



**Commodore Report Allie McGinnis**

March sunshine and fun times at the Richland Yacht Club are on deck! The Columbia River is calling and longer days are on the way. We hosted an exciting RYC Superbowl Party last month with fantastic food, prizes and a Seahawks win! Thanks to our amazing Rear Commodore, Rick Eder, for another fantastic party. Check out our March entertainment calendar and the attached flyer for our upcoming St. Patrick's Day Party.

Thank you to our many volunteers for attending our monthly General Meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Starting in April our General Meeting will start at 6pm instead of 7pm. Pizza will be served so mark your calendars. Your votes are needed to approve new members, resigning members and approval of last month's minutes. At February's General Meeting the 2026 budget was presented by our Treasurer, Kathy Higgins. and approved. Great job Kathy! Moorage billing is in the mail and due in April. If you do not receive yours please reach out. Our gratitude goes out to member Kim Jones for cleaning up and painting our electrical box. We had some graffiti and Kim stepped up and took care of it. If you ever see anything out of place on our docks or clubhouse call the club number and we will take care of it. Thank you all for being a valued part of the Richland Yacht Club.

**Treasurer Kathy Higgins**

Everyone should see their moorage bill this week. If you don't get one and have a slip please let me know.

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## 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.

## Dock Captain Ed Carraway

Greetings from your Dock Captain!

As spring is drawing near, we need to look at the condition of our slips. You want to inspect your slip and make sure everything is in working order. If you have rub rails that are falling off the dock or need to be secured, you need to take care of that. Please ensure your cleats are tight. If there is a bigger issue such as boards that are falling off please let me know.

Before we put our boats in the water, it's always a good idea to do some spring maintenance. Take care of your fire extinguishers and make sure they are in working order. Ensure that your flares are not expired. Inspect your lifejackets. Make sure you have all the equipment necessary to enjoy your day out on the water and to stay safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give your Dock Captain a call.

### March General Membership Meeting Tuesday, March 3rd 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 Rich Johanson

See the attached RYC Dock Fuel Pump Operation Instructions. Bryan Bobbett has agreed to complete the training to operate the pump. Contact Bryan at 509-531-5658 to schedule the training. The RYC Dock Fuel Pump Operation Instructions have been added to the RYC Website, It is located in the Members Area.

### Lets Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

Rick Anderson-3/5  
Steve Peterson-3/17

#### Anniversaries

Tom & Lynda Edmundson- 33 Years

# Basic Steps for Usage of the Richland Yacht Club (RYC) Fueling System Including Timeout Limits on the Proper Use of the System to Avoid the System Shutdown

12/2/25

**Step 1)** Secure your boat to the fuel dock, turn off all power, ensure all passengers exit the boat and follow all the “Fueling Rules” posted on the sign on the left side under the card reader. Then open your fuel tank ports.

**Step 2)** Remove the fueling hand nozzle and hose from the dispenser unit and place the hand nozzle in your boat’s open gas port that is the farthest from the dispenser pump. To avoid accidental release of fuel from nozzle, do not touch the fueling lever on the hand nozzle before placing it in the gas port. There can be residual pressure in the hose.

**Step 3)** Place your COENERGY gas card in the card reader unit and enter your PIN number when requested. The card reader will prompt you to enter the dispenser unit number, **which will always be #1**. The card reader will then display your authorization to use the fuel system.

**Step 4)** Immediately turn on the tank pump by moving the lever that is on the dispenser unit next to where the hand nozzle is placed when not in use. You must start fueling your boat within 60 seconds from your authorization to use the system or the system will “timeout” and shut down.

**Step 5)** Go directly to the hand nozzle in your boat fuel port and trigger the flow of fuel into your tank. If the fuel runs slow or not at all, release the trigger, wait 20 seconds and try again. If it is still not working, turn off the pump dispenser unit and try the card again. Do not do this more than 3 times or it will deactivate the system.

To avoid overfilling of your tank and spilling fuel into the river water, engage the trigger hold down. Always stay within arm’s length reach of the fueling nozzle during fueling in case the auto trigger shut off malfunctions. Do not attempt to “top off” the tank after the trigger shut off engages. This can contribute to a spill of fuel out of air vent and into the river water.

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**Step 6)** If you have multiple fuel tanks, make sure that the fuel trigger lever is in the off position before relocating the fuel nozzle to the next tank for fueling. Again, the system will time out if there is 60 seconds between shutting down the flow at tank #1 and reactivating fuel flow I to tank #2.

If the system has a timeout, you will have to turn the pump off using the dispenser pump on-off lever and then using your COENERGY card to re-authorize your use of the fuel system. Then use step four to startup the system again.

If you have 3 timeouts in a row, the fuel system will shut down and will have to be reset by COENERGY. You must contact the current dock captain, commodore, or AB member to report any fuel shutdown or fuel spill into the river.

If you cause a small spill (from one half cup to one gallon) you are responsible for cleanup of the spill and notifying one of the club members listed above.

If you have a larger spill of fuel into the river, in addition to alerting the club members mentioned above, you need to contact COENERGY. COENERGY's phone is listed on the equipment box on the fuel dock to the left of the card reader.

Cleanup supplies are located in the white 5 gallon container on the left side of the fuel dock. More cleanup supplies are located at the bottom of the basement stairs inside the Clubhouse. Used cleanup supplies soaked with gasoline and water should be placed in a black plastic yard debris bags near the location of the cleanup supplies bucket on the fuel dock. Strict state rules must be followed for disposing of these gasoline soaked supplies. The RYC class AB member must be contacted and will oversee final disposal with COENERGY.

Join Us for the fun

RYC

**ST. PATRICK'S  
PARTY**

MARCH **14** 6.00PM

Dinner

Cornbeef & Cabbage Provided

Beer & Wine Provided

— Bring your Favorite Side Dish —

**WEAR YOUR GREEN**

No RSVP Required

# March 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 St Patty's Day Party
15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## 2026 Events

Date	Event	Host
Saturday, March 14	St. Patrick's Party	Eder
Saturday, April 18	Spring Fling (Opening Day)	Eder
Friday, May 8	Private party	Benoit
Sunday, May 10	Mothers Day	Eder
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day	Eder
Friday, July 3	Private Party	Pixton
Saturday, July 11	Beach Party	Eder
Saturday, July 18	Private Party	Cummings
Saturday, August 29	End of Summer Margaritas	Eder
Saturday, September 12	Block Party	Eder
Friday, October 30	Halloween Party	Eder
Saturday, November 7	Veteran's Dinner	Eder
Saturday, November 14	Chili Cook-off	Hubbard
Friday-Saturday, December 4-5	Lighted Boat Parade	Eder
Saturday, December 12	Commodores Ball	Eder
Sunday, December 20	Private Party	Sanders

## Richland Yacht Club Officers

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