

RCYC Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026, 7 pm
Live at the Clubhouse and via Zoom

Call to Order: Commodore Bruce Newton

1. Establish Quorum (five Board members including one Officer)
 - Board Members: Bruce Newton, Cathy Skach, Ian Cannon, Karen Jacobson, Jim Calnon, Amy Larimore, Lisa Mork, John Osborne, Brandon Soule
 - Resident members: Rick Samuels, Lars Rutkowski
2. Welcome guests, vendors
 - None
3. Adopt Agenda – Adopted by unanimous consent with no changes
4. Introduction of Prospective Members – No prospective members at this meeting
5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved by unanimous consent
6. Treasurer's Report - Karen Jacobson
 - Financial Reports were distributed to the Board and attached to agenda
 - Accounts receivable are less than shown on the reports as many members have paid their dues. Yearbook advertising billings are anticipated.
7. Report of Officers
 - Commodore - Bruce Newton
 - Offshore – there were nine boats from RCYC in this year's race. This was more than any other club. See attachment.
 - Swiftsure – there were four boats from RCYC in this race. Also listed in the attachment.
 - Ladies' Dinner – The Ladies' Dinner had incredible decorations, food, and a flamenco demonstration by some of the men. There was a strong turnout (54), and the event made about \$1200. A small portion of money will be used to replace the microwave in the Club galley, and the rest will go to the selected charity.
 - Vice Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle
 - Work Hours report – there have been 1460 work hours on site so far this year, and 1228 offsite. There is only one membership that hasn't met it's required hours at this time.
 - Clubhouse Rentals - none
 - Rear Commodore - Cathy Skach – no report

- Secretary - Ian Cannon
 - Communications – a thank you from the Portland Yacht Club (John Colby) for RCYC's donation to the PYC Youth Sailing Scholarship Fund.

8. Reports of Directors

- None

9. Committee/Contact Reports

- Activities - Laura Richard – Matt reporting for Laura – Planning is underway for the 4th of July Land Cruise. The Walk 5 BBQ scheduled for June has been changed to supporting the 4th of July activities at the club. This will include barbequed chicken. 25 have signed up so far.
- Moorage - Matt Richard – see report attached.
- Cruising – Bill Kramer – next cruise is the School's Out cruise on June 19th at Schwitter's Landing.
- Education - René Emch – no report
- Racing – Ben Emry – The medium distance race is Saturday 6/13.
- WOOO (Waterfront Organizations of Oregon) - Abby Boudouris
 - There is an effort to get the CRYA to include non-club members
 - The City is changing waterfront zoning regulations. This should not affect RCYC
 - They are developing information about invasive aquatic weeds

10. Unfinished Business

- Proposal on Voting Procedure 2nd touch –
 - First touch was in May of a proposal to switch from hybrid voting to fully on-line voting
 - Would be secure, done on our website with validation of membership
 - The Club would provide alternative voting mechanisms for members who do not have online access.
 - Requires bylaw modification – which also needs a vote
 - Paper ballot was proposed for the vote to change the bylaws
 - The following represents feedback that was heard:
 - In last month's General Meeting, there was no opposition to procedure change, but significant pushback regarding when/how to vote on the bylaw change
 - Barnaby had also heard that some folks were concerned about how to vote
 - Some thought that 4th of July might be an event with a lot of people, but not all attendees are members or interested in mixing club business into the day's events
 - Should be online, some would like to see how it might work
 - Almost everyone was in favor of online voting process
 - Make sure that we publicize the upcoming vote

- For quorum we need 20% of active memberships (33)
- Suggestion that we could do sign up and capture online from software
- What if we do a paper ballot in September? If it fails, do it online
- Earlier roll call votes seemed to have worked better than the most recent
- November General meeting can be a better attended meeting (there are club officer votes in November if there are folks running in addition to proposed slate)
- Publicity will help get enough people out to form appropriate quorum
- Some think that we shouldn't return to a paper ballot for this upcoming vote on the vote
- Maybe there is a way to make the needed hybrid vote easier
- Board action on proposal:
 - Motion to vote in November using hybrid method - and second
 - Suggestions to do it in October, since November folks are busy
 - Amended motion to vote in October, still using hybrid
 - The motion was carried unanimously to vote on this proposal in October using hybrid voting
 - The Commodore will bring to general meeting
- Status of Gate Project (construction impacts) – Ian Cannon
 - Little progress on gate project recently. Probably no construction until the fall. We will want to get paving done before the weather breaks.
- Report from Membership Procedures Work Group – John Osborne
 - The workgroup includes John Osborne, Cathy Skach, Matt Richard, and Laura Ritter
 - The purpose of the group was to develop ideas to update the membership process to include a little more vetting
 - The report is a first touch but not a proposal – the group is looking for input
 - Matt Richard researched PYC's process
 - Cathy Skach researched background checks and got some information about a company that specializes in checks for private organizations like RCYC
 - Our current membership process includes filling out the application, a club walk with John Osborne, introductions at a Board meeting and at a General meeting
 - The group recognizes that no process is 100% sure of finding red flags, but currently we do no significant vetting
 - The work group is not ready to move this forward, but does want input from the membership

