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Secretary: Barbara Weiss

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Directors: Greg Douglass, Mark Engdall,
Mark Holzmann, Bruce Newton, John Osborne

March 2024



From the Bridge

Gary Brown, Commodore

Happy March! Spring is almost here, even though it's still a bit chilly. We were fortunate to survive the winter freeze without any major leaks on pipes or boats, even though it was rough for our residents without water and sewer for many days.

The Club leaders including officers, directors, leads and chairs were trained in their new roles by the more experienced in training sessions held in January and February. We are off to a good start, as measured by the dedication and interest all these individuals showed in learning their jobs and their eagerness to dedicate their time and talents to the Club. We are fortunate to have such good members, and I express my personal appreciation to them for making my job as Commodore that much better.

No time was wasted in getting down to the real business for this year. At the February Board Meeting Bob Phillips presented a plan that was approved to develop sustainability practices for the Club. Watch the Foghorn for articles on sustainability and for opportunities to help.

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Finance and Big Picture Committees regarding much needed adjustments to fees/dues to keep the Club in the black financially going forward. The last time these changed was in 2007. Needless to say that the cost of living has increased substantially since then. Members are encouraged to attend General Meetings and read related Foghorn articles (including this month) to learn more and to provide feedback, culminating with a member vote for approval at the General Meeting in April.

A plan is being formulated by Chris Wade and Ron Moran to rebuild the listing and rickety dinghy docks. It will be presented at the March Board meeting for those interested.

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and prepare for spring by signing up for one of the upcoming Work Parties. There are four held in the spring, on Saturdays up through midday. The first is on March 2. These provide great opportunities to develop and maintain the Club, make new friends and get your first half of the year work hours in the bag well before the June 10 deadline. As a bonus, you get to go home feeling very good about your accomplishments. Watch the Vice Commodore's Foghorn columns for more about work hours.

Ladies, and those gentlemen who will assist, put Saturday, May 11, on your calendars for the Ladies Dinner. It will be fun, mysterious, and have great food.

Finally, on behalf of Lorena and me and all those who attended and enjoyed the Commodore's Ball, we express appreciation to all those who planned and carried forth that nice event on February 3rd. The best part was spending that time with so many good friends and making new ones.



Gary got the gavel from Tod ...



... and Lorena got the flowers at the Commodore's Ball



Vice Commodore's Report

Cathy Skach, Vice Commodore

Ah, early spring. As I patrol my yard, I hanker to get going with spring gardening chores but find myself waiting. The temperatures at this writing aren't warm enough yet, and the beneficial insects are still hibernating in the leaf litter on the ground. Anyway, the bulbs are able to come up without my help!

There are plenty of tasks that can be done now, such as raking up the branches and debris scattered around the yard, as well as pruning dead wood, pulling weeds, and sharpening tools. Much like finding plenty of work around the yard, RCYC has plenty of work to do around the docks and the Clubhouse at our first work party of the season on March 2nd. Coming out of the winter, we'll be turning on the water as well as performing other dewinterizing tasks.

Speaking of work, there has been plenty of work getting done, whether the sun shines or not! A total of 341.5 hours were worked through the month of January by our Club memberships. 49 percent of the total hours worked are off-site hours, so basically half. That percentage is likely to tick down as we pull out of winter and hold more work parties, giving members the opportunity to show up and fulfill their work hours at the Club. There are four spring work parties on the calendar, so make your plans now to pick up your first eight hours of the year. It takes approximately two full work parties to meet eight hours. The spring work parties scheduled for 2024: March 2; March 23; April 6; and April 27.

They will be held from 9:00am till 2:00pm with lunch provided. What a great way to get to know your fellow members! There are sign-up links available approximately two weeks prior to the work party dates on our calendar as well as in your email. You can also sign up as early as now to be a work party lead or assistant lead, which is a great way to learn a LOT about your Club! For booking the Clubhouse and/or the Patio, send requests to Cathy Skach. The rental policy and application form are found on the RCYC website.



A BIT OF SAILING NEWS

Pam Sesar

As of February 17, 2024, it looks like 17 RCYC sailors are signed up or are participating in the Sailing on Sunday series, and this doesn't count all the sailors enjoying a Sunday sail to watch, hone their skills, and enjoy the wind and river. For me sailing is a lifetime learning activity.

