



# NAVIGATOR



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

### Dates to Remember

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

*Club opens for 2005 season.*

May 21, 2005

*Ice Breaker Dance*

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The ice is gone! and the wind surfers are already taking advantage of the big winds. By the time you read this, some boats will already be moored in RBYC.

Spring is a time to look forward to summer and beyond and I want to use this opportunity to appeal to your generosity and charitable spirit. I am talking about the Accessibility Fund initiative, Chaired by Betty Pickering. This new initiative was approved at the Annual General Meeting to make the clubhouse more accessible and user friendly to members, families and guests confined to wheelchairs or who otherwise have mobility problems.

We need donations from you to ensure this project can be built. One of our members, Mr. Graham Barker, has already started the fund off with a generous donation. LET'S KEEP IT GOING!

As Commodore, I am pledging an ICE BREAKER donation of \$100. How about matching it? If we could get a pledge from every member it would not take long to reach our goal of \$15,000-\$20,000. And remember, thanks to the assistance of the Town of Regina Beach, all donations are tax deductible!

If you're a little short of cash right now, maybe you will be getting a return on your income tax and could spare some of that or maybe you could just donate your \$50 RBYC lounge assessment. Make sure you attend the Ice Breaker dance on the May long weekend. There will be fund raising initiatives there that you can participate in.

Later in this message I will tell you about our some of the plans for 2005. But, before I do that, I would like to review some of the accomplishments that have taken place at RBYC over the past 5 to 6 years. I think it is important for the members to understand where both the current Board and previous Boards has been trying to take the club.

In 1999, under the leadership of then Commodore Dean Randford, the executive developed a medium to long term plan for the Club. The plan, which consisted of two stages, has been almost completely implemented.

The first stage was to attempt to save money for several years in order to build up a capital reserve fund. This money would then be used to do much needed work at the club. Fees were raised to help acquire the needed funds.

By 2002, it was felt that we had saved enough money to begin Phase 2, starting to make improvements. The following is a quick list of the larger items which were planned and completed:

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT RBYC.

2002	APPROX. COST
1. Completely tore out and rebuilt all old wooden decking and docks, including the main dock in front of the club house and the NW corner dock structure.	\$15,700
2. Purchased and assembled new gas docks and installed a rebuilt double headed gas pump.	\$21,500
<b>2003</b>	
3. Added 300 yards of rock to north and NW breakwater	\$12,000
4. Added 17 new steel piles to marina (steel donated by IPSCO)	\$ 9,000
5. Repaired aluminium docks – wave damage over the years	\$ 4,500
6. Completely redid and strengthened Upper Deck/outside lounge	\$16,500
<b>2004</b>	
7. Repaired aluminium docks – storm damage	\$ 2,600
8. Rotated gas shack and build walkway along east breakwater	\$ 4,000
9. Created new log breakwater on new pilings at NW corner	\$ 2,000
10. Built a storable fireworks barge	\$10,000
11. Completely rebuilt the big boat dock (old gas dock) on NW corner	\$ 3,000
12 Repaired south wall of club house and built a storage room under the kitchen. Levelled building, repaired doors and removed bleachers	\$10,000
Grand Total	<u>\$110,800</u>

As you can see, we have spent over \$110,000 in major capital upgrades and repairs in the past 3 years. I would add that the above costs are almost all of a capital nature. Costs such as labour of staff and board members, transportation etc. are not included. There have also been many other smaller repair and maintenance costs that were not included as “capital”.

### 2005

Obviously we cannot possibly continue at the pace of the last 3 years so as directed by the members at the AGM, 2005 is a year to develop a new long range plan and to begin to replenish our emergency fund to appropriate levels and to once again begin to build up a capital reserve for future projects. This will not be an easy task because there are still projects, repairs and maintenance that need to be done.

