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Secretary: Barbara Weiss

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February 2024



From the Bridge

Gary Brown, Commodore

Considering the snow and ice that mid-January brought us, we could not have asked for much better weather for the annual Soup and Sail on New Years Day. The sunshine and warmth remind that winter here in the northwest isn't all that bad. Of course, we wanted enough wind for a sail after the RCYC Boat Parade, but alas, it was not to be.

The parade took us down the channel behind Hayden Island and back to the

Club to enjoy clam chowder with about 60 members present. It was a fun time. Thank you to the Activities Committee and all the volunteers and attendees that made it a memorable day.

As I write this article, the entire city and our RCYC Club is sheathed in a layer of ice. Water service is out at the Clubhouse and at the Coreys' home due to frozen pipes. We urge great caution whenever you are at the Club in these conditions. It is a good idea to have a buddy with you. The wise would also wear a PFD (and maybe some crampons!). We do not yet know what issues, if any, will become apparent over the next few days as the temperatures warm and the thawing begins. I'm happy to say there are willing members standing by ready to assess any damage and to call for reinforcements as needed to get things resolved. Hopefully, we don't have any bad stories to tell in our next Foghorn. Keep an eye on your boats (and bilges) regularly through the winter and remember that there are two emergency pumps located on the head-walk in case the need arises to save a sinking boat.



January and February are preparatory months for the new boating season. Many at the Club have new roles and are figuring out their responsibilities and making plans for the year. There will be a training session for Officers and Directors on January 20th, and another on February 17th for all Committee Chairs and Leads. The Work Party leads are prioritizing tasks and preparing for the first Work Party to be held on March 2nd. There are 8 Work parties per year: four in the spring and four in the fall. The dates are found on the Club calendar on the [Club Activities webpage](#).

One of the big projects starting this year is to rebuild the dinghy docks. Chris Wade is the Project Manager, and Ron Moran is working up a design. Thanks guys! Mark Brodesser is working up a Breakwater "Plan for a Plan" that the Board will review in February. February is a big month as we also plan to review and approve proposals from the Big Picture Budget Review Committee, led by Matt Richard and Treasurer Karen Jacobson. This committee is looking at the longer term (many years) plan for the Club including how to be financially stable and in a position to cover the big projects, like the Breakwater.

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We are anticipating adjustments to membership dues and moorage fees. These have not changed in many years and certainly are well behind the times and what it takes to maintain and develop the Club going forward.

In the meanwhile, we look forward to a fun Commodore's Ball at Riverside Country Club on February 3rd and hope to see many of you there. Thanks to Loren Beach, Laura Richard and the committee working to make this another great RCYC event.



Vice Commodore's Report

Cathy Skach, Vice Commodore

Now that I've had a chance to tally the 2023 work hours and glean some meaningful stories from the data, it's time to tell those stories. It's also time for announcing the (drumroll) Top Performer Awards! It was a full year for our Club memberships' stepping up and helping maintain our facilities. We had 6,476 total hours completed. Six memberships were deficient for a total of 20.5 hours among them. When considering these deficient hours are among all six memberships, it becomes apparent that our Club doesn't have a problem with members' willingness to come down and help. Not only do we *not* have a problem getting our members to help at the Club, but over two-thirds of our memberships did more than their required 16 hours last year. Now to entice the other third to pick up some extra hours so our top performers can slack off a little. Or... would they?

Our Highest Performers: 25% of our highest performers, memberships earning 100 hours or more, are Active Live Members. Active Life Members are not required to perform any work hours, but performed 19% of the total hours worked in 2023. Our top three Work Hour Performers did 14% of the total hours worked in the Club! To bring those numbers more to a point: Two of the three top performers are Active Life Memberships.

Those memberships who have recorded 100 hours or more (on- and off-site) will be awarded an honorary patch at the Commodore's Ball and the three top performers will be comped their dinner at the Commodore's Ball. Memberships who have earned 100+ hours in 2023 are listed below:

- O'Bryant, Pat and Fran
- Bassham, Tod and Deedie
- Brown, Gary and Lorena
- Brown, Kelly and Applegate, Susan
- Corey, Carl and Pam
- Fisher, Chuck and Jacobson, Karen (Active Life)
- Ormond, Bill and Liv
- Osborne, John and Kathleen
- Armstrong, Dennis and Simdorn, Corral
- Beach, Loren and Kathy (Active Life)
- Skach, Tom and Cathy
- Boguslawski, Alan and Morgan, Rhonda

Congratulations to the Top Three Work Hour Performers for 2023:

Linda Shaw and Gary Whitney (Active Life)

Laura and Matt Richard

Christian Steinbrecher (Active Life)

In past years, top performers were awarded Ships Store credit, which remains active for those who have not yet used their credit. Tom Boyd, the new "Land Ships Store Captain" will be setting up in the Clubhouse before General meetings at 6pm. You may use your unused Ships Store credit with Tom or request reimbursement after making a purchase at the [online Ships Store](#).



Secretary's Salutations

Barbara Weiss, Secretary 2024

Hello, 2024! May we welcome many new members to our boating family, experience grand (and safe) adventures on our boats, and enjoy conversation and camaraderie with our RCYC community.

