RCYC Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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 in attendance: Bruce Newton, Cathy Skach, Ian Cannon, Karen Jacobson, Jim Calnon, Lisa Mork, John Osborne, Brandon Soule
    - Resident members: Rick Samuels and Lars Rutkowski

2. Adopt Agenda. Adopted with addition of Earl Taylor Boat Slip item under Membership Status Changes

3. Introduction of Prospective Members
    - Kevin and Jill Foley
        - Kevin and Jill have been married for 30 years and moved to Oregon about 16 years ago. They like the volunteer aspect of the Club.
        - They started with a Nacra catamaran and currently have a Cutwater 26 which is currently at Harbor One marina.
        - Kevin has done a fair amount of sailing, is mechanical, and likes to fix things. He plays guitar.
        - Jill likes noticing and creating beauty, has organizational and cleaning skills. Jill plays and teaches violin.
        - Together they play about 70 gigs a year.
    - Greg MacLean
        - Greg is a retired high school teacher and a US Marine Corps veteran.
        - He grew up sailing with his family; they had several Ericson sailboats.
        - He went on SailPDX to get more sailing experience.
        - He currently has a Catalina 38.
        - Greg likes the educational opportunities the club offers and learning from other members. He enjoys the community feeling of RCYC.
        - He is currently the voice of basketball and football for Benson High School.
        - His skills include that he is hard working and reliable and he knows how to operate the Club's sanitizer.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved by unanimous consent.

5. Treasurer's Report - Karen Jacobson
    - Financial Reports were distributed to the Board
        - Income is about 5% more than expected.
        - Capital projects (primarily the main gate project) have spent more slowly than anticipated.

        - Pulling together next year's budget.

6. Reports of Officers
    - Commodore - Bruce Newton
        - Staffing update – We have filled several vacancies: Susan Applegate will serve as our liaison to Waterfront Organizations of Oregon, Christa Slaughter (a new member) has agreed to be our boat insurance tracker, Alissa Garcia (new member) will fill a new position as financial membership support. We are still looking for a someone to coordinate speakers for the General Meeting and for a new social activities lead.
        - Urgent repair team – The team leapt into action to unclog the waste line from the Club. John Natteford and Mike McClain had the system repaired in about 5 hours. Thank you John and Mike!
        - Weed update
            - This has been taking a lot of effort, and we still do not have a leader for this committee. Currently, John Osborne and Greg Douglas have agreed to be interim leads. Dave Price took the lead for a while but he needs to focus on the Fall work parties.
            - We are still researching options and experimenting with harvest techniques. We think we have identified the dominant aquatic weed as Water Star-grass (Heteranthera dubia). Fortunately, it is a native plant and not on the State Noxious Weed List.
            - We held several cutting parties but that work was suspended after concerns were raised about the legality of pushing the cuttings out to the middle of the river. We are still researching that question but so far it appears that it is legal. We are in communication with Sundance Marinas, our downstream neighbors, and they are comfortable with what we are doing as long as we push the cuttings out to mid-river. It seems every moorage in the area is doing some form of cutting to deal with the weed growth. Held another cutting work party on Oct 3.
            - We have been using two collecting scoops attached to the work boats. One is marginal and the other is not working. There is a design for a stronger scoop and John Osborne is working with Dennis Armstrong to fabricate it.
            - We met with a commercial weed removal company on Tuesday, Oct 6 (Bruce, John Osborne, David Wood, Bill Schuldt, and Mark Engdahl). We are getting a proposal for diver assisted root removal and suction harvest. There is an agenda item on this topic under new business.
            - We still need:
                - A lead for this effort
                - A person to work with WOOO and other moorages to learn what others are doing and what is working

        - Someone to research management options, perhaps contacting university experts
        - Someone to work on refining our cutting and collecting system including looking at potential ways to get the cuttings up to the parking lot (could include suction pumps)
        - Someone to organize weed management work parties
    - Voting on the Bylaws revision to allow online voting is underway and will be completed at the upcoming General Meeting. Bob Philips and Tod Bassham are the Voting Administration Committee.

- Vice Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle
    - Work Hours report – No report
    - Clubhouse Rentals – No report

- Rear Commodore - Cathy Skach
    - The Commodore's Ball is scheduled for February 27, 2027. We will have a different band this time with a great mix of music to dance to.

