

Richland Yacht Club



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COLUMBIA RIVER



Commodore Report Obie Amacker

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and are ready for the New Year. I hope you had the opportunity to visit the Clubhouse during the last month as it was decorated for the season and looked great. Many thanks to those who helped with the decorating.

This is usually a slow time of year around the RYC with winter temperatures and many members heading to warmer climates, but there is still plenty of activity related to Club operations. The Finance Committee has been working on a budget for the new year and will be presenting it to the Executive Board (EB) for review in January. The EB will fine tune and make any necessary adjustments before the budget is presented to the Membership for approval at the February General Membership Meeting. It is always nice to see a good turnout for all General Membership meetings, but I hope to see you at the February meeting for sure so we can approve the budget and get started on 2022 projects.

I wish you and your families all the best for the New Year and look forward to more active calendar of events and RYC fun during 2022.

January 2022

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Treasurer Report Doug Larsen

The club continues in a strong financial position with projected revenues adequate to meet all the club's planned expenses. By now all members should have received your annual billing. As a reminder, this billing is due January 30 and subject to a \$50 fine after that. To those that have already paid thank you for your timely support. We will be processing electric billings during the first part of January so if you are heating your boat, you should expect an electric bill later in January.

The clubs 2022 budget is coming together this month with an executive board review of the budget during the monthly executive board meeting. The budget will be presented to the general membership for approval during the February general membership meeting. Please plan on attending the February 1, general meeting so we can have a quorum and approve the budget.

Rental Coordinator Sandy Sanders

Happy New Year everyone! Although the weather is cold outside, it's warm and toasty inside the Clubhouse!

This is a reminder that our clubhouse is available for rent and is a great facility for events. If you've been a member for at least one year, you are able to rent it exclusively for a small fee. Since we allow just one weekend night rental per month during the boating season the dates fill up fast, so if you're thinking about securing the clubhouse for your event, you should probably get it on the calendar soon. Your rental gives you full access to the kitchen, patio and barbeques.

For more information regarding policies and blackout dates, visit our website, <http://www.richlandyachtclub.net>. Go to "Members" then to "Standing Rules".

Rear Commodore Bruce Carlisle

With winter comes a stream of cancelled memberships, well maybe a trickle. Leaving us in January are Roberto Amando-Cattaneo, Richard Schwartz, and Rob Griffin

January General Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance	7:00 pm
Call to Order	Obie Amacker
Membership Actions	Bruce Carlisle
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Rose Gray
Commodore's Message	Obie Amacker
Officers' Reports	
* Treasurer	Doug Larsen
* Vice Commodore	Bruce Carlisle
* Rear Commodore	Allie McGinnis
* Dock Captain	Bryan Bobbett
* Past Commodore	Gary Scofield
* Recording Secretary	Rose Gray
* Corresponding Secretary	Heather Devries
* Building Coordinator	Brent Shindehite
* Rental Coordinator	Sandy Sanders
Old Business	Obie Amacker
New Business	Obie Amacker
Good of the Order	Members
Floundered Oar Award	Members

2021 Christmas Parade Report

This year's parade got off to a rough start as it was windy nearly every day the week leading up to it so decorating didn't start until early Thursday morning. The one thing I was going to add to Knot Coug'n It this year was a replica Apple Cup trophy and didn't even start that until 1 hour before needing to get underway for Clover Island on Friday night. It didn't seem windy that night, but we had rough water from the blue bridge on. As we were passing near Edison along Columbia Park, I heard the familiar thump from up above so I looked through the vent to see what had fallen. While I could see the Coug flag and Christmas tree, Santa was nowhere to be found. I looked out my starboard window and his entire torso was hanging over the edge so I sent a passenger to save him. While they were able to pull him back up, his head was lost to the Columbia. We certainly couldn't pull out of line and go searching in the dark for it so our only hope was that we would be far enough from shore that we would not permanently scar any children with the image of a headless Santa waving to them. We really struggled along Bateman Island and again all through Richland with the waves and could even see some white caps out the side windows. Water crashed against the front tented windows and poured onto the deck and even over the benches. After the turn around past Howard Amon we decided to pull back into my slip at RYC and call it a night. All options I considered on Saturday for a replacement head did not work out and winds were forecast for over 20mph that night, and as wind is the only weather that can cancel the parade, I was pretty sure we would not run that night. However, by 3pm the winds had not picked up yet and took a shot on being able to participate so I again headed downriver and had passengers on standby to meet at CIYC at 5:30 if they remained calm. We ran that night and although the waters were much calmer, the winds picked up a bit and we did have the flag and headless Santa knocked over several times. We eventually left Santa lying down to focus more weight on the flag base. My only concern was that the voters for the parade up in the Crow's Nest on the 4th floor of the Clover Island Inn would clearly be able to see a headless body lying on my roof. Somehow - and I give full credit to the Apple Cup Trophy that was also up on the roof - we took first place this year so those voters must have also still been reveling in that 40-13 win a week earlier. Go Cougs! and sidenote - as you start your water travels this spring, keep an eye out on the Benton County shoreline from the Blue Bridge to McNary dam for a waterlogged Santa head - reward is a can of Cougar Gold and a bottle of Cougar VIII.

Jeff Anderson

Knot Coug'n It, E13E



January at the Clubhouse

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



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