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COMMODORE'S CORNER



by
Paul Hanson

I must start this month's article with the sad news of the passing of Bob Arznen. He served CSA for many years as both a Commodore and Board Member. His goodwill and service has been much appreciated. Thank you Bob.

Well, the General Meeting has passed and at that meeting, a presentation was made by the Ted Beier which described the short term and long term plans of CSA in terms of facilities, and projects. Also, the other major item that happened was the election of David Crosby and Jean Bordes as Commodore and Vice-Commodore. Please congratulate them next time you see them and see what you can do for them and CSA, as this club needs all of us to keep it moving and to help keep the costs down.

By all of us pitching in and helping with projects around the club, we are able to keep the costs down. So keep watching the Marks to see how and when you can help out. If you're interested in working during the winter and working on rebuilding docks, contact Pat Swan about helping out.

I hope that all of you are planning on attending the Banquet on January 17th to initiate David as Commodore. See further on down in the Marks for information. You should also, be receiving a copy in the mail as well. Plus I sent out an email with the flyer.

I do believe this will be my last writing in the Marks as Commodore. So, thanks again & I'll see you in January.

WHALE OF A SAIL RESULTS DISTANCE RACE

Boat	Sail #	Time	Place
I-18	107	1:29:31	1
H-18	10980	1:35:18	2
Mischief	14778	1:41:27	3
Martha J	38	1:41:48	4
Cheers	42762	1:42:45	5
Viola	302	1:43:37	6
Thor	69173	1:44:08	7
Mystic	536	1:49:02	8
Casa Cita	H-33	2:10:23	9
Mariner	98	2:53:42	10

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

by
Rick Bernstein

The November Membership Meeting was packed and I actually saw many newer members, which is a great sign. I recall as the event got underway, folks from the rec center had to bring in more tables; thank you to everyone who attended and participated. The topic of conversation that seemed to garner the most input centered around how do we financially co-exist with what projects we need to do, and, how to fund them. Director Beier prepared and delivered a blatant review and cost analysis. What I'm so proud of is the manner in which you members spoke your minds, presented balanced and well thought out options, and I believe we all left the meeting with a good sense of what we need to do. For more on this, stay tuned to your upcoming membership packets and these informative articles. Thank you to all who helped put on that meeting. To Paul Hansen, our exiting Commodore; it has been a pleasure working with you and thank you for your care, your insight, your passion and your commitment to making CSA a better place that we all love to come spend our valuable time. Hopefully we haven't seen the last of you and more involvement in the management side of CSA is in your future.

My heartfelt thoughts: As our personal and business bank accounts suffer, as jobs are lost and there are increasing fears of losses coming, as this holiday season has a larger sense of worry and despair for many, my end of the year thoughts to you are this: Where there's a will there's a way to get through these tough times. Of the many life lessons my dad taught me here are two: 1) you don't get if you don't ask, so if there's something you need, ask for it; the response may surprise you. 2) if money is the only problem you have in your life, you have a pretty damn good life. Finally, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, and I firmly believe this, "this too shall pass." To you and your families, have a warm, peaceful and happy holiday season, and don't forget to give thanks for the most important and that's family, then friends, then Carlyle Sailing Association:)



CAT TALES



by
Holly Conklin

Howdy, Fleetsters!

First and foremost: thank you so much for allowing me to continue to be your fleet scribe. I hope you continue to enjoy my writings as much as I enjoy writing them! As always, should you have any news or adventures you would like to share with everyone, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

Although attendance was low at the November fleet meeting, much progress was made. Such important things were discussed such as how to better score races: by skipper or by boat. With the trend for boat owners to own more than one boat it certainly makes sense to score skippers, not boats. Another consideration brought up was to score skippers that showed up on no wind days and sat on the beach, waiting for the wind to blow. So do we score them by the time actually spent sitting at the picnic table or the number of alcoholic beverages consumed while waiting for the sucker breeze to get real? We could get really creative as to how to score that!

We also elected Karen Pauls to be our next fleet captain, Shirley Allen to be our Co-captain, Sue Dudek as Secretary and, of course, Mr. Tuffli will continue to watch over the fleet's money. Congratulations to our new elected officials!

I was curious about how the 33rd America's Cup proceedings were coming around. After doing some research I found little more than I had last winter. I will certainly not bore you with the exact language of the rulings but I did review them and attempt to understand it all. After I woke up (the lawyerspeak was pretty dry) I decided to skip to the end. I found an article published 10-30-08 at 33rd.americascup.com/en that said they are finally starting to move forward again. The competitor meetings started on 10-30-08 and with 11 teams represented. A formal request was sent to BMW Oracle and the Golden Gate Yacht Club asking them to drop the law suit, smoke a peace pipe and return to the drawing table so the race can get back to the water as soon as possible. I think it is great that this group has gotten their collective head out of the sand and made a formal request to move on.

