RCYC General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2026
Live at the Clubhouse and via Zoom

General Meeting Agenda (7:00pm)

1. Call to Order: Commodore Bruce Newton

2. Adopt Agenda. Adopted by consent.

3. Program: ***Buoyancy vs Ballast: 60 years of Multihull Progress***. Multihull veteran Dr. Peter Walford, iceboater and planning dinghy-turned-multi-huller, brings a wealth of experience. For 50 years he has lived multihulls - modifying and rebuilding 2 cats and 6 trimarans, from liveaboard to day sailor, cruised offshore, and raced and crewed in Category 1 Offshore events like Swiftsure and Van Isle 360. Peter has presented to audiences at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival for 6 years, while his 9-meter balsa and honeycomb Farrier trailerable folding racing/cruising trimaran "Lotus" was exhibited on the dock. Peter lives on Hornby Island, BC, known as the "Hawaii of the Northwest". He is married with four children and eight grandchildren. He practiced dentistry for 50 years, ran triathlons until he was 60, and operated an accredited youth sail-training program on Hornby Island for a decade before handing it over to the community.

   Multihulls are wide, which can be a barrier to mooring. A Dragonfly trimaran can be folded on the water to decrease the width for mooring. These are expensive for their size. His Trimaran, Farrier is not foldable on the water but can be folded for trailering. It can go as fast as 20 knots under the spinnaker. An average run is 50 to 60 miles at 7 knots. This speed allows longer cruising runs than a monohull.

   With climate change, efficiency becomes more important. Multihulls weigh less and use less fuel. He is currently looking to develop a larger trimaran that is a net-zero design.

4. Swearing in New Members
   - Christa and Eric Slaughter – Sworn in online by Past Commodore Rand Webster. They are the new owners of Kaiju.

5. Introduction of Prospective Members and guests:
   - Kevin and Jill Foley
     - Kevin and Jill have lived in Oregon for 16 year and have been married for 30 years
     - He is a biochemist at Kaiser.
     - Kevin learned to sail on Lake Champlain
     - Jill is a violin instructor.
     - They play music together, Jill on violin and Kevin on guitar.
   - Greg MacLean
     - Greg started sailing in Hawaii and currently enjoys sailing on the Columbia.

- He sails with Club member Lisa Mork and races with others at the Club.
- He is a retired high school teacher and is currently the voice of football and basketball for Benson High School.
- He has been a boater and sailor his whole life and recently purchased a Catalina 38.
- In addition to other skills, he knows how to operate the sanitizer at the club.

6. Minutes of Previous General Meeting – Posted on web
    - Approved by unanimous consent.

7. Reports of Officers and Directors
    - Commodore – Bruce Newton
        - Staffing update
            - Waterfront Organizations of Oregon – Susan Applegate will be our liaison.
            - Membership Financial will be staffed by new member Alissa Garcia.
            - We are still looking for a Guest Speaker program coordinator.
            - We are also looking for a Social Activities lead – Lisa Mork is coordinating this.
        - Urgent repairs team
            - On October 1, the sewer line was reported as plugged. Members John Natteford and Mike McClain sprang into action and after five hours, they had the system working again. The Club's plumbing system is challenging, with difficult access and many components. A huge thank you to John and Mike.
        - The pipe float has been rebuilt and looks great.
        - Weed update
            - Good News: Bill Schuldt has agreed to Lead the Weed Committee and our efforts to manage the weeds. Thus far it has been Dave Price, John Osborne, and Greg Douglas leading this effort.
            - 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. We resumed cutting on October 3 but still have not worked out a good system.
            - We met with a commercial weed removal company on Tuesday, Oct 6 (Bruce, John Osborne, David Wood, Bill Schuldt, and Mark Engdahl). The company does diver assisted root removal and suction harvest and tarping. We decided it would be a good idea to hire the company for experimental

treatment of two areas. We wanted to see how extensive the roots are, what collecting the weeds and disposing upland would be like, and how much ground the divers could cover. The idea is to monitor the treated sections and compare them to the untreated sections that we cut.

- The Board approved hiring the company for this experiment. They worked on Monday and Tuesday (October 19 and 20). The first test area was Walk 1 behind slips 5 and 6 (a shallow area). The second test area was Walk 1 behind slips 19 and 20 and they continued out to behind slips 21 and 22.
- Findings:
  - Close in the weed is mostly Coontail. It appears to be very weakly rooted or not rooted at all. The bottom was a layer of organic muck and fine sediments on top of the sand. 11 bags of weeds were collected from the close in plot.
  - Further out the weed is all Water Star-grass. There was not extensive rooting in the shallower area historically dredged. However, further out (behind slips 21 and 22) in deeper water the plants had root balls, and the sediment was firmer (probably due to stronger currents). They collected 87 bags from the second test area.
  - Diver assisted suction harvest costs roughly $5,000 per day. In two days, they were able to treat six slips or roughly 5,400 sq ft. Treating the whole moorage would cost around 250,000.
- Next steps:
  - Continue working on our cutting methods.
  - Continue working on the disposal method (in-river vs. upland disposal)
  - Monitor Walk 1 treated and non-treated areas through next year
  - Don't let it get as thick as it did this year.
  - Perhaps conduct a survey to see if members have experienced serious problems
- Comments included: A light dredging might reduce the organic muck that the weeds like to grow in; insurance concern around having club divers perform this work. We may need to develop a safe diving protocol.

■ We might have some resident river otters. There have been several sightings.