Speaking of that, Naja and Ben's daughter, Jo Emery, is sailing out of Willamette Sailing Club as well as on *Penelope*. She has been participating in a number of regattas. Please encourage our young sailors and let us support them as we can.





Sustainability at RCYC

Bob Phillips

During the February, 2024 RCYC Board Meeting, approval was given to follow a plan to include steps toward Sustainability in the operation of RCYC. You might ask, "What does this mean to me?" The answer is saving money, better stewardship of natural resources and opportunities to improve the environment.

More details will be coming, but what you will notice is that there will be some changes in practices at RCYC emphasizing the use of durable products for Club social events and an enhanced awareness of our use of utilities. If you have any questions contact me at rlphillips@web-ster.com.



Training Session for Leads/Chairs was held live at the Clubhouse and on Zoom

Secretary's Report

Barbara Weiss, Secretary

It is that complicated time of year where confident bulbs show off their spring plumage and begin to open, mixed with the never-ending litany of rain, wind, gray skies, wind, rain, gray skies, and a scratch of sun now and then. Steady as she goes ... we will all be back on the river in no time!

Welcome New Member!

Laura Sol owns a Catalina 27 named *Seaward*.

Prospective New Members

Craig and Dianne Johnson were introduced at the February Board Meeting. Craig is new to sailing although he has been around boats all his life, growing up in Astoria with a Bar Pilot dad. Craig recently bought a Marieholm 26, International Folk Boat and is looking for like-minded folks to talk all things sailing and learn as much as possible. Craig has construction skills he will bring to the Club. Dianne prefers to keep both feet firmly planted on solid ground. Both look forward to participating in the social life of the Club

Other Membership News

Jas Adams changed to Inactive Life Member effective March 31, 2024.

David Kinzie changed to Inactive Life Member retroactive to December 1, 2023.

Don and Alice Kinzer were sworn in as members at the January 2024 General Meeting but changed their minds and resigned from the Club.

Dena and Rock Kent became Active Life Members effective March 31, 2024

Bill Wagner is recovering from a recent heart attack. The Club sent him a card and flowers.

Sandy Noragon, a long-time member, passed away. The Club sent flowers and a card to her husband, Frank.

RJ Barnes had a successful rotator cuff and biceps tendon repair surgery. RJ is left-handed, and the injury naturally happened to his left hand. So if you see him on the Walks over the next 6-8 months, give him a hand – a left one would be great. RJ hopes to be back in action by late summer. Email condolences and a card were sent to him.

In other news, RCYC received a "cordial" invitation from the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club to enjoy its facilities and marina for 2024. I had not heard of this yacht club and was excited to avail myself of its facilities and marina until I discovered it's in Santa Barbara! Ah well, another time, a different boat.



Laurel & Larry Roberts 1976

Wendy Woodward &
Ron Moran 1995, 1999



Karen Jacobsen 1996
& Chuck Fisher 2010

John Dees 1998, 1999



Commodore's Ball February 3 2024

Photos by Chris Richard



Tod presents the Golden Hammer Award to
John Osborne for his outstanding contribution
to the care & maintenance of RCYC



Judy Oxborrow 2005 &
Mike Oxborrow 2000

Leslie & Bob Phillips 2006



Marili Green Reilly 2007
& Dave Reilly 2017

Penny & John Flenniken 2013





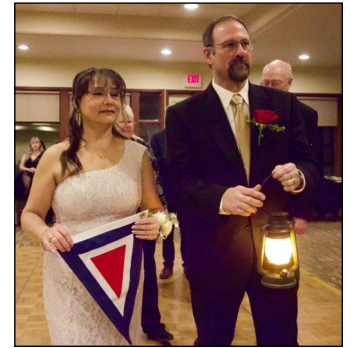
Linda Shaw &
Gary Whitney 2016

Laura & Matt Richard 2018



Sue & Chuck Pennington 2019

Roxana & CJ Volesky 2020



Kathy & Loren Beach 2022



Tod & Deedie Bassham 2023



Lorena & Gary Brown 2024

Big Picture Budget Review Committee (BPBRC) Report

Karen S. Jacobson, Treasurer

The last time RCYC raised its dues and fees was in 2007. That is 17 years ago. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, average annual inflation in those 17 years has been 2.36 percent. One dollar today is worth only 67.114 percent of what it was in 2007. To put it another way, what \$100 would have bought you in January of 2007 would cost \$148.75 today.

