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Marks OF THE Course

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION PHILIPPI HARBOR CARLYLE ILLINOIS

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Agnes Levin on Mean Machine during the Bob Levin Leukemia Cup Regatta, Jerry DeWille at helm. Photo by Felicia Bamer

Photo by Glenn Grummon

Commodore's Corner



Again, thank you all for supporting me and CSA through this very tough year. You are an awesome bunch of people to work with and for.

Wowsa!

What a season! I'm a bit in shock that it's over so quickly and then thinking back there were moments I was ready for it to be over a long time ago. Again, I'll take this opportunity to thank all those that helped out with all the various events that did happen this year, both the committee head and their legions of people. Without you CSA just wouldn't be.

Last Thursday October 27th, I got to make what I called my state of the union address as it relates to CSA at the Fall Meeting, thanks to all who came out to participate, the conversations were of value and I know Robb Preston was taking notes for his role as Commodore next year.

Congrats go out to **Mike Hill on his election to Vice Commodore** for 2012!

Other topics at the meeting including, the Sunday Race Program, Junior Sailing, Governmental Affairs, the July Storm and the safety reminders it brought to light for all of us.

Two topics I'd like to share again are related to Facilities & Equipment and the Financial Report.

As it relates to the Facilities & Equipment, although we may have not done a lot of sailing this year we have done significant work on our aging facility and equipment. To follow is the list of accomplishments thus far in 2011. I know with the closing work party coming up more things may be accomplished in preparation for 2012 however the list below is impressive, quite impressive for a totally volunteer organization.

Observation Building windows replaced	Pavilion soffits replaced
Observation Building bridge replaced	Trees trimmed
Dock ramps (gangways) refurbished	Harbormaster house painted
Rewiring of the seawall	Rip rap replaced on shoreline
BBQ grill replaced with three grills	

As it relates to CSA financial report things are tight, very tight. The floods did cost us and the true implications of that cost may not be realized until next year. Therefore the fee structure will again be looked at in 2012. With that said, the Board made a decision at the last meeting, based on what we know the membership has asked for in the past and decided to raise primary membership dues by \$25 for 2012. That means if you don't work your work hours your membership cost in 2012 will be \$755 on the other hand if you get all your work hours in your cost in 2012 will be \$455, still a very big bargain for what CSA is.

Lastly, some important dates to close out the 2011 season follow.

- Saturday November 5, 2011 – Closing work party 8am start
- Tuesday November 15, 2011 – Work chits need to be turned into Robb Preston (Committee Heads)
- Friday November 18, 2011 – Final racing results need to be turned into Robb Preston (Fleet Captains)
- Saturday January 21, 2012 – Commodores Dinner –LeClarie Room at the N.O. Nelson Complex in Edwardsville, IL (watch for more details in the December Marks)

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Andrea Sepanski

Splinters from the Board

Hello winterizing sailors, friends and family members. The strangest season on record is behind us, thank goodness as we need to put this one to bed and build excitement in knowing next season will be nothing short of sensational; you going along with this???

Highlights of the yearly General Membership Meeting:

- Our new winter storage program was received with a warm reception by our membership. Thank you to those who signed up for the program.
- There was a discussion on possibility of allowing members to bring dogs onto our harbor grounds. The reason has mostly been no because of the soiling on the grasses where folks lay sails, and the general feeling of having pooopies on our property. The idea was mentioned could owners bring their dogs from car to boat only. This was rejected mostly because we could not police this plan, and, it opens up potential of favoritism to one class of boats over another. In the end, the policy was kept the same as it has been for 41 year, no dogs allowed, period.
- A motion was proposed and approved to re-up Harbormaster Mary Bartman's contact for 2012. We welcome back Mary, and Joe of course, with open arms as they continue to go above and beyond and do a great job managing our harbor.
- The final totals for the Leukemia Cup Regatta were discussed: 133 boats and just under \$50,000 raised. The event will be held next season on Memorial Day Weekend.
- We are in the process of selling our Snipes tied to our Junior Program. We have agreed upon an asking price and I will be charged with the business transactions.
- There was a discussion on the increase in fisherman in our harbor walking along our seawall. The park has stated that we can request these fishermen to leave when sailing operations are underway. Director Beier, our liaison with the State Park will gather more details on this.
- The board reviewed an inspection report issued by the Army Corps of Engineering to CSA. The 6 minor items have, or, are being taken care of.
- The pavilion soffits have been replaced thanks to Cal Guthrie and his team of volunteers. Next up are bids to replace a much needed new roof on the structure.
- The board approved a \$25 fee increase for 2012. This item was discussed as part of the agenda at last months membership meeting.
- Our database of membership information and records is currently on an old version of software. Our IT experts on the board are looking into options to improve this.
- We will spend some time this winter looking at options to have the Whalers exteriors painted. One option discussed was contacting Y-Flyer manufacturer Chet Turner from Mattoon Illinois.
- The financials for the month had some discrepancies that Director Schindel will look into and report back to us next month.

