



T e l l T a l e s



Commodore's Log by Cindy Warwick

It's Been A Heck of A Year!

Here it is my last Commodore's log and there's still so much to say. You know me, never one to run out of things to talk about. Ha! Since there is so much to cover, I'm going to jump around a bit on this one.

Thank you never seems to really convey the appreciation I feel for those who have given so much (and who give year after year). For my "boyz" on the board, gracias from the bottom of my heart. To Bill Horton for the *Tell Tales*, you da man. To John and Shirley Wigen and Rick and Marsha Hartwein for storing the chaseboat and barge year after year, your generosity is beyond measure. To everyone who volunteered for a social event, a race, teaching or assisted with clean up, we cannot be successful without you and you have my eternal gratitude.

The Regatta. Re-branding and re-energizing the regatta will be a priority this year and we really need the commitment--input--participation of all members in order to bring about the positive changes needed for taking our regatta to the next level. A call to action will be sent out to the membership before the end of the year in order to form a regatta task force. This task force will be asked to leave no stone unturned and think completely outside of the box. All ideas welcome and all levels of expertise appreciated! Stay tuned.

It has been a joy to be Commodore this year and the other board members made it easy for me. They are a highly skilled bunch and I am so happy they stuck it out with me. Next year promises to be even bigger and better. With Derek Budd at the helm, the club is in amazing hands and I am excited for what is yet to be.

Thank you!!
Cindy Warwick, Commodore
Rogue Yacht Club

RYC 2011 Calendar OCTOBER

22--Saturday **SOCIAL**

Commodore's Dinner & Awards

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Rogue Regency Hotel, Medford

Cost: \$30 regular, \$25 vegetarian, \$15 children under 12

R.S.V.P. Invitation to Cindy Warwick.

DECEMBER

10--Saturday **SOCIAL** Holiday Party 6:00 PM

Location TBA in November *Tell Tales*.

Cruiser's Corner

Visit to Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

by Win Dawson and Jack Vitacco

Since becoming members of the Rogue Yacht Club, we have rarely taken an opportunity to visit other clubs. However, when we realized that our upcoming vacation to China would take us to Hong Kong--home to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club--we decided that this was an opportunity not to be missed. As our commodore, Cindy kindly wrote a letter of introduction and we prepared the

visitor's application in advance (both required by RHKYC).

The club is located on Causeway Bay (*above*), an inlet on Hong Kong Island off the South China Sea, and is very similar to our own facility (*right*). Okay . . . maybe there are a few more amenities . . . like the Compass Room for fine dining, the Gun Room Bistro and Terrace for lunch, the swimming pool with snack bar, the ship's store and the bowling alley. While we enjoyed the interna-





night jazz sessions in the Gun Room and an annual Regatta Ball (with valet parking service). Overall, though, we must admit that the RHKYC folks were almost as welcoming as our own friendly club members, but we'll certainly be happy to see the RYC gang at the Commodore's dinner in October. (Photo above: Jack Vitacco and Win Dawson, with Chicago boating pals, Sandi and John)

R a c e r ' s C o r n e r Summer Series Finished

Lehel Garami, on his Capri 25, owned Day #4 with 3 wins after handicaps were figured. But, it was John Kling's MacGregor 26 that turned in the fastest times of the day. Conditions were hot with a side of extra fluky. Race 10 started with wind from the south at 3 kn. and building slowly to southerly winds of 6 kn. for race 11. Finally, the wind turned to the NNW for a final race of the day with 9 kn. winds.

Ultimately, Jay and Elysia Harland's Ultimate 20, *Madison*, held on for the series victory. John Spillman on his Santana 20, *Hog Wild*, and Lee Fox's San Juan 21, *Foxy Juan*, placed second and third respectively. This year's Summer Series was tightly contested. Six boats scored at least one bullet and just 14 points separated the top 7 boats. In hindsight, the scoring system worked well. Results represent a tightly packed fleet and performance on the water. Boats were not punished for doing their committee work or having to miss one weekend due to non-racing priorities.