Last May, Commodore Bassham appointed the Big Picture Budget Review Committee (BPBRC) to look into the sustainable fiscal condition of Rose City Yacht Club. This committee of seven met regularly from May through August and gave its first report on September 6. At the September Board Meeting, the Board directed the Finance Committee and the BPBRC to develop actions to implement the recommendations in its report, which can be summarized as follows:

- Increase dues and fees to ensure the long-term financial health of the Club;
- Ensure that reserves are established for capital improvements (minimum \$100K) and for a catastrophic emergency (minimum \$125K);
- Enable an annual adjustment of dues and fees to reflect the changes in inflation (an annual Cost of Living Adjustment or COLA);
- Better align fees with costs (moorage electricity fees collected in 2023 were \$7,961, yet electric bills were \$32,628; the dredging fee is \$15/quarter, yet the actual costs are \$58/quarter).

The BPBRC presented specific changes to the dues and fees schedule at the February 12, 2024, Board Meeting. These changes, if adopted, will result in an approximately 20 percent increase in members' costs. If approved by the Board at the March Board Meeting, a vote of the membership will be taken at the April General Meeting and the new billing schedule will go into effect July 1, 2024.

The April Foghorn will contain the details of the new billing schedule. At least one "drop-in" session will be held at the Clubhouse during March to answer individual questions.

Current members of the BPBRC are Jim Calnon, Karen Jacobson, George Kapllani, Brian Moore, Bruce Newton, Judy Oxborrow and Matt Richard. They, the Officers, and Board members will be available to answer your questions as the Board vote date of March 11 approaches, and after.

Moorage Matters

Matt Richard, Moorage Chair

Here are the moorage movements over the last month:

William and Dawn Schuldt have voluntarily moved their boat from Slip 16, Walk 5 to Slip 17, Walk 5.

Lucas and Amy Larimore with their Island Packet 35, named *Neverland*, have been assigned to Slip 16, Walk 5.

Jas Adams has relinquished his space at Slip 17, Walk 3.

Steven O'Neill has moved his boat from Slip 8, Walk 4 to Slip 17, Walk 3.

Steve and Lisa Peterson have been assigned a space of their own in Slip 8, Walk 4 ending the sublet of Slip 12, Walk 3.

Here is our current moorage availability status:

The moorage remains fully assigned.

Terry Dean remains in a sublet slip on Walk 1 awaiting a slip of his own. In addition to this sublet on Walk 1, there are three additional members awaiting moorage on Walks 1, 2, or 5. Estimated wait time for these members is one to two years.

There are two members awaiting moorage on Walks 3 or 4. Estimated wait time for these members is three months to a year.

And finally here is our status of State Boat Registrations:

As of February 1st the moorage had 35 boats that were not displaying current state registration decals. Please take advantage of the improving weather to get your decals applied to your boat and heed this passage from the Boat Registration section of our RCYC General Rules:

7.1.1. Process for boat registration issues: *The Moorage Chair shall timely advise the Board concerning Members whose boats fail to meet current registration requirements. The Commodore will then advise the Members that their boats must be brought into compliance on registration requirements before the next Board meeting or the Members must appear at the next Board meeting to explain the failure to do so. Should a Member fail to bring the boat into compliance or to appear at the Board meeting, the Board shall direct the Member to remove their boat from the moorage within 10 days. Once the boat has been brought into compliance, that Member may re-apply for moorage but will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.*

So please get those decals applied! I will perform another registration check early this month and submit a report to the Board at their March meeting.

Cruising Corner

Nina and Bill Kramer

Here are some fun facts about Government Island, the destination for our first spring cruise. Government Island is actually three islands: Government, Lemon, and McGuire.

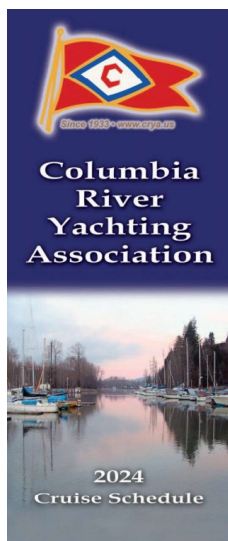
According to the Oregon State Parks website, Government Island was one of Lewis and Clark's landing spots in 1805. They named it "Dimond" Island. It was also called Goose Grass Island before being named Government Island in 1850 by the US military, who appropriated the island to grow hay. It had been privately owned and had a small number of families living on the island, as well as being used by farmers, fur traders, and Native Americans for pasture land, hunting, and fishing.

