

Yacht Talk

Voice of the Richland Yacht Club

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Happy May Day!

Attention on Deck

General Membership Meeting	
At the Clubhouse	
Tuesday May 1 st	
Pledge of Allegiance	7:00 pm
Call to Order	Gary Scofield
Membership Actions	Chris Jensen
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Bob Gray
Commodore’s Message	Gary Scofield
Officers’ Reports	
Treasurer	Doug Larsen
Vice Commodore	Chris Jensen
Rear Commodore	Debbie Thorington
Dock Captain	Roy Keck
Past Commodore	Obie Amacker
Recording Secretary	Bob Gray
Corresponding Secretary	Bruce Carlisle
Building Coordinator	Aaron Hubbard
Rental Coordinator	Dan Sanders
Old Business	Gary Scofield
New Business	Gary Scofield
Good of the Order	Members
Floundered Oar Award	Members

Richland Yacht Club



**Over 50 years on the
COLUMBIA RIVER**



From the Commodore – Gary Scofield

Boating season is officially here! I know this because Saturday, April 28th we had our Opening Day Party. If you missed this event, “no problem” as we have many more events scheduled for this 2018 boating season. Check the “Save The Date Page” in this Yacht Talk edition. We continue to have new members joining our club, although at this time our moorage is virtually full. We welcome our new members and will continue to add new members to our moorage waiting list.

Volenteer - Our Rear Commodore still needs volunteers to step forward and help with the planned social events. Please contact Deb Thorington and let her know that you want to do your part for our Club in helping with the planning and execution of our social events.

ENJOY THIS

Enjoy - With the boating season here, your clubhouse will be used more frequently. A general member can bring up to 25 family and guests to enjoy the clubhouse. You are not guaranteed private use of the clubhouse as other club members could be using the clubhouse and deck at the same time. If you plan to decorate for your family and guests, you should do so immediately before and clean up immediately after. The Friday Night BBQ is an informal event with members and guests free to bring food and drinks and enjoy our facilities with our great river and sunset view.

Remember- When you purchase your new Washington State vessel license, the sticker needs to be on your boat by July 1, 2018. You also are required by Standing Rule V.4 to provide the Club with a copy of your 2019 registration document no later than July 15th. A \$25 monthly fine will be billed to members if their registration copy is received after that date. The preferred method is to take a paper copy of the full registration page and mail it to the Club or place it in my clubhouse mailbox. You could also email a copy to info@richlandyachtclub.net (this requires more handling by the person recording your copy and if you send it to an incorrect email address, we may not receive it).

Fuel Up - I will be holding a Class C Training session for new members starting at 6:30 pm before our May General Membership Meeting. New members need this training to use our fuel dock. If you plan to attend this training, please email me at gscofield08@gmail.com or call or text me at 947-5707.



BOAT SAFE!!!

From the Vice Commodore - Chris Jensen

During the April general membership meeting four new memberships were voted into the club. Please welcome:

- Aaron and Monica De Witt
- Brad and JJ Dewitt
- Zachary and Jeannette Hart



From the Treasurer - Doug Larsen



Coming your Way - The annual moorage billing cycle is well underway with most members renewing quickly. There have been several new memberships and moorage assignments in recent months so if your neighbor does not look familiar make sure to say hello and welcome to the club.

From the Rear Commodore – Debbie Thorington

Nothing to Report

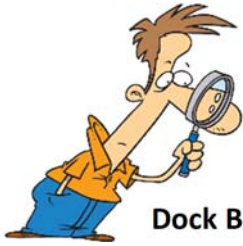
From the Dock Captain - Roy Keck

Dock Work Party - We completed our first 2018 Work Party on April 14th, with the extraordinary efforts from a huge turnout of members. We cleaned the fire pit with muriatic acid; prepared the patio deck for caulk sealing; sprayed weeds along the public walkway; added an additional wire to main walkway lighting; cleaned debris from slips and walkways; and refreshed the barbecues. Work credits can continue to be earned by members by blowing out debris from along walkways as needed. Record your hours in Work Book Log in the kitchen draw and earn \$15 / hour credit against next year's membership dues.