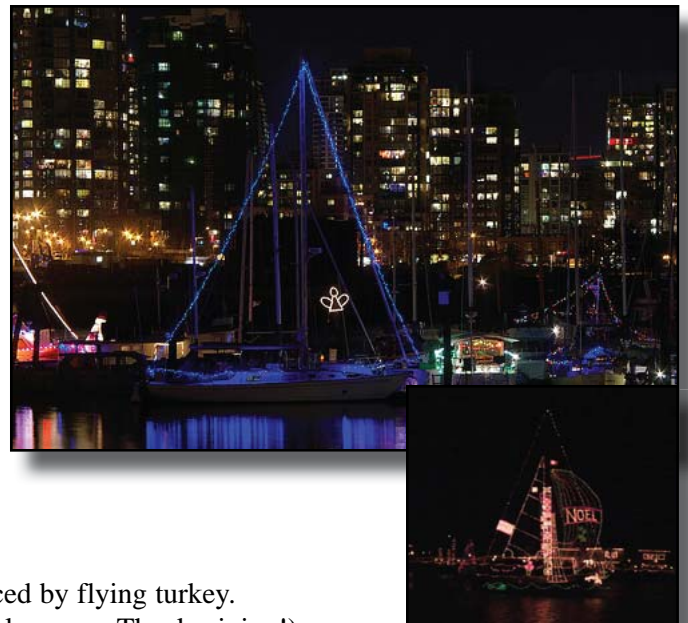
What I found especially interesting was this:

At the top of the agenda was the need for a financially sustainable model that includes cost-containment measures, such as a one-boat campaign and the creation of a new class of race yacht; faster and more spectacular than the Version 5.0 used for the 32nd America's Cup, but cheaper than the AC90 originally intended for the 33rd edition.

The new class will mean affordable participation for all existing teams, including the most recent entries, and will provide motivation for potential new challengers to join the 33rd America's Cup, expected to take place in 2010.

Pretty cool, huh?! It won't be so easy to buy first place! Who knows if they will follow the multi-hull path now, but I will keep an ear to the ground and update you when I can.

Well, my fat orange cat has just moseyed across the keyboard, telling me it is time to wrap it up because he wants dinner. (Did you know that 85.9% of the world's illiteracy rate has been attributed to *Felis catus domestica*? If you doubt it, try reading a newspaper or finishing an article with one in the room!) Have a Merry Christmas! See you next year!



Foul wind – breeze produced by flying turkey.
(Hope you didn't have that problem over Thanksgiving!)

FLYING SCOTTLEBUTT

by
Betty Struckhoff

And first place for the most exotic 2008 travel adventure in Fleet 83 goes to... (drum roll, please) ...Alex! The competition was tough. Shirley and Brian came back from Alaska with photos and stories that made us all want to catch the first plane for Fairbanks. Then Jim Peters (Mike Pitzer's crew) wowed us with his adventures in Peru. But how can you top mowing the grass in Beijing's Forbidden City? Alex is in the middle of a semester abroad and soaking up lots of Chinese culture, complete with sailing. Per usual, Carol has kept us all up to date on the web page. Check out the photos and story.

Speaking of the web page, congratulations -- or is it condolences -- to Rick Guffey our new webmaster. What a tough act to follow. If you're like me, you check the CSA main website about once a month but the Fleet 83 page is full of juicy new stuff just about every week. A big thank you, Carol, for all your years of dedication.

It was nice to see the Scot turnout at the CSA annual meeting. A good reminder of what a great organization CSA is and a chance to catch up with lots of other club members we tend to miss too often at the lake.

Back on the water, we made up for the September of our discontent. After not a single September club race was sailed, due to lack of wind, October was much, much better with great participation. Out of seven qualifiers, Bill Vogler and Rob Preston captured the Fall Series trophy. What a dynamic duo! Let's hope Rob finds his own boat. Then maybe we can learn which of the two is the real expert.

Our last day, October 26, was a rather melancholy good-bye to the season. Lots of folks were absent, having already packed up and taken their boats to the barn. Only Felicia headed out to race in the blustery winds. We know that Linda is the most fearless crew on the planet, so you'll have to talk with Mike Pitzer, who went aboard as a third, to get the story of the wild and crazy ride.

By the time you read this, our holiday party on December 7 will probably be a warm memory. Thanks again to Mike and Jo for hosting. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CABIN FEVER

by
Shara Taylor

Even though the sailing season ended in October, November was still a busy month. Everything got done, straightened up and put away for the winter on Docks Day; and we even completed all our jobs early. My guess is that the cold, windy weather kept everyone moving fast so we could get the work done quickly and get to the O.B. for the hot and welcoming lunch.

Nov. 9 was the Cabin Fleet's annual Wine Tour; this year we went to lovely Chandler Hills in Defiance. Lots of sailing friends attended for wine tasting, eating and enjoying each other's company. The winery is located in a picturesque setting overlooking the Osage Valley. As you can see by the photos, we all had a good time. The next time you see Norm Karl, ask him about the little guy he and Midge brought to the winery (and Norm didn't even buy him a glass of wine!).



