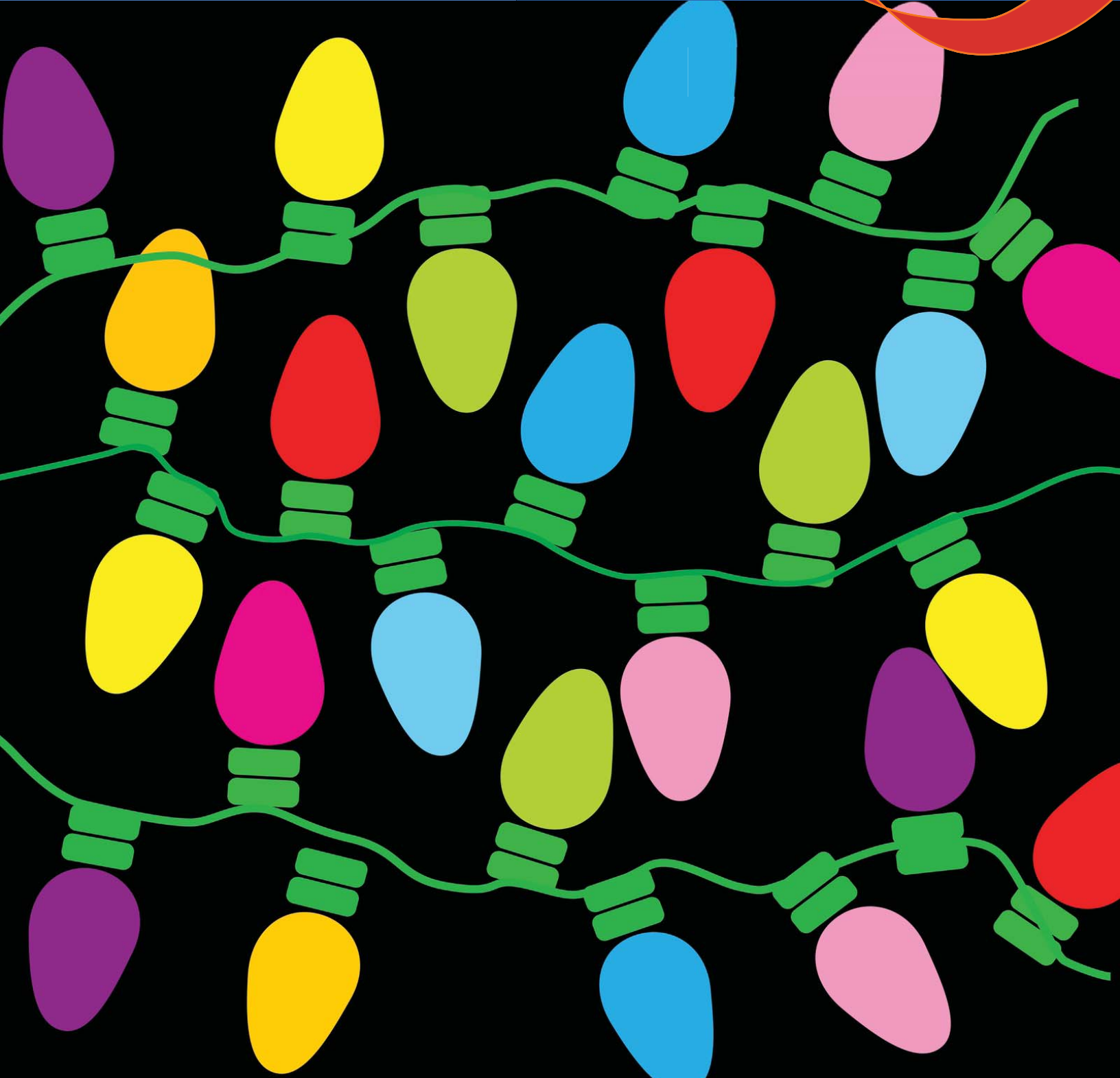




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# Marks OF THE Course

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION PHILIPPI HARBOR CARLYLE ILLINOIS



# Commodore's Corner 2010 Review

## Agenda

- Introductions
- 2010 Year in Review
- Junior Sailing
- Race Program
- Publicity
- Facilities and Equipment
- Financial Report
- Election of Officers

## CSA Board of Directors

Rick Bernstein  
 Ted Beier  
 Bill Clark  
 Jerry DeWille  
 John Folwell  
 Dave Leimbach  
 Carson Menges  
 Andrea Sepanski  
 Dick Shindel  
 Brock Tuffli

