



Commodore Report Bruce Carlisle

It is election time at the Yacht Club. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 3rd for the General Membership Meeting, 7pm at the clubhouse. You must be present to vote as the By-Laws do not allow proxy or absentee voting. The Club is at a critical juncture with ageing facilities. We reinvested in our 20-year-old Clubhouse this year by revamping the aging kitchen with refinished cabinets and new appliances. By year end we will also revamp the pantry and laundry allowing for improved storage and new appliances. The HVAC systems, restrooms, landscaping, flagpole, and patio will soon need work to maintain the functionality and appearance of a premiere facility.

The docks also present a near-term challenge. The wooden whalers on our oldest docks have deteriorated to the point where they are splitting, cleats are failing and barefoot boaters face splinter risks. The cost of replacing wood with synthetic whalers, to meet state requirements, will be costly and present contracting challenges to obtain bids and schedule contractors given their work backlog.

Please come to the next General Membership Meeting and help me guide the Club through this period of planning for the future. In four short years our fuel tanks will have aged to the point where we will not be able to purchase insurance. We must remove our fuel tank and it is unlikely our neighbors will support the new requirements for installing an above ground tank. The cost of removal and restoring the shoreline will consume a lion share of our cash reserves. Now is the time to revisit our financial planning. This year the Board agreed to move our cash reserves under conservative investment management to gain consistently higher returns. The Club has only two options; we save and invest in advance for these expenses, gaining additional earnings or wait, borrow money, and incur the additional expense of high interest rates. Our last financial plan was crafted 10 years ago, and an updated plan will help us understand how we should budget to meet these challenges.

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Vice Commodore Report Lee Celski

At September's general membership meeting we voted and welcomed to the club new members Scott Christen and Jeff and Diane Ellersick. There were no resignations. I anticipate having two orientations before October's general membership meeting so hopefully we will be voting two more memberships into the club.

As the fiscal year for the Richland Yacht Club draws to an end I would like to thank the members for allowing me to serve as Vice Commodore. I am allowed to serve one more term as Vice Commodore and will be running for this position again. I am asking for your support and vote in October so the club will have continuity in this position for another year.

Rental Coordinator Allie McGinnis

As we round out the remainder of the 2023 boating season our clubhouse remains available for rent as a benefit of your Richland Yacht Club membership. Private RYC rentals include exclusive use of the clubhouse, kitchen, barbecues and patio. Reservations are required for events larger than 25 people. For more information regarding policies visit our website or text your requested date, member name and email address to Allie McGinnis at 509-302-0545 to receive the paperwork and process. If you've been a member for at least one year you are eligible to rent the clubhouse exclusively for \$350 per event through a completed application, orientation training (one hour) and written RYC Board approval.

Building Coordinator Brent Shindehite

The Block Party was a huge success, and I would like to thank all the generous vendors that donated door prizes. Len and Jane Parris - Chandler Reach Winery, Scott and Vicky Williams - Kiona Winery, Dick and Wendy Shaw - Henry Earl Estate Wines, Stan Nuxall - Green Plan Construction, Treah Nuxall Pierce - Green Plan Construction, Dann and Kay Nault, Brian Shymatta and Associates Real Estate Company, Bryan Bobbett - Beaver Bark, LuLu's Bud's/Anthony's, Columbia Point Golf Course, and numerous yacht club members.

Treasurer Kathy Higgins

Looking forward to elections! It is time to read the electric meters so expect a bill soon. You will only be sent a bill if your total is over \$50.

Dock Captain Bryan Bobbett

As October comes to an end we will be blowing out all the water to all the docks.

Corresponding Secretary Rick Anderson

GET YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE LIST!

Send your Birthday Month/Day and Anniversary Month/Day/# years to be included to ragolfer@charter.net

Lets Celebrate!	
Birthdays	Anniversaries
10/17 Nancy Hubbard 10/22 Janet Johanson	None reported

Recording Secretary Bob Gray

Per RYC governing documents, the Recording Secretary is responsible for overseeing the annual election of officers. Each candidate for a contested office has been invited to provide a brief written statement outlining their qualifications for office and what they bring to the position. Officer Candidates Statements are found below:

Officer Candidates Statements

Bruce Carlile is seeking Re-election of **Commodore for 2024**

Debra and I joined the club back in 2003 after many years as guests of club members. I am presently your Commodore and running for a second term. Having served as a Member at Large, two years as Dock Captain, a year as Rear Commodore, and two years as Corresponding Secretary, I understand the roles and responsibilities of our governing Board. I remember the days of wooden piers and double wide Clubhouse in the middle of an expanding boat basin and gravel field. Our surroundings and Club have changed appreciably over the years as we leveraged our land to build a new Clubhouse and upgrade our docks. Our clubhouse and docks are now 20 plus years old and in need of some loving care. With over 35 years of engineering, facility, and project management experience, it is my vision to maintain our Club as a premier boating facility and social club while meeting the challenges of this maintenance. I ask for your support.

Bryan Bobbett is seeking position of **Commodore for 2024**

My time as dock captain has come to an end after 2 years. I have really enjoyed being on the board and making our club a fun and inviting place for all of us to come and hang out. I have decided to run for Commodore this year and be able to serve everyone better.

Additional Officer Candidates Statements are continued on next page

Officer Candidates Statements Continued

Lee Celski is seeking Re-election of Vice Commodore 2024

I have been a member of the Richland Yacht Club since 2001. In the past I have held the following positions. Member at large, rental coordinator, building coordinator and the current position of vice commodore. I am running for vice commodore to fulfill the commitment I made to all club members to serve in this position for two years. I feel it is important to have continuity in the board to be able to best serve the members of the club. As we all know it takes a few months in any position or new job to get a feel for it and “learn the ropes.” Now that I have one year of service in this position, I feel I have a lot more to offer in terms of knowledge and keeping the continuity in this position for another year. I would like to thank the current board for its service and all the members who volunteered to again serve another year on the board starting next month. Again, I feel strongly that continuity is important on the board and by having so many board members volunteer to continue on the club can feel good about the leadership provided by these members for another year. I would like to thank you for reading this statement and ask for your vote on October 3.

Allie McGinnis is seeking position of Vice Commodore 2024

- RYC Rental Coordinator 2023
- RYC Rear Commodore 2022
- RYC Rear Commodore 2021
- Member of the Richland Yacht Club since 2020
- Active boat owner and enthusiast in Tri-Cities since 2004

In my role as Vice Commodore, I wholeheartedly commit to upholding a vibrant, fun and engaged environment for all members of the RYC. I believe being present and accountable during all required meetings, events and the volunteer based upkeep of our beautiful clubhouse is a responsibility of this position. I am committed to give it my all. It has been my joy, honor and pleasure over the past three years on the Executive Board of Directors to serve you. I have participated in nearly one hundred percent of all required meetings and have contributed over 350 additional volunteer hours. Through hosting club events as your Rear Commodore, training our liaison team and facilitating private events as your Rental Coordinator I have had the opportunity to meet so many of you and to see and hear first hand how much you love gathering as a community.


I understand the importance of effective communication, appreciation (thank you volunteers), collaboration and hearing what you would love to see in shaping our community's future. As Vice Commodore, I recognize the significance of supporting the Commodore and fellow Board members, welcoming new members enthusiastically and properly orienting them through our processes, rules, By-laws and helping them feel connected and welcome. I promise to be accessible and approachable to all members as your input, concerns, and ideas matter to me.

In conclusion, I humbly ask for your support to become your Vice Commodore in 2024.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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October



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15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
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