RCYC Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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, Barnaby Tuttle, Cathy Skach, Ian Cannon, Karen Jacobson, Jim Calnon, Amy Larimore, Lisa Mork, John Osborne, Brandon Soule
    - Resident members: Lars Rutkowski and Robin Donovan

2. Welcome guests, vendors
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3. Adopt Agenda – Adopted with no changes.

4. Introduction of Prospective Members
    - No prospective members to introduce.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved by unanimous consent.
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6. Treasurer's Report - Karen Jacobson
    - Financial Reports distributed to the Board
    - Only one membership delinquent on dues.
    - We are starting our budgeting process. Deadline is the end of the month to get information from Chairs and Leads.

7. Report of Officers
    - Commodore - Bruce Newton
        - The dredging leads have found little accumulation of sediment so there will be **no need for dredging** this year. Those people who rely on dredging for work hours will need to find a different opportunity. We are not exactly sure as to the cause, but it may be related to low flows over the last year and hence little sediment transport in the river.
        - Aquatic weeds – There have been two recent work events to cut weeds in the fairways. Perhaps more effort around removing weeds could replace some of the lost dredging work hours. We will need to have a more organized approach to ongoing weed removal. Perhaps a committee should be formed. We will probably need additional events this year and more people to work on this. After the weeds are cut, it is hard to get the material into the dumpster.
        - Pipe storage dock -Materials have been assembled and progress is underway.
        - Staffing changes

- Abby Boudoris is stepping away from her liaison role to Waterfront Organizations of Oregon (WOOO).We will need someone to replace her. Susan Applegate has volunteered.
- Libby Muerth is stepping away from overseeing Member Boat Insurance. We will need a new person to track boat insurance.
- Chris Sheesley is stepping down as Meeting Program Lead. He has a lot of info to help his successor. We are looking for a volunteer.

- Vice Commodore - Barnaby Tuttle
  - Work Hours report – Year to date there have been 3184 hours worked.
  - Clubhouse Rentals – On 9/19 there is aproviate event; 9/23 is the Oregon Women's Sailing Association; 9/25 is Walk 1 Barbeque decoration and 9/26 is the Barbeque; 10/10 there will be a celebration of life for Don Belshaw.

- Rear Commodore - Cathy Skach
  - Social initiatives work group
    - The group has wound up its work.
    - Did two surveys to identify member wants and preferences.
    - See PowerPoint on website for more information.
  - Nominations Committee – (Cathy Skach, Gary Brown, Mark Salholm, and Judith Lebzelter)
    - Has developed a slate for next year's offices and directors.
    - Officers: Bruce Newton for Rear Commodore, Barnaby Tuttle for Commodore, Ian Cannon for Vice Commodore, and Lisa Mork for Secretary.
    - Directors: John Osborne, Brandon Soule, Jim Calnon, Brian Moore, and Michael Valenti.
    - The slate can be adopted by acclimation at the October General Meeting or an election will occur at the November General meeting if there are additional candidates.

- Secretary - Ian Cannon
  - Communications – no report.

8. Reports of Directors
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9. Committee/Contact Reports
   - Cruising – Bill Kramer
     - Autumn Equinox Cruise is next weekend Sept 18 to 20 to Bartlett's Landing. Saturday Happy Hour at 4:30pm and Potluck at 6pm.
     - Last Fall cruise will be October 9 to 11 to Schwitter's Landing

- Activities - Laura Richard – no report.
- CRYA - Toby Elliott – no report.
- Racing – Ben Emry – About thirty boats participated in the Long Distance Race (to St Helens and back). Light winds led to challenging conditions. There were two Thistles from Willamette Sailing Club. Special thanks to Matt and Laura Richard for feeding participants at Sand Island.
- Moorage - Matt Richard – Report attached.

10. Unfinished Business
    - Bylaws revision to modernize voting Proposal attached.
        - Voting committee will run the hybrid vote of the membership at a General Meeting. A 2/3 yes vote will be needed to modify Bylaws. We are looking for volunteers to help run this vote.
        - Modification to proposal – Another section was identified that deals with voting for Board and Directors (Article 12, Section 3, 3rd sentence) will also need to be modified. A motion was made to add the necessary modifications to the proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.
        - The revised proposal is attached.

11. New Business
    - Approval of new Memberships:
        - None.
    - Membership Status Changes
        - Marcin Manik and Joan Cromwell requested to move to Inactive membership status effective 10/1/26. Approved unanimously. They will relinquish their slip.