Now to two pieces of personnel news:

- Mike Hill has been nominated and voted in by the membership to be our 2012 Vice Commodore.
- Director Carson Menges formally resigned from the board. His resignation was accepted. Knowing Carson personally, he is very busy at work with a new job, his family is growing and he's a busy sailing man these days and we wish him and Courtney the best with the birth of their first child in the next month, and we look forward to having Carson take on future rolls with CSA. Thank you Carson for you commitment to our club.

Thank you,

Rick Bernstein

Chairman of the Board

Carlyle Sailing Association

That's it for now folks. Have a great next few months at your upcoming holiday parties and fleet activities and I look forward to seeing all of you at January's Commodore's Banquet on the 21st in Edwardsville.

Cat Tales

by Dave Waugh



Joe Leonard rigging his A-Cat

Well, by the time this is printed the season will be over. Boats will be hiding under those lovely blue tarps just waiting for the snow to force them into hibernation.

The Muddy Waters and the Great Lakes A-Cat Championship Regattas were a great hit with the out-of-towners. We had many positive comments on the great job Felicia did on the water, the over all organization (thank you Jim), our facilities, and the helpfulness of our fleet members. Several of the A-Catters said they hoped CSA would host their event again. We should thank Joe Leonard for securing the event for CSA and we need, once again, to thank the members of the race committee for helping with all the capsized boats on Saturday. They made us look very professional and equipped to handle all safety situations. I sent thank you notes to all the sponsors who gave us item for the raffle. I included a link to the photos on the web site. Several of them responded with how much they appreciated seeing the event and offered to help us out next year.

This has been a very bizarre year for CSA. We had two floods, one major storm (with flying A-Cats), many canceled events, and a lot of mud. We basically had to open the club three times this year. Once in the spring and twice more after each flood. It took a lot of people to do this. Equipment needed to be moved to higher ground, picnic tables needed to be moved and secured so they would not float away, and boats needed to be relocated. No one worked harder on all this than Mary and Joe Bartman. CSA and the cat fleets owe them a big thank you for their efforts. When the park was closed Mary came in every day by whaler to double check on things and keep up on repairs.

We should also thank Andrea Sepanski who's leadership skills help us through a very tough year.

And thanks to the cat fleets for making this into a very fun and successful sailing season.

Muddy Waters 2011, photo by race pro, Felicia Bamer from the committee boat.



Comets

by Jerry Chapman

Ernie Silk was one of the founding Members of Valley Sailing – back in 1953...

He joined several other avid St. Louis sailors, as they sought to create a place to call a Sailing club, where boats could actually be left all summer, and with real Race Committee and Safety boats. Maybe even a picnic pavilion and real restrooms! What a thought! This is all common stuff nowadays, but it was a big deal back in the 50's.

As the membership toiled away at the grounds and buildings, there was an obvious need to expand the harbor in which boats could be launched, and docked. Earnie rose to the task, and through his expert knowledge of explosives, (rumor has it there was some "blasting" going on), miraculously, a harbor was created.

Valley prospered and grew. And membership grew. VSA filled with Comets. Y-Flyers, Thistles, Lightnings, and E-Scows.

Earnie was an avid Comet sailor and loved racing. He had been a member of the Illini Sailing club, which sailed out of Piasa Harbor. Earnie was an avid racer who participated every weekend, and often travelled to the East Coast for Championship events.

Then, the unthinkable happened. On a Sunday in 1969, as the Comets and other classes were heading out to race, Earnie was sailing out of the harbor, when he experienced a massive heart attack. He died with his hand on the tiller of his Comet.