Here's the latest update from the Secretary's corner: In mid-November, member Libby Muerth had surgery on a 5mm brain aneurysm. She is at home and recovering well. The Club has sent flowers and our wishes for her recovery.

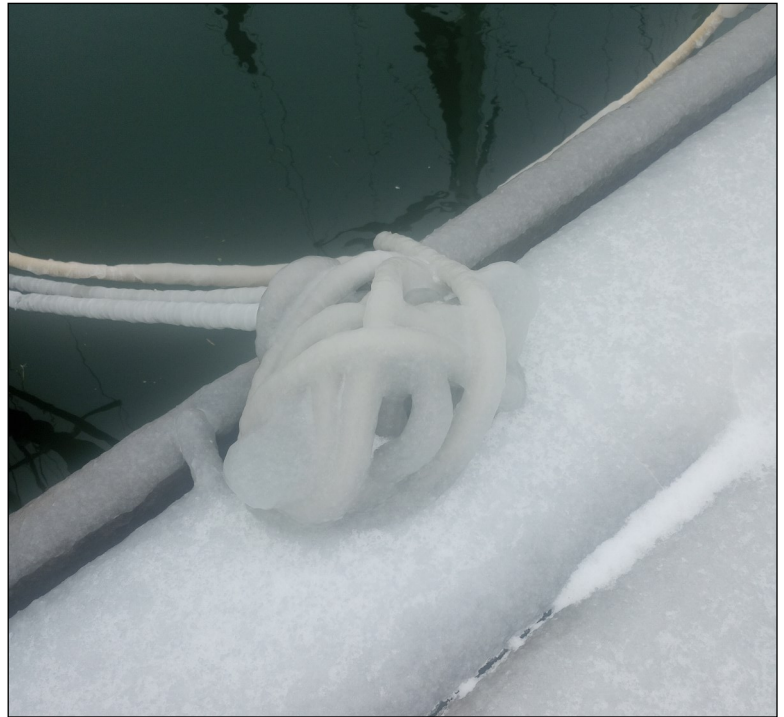
The Club received a note from Jeanne Becker thanking us for the well wishes and flowers. She says her recovery is on target and she expects to be in a walking cast by mid-December. She's looking forward to getting out in her "transfer chair" and walking again.

The Board approved Ethan and Natasha Van Matre's request for a change from Cruising status to Active Member status effective January 1, 2024.

The Board also approved Allen Weber's request to move from Active to Inactive status as of October 1, 2023.

At the January Board Meeting, the Board approved one new membership. Young and Rickie Joen are the owners of a 27-foot Albin Vega named *De Novo*. They were sworn in at the January general meeting. Donald and Alice Kinzer were also sworn in at the January general meeting. Their membership had been approved at the December Board Meeting. Unfortunately, they were in Tortuga vacationing and couldn't be sworn in until this month. They are the owners of a Hunter 41 named *La Belle Vie*. The Board also interviewed Laura Sol. She owns a Catalina 27 named *Seaward*. She looks forward to joining the RCYC community and was impressed with our facilities. She is a founding member of the Rose City Rollers and runs her own business as a custom metal fabricator. She has sailed on racing dinghies and Hobie Cats most of her life.

Happy New Year to all!



The winter storm in January blew strong enough to test some members' mooring lines, but at least they were secure around the cleats!



Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

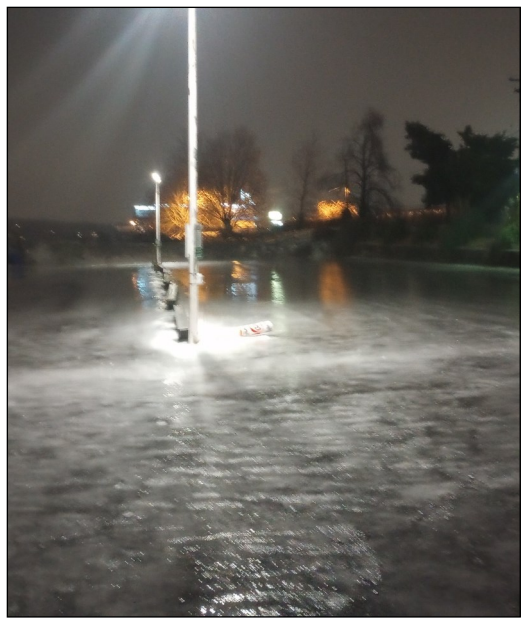
There are just a couple of moorage changes to report as we enter February:

Life Members David and Cris Kinzie have sold their beautiful Nordic Tug 32, *Refugee II*, and have relinquished Slip 17 on Walk 5.

William and Dawn Schuldt have voluntarily moved their Kelly Peterson 44, *Great Shearwater*, from Slip 16 to Slip 17 on Walk 5.

New Members Lucas and Amy Larimore with their Island Packet 35, *Neverland*, have been assigned to Slip 16 on Walk 5 commencing their moorage at RCYC. Please give them a warm welcome!

I'm seeing a good turnout of new Oregon registration decals on boats. Please keep it up!