Moorage - Currently there is only a 40' slip remaining. We are accepting new members that wish to go on the moorage waiting list for other size slips. Members are expected to maintain their vessel and slip area safe and clean and use good dock etiquette. It is time to check your moorage lines and fasteners, power cords and connections, boat batteries and bilge pumps, dock boxes and lid latches. Clear debris and spray for spiders from around boat and slip fingers at least monthly.

Boater Ed - The Club continues our educational outreach by providing the clubhouse facilities and hosting a "Washington Boating Card Class" by the Benton and Franklin County Sheriff Departments. This class is all day from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday June 2nd, resulting in a certificate qualifying the individual for a Washington State Boating Card (with a \$10 State filing fee). This State Boating card is required for all boaters under the age of 63 and recommended for all boaters. See the attached flier.

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Inspections - In addition to providing the Boating Card Class the Sheriff Departments will provide Vessel Inspections for Member's boats on the docks. We will provide future details in the May Yacht Talk. See the attached checklist for a listing of required equipment

Dock Box - We have a new Dock Box for sale to Members for \$500 each. This requires some assembly and must be lag bolted to your slip whalers to prevent loss during high winds.

From the Building Coordinator – Aaron Hubbard

Spring is finally here and with it is heavier use of the club house. Please help to keep our facility clean and enjoyable for all of your fellow members.

Speak Up - If you see an issue in or around the club house please drop a note into the Building Coordinator mail box or send an email to support@richlandyachtclub.net.



From the Recording Secretary - Bob Gray



Now that boating season is upon us and we use dock carts to take gear to our boats, we need to remember to return the carts to the Clubhouse. Please, don't leave them on the docks so they will be available to other members when they arrive. Also, if the wind comes up while you're on the water, they may end up in the boat basin. We've used a diver to retrieve many from the water in past years. Rose and I have already returned several carts left on the dock to the Clubhouse this year. Replacing carts is expensive and we shouldn't have to do that.

From the Rental Coordinator – Dan Sanders

One of the benefits of being a member of the Richland Yacht Club is that you are able to rent the Clubhouse for a personal event. The rental is just \$350 and includes the kitchen, patio & barbecues. Members are limited to one exclusive rental per year, must be in good standing and have been a member of the yacht club for at least one year prior to your rental date. The Clubhouse is available for members to rent one weekend day (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) per month and one weekday (Monday - Thursday) per week during the boating season, May through October. During the remainder of the year we can accept applications for rentals one day per weekend and 2 days per week. For more details regarding rental of the clubhouse including blocked out dates, log on to the RYC website; Downloads (Members), go to Standing Rules of the Richland Yacht Club.



Interested in renting the Clubhouse - Call (or text) Dan or Sandy Sanders (948-8832) or email Rental@richlandyachtclub.net.

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From the Corresponding Secretary – Bruce Carlisle

Copies of the Yacht Talk are available in the clubhouse after the general meeting. Electronic copies are available on the Club website and sent each month to the email address listed on the club roster. Contact the Treasurer douglarsengma@gmail.com with email address changes.