Sport Barber, our Grounds Chair, has already made great progress on our two main projects for this year. The first project is to purchase and install a rebuilt digital fuel pump. This is absolutely necessary for two reasons: First, the old pump is close to the end of its life and parts are becoming scarce. Secondly it cannot be adjusted above \$1 per litre which is necessary given that RBYC has been selling **premium gas**, which does cost more (more on this issue below.) And finally the old pump rolls over after \$100 and many sales we have are above that level. The new/reconditioned pump should be installed by May 1.



Sport Barber

The next project on our list is to improve the kitchen/food services equipment and capacity in the lounge. Natural gas will be brought in, and Sport Barber has already located and purchased good, used equipment including deep fryers a Char broiler grill. As well, a number of used tables and chairs (in excellent shape) and a commercial capacity ice maker were obtained from the same source. Sport reports that a new fume hood will likely be purchased and everything installed before the long weekend in May.

As for other capital projects, they will have to wait until money is available. Sport Barber has had an engineer do a facilities audit of the marina and we are waiting for the report. Sport believes this is the first comprehensive review of our facility in quite some time. We know that our number one priority is to control the runoff from the hill behind the clubhouse. The water runs down the street and then up against the clubhouse and so needs to be diverted. If anyone wants more detailed information I am sure Sport would take time over a beer to fill you in.

#### **PREMIUM GAS - DO WE NEED IT?**

In past years, most boat manufactures strongly recommended RBYC serve only premium gas. They stated that regular 87 octane gas was not satisfactory for many motors and prolonged use might damage boat engines. RBYC followed this advice. Unfortunately, not all people who buy fuel from us realize that we are selling premium and therefore have to charge accordingly.

Given the price of premium gas these days, we have been exploring whether it might be possible to switch to regular. Both Sport Barber and Jim Kerr have done some research. I'll try and summarise what they have learned so far:

There appears to be less need for premium gas for many boat engines than previously believed. Apparently, many engine's have a 87 octane minimum. Some personal water craft do require premium, but could also use regular with an octane additive.

Storage of fuel is also an issue. According to Petro Canada officials, after about 2-3 months, gasoline begins to deteriorate somewhat. One aspect that is affected is the octane rating. For example, if we buy fresh 87 octane gas it might be suitable for most engines but if it sat in our tank over winter the octane performance may have slipped below 87 or the minimum rating. Octane boosters could be added to make up the difference.

On the other hand, people who have compared premium to regular gas in cars report that premium gives higher mileage and the costs generally even out. Premium gas also tends to keep an engine cleaner or at least that's what I've been told. Other sources indicate this anecdotal evidence may not be accurate and using a octane higher than is necessary to stop pre-ignition is a waste of money.

At the present time, premium gas costs about 5 cents a litre more than regular at the wholesale price. Given that relatively small difference and the fact that we have a full tank of premium, RBYC will be serving premium this spring. However, your Board will have to make a decision on what way to go in the future so if you have any views please let a board member know.

#### **FRIENDLY SERVICE AND FUN**

I'm pleased to confirm that our managers, Bob and Gloria Petrovitch, are back for another year with all kinds of new and exciting ideas to make the social aspect of the club better than ever. The **ICE BREAKER DANCE** on the May long weekend will start things off.

Bob & Gloria will be hiring new staff this year as all of last summers students have moved on to greener pastures.

Your board with several new members seems to be functioning well, with everyone contributing positive ideas and suggestions.

We do, however, have one problem for which we need help from the members. That problem is the float for the July 1st, Canada Parade.

As you know, the July long weekend is the busiest time of the year at RBYC. Demands on your managers, staff and Board members are extreme and we just do not have time to prepare and look after a float in the Regina Beach parade. We think that a RBYC float should be in the parade to show our support for the community and so we are asking one or more members to volunteer to develop and look after the float this year. If you are interested please let Bob or Gloria Petrovitch know. We have signs, flags and other possible decorations available from past years and would also be happy to give tips on how to do things, so don't be shy. **We need HELP on this project.**

Finally, after a depressingly long winter summer is almost here. Let's enjoy our great facility and the camaraderie and friendship we have at RBYC. I have just returned from a month on Vancouver Island where I visited many marinas. There may be larger facilities out there I didn't find a single one that has the friendly atmosphere that we have at RBYC.