Cruising Corner

Bill and Nina Kramer, Cruising Chairs

Hi, we are Bill and Nina Kramer, the Club's new Cruising Chairs. We have been members of RCYC since 1999 and have spent a lot of time cruising on the Columbia River, as well as up north and in Mexico for the last four years. We want to thank Chris and Ally Richard for handing off a cruising program that has a lot of fun cruises in it.

The first cruise is in a month and a half, so mark your calendars and get ready to go on RCYC cruises. There are nine cruises this year. The first three are at Bartlett's Landing, the East Dock on Government Island. That means they are all close - only seven miles away - and you don't have to worry about getting through the railroad bridge. The dates are as follows:

**Spring Equinox Cruise
Friday 3/22 to Sunday 3/24**

**April Showers Cruise
Friday 4/26 to Sunday 4/28**

**Memorial Day Weekend Cruise
Friday 5/24 to Monday 5/27**

Bartlett's Landing has plenty of dock space. Bring your fenders. You will want lines for the bow, stern, and fore and aft springs. If you avoid tying your boat on the outside of the outer dock, you will have protection from wakes. There can be strong river currents at the docks so use caution as you approach and plan your docking.

We usually have a Saturday evening potluck with happy hour at 5:00 pm. There is a nice beach for walking, as well as a trail that goes west along the island. There are restrooms on shore. Plan on packing out your trash.

Cruising is a great way to use our boats and to get to know each other. Take a look at the full cruising calendar which is on the [RCYC website](https://rosecityyachtclub.org/activities/). (<https://rosecityyachtclub.org/activities/>)

Try to find at least a couple of cruises you would like to take. Next month we will have a check list of ways to make cruising even more fun.

Fair Winds

Sustainability

Bob Philips, Sustainability Chair

When I was younger, I did a lot of backpacking. One of the principles that I followed was doing no trace camping. "No trace" was when I left the natural environment better than when I found it. While this concept at RCYC is a difficult goal, the RCYC Sustainability Committee is working to provide direction toward a greater balance in our consumption of resources. Throughout 2024, the Sustainability Committee will be providing information about recommended sustainable practices at RCYC. This will include educational information and examples of easy practices we can each do while at the Club, boating or at home. We will also provide opportunities for you to share your ideas about sustainable practices. Look for more information in the Foghorn during the year and let us know what you think.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

It's time to mark your calendars for the St. Patrick's Party!

Saturday, March 18, 2024

Happy hour: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Live music: 7:00 pm by our RCYC Musicians

The Club will provide the Corned Beef and Cabbage, dinner rolls, sheet cake and mixers.

Please bring your BYOB, along with an appetizer, side dish or salad to share.

Let's see how many "green" side dishes will show up for fun!

We hope to see everybody there!

Laura Richard
Social Activities Lead

A View from the Rear

Todd Bassham, Rear Commodore

There isn't much boating in February, so it seems a good time to shake the mothballs from the blue blazer and engage in a little adult cosplay. Yes, time for the Commodore's Ball! Next year I will be the principal coordinator for the Ball, so I've been pondering its role in our communal life and what changes, if any, we should make for next year's.

The Commodore's Ball has always occupied an odd place in our little blue-collar yacht club. We usually invite the Commodores of our sister clubs to attend, and we dress up, dance, and put on a good show for them. Then we take off the blazer, put on the scruffy dungarees, and get busy fixing the frozen water pipes or whatever is the next project in our aging, but well-maintained, marina.

Still, it is fun for one night of the year to wear something nicer than dungarees. What, if anything, could we change to make it even more fun?

Venue. In recent years, we have bounced back and forth between the Riverside Golf and Country Club and the Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Nothing against either facility, but it would be nice to explore other venues that offer a fine dinner and seating for 120 or so. Any ideas?

Format. Some speechifying and ceremonial changing of the guard is necessary, but over the years we've loaded up the agenda with a lot of awards and recognitions, which take up a fair bit of time and might be better off taking place at a suitable occasion within our own Clubhouse.

The March of the Commodores. One by one, Past Commodores are called up and parade around the dance floor in what tends to become an awkward conga line. IMHO, this is a tradition that needs updating.

Music. The past few years have featured a classic rock band, which is fine, but perhaps not quite what most members want to hear and dance to these days. Suggestions as to genre, mode, dance-ability welcome.

I hope to see you at the 2024 Commodore's Ball, celebrating our new Commodore and his First Mate. During the event, or afterwards, please let me know what ideas you might have to improve the 2025 Commodore's Ball!



Shop for [RCYC products online](#) and at the Ship's Store at the Club, or order by emailing Terry Foren or Tom Boyd.

RCYC Happenings

February 2024

- 3 Commodore's Ball
- 5 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Committee Chair/Leads Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Foghorn Deadline
- 19 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 2024

- 2 Work Party #1, 9:00 a.m.
- 4 Knauti Knitters, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 RCYC Frostbite Race, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 5:00 p.m.

Click the link & log in to participate in the Forums or view the posts: [Forums Archive - Rose City Yacht Club](#)

Check www.rosecityyachtclub.org for updates & 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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