- Secretary - Ian Cannon
    - Communications – No report

7. Reports of Directors
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8. Committee/Contact Reports
    - Cruising – Bill Kramer (Actually Karen Jacobson reported) There were seven or eight boats at the last cruise of the season and a fun time.
    - Activities - Laura Richard – Look for an email about the Christmas Ships party, we are looking for volunteers.
    - CRYA - Toby Elliott – The annual meeting and dinner are on October 20, 2026.
    - Moorage - Matt Richard – See attached report.
    - WOOO – Susan Applegate – No report

9. Unfinished Business
    - Finance Committee report on reserves – Karen Jacobson, Matt Richard, Rand Webster
        - This is a report and no Board action is required, since these actions are based on implementing a vote previously taken by the general membership. Future actions will require Board authorization.
        - The big picture budget committee recommends raising fees and establishing reserves for emergencies and capital improvements (including saving toward a new breakwater).
        - The committee has developed a good understanding of what we have in reserves and a plan to grow the reserves.

        - Bank accounts will be reorganized and named to provide transparency around the fund balances. Current balance for the Emergency Reserves fund is about $31K. Current balance for the Capital Reserve Fund is about $140K.
        - The goal is to fund the Emergency Reserves at $125K, which matches the sum of our insurance deductibles. The plan will be to make a quarterly transfer of $3,125 from the General Fund to the Emergency Reserve fund once per quarter.

10. New Business
    - Budget authorization for weed management – Bruce Newton, John Osborne
        - Overall, we are still trying to determine the best path forward for aquatic weed management.
        - Bruce and John met with an aquatic weed management company (Samson Solutions) that has divers remove the weeds and their roots which are then suction collected.
        - The company recommended treating two test areas to learn about the efficacy, durability, and cost of this approach. These areas will be in fairway 1, one in a shallower area that has been dredged, and one in a deeper area that doesn't get dredged.
        - This test will provide useful information for developing our own treatment approach.
        - A question about the usefulness of dredging as a weed management tool was raised. Several points came up including: the dredge may remove some weeds, but also might get clogged by the volume of weeds we are now experiencing; we only use the dredge in the shallower areas of the marina, but the deeper areas have heavy weed growth.
        - A question about the seasonal aspect of the weed problem was raised. The weeds appear to die back some in the low late fall and winter and regrow in the early summer.
        - We would like to move forward with this test as soon as possible.
        - Proposal to approve $12K (from moorage maintenance funds) for Samson Solutions to provide two days of weed management – Approved unanimously.
    - Proposal on volunteer recognition – Melissa Bearns
        - Proposal for a "Golden Pixel Award" to recognize work for the Club that takes place primarily in the digital realm.
        - Would be parallel to the Golden Hammer Award.
        - Would be awarded annually to an individual or group at the Commodore's Ball.
        - Cost would be for a perpetual plaque.
        - The full proposal is attached at the end of these minutes.
        - Proposal approved unanimously.

- Authorized vendor request for Andrew Richardson (a broker at McCuddy's Marina) – approved unanimously.
- Approval of new Memberships:
  - Christa and Eric Slaughter – Approved unanimously.
- Membership Status Changes
  - Libby and Bobby Muerth request to resign effective December 31, 2026 – Approved unanimously.
  - Request to extend Earl Taylor's slip vacancy for longer than 1 year. It is anticipated that his boat will return around May of 2027. The request for an 8 month extension – Approved unanimously.

11. Good of the Order – None.

12. Adjournment @ 20:27

Rose City Yacht Club
Moorage Report
October 12, 2026

Moorage Activity:

Members Marcin Manek and Joan Cromwell have changed membership status from Active to Inactive effective October 1, 2026, and as such relinquished their moorage assignment in Slip 18 on Walk 3.

Tod and Deedie Bassham with their Wavelength 24, *Dragonfly,* were allowed to have a **second** boat moored in the moorage assigned to Slip 18 on Walk 3 as a sublet. With the slip assignment ending to Marcin Maek above, Tod and Deedie will be allowed to have their **second** boat moored temporarily in Slip 28 on Walk 4 as a sublet. The new slip is assigned to Pete and Nancy Dalton.

New Member Kathryn Elsesser, with her Erickson 23, named *Byzantium*, has been assigned to Slip 18 on Walk 3 as her regularly assigned slip.

Joe Bruzda with his Pocket Rocket 22 sailboat has sold and removed his boat from the moorage and has terminated his sublet in Slip 1 on Walk 3. He has no plans to moor a boat in the moorage at this time.

Members Terry Annis and Kathie Ray-Annis have relinquished their moorage assignment in Slip 6 on Walk 3.