Have fun on the water and be safe.

Ross MacLennan, Commodore RBYC  
With contribution by Muir (Sport) Barber, Grounds Chair

## SOCIAL REPORT



As the start of a new boating season arrives I would like to welcome old and new members back for another year and for what we hope will be a warm summer. Bob and Gloria will be returning as managers to lead us through another great year at the club, with lots of fun events. Some of the upcoming events are the annual Ice Breaker Dance on May 21 and the July 1<sup>st</sup> fireworks and festivities. Hopefully, there are some members out there that would like to enter an RBYC float in the annual parade. In August, we will be holding a golf tournament. This has been very popular in past years, so enter early. So, watch for notices of events and dates around the club when stopping in for food and drinks.

We will be looking for donations for the July 1st fireworks to make them as successful or better as previous years so watch for notices.

If anyone has ideas for other events please drop me a line or Bob and Gloria at the club.

Bill Rieger, Social Chair

## MEMBERSHIP



As of 1 May, RBYC paid membership for 2005 stands at 161, of which 141 have RBYC certificates.

**WANTED: new members with new ideas to keep us going and growing.**

Since summer 2004 was practically non-existent, I personally have the ‘Polly-Anna’ attitude that SUMMER 2005 is going to start early....last a long time and be hot with some breezy days for the sailors and calm days for power boaters.....You bet we’re in for some great boating, swimming, and upper-decking. The perfect summer for you to invite some of those folks you’ve been meaning to introduce to our club out for a boat ride, refreshments, and a scrumptious meal on the deck and then SIGN ‘EM UP. Membership applications are available in the RBYC Office and on our web site.

If you are changing your mailing address or have a new email address, please let us know so we can keep in touch.

Let the summer season begin.

Bonnie Kraft, Membership Chair

PS: I’m volunteering to be the garden person again this summer.....so if you’re cleaning out your perennial gardens, or want to donate a few annuals, just leave them with Bob and Gloria and I’ll be happy to give them a home to beautify our club.

## ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT



The Accessibility Project is underway! We are looking forward to having an active committee working hard at collecting donations to make our Club accessible. We have a few members who are volunteering their time to the Committee, but we would like to see more members volunteer. If you have time and are interested in volunteering for this committee please contact Betty at 586-2225 or e-mail at [accessibility@rbyc.ca](mailto:accessibility@rbyc.ca).

This project is vital to our club. As our membership continues to grow, we need to make sure our clubhouse can accommodate everyone. We believe that having our club accessible is fundamental to our future. Our intention is to make our inner lounge, outside patio and washroom wheelchair accessible. All money raised will be set aside. A ramp will be built to make these areas accessible.

If you can’t spare the time to volunteer for the Committee we would ask that you dig deep into your pockets and give us a donation. If you are interested in knowing more about this project contact Betty. If you are a member of an Organization or Club you believe would be interested in donating or have a presentation we will make the arrangements to have a Committee Member attend.

The donation collected is tax deductible and an official receipt will be issued. Just make your cheque out to the Town of Regina Beach, clearly designate it as a donation to the RBYC Accessibility Fund. You can take your cheque to the Town Office, or alternatively, mail it to Box 10, Regina Beach, S0G 4C0, or mail it to Box 34 or just give it to Bob & Gloria or a Board member and we’ll make sure it gets to the Town Office.

Betty Pickering, Accessibility Project Chair

## COMMUNICATION



As most of you will know, the Communication Chair for the past several years has been Cal Liebel, who with the able assistance (direction?) of his wife, Marilyn, have done a super job. They developed an excellent newsletter and then brought RBYC into the modern age with our Club's web site at [www.rbyc.ca](http://www.rbyc.ca). In addition, Cal took on the additional 'hat' of Vice-Commodore.

