with links to the Sign Up.Com website we are using again this year to organize for the Work Parties and other special events. Use the following link [Work Party Leads](#) if you would like to volunteer as a Work Party Lead for future Work Parties.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Club on March 4th.





Sustainability at the Club

Bob Phillips, Sustainability Committee member

In 2007, RCYC completed the necessary requirements to become designated as a Clean Marina. This designation recognizes our compliance with environmentally friendly practices and facilities with an annual recertification.

As an extension of that certification, and in response to a changing climate, the RCYC Board has authorized the formation of a Sustainability Committee. This committee, composed of Liv Ormond, Pam Neild, Abby Boudouris, Coral Simdorn, George Kapllani, Michael Valenti, John Flenniken and Bob Phillips, will be looking at how RCYC promotes a positive environment for good stewardship of the environment, human health and our resources.

During the coming months, this committee will examine our utility bills, event policies and other practices both in the Clubhouse and in the marina. With this information we envision a multi-year plan for improving how the RCYC community can create an environment which promotes the use of sustainable practices and, in some cases, saves money.

We promise to keep you informed about our progress and to solicit your advice and recommendations at key points along the way. Feel free to reach out to any members of the Sustainability Committee. We have plans to send membership surveys and to keep you informed via the Foghorn and presentations during General Meetings.

POCO on the Water

Jay and Catherine Thiele

Over the course of forty years and seven sailboats we have introduced countless people to sailing. But that took a new twist in November when we saw an article in the AAA magazine [Via](#). Catherine spotted a tiny article about an exciting local organization that outreaches to people of color to go hiking, canoeing, bird watching — anything outdoors. After a coffee sit-down with the founder of PDX-POCO (Portland-People of Color Outdoors) we suggested another activity and everyone's favorite — sailing. PDX-Portland has thousands of members and organized 90 outings last year. It's about time they got to the good stuff.

Since our first meeting we have had 2 introduction to sailing sessions at the Club. The first one was super basic about types of boats: big, small, racers and cruisers; types of marinas and clubs. At the second meeting we dove deeper into how sailboats work, some safety prep, a little navigation and weather. It helped inspire the group when many of the SOS racers were walking by the Clubhouse fully geared up after the chilly race on February 5.

Now the fun begins. We have scheduled 3 times on the water once the weather improves. The interest within POCO in learning how to sail has been huge. So far we are working with 8 people in this first summer. If you have any interest in taking some excited people sailing let me know. Meanwhile if you see us around the Club give us a thumbs up. Remember what it was like when you first got hooked on sailing?



You Have Something I Want!

Kelly K. Brown, Director, RCYC Board

What is it? Why, it's your attention, of course! As one of your five newly-conscripted, I mean, elected members of the RCYC Board of Directors, I want to explain our *raison d'être*.

Your Directors are the instruments by which you can accomplish the changes you want to see at RCYC. For example, I hate the sanitizer in the Clubhouse's galley. Yup, so do you, I'll wager. Well! At our first monthly Board Meeting of 2023, your Directors already started the process for its expulsion and replacement. We also discussed more arid subjects such as insurance, boat registration, and slip assignments. And we always talk about the weather. See? We're energetic and effective.

Do you like the way I always refer to the board as "your" Directors? That's my subtle way of emphasizing that YOUR Directors are part of your RCYC life. It turns out that the various Directors hold ill-defined but important jobs or portfolios. For instance, our esteemed Commodore Tod Bassham has asked me to hold the Workboats/Launch Management and the Legal Coordination portfolios.

Here are your Directors and their portfolios:

- Kelly Brown (503) 680-6115: RCYC's Boats Management & Legal Coordination
- Rene Emch (360) 256-6223: Education Seminars
- Mark Holzmann (503) 781-1223: New Members' Questions & Concerns, & Recruiting
- Kathy Souhrada (503) 746-5186: Food (my favorite!)
- Barbara Weiss (503) 236-4326: Technical Issues, Communications, Project Management, Marketing, Foghorn Editor

Many more (non-director, non-sloucher) volunteers contribute to the operation of the Club. Those unpaid heroes are listed in your Yearbook's Table of Contents under Committee Chairs and Contacts. Are you just dying to know the name of the subspecies of truffids planted in the parking lot? Why, call the Landscape Program contact person. Can't remember "Landscape Program?" Call a Director! Ditto for any other RCYC issues or questions. For non-RCYC topics, write to Ann Landers.



The best part? You don't have to remember which of your Directors hold which portfolios? No problem. All YOU have to do is contact ANY of your (!) Directors to effect the changes you desire. To hunt down a Director, any Director, look in the Yearbook's Table of Contents, and call one of them. Then the Director you caught will assess the matter and bring it to the RCYC Board of Directors for consideration. Our motto: "Quick's the word and sharp's the action!"

So, do you want something done? RCYC-wise, that is, because we won't mow your lawn or paint your house. Approach us. Don't be shy. Your Directors are your conduit for getting stuff accomplished at the Club. Use us!

Martin Foster was presented the 2023 Golden Hammer Award



Retired Librarians Spotted in the Sea of Cortez

David Columbus, s/v Jean Butler

I crossed paths with RCYC members Bill and Nina Kramer on their boat Gypsy at the end of January, beginning of February, and they seem great! We met up at Marina Puerto Escondido just south of Loreto where my boat Jean Butler is on a mooring ball, and sailed

out to Punta Perico at the northeast end of Isla Carmen for a few days.

We had a lively sail that included a few whale sightings. December and January are especially windy with strong "el nortes." We clocked over 30 kts in the anchorage one night and I woke up to an upside-down dinghy.

After a few days at Punta Perico sharing dinners and hosting happy hours we headed to Punta Colorada, also on the east side of Isla Carmen, stopping at Bahia La Salina to explore the abandoned town and salt flats. After a calm night at Punta Colorada, Gypsy headed south towards La Paz and I went back to Puerto Escondido, then back to Portland, the life of the commuter cruiser. I hope to get back down in March and then again in April with my partner Grant.

The happy Kramers onboard Jean Butler for one last happy hour.



SV Jean Butler on the hook at Punta Perico.



Selfie sailing, Isla Danzante in the background.



Isla Carmen



Salinas salt flats.



"If you are not in this photo - you are a lightweight!"



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, RCYCFoghorn@gmail.com by the 18th of the month.

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RCYC Happenings

March 2023

- 4 Work Party, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- 6 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 11 RCYC Frostbite Race, 11:00 am-5:00 pm
- 13 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 18 St. Paddy's Party, 5:00 pm Start, 6:00 pm Dinner
- 17-19 Bartlett's Landing Cruise
- 18 Lifesling Training, 9:00 am
- 18 April Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 25 Work Party, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- 26 Kneeland Celebration of Life, 8:00 am

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- 1 Red Cross CPR Class 8:30 am
- 3 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 8 New Member Orientation, 9:00am
- 10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Work Party, 9:00 am-1:00pm
- 17 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 am
- 18 May Foghorn Deadline
- 19 RCYC General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21-23 Schwitter's Landing Cruise
- 22 Sail Materials Class, 9:30am
- 29 Work Party 9:00 am-1:00 pm



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