CSA's annual Membership Meeting was held on Nov. 14, and Dave Crosby and Jean Bordes were elected Commodore and Vice Commodore, respectively, for 2009. Congratulations to both of you! We got information on club's focus and activities for 2009 and had some thought-provoking discussions on several challenges facing us (repairs, upgrades and new construction needed during a time of funding cuts and tight budgets). We all want CSA to continue being a top-notch sailing club, so we'll all need to pitch in and tackle these important issues.

I hope all Cabin Fleeters had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and didn't get too stuffed. Yeah right!

Don't forget our fleet's Christmas Party on Dec. 6 at the Kane/Dohertys' – it's always a lively event and gives everyone a chance to dress up and look gorgeous.

Because there won't be a Marks published in January, I'm reminding you now about the Commodore's Banquet on the 17th.

This is my last article as Marks Scribe for the fleet. I've really enjoyed writing these little missives and hope they gave you a chuckle or two from time to time.

I'll close by wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a happy and healthy New Year. Looking forward to a dynamite 2009 sailing season (with no flood!!)

See you wherever.



CSA COMMODORE'S BANQUET

When

January 17th

Where

Orlando Gardens on Watson Road

Time

The party begins at 6pm and ends at 10pm,
but can carry over somewhere else, location TBD

Hors D'oeuvres will be served during cocktail hour

Dinner is buffet style consisting of Hand Carved Smoked Prime Rib...(carved English Style and served with horseradish mousse) & Chicken Modiga...(an Italian breaded chicken breast generously crowned with provol cheese, smoked bacon, mushrooms, and lemon garlic white wine sauce)

Also up for tasting is Fusilli Broccoli...(spiral pasta with broccoli in a cream sauce), Bacon Cheddar Roasted Potatoes and Ratatouille Portabella...(sliced eggplant filled and rolled with zucchini, yellow squash, and mushrooms then baked in tomato oregano sauce) and of course this will be topped by a nice selection of desserts.

Please make checks payable to Carlyle Sailing Association and send them to;
Paul Hanson, 109 Mark Trail Drive, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 Please RVSP by January 2,
2009, latest date to sign up.

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults: _____ @ \$38 per person Sub-total _____

Number of Juniors: _____ @ \$15 per person Sub-total _____

Pre-paid Reservations are required. Total \$ _____

2008 CSA CALENDAR

Month	Day	Event	Chair
FEBRUARY	15	Membership Re-applications Due	D. Crosby
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	29	Leukemia Kick Off Party	R. Bernstein
MARCH	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
APRIL	5	Commodore's Staff Mtg	P. Hanson
	12	Big Spring Work Party	All
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	26	Planned Harbor Opening	All
	26-27	Lightning Mid-Continent Regatta	Matt Burrigde
	27	Annual "Burning of the Socks"	All
MAY	3-4	Melges 24 Regatta	R. Bernstein
	3	Hare & Hounds Race #1	All
	4	Club Races Begin	All
	17	2nd Annual Blessing of the Fleets	L. Cherry
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	17-18	US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Training	J. Sepanski
	23-25	Leukemia Cup Regatta	R Bernstein/S. Zerban
	25-26	US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Training (cont.)	J. Sepanski
	30-1	Flying Scot Egyptian Cup Regatta (Flying Scot Midwest Districts)	J. Harris
	31	New Members' Orientation Day	P. Hanson
JUNE	7	Visitors' Day	Karl/O'Donnell/Wilson
	9-13	Junior Sail Camp	Crosby's/Lacker's
	14	Firecracker Regatta (Jrs)	Crosby's/Lacker's
	18-20	Adult Sail Camp	D. Leimbach
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	28	Luau & Fireworks	M. Leonard
	28	Hare & Hounds Race # 2	All
	28-29	Inland 20 Regatta	D. Crosby
JULY	10-13	San Juan Regatta	C. Guthrie
	19	Hare & Hounds Race #3	All
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	TBD	Club C of C Regatta	D. Haile
AUGUST	9	Hare & Hounds Race #4	All
	9-10	Y-Flyer Beer & Boats Regatta	J. Klug
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	30	Hare & Hounds Race #5	All
	30	Strawberry Daquiri Women's Regatta	A. Sepanski
	31	Holiday Regatta	All
SEPTEMBER	13-14	Whale-of-a-Sail	S. Zerban
	20-21	Muddy Waters Regatta	M. Hill
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	27-28	Snipe Silver Cup	A. Sepanski
OCTOBER	4-5	E-Scow Silver Cup Regatta	D. Shindel
	11-12	Laser Regatta	P. Hanson
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
	26	Harbor Closing- All Boats MUST Leave	
NOVEMBER	8	Big Fall Work Party	All
	14	Work Chits Due	D. Crosby
	14	Annual Membership Mtg & Election	All
	25	Marks' Deadline	D. Crosby
DECEMBER	25	Merry Christmas (No Marks' for January '08)	
JANUARY	17	Commodore's Banquet	J. Wilson

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