His passing was a tremendous loss, and he was missed sorely. In 1970, the Comet Fleet #52, created a memorial award in his name. This was named the Earnie Silk Advancement of Sailing Award, and it was to be awarded to the individual whom the Comets, by vote, felt to be the one who did the most for Sailboat Racing. The Earnie Silk Award was born, and has been awarded throughout the past 40 years in his name.

As you can see, by the listing, there is an interesting diversity of recipients. The initial winner, in 1970, was Lal Burridge, beloved and respected Lightning sailor, and an early member of the original Valley Sailing Club.

Many of the old timers will recognize familiar names. And, you did not have to belong to Valley to win it. In 1992, we honored Ted Beier, and in 1996, Gladwyn Lambert, a Bermudian, was awarded the honor. I recall Gary Jobson being nominated, as well as Ed Phillippe.

The Comet fleet will be nominating and voting for the 2010 Recipient at their next "off-season, sailing withdrawal Comet party. This award will be presented at the Annual CSA Awards Dinner, to be held in January, 2012.

EARNIE SILK ADVANCEMENT OF SAILING AWARD RECIPIENTS

1970	Lal Burridge	1984	John Mullen	1998	Phil Cotton
1971	Maxine Taylor	1985	Fred Paolicchi	1999	Not Awarded
1972	Kay Elam	1986	Janette Conaway	2000	Linus Portman
1973	Bill Martin	1987	Jim Scrivner	2001	Rick & Janette Conaway
1974	Harry Ruth	1988	Phil Cotton	2002	Wendell Fouts
1975	Jim Pousson	1989	Steve Wyers	2003	Jerry Chapman
1976	John Ballard	1990	John Stevenson	2004	Jeff Susanj
1977	Betty & Vernon Zorn	1991	Bryan Uhlmansiek	2005	Mike Rled
1978	Jerry Chapman	1992	Ted Beier	2006	Jerry Wnorowski
1979	Larry Moss	1993	The Flood	2007	Don Hanson
1980	Dean Gray	1994	Dick Harmon	2008	Eric Waldschmidt
1981	Bill & Lori Kesler	1995	Anne Filbert	2009	Barry Munsel
1982	Wayne Watson	1996	Gladwyn Lambert		
1983	Bruce Jager	1997	Bryan Uhlmansiek		

The Earnie Silk Award.

This award is given by the Comet Fleet to the person(s) who have done "the most" to promote sailboat racing in the past season. Having been given out since 1970, it is the award that has the longest history in the area.



Junior Sailing raised more than sails this year.



With just 10 supporters on the list - we were able to raise \$71.41 from Jan to Sept.

That is just for shopping at a Schnucks Supermarket and using the eScrip Community Card before making a payment.

It is FREE - It is EASY and AUTOMATIC - our juniors get 1% each time you make a purchase.

To join our cause - go to your local Schnucks Customer Service Desk and ask for an eScrip Community Card.

Take it home and follow the directions on how to sign up either by phone or the internet.

Group Name = Carlyle Junior Sailing Association

Group Number = 500024000

Here is a video tutorial - <http://www.screencast.com/t/o1j1klxsn3>

Last month we paid tribute to our dear friend Ford Miller. This month we remember his smiling face. Thank you Cal Guthrie for a photo of Ford, circa 2005.