12. Good of the Order
    - Karen Jacobson – the 4th Quarter billing will be coming out soon.

13. Adjournment @ 19:56.

Rose City Yacht Club
Moorage Report
September 14, 2026

Moorage Activity:

Bobby and Libby Muerth with their Hunter 320, named *Moon River,* have permanently departed the moorage. They have relinquished their Slip 23 on Walk 2.

Gareth and Janet Tabor, with their Newport 33, named *Cadenza,* have been reassigned to Slip 23 on Walk 2 from Slip 31 on Walk 2.

Tressa Yellig and Adam Zimmerman with their Schock Harbor 25 sailboat, have been reassigned temporary moorage from Slip 20 on Walk 1 to Slip 23 on Walk 1. This ended the sublet from Richard Peek and Laura Ritter.

Brian Moore with his Yamaha 33, has sold his boat and the boat has departed the moorage. He has relinquished his Slip 29 on Walk 2.

Alex Jones and Christina Dittmann with their Catalina 30, named, *Knot So Fast*, have been reassigned to Slip 29 on Walk 2 from Slip 9 on Walk 5. This ended the sublet from Earle Taylor.

Jeremy and Shannon Chedester with their Beneteau 30, named, *Bon Vent*, have been reassigned to Slip 31 on Walk 2 from Slip 21 on Walk 4.

Tressa Yellig, with her Schlock Harbor 25, named *Hipnautic*, has been reassigned to Slip 21 on Walk 4 from Slip 23 on Walk 1. This ended the sublet from Tom Foeller.

Current Moorage Availability Status:

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

Matt Richard
RCYC Moorage Chair

Modernizing RCYC Voting Procedures

Final as approved by the Board on June 8, 2026

Executive Summary

Our current "hybrid" voting system—requiring both an online ballot and live attendance (in-person or via Zoom) for validation—has become a significant barrier to member participation. This proposal outlines a transition to a secure, fully online voting model to increase engagement and streamline club administration.

Current Challenges

Since the pandemic, our voting process has relied on a two-step process in which members first cast a ballot online (for secrecy) and then a "roll-call" is held at a meeting to validate attendance. This process has many disadvantages:

Low Engagement: The process is described by members as "tedious and painful," discouraging many from participating at all.

The Participation Gap: In the April vote, while 42% of eligible memberships cast a ballot, one-third of those votes were disqualified because the members could not attend the live meeting.

Administrative Burden: Conducting a manual roll-call of attendance by memberships that cast a ballot is time-consuming and prone to error.

Options

Option	Description	Pros	Cons
Return to in-person paper ballots	Revert to pre-pandemic physical meetings only.	Simple and traditional.	Effectively disenfranchises members who cannot attend physically.
Status quo	Maintain online ballots validated by live attendance.	No Bylaw revisions required.	Continued low participation and administrative frustration.
Secure online voting	Authenticated voting via the RCYC website.	Highest participation; eliminates rollcall; professionalizes administration.	Requires revision of the Bylaws.

Recommended Option: Secure Online Voting

To ensure the integrity of the vote, the new system will utilize our existing website infrastructure.

Authentication: Access is restricted to members via their secure WordPress login.

Validation: Automatic tracking of User IDs and Unit IDs ensures only Active Memberships vote and enforces the "one vote per membership" rule.

Inclusivity: The Voting Committee will provide assisted-voting alternatives for members with technical difficulties.

Time for adequate discussion: The Club would continue the practice of first touch/second touch; providing two opportunities at General Meetings to fully discuss and potentially modify any proposal prior to membership voting.

Required Bylaw Revision

To implement online voting, a proposal to revise the Bylaws would need to be put to the membership. Because this would be a revision of the Bylaws, the proposal would have to be approved by two-thirds of the eligible memberships voting.

On June 8, 2026, the Board voted to recommend to the membership the following revision to the Bylaws.

> Revise the Bylaws as follows: In Article III, Section 2, strike the words “present at the meeting” and in Article III, Section 3, strike the words “present at a meeting”

Later that summer a third section of the Bylaws specifying “hybrid” voting was discovered. It is the article on board and officer elections. It provides for a vote by acclimation at the October general meeting unless a nomination is put forward. In that case, an election is to be held in November and a hybrid voting model is specified.

On September 14, 2026, the Board voted to add the following to the revision recommended to the membership.

> In Article XII, Section 3, revise the third sentence to read “In the event that any nomination is made at the October General Meeting, ballots shall be distributed and an election will be held prior to the November General Meeting” and strike the second and third paragraphs.

Timeline for Adoption

The required Bylaw revision will be referred to the membership for approval by a hybrid voting process prior to and during the General Meeting on October 21, 2026. The Board

directs the Voting Committee to try to minimize the time to confirm the attendance of memberships who had cast a ballot by possibly using a sign-in onsite and something similar for online attendees.