

Tolly Ho!

March 2023

Commodore's Corner - Richard Rich

First Cruise of the Year!

Just a quick reminder that our first cruise of the 2023 season is just around the corner: March 10th - 12th. This cruise is considered the "shake down" - finding out what's working and maybe what's not working on our boats. The cruise is hosted by Gary & Lois Simmons and they are asking for RSVPs by **March 3rd!** Please take a moment and email or call them if you plan to attend. See attached flyer for more details.

Upcoming Cruises...Still Need Hosts

We still need cruise hosts for the April and September cruises - any takers? Also, Bruce Chambers is looking for someone to help him on the Bartlett's Landing cruise in June.

Note: My First Mate is thinking about taking the September cruise, but can't come up with a theme that hasn't been done before...any suggestions? Her thoughts...carnival, wedding, 70's, dog days of summer..... Please consider I will have to take David's spot in helping to pull it off, so consider me in your thoughts!



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What's Up!

BOAT PARTS

At one time or another, we all have needed a part for our Tollycraft boats and the question of where to find it crosses your mind. Well, our member Dean McGee has developed a list of boat parts & their locations - six pages! I am sure if you email or call him that he would send you a copy! With the upcoming cruise considered our "shake down", a printed copy of this list might be handy to share with your fellow boaters.

Note: You may get frustrated at times while working on your boat and you need a distraction to help you refocus...well use these eye rollers to help...

- * **What do you do with a sick boat?** Take it to the doc.
- * **How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb?** None, because the right size bulb is not on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.
- * **What's the world's most efficient bilge pump?** A scared man with a bucket.

MARCH CRUISE - SCHWITTER'S LANDING 3/10-12/23

The first official cruise is just around the corner! See attachment. Gary and Lois always puts together a delicious chili feed! Please take a moment to give them a call. They would like their RSVP by **March 3rd!** We hope each of you can join them!

Derelict boats are a growing Portland eyesore, but state and local officials are working to get rid of them

Derelict and abandoned vessels are a major threat to area waterways, and the Oregon Department of State Lands is stepping in to try to get things cleaned up.

Maybe you've seen them, maybe you haven't, but the roughly half dozen [derelict boats](#) anchored in the Willamette River between the Hawthorne Bridge and OMSI are pretty hard to miss.

"Every single situation is unique, and we work with partners to find the right solution," said Ali Ryan Hansen with the Oregon Department of State Lands, the agency that oversees Oregon's publicly-owned waterways.

She said scenes like the one near OMSI are troubling, and the [problem is worse](#) than just a floating eyesore.

"Abandoned and derelict vessels impact water quality," she said. "They impact private property. They impact public property. They impact habitat."

The widespread impacts make it all the more important to get the abandoned boats out of the water. It's an objective the Department of State Lands is tackling in partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

An MCSO spokesperson said more than two dozen vessels have been removed from the Ross Island area in the past year. The boats near OMSI are likely spillover from that clean-up effort, he said.



Credit: Mike Benner, KGW staff

It is unclear how long these boats have been anchored in the river.

"Those boats, along with the many other occupied vessels on Portland rivers and other waterways around the state, represent a component of Oregon's challenging issues with housing, homelessness, and behavioral health," Josh Mulhollem of the Oregon State Marine Board said in a statement sent to KGW. "The Marine Board's mission focuses on boating safety and access, but the state is making a concerted effort with several new initiatives to address those broader issues."

The issue of derelict and abandoned boats is not lost on Oregon Governor Tina Kotek. Her budget wish list includes more than \$18 million for the removal of these types of vessels.

"The public is asking the state to address this issue and our state elected officials are certainly listening," Ryan Hansen said.

Another piece of the puzzle is figuring out how to keep the boats from being abandoned on the water in the first place, Ryan Hansen said, but finding a solution to that problem may be easier said than done.

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**CRYA General Member Meeting - February 21st @ 7:00 pm Virtual Zoom meeting
By Bruce Chambers**

- * Call to order
- * Roll call & minutes
- * Treasures report (4 clubs have not sent in CRYA dues yet)
- * Vice Presidents report
- * Guest Speaker (by phone) Sgt. Steve Dangler, Multnomah County Sheriff River Patrol. The Oregon State Marine Board will not cut the River Patrol budget as much as planned, only a 1.5% cut. There have been 24 derelict boats that have been pulled out of the rivers and 15 more are in the works. The two large vessels: Tug "Sakarissa" and ex Coast Guard vessel "Alert", cost \$6.2 million to pull out and dismantle.
- * Standing Committee report: CRYA Opening Day parade permit has been turned into Coast Guard. Positions filled for Judges and Parade Marshall - **Gary and Lois Simmons (TNW)**. Theme: **Focus on Fun**. Each club participation needs to have a fleet captain and attend meeting.
- * The CRYA Cruise Schedules have been printed. Contact Jolene Walsh and delegates.
- * USCG Auxilliary has vessel safety stickers.
- * Nautical Safety Foundation has had many kids life jackets distributed.
- * Daughters of Neptune: Has a Director to start-up again.
- * CRYA has opening for 1 Secretary and 1 Standing Committee member.
- * Next general meeting - March 21.

2023 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Schwitter's Landing	3/10-12	Simmons
Commodore's Cove	4/14-16	Need Host
Coon Island - East Hamilton	5/12-14	Peterson/
Bartlett's Landing	6/9-11	Chambers/ Bruce would like an experienced Co-Host
Schwitter's Landing	7/7-9	Hoffman
St. Helens City Dock (With/UPPS)	8/4-6	McGee
Beacon Rock	9/15-17	Need Host
Camas/Washougal	10/20-22	Hawken
Commodore's Brunch	TBD	