Unfortunately, Cal and Marilyn decided to buy a home in Campbell River, British Columbia and moved there last Fall. Who would have believed someone would choose Winter in B.C. to that of Saskatchewan? In any case, our loss is Campbell River's gain. Cal and Marilyn's efforts on the Club's behalf were greatly appreciated and it will be difficult to 'fill their shoes.' Happily, they remain members of the Club, as they plan on spending a portion of the year back in Saskatchewan and so we can still enjoy their company on occasion.

With that in mind, let me introduce myself. My name is Rod Campbell, and along with my wife, Karen McKay, have been members of the Club since the beginning of the 2000 season. We keep our *Mirage 25 La Boheme* out on the North West corner and although sailors at heart, are not adverse to motor boaters (especially when I cut the corner too much and end up on the Point.)

After enjoying the Club these past years, I decided it was time to 'give back' and volunteered to be the Communication Chair. Luckily for me, Cal was is a very organised sort and left me with great records of past communications. Marilyn, the lead hand on the web site, has also been great in completing updates and aiding in the transition. No doubt their knowledge will be called on again in future (especially if I succeed in 'taking down' the web site again.)

### **You can contact the Club with comments or concerns by using any of the following:**

Club Mailing address: Regina Beach Yacht Club, Box 34, Regina Beach, SK. S0G4C0  
Phone: (306) 729-2961 (May 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.)  
Email address: [rbyc@rbyc.ca](mailto:rbyc@rbyc.ca)  
Web Address: [www.rbyc.ca](http://www.rbyc.ca)  
Managers: Bob and Gloria Petrovitch

Club's Accountant  
Duane Cookson, Accounts Plus, 855 Arcola Ave. Regina  
Phone: 565-1234  
Email: [accountsplus@sasktel.net](mailto:accountsplus@sasktel.net)

### Regina Beach Yacht Club 2005 season Board Members email addresses

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Archie Ledgerwood	Finance	<a href="mailto:finance@rbyc.ca">finance@rbyc.ca</a>
Muir Barber	Grounds	<a href="mailto:grounds@rbyc.ca">grounds@rbyc.ca</a>
Bonnie Kraft	Membership	<a href="mailto:membership@rbyc.ca">membership@rbyc.ca</a>
Jim Kerr	Director	<a href="mailto:kerr@rbyc.ca">kerr@rbyc.ca</a>
Bill Rieger	Social	<a href="mailto:social@rbyc.ca">social@rbyc.ca</a>
Betty Pickering	Accessibility Project	<a href="mailto:accessibility@rybc.ca">accessibility@rybc.ca</a>
Rod Campbell	Communication	<a href="mailto:communications@rybc.ca">communications@rybc.ca</a>

As you will have noticed, the Club has been attempting to move more and more to email communication. This was done as email communication has become more common, to the point where it is almost universal. The advantages to the Club are obvious, as mail-outs are costly, both in terms of preparation and mailing, but also in volunteer time.

Accordingly, we are requesting members who may have not yet provided the Club with email addresses do so now. As well, in the event your existing email address or any personal contact information changes, please contact Bonnie Kraft at [membership@rbyc.ca](mailto:membership@rbyc.ca)

Rod Campbell Communication Chair

## MOORING



With regard to RBYC mooring for the Spring of 2005, there were some reassignment of permanent and sublet slips. We have seen a lot of movement in the medium size slips at the start of the 2005 season, but this always seems to change with every season. We had 1- x large, 1 large and 6 medium slips for a total of 8 slips. These permanent slips have been reassigned to members from the Waiting List. We had 6 large, 1 medium and 3 small slips to sublet for a total of 10 slips. These were released by members who were not putting their boats in the Club this season. All of the sublet slips have been also assigned to members from the Waiting List. There has been a large demand for mooring buoys over the last couple of years at the Club. All of our existing buoys have been assigned to Club members and if the demand continues, we will have to add a Mooring Buoy category to the Waiting List. An updated Waiting List will be available soon and will be posted on the Club's web site at [www.rbyc.ca](http://www.rbyc.ca)

Have a safe boating season.

Doug Reid Mooring Chair