In 1969, the Port of Portland bought the island as a possible expansion site for Portland International Airport. They in turn sold 224 acres to Metro in 1999 and leased the rest of the acreage to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for \$10 a year for 99 years.

Today, the interior of the island is a protected area and is accessible by permit from the Port of Portland. The island now has two docks that are free to use, Bartlett Landing on the east end of the island and Schwitter Landing on the west.

Our first Club cruise of the season will be to Bartlett Landing (aka East Dock) March 22-24 with a potluck on Saturday, March 23. More cruising information will be in upcoming Foghorns and in the online forum. All Club cruises are listed in the RCYC calendar online and in the yearbook. We can also be reached at:

gypsykramer@gmail.com.



See also the Columbia River Sailing Association's website for the complete 2024 Cruise Schedule for all of the member clubs and more information about local area cruising conditions & destinations

Schooner Creek Boat Works Pacific NW Offshore

Ilwaco, WA to Victoria, BC  48th International Yacht Race

Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland
May 16-19, 2024

Pacific NW Offshore Race

Phil Lewis

I am writing to encourage people who are interested in participating in the Pacific NW Offshore Race, nee Oregon Offshore Race, to consider signing up. Whether one is a hardened racer or a cruiser like me, the event is a lot of fun and very satisfying on many levels. In addition to being a way to get your boat north in the company of some very knowledgeable sailors, it is also a way to better get to know your boat. And, for those who have never gone north, it might seem a daunting task but it is actually a lot easier than one might think.

As you probably know, the race is from Buoy 2, just outside the Columbia Bar, to Victoria, BC. This year it starts on Thursday, May 16. Depending on wind and sea conditions, most people finish on Saturday. On Sunday there is an awards BBQ at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The following Saturday is the start of the famous Swiftsure Race, which is also great fun whether one participates in one of the long, overnight races, or signs up for the shorter around the buoy race and ends at the RVYC.

For those who have never sailed north or participated in the Offshore and feel they might need some guidance, there are many who are willing and able to help, myself included.

If anybody has any questions, feel free to contact me at *phil@phillewis.com.*

For Registration, Notice of Race, Safety Equipment Requirements, and more see CYC Portland's website www.cycportland.org/race-information

Entry deadline is 2100 hours (PDT)
Monday, April 15, 2024

RCYC Upcoming Activities

March 2024

- 2 Work Party #1—9:00 am
Private Event—2:00 pm
- 4 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 9 RCYC Musician Rehearsal—1:00 pm
- 11 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 16 RCYC Frostbite Race—11:00 am
St Patrick's Day Party—5:00 pm
- 18 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
April Foghorn Deadline
- 20 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 23-25—Spring Equinox Cruise to Bartlett's
- 23 Work Party #2—9:00 am
- 27 OWSA General Meeting—5:30 pm

April 2024

- 1 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
SYSCO Board Meeting—5:30 pm
- 5-7 Land Yacht Cruise to Skamokawa
- 6 Work Party #3—9:00 am
- 8 RCYC Board Meeting—7:00 pm
- 13 New Member Orientation—9:00 am
USN Sea Cadets—2:00 pm
- 15 Knauti Knitters—10:00 am
- 17 RCYC General Meeting—7:00 pm
- 18 May Foghorn Deadline
- 20 Clean Your Boat Day—11:00 am
Moonlight Race—7:00 pm
- 26-28—April Showers Cruise to Bartlett's
- 27 Work Party #4—9:00 am

Save the Date!! Ladies Dinner—Saturday, May 11

This is an evening hosted by First Mate, Lorena Brown, along with an amazing team of Club members who serve as chefs, wait staff and helpers.

It's a great opportunity to get to know other women in the Club and create lasting friendships. Mark your calendars for a fun evening of mystery and yummy food! More information will be coming as well as reservation invitations.
Watch your emails!



BIG "THANK YOU"

to the Commodore's Ball Floral Committee: Laura Richard, Linda Shaw, Cathy Nelson, Marili Reilly, Roxana Volesky, Fran O'Bryant, Liv Ormond, and Sue Pennington for all their hard work and long hours to arrange centerpieces and hand make all the corsages and boutonnieres. It's a full day at the "Clubhouse Flower Shop" but they do have a good time.



Get your RCYC gear for Spring!

Order online from RCYC's website—or—
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