- Vice Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle
  ■ Work Hour Report – no report.
  ■ Clubhouse rentals: OWSA 10/28, Walk 3 BBQ on 11/7, Robert Gales celebration of life on 11/8.

- Rear Commodore - Cathy Skach – Commodore's Ball is scheduled for February 27, 2027. We'll hav a different band next year and anticipate great dance music.

- ○ Secretary - Ian Cannon
  ■ Communications – Tacoma Yacht Club re Daffodil Festival (attached).

8. Directors' Reports
   - ○ No reports.

9. Committee/Contact Reports
    - Cruising – Bill Kramer – 8 boats showed up for the Fall Foliage Cruise. 2 families came with children and the weather was good. Dates are set for next years cruising calendar. Fill your calendar with the fun stuff first.
    - Activities - Laura Richard – The Christmas Ships potluck dinner is December 4. We need 20 volunteers. Please email Laura.
    - Yearbook – Melissa Bearns – You can decide to NOT have your mailing address listed in the Yearbook if you prefer for 2027.
    - Education - René Emch – No report.
    - Moorage Report - Matt Richard – Attached.
    - Racing – Ben Emry – No report.
    - CRYA - Toby Elliott – No report.
    - WOOO – Susan Applegate – No report.
    - Club Database – We spend a lot of time trying to coordinate several different databases with club information. Alex Jones will be sending an email to give you a chance to update your information. Please look for the email; it will only take a few minutes to complete. Check your spam folder.
    - Property Development and Long Range Planning - Rand Webster – Please submit any new proposals for capital projects. Also, please let us know about progress on projects that are ongoing. The Board will be making decisions for projects next year.

10. Unfinished Business
    - Finance Committee report on reserves
        - We will be aligning bank accounts with our major financial reserves: Emergency Reserves (targeting $125k to match the total of our insurance deductibles) and Capital Reserves. We will start funding the emergency reserves account a small amount each quarter. Current balances are approximately $35k for the Emergency Reserves and $140k for the Capital Reserves.

11. New Business
    - Election of 2027 Officers and Directors - Cathy Skach
        - Proposed Officers: Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle, Vice Commodore – Ian Cannon, Secretary – Lisa Mork, Rear Commodore – Bruce Newton
        - Proposed Directors: John Osborne, Brandon Soule, Jim Calnon, Brian Moore, Michael Valenti
        - Nominations were closed and the slate was elected by acclamation.
    - Results of vote on Bylaws revision (if ready) - Tod Bassham reported
        - There were enough votes for a quorum (49)
        - 47 Yes and 2 No.
        - The Bylaw Revision is passed.
    - Golden Pixel Award

■ The Golden Pixel ward will honor a RCYC member or group of members who have made a significant contribution to the Club through primarily digital offsite work.

○ Membership status changes

■ Libby and Bobby Muerth resigning effective December 31. There are a few more membership changes awaiting Board action

■ Lisa Mork asked please send photos of service members or passed love ones for the November 7th Walk 3 barbeque.

12. Gwinner Awards:
    - Rick Samuelson and John Osborne nominated John Natteford and Mike McClain for fixing the sewer at the Club. Approved.
    - Richard Peek nominated the Beckers, Tom Skach, Greg Douglass, and Brandon Soule for helping to get his boat back to the Club after the engine failed.

13. Good of the Order: Discussion regarding minimizing use of disposable plates. Bruce encouraged folks to not use paper plates.

14. Tell Tales: John Osborne mentioned that they used the fiberglass workboat to dispose of aquatic weeds. The weeds clogged the bilge pump. When John went to remove the weeds to clean the bilge pump, he was pinched by a crawdad! Please check that bilge pumps are not clogged when you put the work boats away.

15. Adjournment @ 20:43

TACOMA YACHT CLUB

DAFFODIL SAVE-THE-DATE

Dear Rose City Yacht Club,

The Tacoma Yacht Club invites you to **save the date** for the **2027 Daffodil Marine Festival & Parade.**

April 16-18, 2027

Join fellow boaters and yacht dubs for a weekend filled with camaraderie, tradition, and fun, including:

- Food & Beverage Specials
- Nightly Entertainment
- Trivia Token Parade
- Flag Ceremony
- Daffodil Marine Parade
- Contests, activities, and festivities throughout the weekend

Whether you participate by land or sea, we look forwa1·d to welooming you to this annual Pacific Northwest tradition.

Please reply to schedule a visitation with our Daffodil Chairs and learn more about participation opportunities. Or click here to reguest a visitation online.

We hope to see you1· club represented April 16-18, 2027!

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Moorage Report – October General Meeting – October 21, 2026

Moorage Activity over the last month:
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 regular moorage in Slip 18 on Walk 3.

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 is in the process of resigning from the club as his floating plans have changed to be up north.

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.

Chuck Fisher and Karen Jacobson, with their Ranger Tug 31 S, have been reassigned to Slip 3 on Walk 1 from Slip 16 on Walk 2 as a requested improvement.

Mark Engdall and Linda Goodman, with their Newport 33, have been reassigned to Slip 16 from Slip 21 on Walk 2 as a requested improvement.

Alex Jones and Christina Dittmann, with their Catalina 30 have been reassigned from Slip 29 to Slip 21 on Walk 2.

New members Christa and Eric Slaughter, with their Yamaha 33, named Kaiju, have been assigned regular moorage in Slip 29 on Walk 2.

Current Moorage Availability Status:
There are currently no members awaiting new moorage. There is one open slip on Walk 4 ready for a lucky new member in November.

Matt Richard
RCYC Moorage Chair