- Board member input included the following comments:
 - Background check less formal, seems less concerning, looking for red flags
 - Person will send their info to the background check company, we never see private info
 - If there is a red flag, we might need to have a conversation with applicant
 - Concern about creating hurdles to membership
 - Since we are affordable, we don't seem to have a shortage of applicants
 - Concern that if we are asking for background checks, that we have a real problem that we are trying to solve. There are other ways of gauging the cultural fit of potential members
- Member comments included the following:
 - Can we send comments directly to the work group? (Yes, please send to John Osborne)
 - PYC is a different business model than us - can we look at other clubs? Perhaps Willamette Sailing and Longview Yacht Club
 - We need to let members know that this proposal is circulating
 - A credit check might impact someone's credit
 - If we are doing background checks on new members, should we run background checks on existing members or directors?
 - What is price for a background check? (Varies from \$75 up to \$200)

11. New Business

- Approval of new Memberships:
 - Eric and Amber Purdell – approved unanimously
- Membership Status Changes
 - None

12. Good of the Order – Melissa Bearns – The new Yearbooks are available. Please pick up yours at the clubhouse. Many sections have been redesigned, and the book has better printing and paper. Advertising revenue almost totally offset the cost of producing the book this year.

13. Adjournment @ 20:08

Congratulations Offshore Racers

Pacific Northwest Offshore International Yacht Race

May 14-17, 2026

Jim Calnon	Pathfinder	1 st	ORC-C
Naja DiPilla & Ben Emry	Penelope	2 nd	ORC-D
George Kapllani	Swift	2 nd	Cruising
Barnaby Tuttle	Sea Sponge	3 rd	Cruising
Brian Moore	Kaiju	4 th	Cruising
David Welch	Vela Volta	8 th	ORC-D
Philip Lewis	Souffle	NSC	Cruising
Chris Sheesley	Escapade	DNF	Cruising
Mark Dunham	Astra	DNF	ORC-B

Swiftsure International Yacht Race

May 23-24, 2026

Cape Flattery Race (ORC)

Jim Calnon	Pathfinder	30 th
Mark Dunham	Astra	32 nd

Juan de Fuca Race (PHRF)

Barnaby Tuttle	Sea Sponge	8 th
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Inshore Race Division 2

Phil Lewis	Souffle	10 th
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Rose City Yacht Club
Moorage Report
June 8, 2026

Moorage Activity:

Andy Curry had placed his Flicka 24 into Slip 12 on Walk 3 and started a sublet from David Paul and then after about 2 months removed his boat from the slip ending the sublet.

Mark Dunham in Slip 28 on Walk 1 and Pam Dunham in Slip 25 on Walk 1 have exchanged slips.

RJ Barnes and Jackie Brown with their Ranger 25, have sold and removed their boat from the moorage and have ended their temporary assignment to Slip 9 on Walk 5 as a sublet. This was a second boat situation.

New Members Alex Jones and Christina Dittmann with their Catalina 30, Knot So Fast, will be temporarily assigned to Slip 9 on Walk 5 as a sublet.

Tressa Yellig and Adam Zimmerman with their Schock Harbor 25 sailboat, have been reassigned temporary moorage from Slip 6 on Walk 3 to Slip 20 on Walk 1. This ends the sublet from Terri Annis in Slip 6, and commences a sublet from the assigned slip owners Richard Peek and Laura Ritter in Slip 20.

Dennis and Jan Stewart have removed their Tartan 37, named Four Fires, from the moorage and relinquished Slip 13 on Walk 2.

René Emch and Karen Feulner, with their Yamaha 33, named Cando, have been reassigned to Slip 13 on Walk 2 from Slip 22 on Walk 5.

Current Moorage Availability Status:

There are currently no members awaiting new moorage on Walks 1, 2 or 5. There are currently 3 members awaiting regular assigned moorage on Walks 3 or 4 but all are presently occupying a sublet slip. Estimated wait time for these members is 3 to 9 months.

Matt Richard
RCYC Moorage Chair