

Richland Yacht Club



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Commodore Report Bryan Bobbett

Welcome to the December edition of Yacht Talk from the Richland Yacht Club! At our November executive board meeting, we discussed a couple of important updates. First, please ensure that all insurance and registration documents are current and submitted to Obie Amaker (Treasurer) at treasurer@richlandyachtclub.net, and copy support@richlandyachtclub.net. Don't forget about our annual Lighted Boat Parade, happening on December 6th and 7th – it's always a festive highlight of the season! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season.

Vice Commodore Report Allie McGinnis

Brrrrr! Winter is beginning to show its frosty fun times and twinkling lights are lining the streets.

IMPORTANT: Tuesday, December 3rd is our final General Meeting of 2024 and we have five new members who need your vote to join our club. Please come out, enjoy some pizza and to welcome our new excited members. We also have three members who are moving on and need your vote to exit in good standing. We need your votes to make this happen. The RYC Christmas holiday celebrations start Friday, December 6th. We will be gathering to decorate the clubhouse, our beautiful live tree (thanks to Beaver Bark for donating our amazing tree) and to watch the first night of the lighted boat parade. We will have snacks, drinks and desserts to share. This is a wonderful family friendly fun evening and all are welcome! December 7th is our annual Christmas Party. We will have a honey baked ham dinner, hot chocolate, desserts, drinks and a second night of the Lighted Boat Parade to watch. See the attached flyer for details. Thank you to every volunteer who steps up to help with the parties; none of this would happen without you. If you have any questions about membership please reach out to me directly at 509-302-0545.

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Rental Coordinator Deb Thorington

2024/2025 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 Dec22 -Sanders family event, Jan 18– McGinnis Party, Feb 1-Bocek B-Day party, May 17th– Welch Wedding Shower, June 25– Wedding Rehearsal, July 5th Keck Wedding . 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 if you would like to reserve a day for your event.

Building Coordinator Bob Gray

Our new landscaping contractor has been doing an excellent job of cleaning the grounds up for the winter. The ice machine outside the Clubhouse has been winterized so there will be no more ice until next spring. Enjoy the holiday season.

Dock Captain Andy Cockrell

Remember to winterize your boat. We had one sink last year and nearly lost two more. Electrical Cords connected to the docks shall be marine rated for 30 amps, that is the circuit breaker size, anything smaller shall be only temporary when connected to a GFCI unless it is rated for 30 amps. Keep your boat lifts up when your boat is not in it because it puts a load on the docks. A number of boat lifts are causing the docks and fingers to cup/tilt. It is your responsibility to ensure your boat lift is not damaging the dock.

Treasurer Obie Amacker

December is the annual membership billing month for the coming year, 2025. Credits have been applied for volunteer time, thank you all for your help during the past year. Invoices are out now to facilitate timely payments.

Payments will not be cashed until January 2025 to keep Club income separated by calendar year. If you pay with a cashier's check, please remember to put your name on it. I have been a little slow in getting fully up to speed as I recover from some foot surgery, but it won't take long. I wanted to remind members that if you are experiencing a hardship and unable to pay a bill, you are much better off to contact me or another Executive Board member to explain the situation and arrange a payment schedule rather than just ignoring the outstanding balance, accruing large past due fines, and having your access devices shut off. The Club accomplished a number of major projects last year and enters the near year in good shape financially. The Budget Committee is in the process of developing a draft budget which will be presented to the Executive Board in January and to the General Membership in February for approval. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December General Membership Meeting Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

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

Lets Celebrate!

December Birthdays

Deb Carlisle– 12/21 Si Stephens– 12/14

December Anniversaries

Bob & Rose Gray– 12/30 34 Years

Richland Yacht Club

Merry Christmas

Boat Parade Party

Food and Drinks will be provided

Saturday December 7th

6pm at the Club House

Join us to help decorate the club house Friday, Dec 6th at 6pm for the Christmas Party!

Bring a snack and hang out while watching the Boat Parade

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**Questions? Please reach out to Allie McGinnis
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December at the Clubhouse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 General Membership Meeting	4	5	6 Christmas Party Set-Up	7 Boat Parade & Christmas Party	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	
22 Private Event Sanders	23	24			26	27	28
29	30	31					

2024 EVENTS

Date	Event	Host
Friday & Saturday, December 6-7, 2024	Lighted Boat Parade	Nik Qafoku
Sunday, December 22, 2024	Private Event	Sanders

Richland Yacht Club Officers

Office	Officer	Cell/Home	Email
Commodore	Bryan Bobbett	509-531-5658	commodore@richlandyachtclub.net
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