## 2010 Year in Review

- Regattas:
  - Leukemia Cup
    - Kick-off Party
  - 9 One-Design regattas
    - Lightning (2), Melges 24,
    - San Juan 21, Y-Flyer, Snipe
    - Catamaran, Flying Scot, Mutineer
  - Firecracker Junior's Regatta
  - Strawberry Women's Regatta
  - CSA Championship Regatta
  - Whale of a Sail
- Work Parties
  - Spring and Fall "Dock Days"
  - Dock rebuilding
  - Grounds & Buildings
- Rules Seminar
- Two Open House Days
  - Formerly "Visitor's Day"
  - 290 guests
  - Free boat rides
  - No free meal
- Luau / Fireworks
  - 120 guests
  - Great job by Josh & team
- Adult Sailing Seminar
  - 3 day seminar in late June at CSA
  - Extremely successful over the last 4 years – Out of 128 students, 60 have become CSA members

- Many others are crewing on a regular basis
- Thanks to CSA members for volunteering as instructors
- Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) Class
  - Evening sailing course first offered in Fall 2010
  - 10 students
  - Taught by CSA's own Dave Leimbach
  - On-the-water day at CSA this fall
  - 2 more sessions planned for Spring and Fall 2011
- Junior Sail Camp
- Harbor mice
  - Club-wide social aspect of the race program
- Sunday RC Duty
  - Staffing a 7-person RC is an increasing problem
- o Options:
  - Increase participation / membership
  - Recruit RC help from the Crew List
  - Fewer race days !
  - Different racing formats
  - Distance race / H&H
  - "Rabbit" starts
  - Collegiate starts (whistle) / Simple 2-mark course

## Junior Sailing

- Volunteers Needed
  - Kids get older and parent-volunteers move on
  - Must avoid burnout
- Room to grow
  - Current activities are successful but limited
  - Boats under-utilized
  - Need new ideas
  - Include local area youth
  - Activities for older juniors

## Race Program

- Introduced the "Practice Series"
  - On-shore classroom session
  - On-the-water practice session
    - Many short races
    - Lots of practice for starts, boat handling, and roundings
  - Mornings during Summer Series
- Back-to-back Sunday Club Races
  - Summer series only, or more?
- Hare & Hounds / Distance Race
  - Gaining popularity on Sundays (30 & 38 boats)
    - Increase to 3 or 4 next year ?
  - Saturday H&H switched to traditional starts
    - Did it help or hurt?
- Participation
  - What can we do to increase participation in OD and Cabin Boat racing ?

## Publicity

- Publicity Committee is making a big impact
  - New look for website: [www.csa-sailing.org](http://www.csa-sailing.org) !
  - Advertising campaign for Open House days
  - Big article in Belleville paper resulted in turn out of 225 guests for July 3rd Open House
- Crew List
  - Increased coordination between Committees:
    - Publicity, Open House, Sail Seminar, Junior Sailing, and Racing
  - Keep the people involved in CSA after the event
- Poor local recognition of CSA
  - Need ideas for engaging the local population
    - Involve local schools in Junior Program

## Facilities and Equipment

- Facilities and Equipment
  - Upgrades in 2010:
    - Dock refurbishment completed
    - Total cost: \$46,000
  - BBQ pit roof replaced
  - Observation Building deck repaired

- New motor purchased for Whaler 2
- RC Boat motor required expensive repairs
- New 19 ft Boston Whaler purchased
  - We had insufficient motorboats to run our programs
  - The new boat will be usable as a general purpose whaler, or as a backup RC boat
- Converted gas shed from pre-mix to unleaded
  - Significant cost savings
  - Considering conversion of remaining pre-mix motor

## • 2011 Capital Projects:

- O.B. bridge replacement
  - Need volunteers for design and build teams
- O.B. windows replacement
  - Windows in O.B. and H.M. house are aging severely
  - Seeking to use lease-hold account for this project
- O.B. AC/furnace replacement
- Dock ramp (gangway) refurbishing
- Parking lot maintenance
  - Complete resurfacing is not manageable
  - Looking into alternatives

## Financial Report

- Budget is under control
- Capital savings goals are being realized
- Current fee structure is adequate for 2011

## Election of Officers

- Nominations:
  - Commodore: Andrea Sepanski
  - Vice Commodore: Robb Preston

# Greetings from the Snoopster

Last year the 2009 sailing season ended in dramatic fashion for the Melges 24 Vindicator, when during CYC's Great Race, on the last day of the season, a side stay broke, right below the Starboard spreader. The break caused catastrophic bending and thus breaking of mast and what happened next was a lovely 6 mile motor back to CSA, where to make matters worse, our rum ran out. When ones mast remains up all season, it's difficult to see and catch this type of defect that had obviously been developing through the year. We would, unless having careful close up review of the rig, never have seen the strands of steel starting to fray, a dilemma that led to the mast's demise late last October.