Larry and Beverly St. Clair, with their J/70 sailboat, have been reassigned from Slip 31 on Walk 4 to Slip 6 on Walk 3 Fees remain the same, only slips have changed.

Current Moorage Availability Status:

There are currently no members awaiting new moorage. There is one open slip on Walk 4.

Matt Richard
RCYC Moorage Chair

The Golden Pixel Award

Overview

The Golden Pixel Award will honor a Rose City Yacht Club Member or Group of Members who have made a significant, and in most cases ongoing, contribution to the Club through primarily offsite, digital work.

Over the years, the work necessary to run the Club has included an increasing number of roles where the work is done not with a hammer but a computer. Some of these digital positions and work hour opportunities such as the Foghorn, Accounting, and Educational Programs have always existed. Other roles — such as managing our Wi-Fi network, maintaining the website, and developing a database — have either emerged or expanded significantly in recent years.

Regardless of how long these positions have existed, the Members doing the work are essentially invisible. Yet their contributions are essential to keep our Club functioning and thriving, and to create a community rather than just a moorage.

In 2021, to better capture the full scope of the work necessary to keep RCYC running, the Work Hours Committee updated our tracking to include two categories: Onsite and Offsite. For the first time we were able to put a number on the work that has always been going on behind the scenes.

As of June 2026, offsite work accounted for almost 46% of recorded work hours. While not all offsite work is digital, a large portion of it is.

The Golden Pixel Award will recognize these digital contributions, and give us a way to remember, honor and thank our Members who support Rose City Yacht Club with their digital skills and expertise.

Eligibility

- The work is primarily digital and requires the use of a computer and technical, digital knowledge and skills.

- An individual, team of people, Panel or workgroup may be nominated. If a group is nominated, all members of the group will be recorded as award recipients.
- An individual must have contributed to the Club in one or more of the following areas:
    - Data Management
    - Digital Club Access (gate access, cards and fobs)
    - Education Programs
    - Email
    - Finance – Long-range Planning, Finance and Accounting
    - Foghorn
    - Historical Records
    - Insurance
    - Legal
    - Meeting Programs
    - Membership (digital aspects only)
    - Moorage Agreements
    - Permitting
    - Reciprocals
    - Ships Stores
    - Website
    - Wi-Fi
    - Yearbook
- Any position, role or work that qualifies for the Golden Hammer Award is automatically excluded from consideration for the Golden Pixel Award.

Generally, one award will be presented annually. On rare occasions, the Recipient Selection Panel may decide to award more than one individual Member the Golden Pixel Award in the same year.

The Recipient Selection Panel can modify the Eligibility requirements by majority approval, without the need for any action by the Board.

Selection Criteria

- The work must be of benefit to the club
- Both annual and cumulative work hours should be considered.
    - Work hours performed in the award calendar year
    - Work hours performed in the award calendar year and past calendar years

- Ongoing and sustained contributions benefitting the Club should be given significant value, even if in any single year would not put a person at the top in terms of recorded work hours.
- The Recipient Selection Panel should consult with the Chairs, Leads and Co-leads of the Panels and work groups listed in the Eligibility requirements and seek recommendations. All Members recommended shall be considered.
- The Panel shall make the list of Members who were considered and the reasoning behind the recipient selection public by presenting it in writing at the Board Meeting following the award presentation.

Recipient Selection Panel

The Recipient Selection Panel of the Golden Pixel Award will be comprised of the following Members:

A Former Commodore from within the past five years familiar with the Digital fields

If the person in this position is being replaced due to the term limit, they will select their successor with the approval of two or more members of the Recipient Selection Panel.

Vice Commodore

As the person who collects the work hours, having the Vice Commodore on the Recipient Selection Panel will be essential.

Yearbook Chair

The Yearbook Chair collaborates with every digital Panel and Chair in the Club. As such, s/he is keenly aware of the Members of the Club who are contributing to the Club through digital work.

Two “at large” Club Members

Two active, involved Club members who volunteer. Preferably, one of the “at large” members will have joined the Club within the last five years. If more than two Members volunteer, the two “at large” members will be randomly selected from all volunteers.

Award Presentation

The Golden Pixel Award will be presented at the Commodore’s Ball by a member of the Recipient Selection Panel.

Recipient Record Keeping

The Golden Pixel Award recipient's name(s) will be recorded on a plaque that hangs permanently in the Clubhouse.

Retroactive Awards

The first year the Golden Pixel Award is given, the Recipient Selection Panel may decide to retroactively honor Members for past contributions.