Johnston Trophy Produces Lake Champion

The Johnston Trophy was contested, this year on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Originally slated for Sunday the 11th, it was rescheduled for the 17th in order to attract more racers. The "Johnston" is considered the "Race of Champions." The race was originally established to give the fleet

tional dishes served for lunch in the Bistro (after being rejected in the Compass Room because the men were not wearing long pants), we decided that it was no match for RYC's Cheeseburgers in Paradise. They also have monthly wine tasting fairs, several pool-side parties, Friday

champions (we don't have any racing fleets any more) winners of RYC races throughout the season face off in one-design boats for the club championship. Eight club skippers qualified for the Johnston as a result of winning races during the sailing season. Lahele Garami, Jim Gurley, Lee Fox, Derek Budd, John Kling, Jay Harland, Mark Warwick and John Spillman were the qualifiers. Only Gurley, Spillman and Budd were



available to race off in Catalina 25's provided by Bill Horton and Gary Spafford. Race committee was Jim and Nancy Smekel and Chris and Gary Spafford. Bill and Gary stood by as crew during some of the races. Three ,

course B, races were run with each skipper able to drive and crew on each boat. Jim Gurley was the winner with two wins. Congratulations Jim, this year's "Johnston Trophy" winner.

Silly Sails Questions: 1) What is a "screcher?"
2) What is a "drifter?"

(See answers on page 3)

A r o u n d t h e D o c k s

Last Month of HP LAKE Sailing Race Committee Barge & Marks Out for Winter

This year's "Barge and marks take-out" was held on Saturday September 24th. The day went quickly and smoothly. Despite strong winds gusting to 20 knots, Mark



Warwick, Michael Guss, Rick Hartwein, John Wigen, and Gary Spafford (see photo) made quick work of retrieving the marks, cleaning and storing the marks, organizing the shed as well as pulling the barge and rescue boat.



Cleaning both and storing all materials in the shed were accomplished with the help of Dick and Jeanie Barbara, Chris Spafford and Cindy Warwick. The rescue boat was taken by Rick Hartwein and will be stored in his shop for the Winter. The barge will be towed down the hill to be covered and stored near John Wigen's house. A few jobs need to be done to finish our end-of-season chores. The barbecues need to be placed in the shed and the club sign taken down for the Winter. All in all a very successful day. We were also very glad we got the jobs done early as winds kicked up the 30 knots from the South ahead of the Sunday storm

C l u b B u s i n e s s

R Y C A n n u a l M e e t i n g

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Cindy Warwick called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Old Business

Secretary: Monty read the minutes from the February 19, 2011 general membership meeting. The membership approved the minutes.

Tell Tales Report: Bill Horton reported on the Tell Tales. Sending it out as a pdf attachment is working well. Ads for boats have been working, 4 out of 4 boats for sale have sold this year. The winter months are slow, please send in article contributions! Pictures are welcome too, in full size format.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Schnoes gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 59 members, close to what we had last year. The regatta was right on target with the approved budget. The membership approved the report.

Vice Commodore's Report: Jay Harland reported on the racing season. The pursuit race during the Jensen was fun. The Johnston and Commodore's Cup had low attendance this year, maybe something can be done to promote them next year. The series racing participation was strong. Out of the 12 races six different boats came in first and the top 7 scores were all within 13 points of each other.

New Business

Regatta Promotion and Rebranding: Cindy spoke about the regatta. We had only about 18 boats this year. We need to promote the regatta in a better way to encourage much more outside participation. We send marketing information to all the clubs on the West Coast. Cindy will be sending out a survey to her marketing list to get feedback on what we might change to get more participation. We would like our racers in a particular class to contact other racers in that class to promote our event. Jay commented that racers really want to

be in one design races. Anything we can do to attract enough racers to form a class will really help the regatta. Pat Collins said that in years past the club had a class of small boat racers and they would regularly travel to other clubs to participate in their other regattas. Cindy read some ideas for new names. Cindy would like to have help, a committee dedicated to this marketing effort.

51st Annual Commodore's Dinner will be Oct. 22nd at Rogue Regency Hotel, Medford, Oregon beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Proposed Change to Standing Rule: Roger spoke about the initiation fee for new members. Many new members forget to pay it and need to be reminded. The board discussed eliminating the initiation fee, which is a hassle for the treasurer to track and follow up with.

Nominations for Board of Directors 2012:

Commodore—**Derek Budd**

Vice Commodore—**Jay Harland**

Secretary—**Monty Zukowski**

Treasurer—**Roger Schnoes**

First Trustee—**John Spillman**

Second Trustee—**Brian Balfour**

The membership passed a motion to approve the nominees.



From left: Monty Zukowski, secretary; Cindy Warwick, past commodore; Roger Schnoes, treasurer; Derek Budd, commodore; Brian Balfour, 2nd trustee; Jay Harland, vice commodore; and John Spillman, 1st trustee.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Silly Sails Answers: “**Screecher:**” a sailor or passenger who gets very upset and screams loudly whenever the boat heels over just a little.

“**Drifter:**” a sailor who wanders from port to port with aimless abandon. May be found fishing for deposit bottles and cans in the local marina garbage area. **For last month's actual definition:** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanker_\(sail\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanker_(sail))

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