



Commodore Report Allie McGinnis

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to share a few important updates and reminders. With the colder weather upon us, it's crucial to properly winterize your boat. This process helps protect your vessel from potential damage due to freezing temperatures and ensures it's ready for next season. Our marina does not traditionally freeze, but boats in the water need proper heating to protect them from damage. In the spirit of preparedness, I'd also like to reiterate our boat emergency process. In the event of an on-water emergency, please contact the appropriate authorities first. Following that, or if it's a non-life-threatening situation, please inform our Dock Captain, Ed Caraway, as soon as safely possible. Having this process clear helps us provide support and coordinate assistance effectively. Looking ahead, we're excited for the upcoming holiday season. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy and safe voyages. We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade gathering on December 6th from 5pm until 8pm. See the details in our Rear Commodore, Rick Eder's, report below. Finally, for any members considering resigning their membership, please note that the official process requires a written notification to our Vice Commodore at membership@richlandyachtclub.com, return your access devices, pay any outstanding bills and clear your slip and dock box. A General Meeting vote by our members to resign in good standing is the final step in the process. This allows us to manage our membership roster and plan for the next season accordingly. Thank you for being a valued part of the Richland Yacht Club. We appreciate your continued participation and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

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Treasurer Kathy Higgins

The 2026 budget is scheduled to be presented at the January General Meeting. Approval of the budget is scheduled for the February General Meeting per the RYC Standing Rules. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at Kathyhiggins@myyahoo.com.

Rear Commodore Rick Eder

We will be collecting donations for the month of December for the Benton Franklin and Humane Society. People can bring in dog and cat food, which would be greatly appreciated. They can place the food with the Grinch statue that will be present at the RYC. Check your email for more details about the Christmas party and Boat Decorating contest. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Rental Coordinator Doreen Bughi

Clubhouse Rental fee for 2026 will be \$350 rental fee,& 150 Cleaning deposit starting January 2026. 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 Doreen Bughi at 509-386-3016 to receive the paperwork and process. You must be a member for at least one year to be eligible to rent the clubhouse. Fill out a completed application, you need orientation training (one hour) and written board approval required.

Corresponding Secretary Rick Anderson

Volunteers Needed for January NW Sportsman's Show

Well I got talked into manning a booth at the Sportsman's Show again this year. We are looking for several Richland Yacht Club volunteers to help staff a booth at the NW Sportsman's Show at the HAPO Center (formally TRAC) January 23, 24, & 25, 2026 representing the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW). The perk is that if a person talks boating and solicits membership in RBAW for a couple of hours they get free access to the show. I will have a script with some information and a QR code to guide the volunteers. The Clovers have committed to helping and we are hoping to get some RYC volunteers. This should be fun and candy provided.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Doug Larsen at 509-438-1904.

December General Membership Meeting Tuesday, December 2nd 2025

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

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
Deb Carlisle—12/21 Si Stephens—12/14	Bob & Rose Gray— 35 years

MERRY CHRISTMAS BOATERS

GET READY FOR THE MOST MAGICAL NIGHT ON THE WATER:
THE ANNUAL LIGHTED BOAT PARADE & EPIC AFTER-PARTY!

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE FESTIVE!

Deck out your boat in your wildest holiday bling and light up
the marina like never before!

🌟 THIS YEAR IS BIGGER & BRIGHTER THAN EVER! 🌟

ENTER OUR SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS BOAT EXTRAVAGANZA CONTEST AND YOU COULD SAIL AWAY WITH A \$100 BUDD'S BROILER GIFT CARD + THE ULTIMATE BRAGGING RIGHTS BY BEING IMMORTALIZED WITH THE INAUGURAL RICHLAND YACHT CLUB CHRISTMAS BOAT EXTRAVAGANZA TROPHY!

All you have to do is go FULL GRINCH-TO-GLOW-UP on your boat. Judging starts at dusk and will be provided by the beautiful Stacy Lee of Apple Valley News—bring your A-game!

After the parade, the party explodes on Saturday December 6th (I know, only a little time—start decorating NOW!)

We're firing up sweet-and-sour meatballs, BBQ chicken sandwiches, and gooey lasagna that'll make you believe in Santa again! Walkin' the parade route? Bring a side dish or dessert and prepare to feast!

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Twinkles the Elf will be here from 6–8 PM for photos and holiday magic!

The party officially kicks off at 5 PM on Saturday but please help us by showing up at 5pm on Friday as well to decorate. Pizza will be provided, and holiday cheer will be guaranteed! We'd also appreciate you bringing some of your favorite cookies for all to enjoy!

DEC 6TH

350 COLUMBIA POINT DR
RICHLAND, WA 99352

6-? PM

Don't miss the most dazzling, heart-warming, boat-load-of-fun night of the year!

QUESTIONS? FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR REAR COMMODORE RICK EDER AT 509.318.3508 OR RICHADEDER99320@GMAIL.COM

Richland Yacht Club

Merry Christmas

Boat Parade Party

Saturday December 6th

6pm at the Club House

Pictures with Santa! Food and Drinks
will be provided and Hot Chocolate Bar



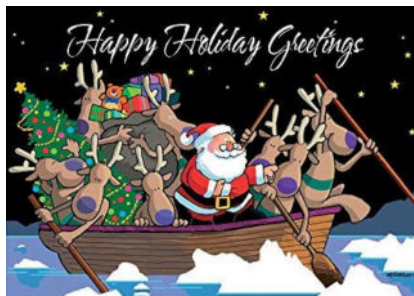
Join us to help decorate the club
house **Friday, Dec 5th at 6pm** for
the Christmas Party!

Bring a snack and hang out while
watching the Boat Parade

**350 Columbia Point Dr,
Richland, WA 99352**

Questions? Please reach out to Rick Eder

509-318-3308



December at the

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 General Membership Meeting	3	4	5 Lighted Boat Parade/ Christmas Deco- rations Setup	6 Lighted Boat Parade/ Decorated Boat Contest
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Private Party Lively
14	15	16 Executive Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 Private Party Sanders	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2025 Events

Date	Event	Host
Friday-Saturday, December 5-6	Lighted Boat Parade	Eder
Saturday, December 13	Private Party	Lively
Sunday, December 21	Private Party	Sanders

Richland Yacht Club Officers

Office	Officer	Cell/Home	Email
Commodore	Allie McGinnis	509-302-0545	commodore@richlandyachtclub.com
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