Switch to same end of the season weekend that just passed, (end of CSA season) however we're at CSA now walking around taking cool pictures. I arrive at John Folwell's boat and as I've come accustomed to doing, I think this comes from my dad; I was looking at his mast lying on the ground just seeing how she looked. As I moved my eyes to the top of his mast, while walking towards it, something didn't look right. After more careful look I noticed the pin, holding his backstay, was sticking out from the mast's head awkwardly. That large pin you see in the picture sticking out is just about to let go of the boat's backstay, which during those heavy wind downwind legs today, would have been much better to have this on, if you get my drift. Still closer it became obvious what was going on here; there was no cotter pin at all, or ringy ding as some call it, connected to the somewhat important clevis pin, that was working its way out of the mast to potentially cause, MAST ALTERING DAMAGE, thus leaving John in a similar fate to what occurred with Vindicator last year. John and his crew gathered around to witness this unsightly and grotesque display and what followed was the expected and proverbial "oh s\_\_t" or "Damn, look at that."

**What's the lesson here my friends?** Train yourself to be more aware of what's going on, on your boat and rig. Don't just do a review of this type of thing at the beginning of the year, give your boat a quick once over every time you step on her, because you never know what small missing piece, and its after affect, will really ruin your day. Check out all your pins that hold blocks and rigging; a quick wrap of tape around all pins does wonders to keep those menacing ringy dings from not only working themselves out, but they're nasty sails rippers as well. Tape them up! Oh and one more thing, look up. John got lucky, but with a little visual inspection everyone once in a while, this site probably would have been seen. It's apparent, on very few occasions, taking the mast down at the end of the season, can be a good thing, as bad as that sounds!!!!

Your Friend in the Bond,  
Mr. Inspector Snoopy





# Bob Levin—a tribute by Felicia Bamer

**Dave Huhn** (Excerpts from his comments at Bob's Funeral): *"I want to spend a few minutes recalling the good times and experiences I had with Bob to help celebrate his life with us. Barb and I got to know Bob and Agnes initially thru our children who were in competitive swimming.*

*Bob was very caring to not only his family but to anyone he knew. He was always helping Agnes by improving their home, building cabinets for Carol, and visiting or calling his mother each day to mention a few examples.*

*As you all know Bob loved sailing. Did you know he was the National Commodore of all the Mutineer class sailboat fleets in the USA. He also was a boat dealer and sold me my Ranger 26. I regularly kidded Bob whenever I had a maintenance issue with my sailboat, "Is this item still under Warranty?", by the way the boat is 29 years old. It seemed like I was following in Bob footsteps, he bought a Ranger sailboat I bought a Ranger, he became commodore of CSA later I became commodore, then both of us served on the club's BOD. Bob led and taught me all along the way.*

*Bob and I both had the same Internal Medicine Doctor. He was a Veterinarian before he became a Medical Doctor. Bob would go into his office for an appointment and go "Woof", to remind him that Bob knew he was a Vet before. From that time forward whenever Bob called me or I called him and we got the others answering system, the only thing we would say was "Woof" and we knew who it was.*

*We have enjoyed many sailing vacations with Bob and Agnes. We typically would have 2 or 3 sailboats with two couples on each boat. Some of the places we sailed were the BVI, Chesapeake Bay and Lake Michigan. I think Bob's favorite place was Lake Michigan.*

*Bob was a great supporter of Lake Carlyle's charitable Leukemia Cup Regatta long before he was diagnosed with leukemia. He not only raced in the regattas but often donated funds to help run the regattas. Often his donations were used for trophies for the participants.*

*Several years ago Bob, Agnes, Barb and myself sailed my son's J-105 sailboat from Key West to Tampa. We had many adventures during our trip, hanging wet clothes inside this racing sailboat, using a 5 gallon bucket as a toilet when the boat's head was broken, and Bob and I each using our GPS's and arguing where we were and how deep is the water?*

*As it says in the Bible, Proverbs 27:17: 'As Iron sharpens Iron so a friend sharpens a friend'. I am a much better person by knowing my friend Bob, hope you are too."*

**Sara Fabick's:** *Sailing, CSA, and sailing friends were an extremely important part of Bob's life. All three of*

*the Presidents of the Board of Directors of CSA (John Folwell, E. Paul Moore, and Rick Bernstein) attended Bob's funeral. Sailors of all ages were there. Many of our younger sailor members surely took off work to attend. What a tribute to the respect and love the club members had for the Bob & Agnes team.*

*While Bob was a great sailor, he did have his dream team of Agnes and Jerry DeWille to help him win races. Both Agnes and Bob loved having Jerry aboard their boat. They were grateful to Karen, Jerry's wife, for giving Jerry the freedom to sail with the wind and the Levins. The legacy of 'Mean Machine' lives on with Jerry now at the helm."*