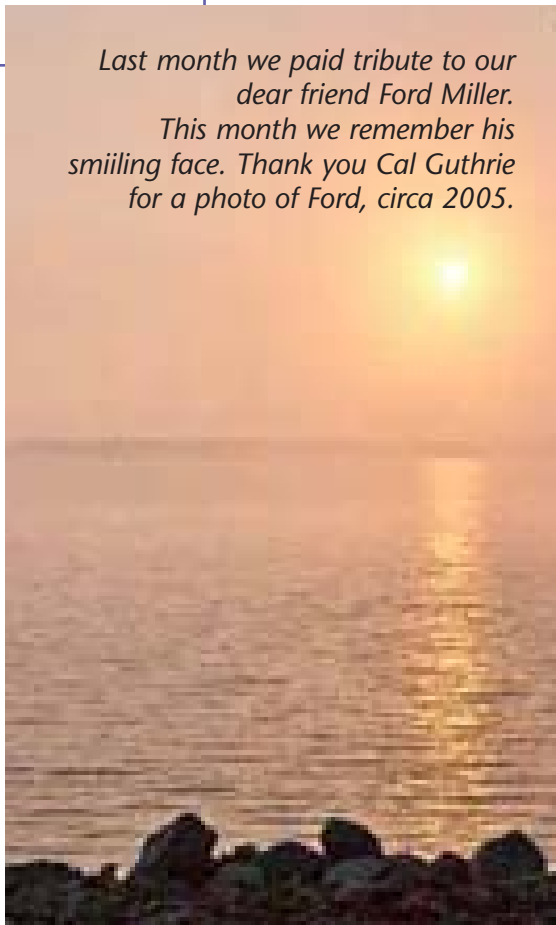


photo by Glenn Grummon

Cabin Fever

by Felicia Barner

N 38°38'32.56", W 89°20'33.31

Sail Safe! Sail Fast! Sail For Fun!

Upcoming Schedule!

Sunday, November 6 -- Wine
Tour @ 1200

Saturday, December 3 –
Annual Christmas Party at
Kane-Doherty Home

Joe's Update!

This past month has proven to be some of the best sailing weather of the season. The year may have started out a "little rough", but it has ended up in fine style and with smiles all around. Bring your Wine & Tears on Oct 30th as we put the boats away and start to count down the days until the Beer & Cheers when we open up again. There will be plenty of social events in the off season so we can all stay in touch. Send me your e-mail if you find yourself not on our mailing list or if you have any ideas that you would like to see next season. Thanks to everyone for all the help this year. It has been great sailing with you. Only 180 days to go until the spring opener!

Till then, Sail fast and Don't Panic

Joe Bartman, Fleet Captain (jbart247@gmail.com)

Linda's Update!

We had a great time Saturday night with 25 people participating, of which several were guests, Jim and Denise Valk, and Ashley Ender. There was great food, friends, and wonderful weather. The Cabin Fleet provided the brats, buns, and beers. The wind cooperated for the evening bonfire where marshmallows and s'mores provided additional after dinner sweets to the day. It was a perfect sailing day with a perfect ending.

Linda Ditzler, Social Chairperson

New Folks!

Lots of new Cabin Sailers joined CSA in 2011. I hope with all the strange happenings of the weirdest year of CSA yet, you will be with us again in 2012. Join us at the off-season events – *the most active fleet off-season of CSA.*

Aeolus

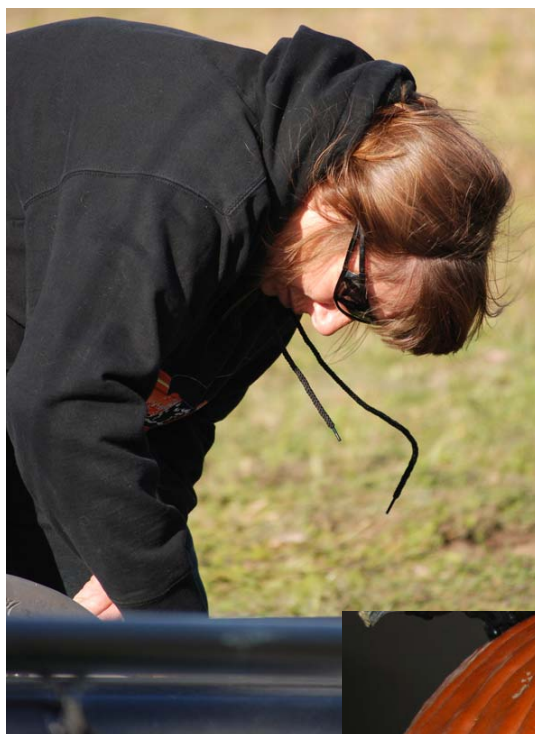
photos by Felicia Barner



"musical entertainment" and birthday boys
above, good friends enjoying a mild fall evening
meal at CSA at left.

Seasons End on the Cat Field

photos by Dave Waugh



Who are these people?

Well, top left is Ashley, below her is Shirley, then there's Latham to the right, and Mr. Orange with his favorite drink, a Yahoo with pumkin head chaser.

