

RCYC General Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026
Live at the Clubhouse and via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Commodore Bruce Newton 7:00 pm
 - Welcome guests
2. Agenda Adopted without corrections or additions
3. Roll Call of members who voted in the 2026 COLA Election
4. Program: Todd Feinroth, based on Mercer Island, WA., is the publisher/owner of a newly launched print and digital publication named [Nautical Northwest Magazine](#). He is also the Founder and CEO of BoatsandBrokers.ai, an MLS marketplace for boats and yachts launching in early May that will compete with Yachtworld.com.
5. Swearing in of New Members by former Commodore Cathy Skach:
 - Jerry Barnes and Valerie Kennedy
 - Mike Evans and Alissa Garcia
6. Introduction of Prospective Members and guests:
 - Alex Jones & Christina Dittmann—Knot so Fast, Catalina 30 Mark II Tall Rig
 - Alex has been boating since childhood. Background in cruising and racing; Alex's work background is in Governance Risk Security & Compliance; Home remodeling.
 - Christina grew up sailing on east coast, Nantucket. Grandfather was a Commodore of yacht Club there. Marketing, technology & database background. Ran a Women & Tech program at last company.
7. Minutes of Previous General Meeting – Posted on web
 - Approved by unanimous consent.
8. Reports of Officers and Directors
 - Commodore – Bruce Newton
 - Clean your Boat Day – About 40 members participated. Thanks to Chris Richard for organizing and all the Pizza that kept everyone well fed!
 - Spring Dock Walk inspection coming up on 4/21 with Bruce, Matt Richard, and John Osborne. Will be looking for clean boats and current registrations.
 - Weather station is operational, is located at RCYC. Info goes out every 15 minutes to Weather Underground, SailFlow and WindAlert.
 - Vice Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle
 - Work Hours report: 969 hours reported to date
 - Clubhouse Rentals:
 - OWSA General meeting 4/22

- Floor Cleaning all day 4/23
 - Rear Commodore - Cathy Skach
 - 2027 Commodores' Ball is Feb 27
 - Secretary - Ian Cannon
 - Communications - No report
9. Directors' Reports
- No Reports
10. Committee/Contact Reports
- Activities – Laura Richard
 - Opening Day May 2nd
 - Theme this year is “Spring into Boating”
 - NEW: Captain’s meeting first (10:45,) BEFORE the flag raising ceremony (11:30)
 - Need help with cleanup (1), BBQ (1), Dinner Shift (1).
 - Officers & Directors show up early enough to arrange for ceremony.
 - Schedule:
 - 9:30am. Continental Breakfast
 - 10:45am. Captains Meeting
 - 11:30am. Flag Ceremony
 - 12:30pm. CRYA Parade
 - 12:45 pm. RCYC Boats depart Club
 - 2:30pm. Live music by True North
 - 3:30pm. Hot Dog and Brat Social
 - Cruising – Bill Kramer
 - Last month we had 12 boats show up it was cold overnight, but sunny and warm during the day. Don’t rule out early season cruises!
 - There was a scheduled beach cleanup but no beach to clean up, so we cleaned up plastic flotsam on the dock.
 - April cruise is Friday April 24-Sunday, April 26th
 - Fly your burgee
 - Tie up on the inner dock (outside dock is broken)
 - Happy Hour @ 4:30, Potluck @ 5:30 on Saturday
 - Ladies Dinner – Lisa Mork
 - Spanish theme
 - Have call-out for volunteers, have started receiving donations.
 - Many who helped last year are willing to help again this year.
 - Have a cook lined up. Waiters are signing up.
 - We’re still looking for some additional slots to fill. Stay tuned.
- Moorage - Matt Richard

- Two members with second boats in the moorage under sublets. This is always a temporary status and may be changed when member returns to claim slip or another member needs a slip.
- Education – Rene Emch
 - “The Replaceables Clinic” 4/25 10:00 -12:00 PM.
 - Presented by Marissa Alvarado, RN, from RCYC, and Joe Johnson from Sexton’s Chandlery. Presenters will talk about expendable items on a boat, and how to keep them current.
 - Saturday, May 16, 9-11, will be the first joint RCYC/SYSCO Crew Connect Event. We will host the event put on by Greg Brown, Malcom Orendurff, Kim Karper, and Jacqueline Pitter.
 - Stay tuned for other upcoming clinics, dates and time TBD:
 - “In and Out” clinic on strategies for leaving and entering our sometimes tricky, never-the-same-current marina.
 - “Sail trim and boat english” clinic. Basic 101 sail shapes, hull shapes, and how they help your boat go.
 - “Anchor and Hold Fast” clinic on how to stay put.
 - “A Sailboat’s Turbo Mode” Basic 101 Spinnaker.

11. Unfinished Business

- Discussion – Social Initiatives Work Group ideas

12. New Business

- Report on the COLA vote – George Kapllani and Alex O’Bryant
- 47 votes counted; passed with 87% yes votes.

13. Gwinner Awards:

- Matt Richard nominated Rick Samuels and John Natteford for setting up our new weather station. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Cathy Skach nominated Melissa Bearns and team for producing the Yearbook. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

14. Good of the Order: Melissa Bearns announced the Yearbook is now available online and has been put to bed. It will be available mid-May.

15. Mark Brodesser requested that if anyone knew of a member that has possession of an 8’ wide flatbed trailer he could haul his equipment on; he would grade the potholes from the parking lot before Opening day. It was suggested and informally agreed that the Club could rent a trailer if none was found.

16. Tell Tales: None

17. Adjournment @ 7:43