**Inge and Phil Holland:** *Everyone loved Bob, especially the young kids. We were with our son, Brett, now 42 when we heard about Bob. He was quite sad. He said when he was a kid of 4 to 5 he followed Bob around like a little puppy dog since he admired him so much. We have known Bob and Agnes since 1972. Bob was always willing to give help, technical advice or whatever but seldom asked for anything. He certainly was Sweet Old Bob."*

**Libby and Bob Weinman:** *"Do you know what a master craftsman Bob was? His carpentry work making furniture, bookcases, etc. could not have been more beautiful or done more skillfully. He was not only a master at sailing, but also computers!"* In the Levin's living room is the Harpsichord that Bob built Agnes.

**Dave Holtgrave:** *"Oh Bob, you will be missed. Your neighbor is space A2."*

**Ann Lacker:** *"Carlyle Sailing Association lost a dear friend yesterday. We'll all miss Bob Levin's smile, his sense of humor, and trying to catch Mean Machine on the race course. Rest in Peace Bob! Please keep Agnes in your prayers."*

**Bridget Doherty:** *"He will be truly missed."*

**FGB:** *"I had the wonderful opportunity to be included in one of those trips on the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat with the Huhns including Katie, the Weinman's and Barb Garrett out of Buzzard's Bay (Newport to Nantucket in 1992). I learned Bob was meticulous about safety and motors plus his fun side. The Holland's, Fabick's including Chris were with Bob and Agnes. I remember those days of the Mutineer class since they were adjacent to the Snipe class in D-E rows. And, Bobs' Last Race in their Ranger 26 Mean Machine was in our 2010 Leukemia Cup Regatta Long Distance Race – First CSA Skipper."*

# Cabin Fever

by Felicia Bamer

**"WINE AND ;) TEARS"** -- Sunday, October 31 afternoon. At Denny's Island a dozen or so gathered so say bye to the 2010 season and "Happy Halloween"! By then nearly all boats were off to winter homes. And, a tear was shed by all. Also, Barb Mencin was getting ready for carpo tunnel surgery which was successful that week.

**CYC ANNUAL GREAT RACE and DINNER** -- Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Jim Coleman was ecstatic when he came to the CYC clubhouse after dinner and learned he had placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the JAM fleet behind the Alyeas and before Rich Pendl. Also racing were Coads/Lackers, Joe Bartman, the Guthrie's, Steve K with Rich, and I sailed with Bill B on his J-24.

**Update from the Lischer's:** We spend half of our time in Florida. But we still see some snow in December up north. I still race YANKEE, my Beneteau 361, as much as I can. Occasionally win but mostly participate. The boat has in-the-mast furling with vertical battens which give the sail a good shape. Nancy golf's and takes care of me. Life is good!

**ANNUAL NOVEMBER WINE TOUR:** Thirty (30) Cabin Fleet members Sunday after the season ended at Blumenhoff and Nebolis Wineries near Augusta. Steve Kemper coordinated a tour of the new winery since he built the deck. (top to bottom: Alyeas and Coads, Steve, Norm, Midge, Holtgraves, tour.

**So, to each of you: "Happy Holidays - Merry Christmas! Happy Chanukah! Happy '2010' New Year!" See you at the Kane/Doherty's home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**Sail Safe! Sail Fast! Sail For Fun! Aeolus (Felicia Bamer)**





# Notices

Attached is a picture of us with our new baby. We are obviously very excited to share the news of her birth.  
Tobi and Dan Moriarty



**MOLLY DANIELLE MORIARTY**  
**BORN ON 11/1/2010**  
**7LB 9oz,**  
**20 1/4"**



The 2011 Leukemia Cup Regatta, hosted at CSA, is being renamed. The dates are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has invested \$19.1 million to research in Missouri & Illinois to find a cure. The Carlyle 10 year event including CYC, CSA, BYC, and TYC has raised nearly one-half of a million dollars.

The Gateway Chapter has contributed \$185,000 in financial aid to patients, provided co-pay assistance of \$444,000, serves over 4,750 patients with financial support, education, and support groups, and provides school curriculum/orientation for children transitioning back to the classroom in over 500 schools.

How are each of us going to take our fundraising efforts one, two, three steps further in 2011 to assist to find a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma? Brainstorming ideas include sponsors, web solicitation, ask for donations of items and money, register your boat. The Silent and Live Auctions need donations.

Felicia Bamer  
LCR Exec. Comm. Mem.

# Photos from Great Race

*submitted by Rick Bernstein*





# Photos from Closing Day

*submitted by Rick Bernstein*

