



## Commodore Report Allie McGinnis

Happy New Year Richland Yacht Club members! 2026 promises to be another exciting year full of boating adventures, fun parties and wonderful friendship. Thank you to our many member volunteers for attending our monthly General Meetings on the first Tuesday of every month as your votes are needed to approve new members as well as resigning members. Your volunteer help during the set up and clean up efforts before and after our club parties keeps our dues low and the good times happening. We have an expanded list of parties on deck for 2026. See the list attached. To explore volunteer opportunities contact our Rear Commodore, Rick Eder. For any members considering resigning your membership, please note that the process requires a written notification to our Vice Commodore, Nik Qafoku at [membership@richlandyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@richlandyachtclub.com), return your access devices, clear up your slip and pay any outstanding bills. A General Meeting vote by our members to resign in good standing is the final step in the process. We appreciate all of our members who have been patiently waiting for a slip assignment. The updated list is on our website. Thank you for being a valued part of the Richland Yacht Club. We are looking forward to another successful year.

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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](mailto:Kathyhiggins@myyahoo.com).

## Rear Commodore Rick Eder

Checkout the Annual Event Calendar included in this months Yacht Talk. Looking forward to an exciting year of RYC events. Some new events have been added to the schedule.

## 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  
From **Doug Larsen**, 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.**

### January General Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 6th 2026

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

## Member At Large Chris Jensen

Per RYC bylaws a proposed Amendment to our bylaws shall be provided to all membership The proposal is stated below. This has been presented to December General Membership meeting. It will be presented again at January General Membership meeting. At February General Membership meeting it will be voted on.

Pro-  
posed amendment to the By-Laws of the Richland Yacht Club dated March 5, 2019 Article VI Election of Executive Board and Voting Procedures, Section b; Proposed replacement of requirement for the "candidates to be a member of the club for at least two years and has or have had a boat moored at RYC for the past 24 months.


Amendment as follows;  
b. The Nominating Committee shall verify the candidate is in good standing with all By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Financial obligations of RYC and willing to be nominated and agree to serve if elected.

### Lets Celebrate!

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Scott Thomas- 1/13 Sara Thomas-1/20	None Reported

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## THIS IS OUR YEAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	<p>FEBRUARY 8TH SUPER BOWL PARTY</p> 	<p>MARCH 14TH ST. PATRICK PARTY</p> 
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>APRIL 18TH SPRING FLING (OPENING DAY)</p> 	<p>MAY 10TH MOTHER'S DAY</p> 	<p>JUNE 21ST FATHER'S DAY</p> <p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b></p> 
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>JULY 11TH BEACH PARTY</p> 	<p>AUGUST 29TH END OF SUMMER MARGARITAS</p> 	<p>SEPTEMBER 13TH BLOCK PARTY</p> 
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>OCTOBER 30TH HALLOWEEN PARTY</p> 	<p>NOVEMBER 7 VETERANS DINNER</p>  <p>NOVEMBER 14 RICHLAND'S YACHT CLUB FAMOUS CHILI COOK OFF</p> 	<p>DECEMBER 12TH COMMODORE'S BALL</p>  <p>DECEMBER 4TH &amp; 5TH LIGHT PARADE</p> 





## January at the Clubhouse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 General Membership Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Executive Board Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Richland Yacht Club Officers

Office	Officer	Cell/Home	Email
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Dock Captain	Ed Carraway	509-521-0624	erckmd@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	Bob Gray	509-947-0283	rhgray02@msn.com
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