For the Good of the Order

Washington Required Equipment Checklist

	Personal Water Craft	Boats Less Than 16' Class A	Boats 16' to Less Than 26' Class 1	Boats 26' to Less Than 40' Class 2	Boats 40' to Less Than 65' Class 3	Human Powered: Any Length
Vessel Registration On-Board	✓	✓ note 6	✓	✓	✓	no
Registration Decals Displayed	✓	✓ note 6	✓	✓	✓	no
Registration Numbers Displayed	✓	✓ note 6	✓	✓ note 7	✓ note 7	no
Boater Education Card (power-driven boats over 15 hp) note 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	no
PFD: Type I, II, III, or V (one per person)	✓ note 1	✓ note 2	✓ note 2	✓	✓	✓
PFD: Type IV	no	no	✓	✓	✓	no
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher (power-driven boats only)	✓	✓	✓	✓ note 8	✓ note 8	no
Ignition Safety Switch	✓	no	no	no	no	no
Backfire Flame Arrestor note 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	no
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	no
Muffler	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	no
Horn, Whistle, or Bell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skier-Down Flag Note 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	no
Daytime Visual Distress Signals note 10	no	✓	✓	✓	✓	16' and over
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals note 10	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navigation Lights note 5	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	at least one lantern or flashlight
CO Warning Sticker	no	✓	✓	✓	✓	no

✓ = required by state
 no = not required by state
 n/a = not applicable

Checklist Notes:

1. Those on personal watercraft must **wear** a life jacket (personal flotation device) at all times.
2. Children 12 years and younger are required to **wear** U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jackets in Washington State on boats shorter than 19 feet whenever the vessel is underway or when they're on an open deck or open cockpit on any waters of the state.
3. Required on all gasoline engines except outboard engines.
4. Required to be carried on board when towing person(s) on water skis or similar devices and displayed whenever the towed person(s) is preparing to ski or has fallen into the water.
5. Vessels must display the proper navigation lights between the hours of sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility such as fog or heavy rain.
6. Applies to all motorboats and all sailboat 16 feet in length or longer with the exception of a motorboat less than 16 feet in length with a motor of 10 horsepower or less and used on non-federal waters only.
7. State registration numbers are not displayed on boats documented with USCG under the Federal Registration System, but display of valid registration decals is required.
8. Boats 26 feet up to 40 feet long must carry two B-I or one B-II; boats 40 feet up to 65 feet long must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I.
9. See [Boater Education Card Requirements](#).
10. VDSs are required on coastal waters, the Strait of Juan de Fuca east to Puget Sound, and the Puget Sound/San Juan Island area (except as noted in [Visual Distress Signals](#)).

May at the Clubhouse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Membership Meeting-7:00	2 Boater Education Class	3	4 Cinco De Mayo @ CIYC	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mothers Day Brunch	14	15 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Clubhouse Rental
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Clover Island Inn Parrot Party	28 	29	30	31		

Save the Date - Membership has its Privileges

May	Description	Sponsor
4	Cinco De Mayo Party	CIYC Event
13	Mothers Day Brunch	Thorington
19	Clubhouse Rental	Sanders
27	Clover Island Inn Parrot Party	Hotel Event
June		
1-3	Clover Island Visitors Weekend	CIYC Event
16	Margaritaville on the Docks	Amacker
17	Fathers Day Brunch	Thorington
22-24	Umatilla Days Cruise	CIYC Event
23	Wedding Reception	Rental/Sanders
30	Beach Party	Carlisle
July		
4	Independance Day BBQ	CIYC Event
21	Rental	Sanders
28	Rock the River Party	CIYC Event
August		
4	Pizza Pigout Boat Circle	CIYC Event
11	Dock Crawl Party	Thorington
September		
8	Birthday Party	Rental/Sanders
15	Columbia Point Block Party	Keck
28-30	Fishhook Snake River Cruise	CIYC Event
October		
13	Wedding	Rental/Sanders
27	Halloween Party	Thorington
November		
10	Chili Feed / Veterans Day Gathering	Thorington
22	Family Thanksgiving	Rental/Sanders
December		
1	Lighted Boat Parade Gathering	Thorington
31	New Years Eve Party	Thorington
31	New Years Eve Party	CIYC Event

Richland Yacht Club Officers

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	Kim Detienne	430-8094		



Benton County Sheriff's Office

Marine Patrol Division

JERRY HATCHER, SHERIFF

7122 W. Okanogan, Bldg. A, Kennewick, Washington 99336
Kennewick 735-6555 * Prosser 786-5605

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Boater's Education Classes

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Richland Yacht Club, 350 Columbia Point Drive

DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT: 8:00AM – 5:00PM, Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT:

The Benton County Sheriff's Office will offer a boater education classes for Washington boaters. This eight hour course will provide students the basics of safe boating that all recreational boaters are required to have when operating in Washington State waters. The course was developed specifically for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and are taught by Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Deputies who are certified by Washington State Parks as course instructors. The *Adventures in Boating Washington, A Course on Responsible Boating* manual and exam will be provided at each class. Pre-registration is required by May 26th, 2018. This may be done by calling (509) 735-6555 or in person at the Benton County Sheriff's Office located at 7122 W. Okanogan Place, Kennewick, WA (inside the Benton County Justice Center).

There is no charge for the course and lunch will be provided.

INFORMATION:

In 2018, boat operators born on OR after January 1st,1955 will be required to carry a boater education card when operating a boat on Washington's waterways. The law applies to operators of motorboats of 15 horsepower or greater. Cards cost \$10 and are good for a lifetime.

Attending this class is one of several ways boaters may obtain their education card. Other methods include writing to the Parks Department for a home-study guide and test, taking an online test, or substituting appropriate prior education (such as a USCG Auxiliary course or Power Squadron course). New boaters are encouraged to attend a class instead of these other methods, as they will receive detailed explanations, can get questions answered, and will have the benefit of receiving instruction from Marine Patrol Deputies who routinely patrol the waters of our community, and are knowledgeable in maritime laws and rules.

For class information, contact: Deputy Brett Hansen or Deputy JP Benitez at:509-735-6555 or brett.hansen@co.benton.wa.us or jean-paul.benitez@co.benton.wa.us

If you answer “No” to any of the following questions, you will benefit from attending this class:

- Are you familiar and comfortable with the maritime Rules of the Road?
- Do you know who has the right-of-way in a crossing situation? Overtaking or passing situation? A situation involving a sailboat? A tug and barge? A human powered vessel?
- Do you know what the various shapes and colors of buoys and other aids to navigation mean, and the consequences of disregarding the hazards they identify?
- Are you comfortable interpreting what kind of vessel you see when looking at one at night, and can interpret its direction of travel, simply by looking at its navigation lights?
- Are you familiar with the various federal, state, and local laws regarding safety equipment required to be on board your vessel?
- Are you aware of what conduct is necessary to be cited for Boating Under the Influence? Reckless Boating? Negligent Boating?
- Do you know what the laws say regarding boats and alcohol? Boats and marijuana?
- Are you familiar with all the laws that are specific to Personal Watercraft?
- In addition to detailed discussion of the above, this class will also cover topics pertaining to: Vessel parts, terms, and definitions; vessel classifications; types of propulsion (outboards, inboards, stern drives, and jet drives), and the operating and handling characteristics of each; vessel capacity (persons and gear, as well as horsepower); fueling safely; float plans; trailering; maintenance; vessel operation (including casting off and departure, docking, sound signals required, anchoring, river navigation, dams, locks, bridges, fluctuating water levels, PWC operation, courtesy at the ramp and on the water, environmental considerations, ignition safety switches, steering pull, and watersports); legal requirements of boating (including registration and hull numbering, age requirements for vessel and PWC operation, dangerous and unlawful operation, obstructing navigation, personal flotation devices, fire extinguishers, backfire flame arrestors, ventilation systems, mufflers and noise limits, required times for navigation lights, visual distress signals, sound producing devices, accident reporting, enforcement, and waste/oil discharge)

For information on the Boater Education Card and the State Parks Boating Education Program, visit online at www.BoaterEd.org or call (360) 902-8555.

At the completion of this class, persons passing the (open book) written exam will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. They will also be given an application to complete, will need to send this application (with a copy of the Completion Certificate), and \$10 to the Washington State Parks Department in order to obtain their Boater Education Card.

Deputy JP Benitez