



**Commodore Report** Bryan Bobbett

As the boating season comes to an end and the temperatures cool down, I have a few things to remind you about:

- The first thing that I would like to bring to your attention is that the Richland Yacht Club is strictly prohibiting the addition of any new boat lifts. They have started to ruin our docks, and it has become expensive to fix.
- We just put an additional 500 gallons of fuel into our members only fuel station. The gas tank replacement will begin after the Iron Man competition on September 22.
- Please make sure no dock carts are left unattended on the docks and are returned to the club house after use.
- As a reminder, our standing rules state that any event with greater than 25 people requires prior authorization from the executive board.
- Your attendance to our general meetings is key to keep this club running. At September’s meeting, we will be taking nominations for new executive board members.
- We will also have a guest speaker attending our next meeting to discuss the new boat related rules and taxes coming our way.

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**Vice Commodore Report** Allie McGinnis

Congratulations and welcome to our two new Richland Yacht Club memberships voted in during our August General Meeting. Charles & Missy Jackson and Jason & Carolyn Celski were unanimously voted in on August 6th and we look forward to getting to know both better at our upcoming events. We have several new members seeking to join our club during the September 3rd General Meeting. So far these include Herrera, Locke and Martinez. We have received their applications and all three have been through orientation pending your approving votes at our next General Meeting. There was one application for resignation in good standing: Doug & Tricia Akers. This, too, was approved by vote of the attending members. If you have any questions about membership or are not sure who to ask all things related to Richland Yacht Club please reach out to me directly at 509-302-0545. Looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the rest of 2024.



## Rental Coordinator Deb Thorington

2024 Reservations are **required for events larger than 25 people**. For more info regarding policies visit our websites members area bylaws. Text your requested date, member name to Deb Thorington at 509-308-6929 to receive the paperwork and process. You must be a member for at least one year to be eligible to rent the clubhouse exclusively for \$350 per event. Fill out a completed application, you need orientation training (one hour) and written approval required. There are currently rentals that are approved for Sept 28 Nuxall 90th Birthday, Nov23- Pierce B-Day party, Dec22 -Sanders family event . The club will be closed to other members during those days. Each Private event has the day before to setup decorations, please keep this in mind when wanting to utilize the club Please email me at [dthorington@cfmtg.com](mailto:dthorington@cfmtg.com) if you would like to reserve a day for your event.

## Building Coordinator Nancy Hubbard

Hi Everyone. I hope you have been enjoying the summer and your boats. We've had some beautiful days available. Please remember when using the club to clean up your mess. This includes kitchen, tables and restrooms!! Please do not leave your boat garbage on the patio. If you see damage or issues in or around the building, please let me know.

## Treasurer Kathy Higgins

Updated registration and proof of insurance for 2024/2025 is PAST DUE. Please submit via email to: [RYC-Staff@outlook.com](mailto:RYC-Staff@outlook.com)

### September General Membership Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance	7:00 pm
Call to Order	Bryan Bobbett
Membership Actions	Allie McGinnis
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Bob Gray
Commodore's Message	Bryan Bobbett
Officers' Reports	
* Treasurer	Kathy Higgins
* Vice Commodore	Allie McGinnis
* Rear Commodore	Nik Qafoku
* Dock Captain	Andy Cockrell
* Past Commodore	Obie Amacker
* Recording Secretary	Bob Gray
* Corresponding Secretary	Rick Anderson
* Building Coordinator	Nancy Hubbard
* Rental Coordinator	Deb Thorington
Old Business	Bryan Bobbett

## GET YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE LIST!

Send your Birthday Month/Day and Anniversary Month/Day/# years to be included to [ragolfer@charter.net](mailto:ragolfer@charter.net)

Lets Celebrate!	
September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
9/12– Ron Walls 9/14– Lisa Lang 9/15– Rose Gray	9/30– Bruce & Deb Carlisle 46 years

## Recording Secretary Bob Gray

Per RYC governing documents, the Recording Secretary is responsible for conducting the annual election of Board Officers/Members at the October meeting. Brent Shindehite chairs the Nominating Committee and will be presenting a slate of candidates at the September Meeting. If you want to run for office, let Brent know. If you want to nominate someone else, you must attend the September meeting. After that meeting nominations are closed and in October we vote. New Board members take office in November.

## Rear Commodore Nik Qafoku

**BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 14th!!!! See Flyer page 4 for details.**

The Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW)

The President of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW), Bob Wize, will be presenting to the Richland Yacht Club and the Clover Island Yacht Club September 3, at our monthly meeting. RBAW has been around since the 1960's advocating for recreational boaters within the State. Their first major success was the conversion of Sucia Island, in the San Juan's, to a State Park that everyone can enjoy.

The State Legislature has a bad habit of attempting to increase taxes on boats when there is a shortfall in State revenue and legislate laws that are very restrictive to boaters. RBAW follows all these potential changes and advocates sanity into the process. The State agencies have come to respect the positions RBAW takes and as a result RBAW has been very effective in Olympia. Their credibility has led several state agencies to engage RBAW's involvement to solve complex and challenging problems.

Some of the RBAW's recent successes include:

- RBAW successfully killed legislation that would have double the excise tax on boat licensing fees (taxes). They have successfully pushed back on inadequate boat depreciation schedules negotiating more realistic guidelines with the Department of Revenue.
- RBAW successfully redirected a portion of the boating excise tax toward the removal of derelict vessels and now the State has funded programs in place to address derelict vessels.
- RBAW successfully advocated for large and small boating communities to improve their boating facilities.
- RBAW is currently working with the State to create a new boater friendly State Park on the Key peninsula in Southern Puget sound. This marina had fallen into disrepair and was collecting derelict boats. The docks and facilities were unsafe. Over the next couple of years, the State will be converting the facility into a boater friendly State Park with marina facilities, pump out stations and onshore camping facilities.

RYC has supported the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington for many years so please attend the September Monthly meeting hear about the good things RBAW is doing for us boaters in Washington.

**SATURDAY September 14, 2024!**



**BLOCK  
PARTY**



9<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party

At the Richland Yacht Club

Co-sponsored by the Richland Yacht Club and Columbia Point HOA's

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00.

Ribs, chicken, Caesar salad, slaw, and desert plus a variety of beer, wine, seltzer, and soft drinks will be provided. Bring an ID if you wish to consume adult beverages. Cost is \$10/person without alcohol or \$15 with. Cash or check only. You are welcome to bring your own beverage.

There will be live classic jazz that soothes the soul performed by Pat and Rich2. Also a raffle for door prizes! First ticket is free with admission. Additional tickets available for purchase.

You are welcome to bring an appetizer to share.

Please RSVP by September 10<sup>th</sup> to [RSVPmoorings@gmail.com](mailto:RSVPmoorings@gmail.com)

Phone 509-943-0863 or text 509-521-8981

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## September at the Clubhouse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 General Membership Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Block Party
15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Private Event
29	30					

## 2024 Events

Date	Event	Host
Saturday, September 14, 2024	Block Party	Nik Qafoku
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Private Event	Nuxall
Saturday, November 9, 2024	Chili & Soup Feed	Nancy Hubbard
Saturday, November 23, 2024	Private Event	Pierce
Friday & Saturday, December 6-7, 2024	Lighted Boat Parade	Nik Qafoku
Sunday, December 22, 2024	Private Event	Sanders

## Richland Yacht Club Officers

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