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COMMODORE:

John Norton

VICE COMMODORE:

Joleen Rasmussen

REAR COMMODORE:

Roy Rysdon

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

David Brown

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The boat show is the first activity for the club each year. This year we moved the social to the booth at the show and we had a great turnout for a rules seminar. I hope as many will attend the next seminar, which is a tactics seminar later this month.

The fleets are gearing up for the new season. The Thistles are running a crew university to attract new crew, the Scot's have a new fleet captain and new boats in the fleet and many others are finishing up their plans.

The Commodore's bash will be held on March 28th at Vista Point. Last year we had a great turnout, please check the date and plan on attending.

Here's a great way to help the club in two ways. Sign up for your RC duty now if you haven't already and invite a friend or neighbor to come along with you. This is a great way to get to introduce someone to the club. If you do bring someone along please notify the Race Officer beforehand to make sure we have room. Your guest will be asked to do work that day so be sure they are prepared.

John



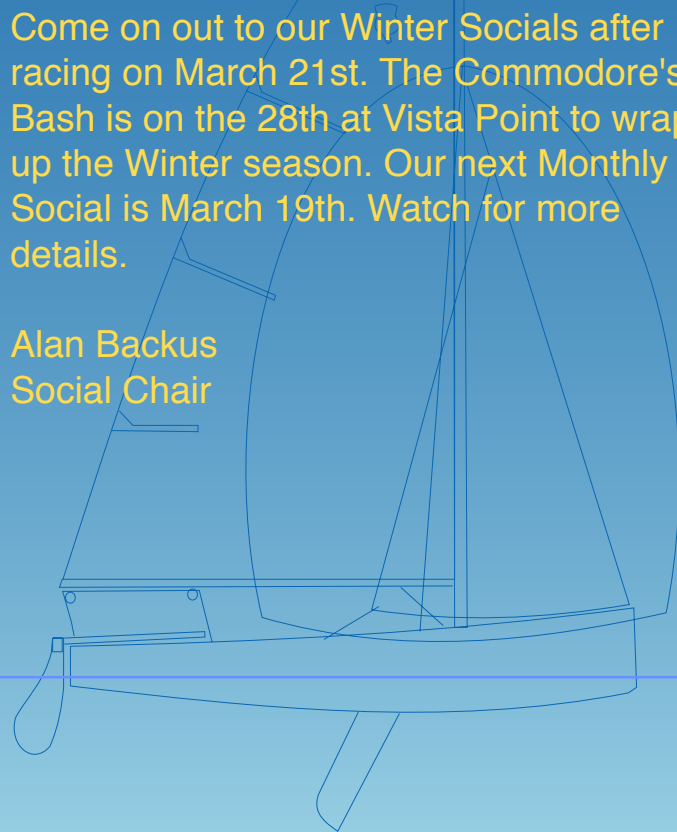
SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Update

We had a great turnout at the Boat Show Social and Seminar on February 20th in Dorton Arena! Twenty seven members with family members joined us in the IFG / CSC booth area for snacks, drink, and "talking up" sailing and the Club with visitors. Our Commodore lead a great interactive seminar on Racing Rules, using the UK Sailmakers software. We were the life of the party in the whole Arena during this lively seminar.

Come on out to our Winter Socials after racing on March 21st. The Commodore's Bash is on the 28th at Vista Point to wrap up the Winter season. Our next Monthly Social is March 19th. Watch for more details.

Alan Backus
Social Chair



Boat Show

This years boat show was only a three day event, which made manning it easier. I do not think that the boat show had as much traffic as last year but we did get a number of



people signing up for information and one new member. As usual we took over part of IFG's booth. Using the pictures that Joleen and Eric R. had put onto a great looking display board we had set of action pictures for people to look at. Alan Backus helped make the booth look really good with a fair and balance look.

This year we had a brief write-up on each one design that we have a fleet for as well as CSC information. Printing was supplied by Joleen R. The OPTI fleet put their own flyer together and it stole the show with a professional look. They had more of

their flyers taken than any other fleet.

Read about the class that was put on by John Norton during the social, it was a tremendous success, we had lots of

folks walking by and stopping to listen.

Thanks to Chuck Curtis, Bob Macklen and Amy Grobin,

taking time out from injuring her son, or was that taking time out from her injured son, for bringing their boats out



to be displayed. They had to come out for set up and take down and they also helped man the booth.

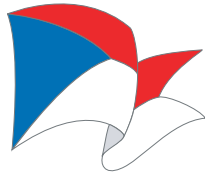
Tom Hudgins made up some saw



horses to display the OPTI off the floor and at a great height for kids. John McLaughlin brought a nice action photo, and Kevin Sheehan brought a sign up sheet and information about Thistle Crew Universty. Anyone who wants to learn about crewing should sign up for this class. The material is somewhat Thistle oriented but is a good introduction to the responsibilities and value that a crew can bring to a sailing team.

Others helping at the booth besides those above were John Norton (with daughters that wanted to be elsewhere after 10 minutes), Dave Batchlor, Steve Cardoze, and Barry Saunders.





Basic Race Management Seminar
Carolina Sailing Club - Raleigh, NC
Saturday March 13, 2004



This seminar is sponsored by the US Sailing Race Management Committee, the Carolina Sailing Club and the Carolina Sailing Club Foundation. It is designed for people with some race committee experience who wish to become certified, or maintain certification as a US Sailing Certified Club Race Officer. It is also an excellent course for those who are interested in race management even if they do not wish to participate in the US Sailing race officer certification program. This seminar is the best way to find out how a race should be run. Race committee experience is helpful but not required.

The topics to be covered include race committee objectives, competition formats, sailing instructions, race committee jobs, race committee equipment, race day preparations, setting the course, starts, during the race, finishes, post-race responsibilities, and scoring.

The principal instructor for this seminar will be John Slater, from the Lake Norman Yacht Club. John is a US Sailing Certified Regional Race Officer and regularly serves as Principal Race Officer at major regattas. He was the PRO at the 2003 Flying Scot North American Championships. John will be assisted by Eric Rasmussen who is a US Sailing Certified Club Race Officer, US Sailing Judge-in-Training, Director of Race Operations for the Carolina Sailing Club and serves on race committee as little as possible.

At the seminar, you will need your own copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing - available at <http://ussailing.org/rules>. If you own a copy of the *US Sailing Race Management Handbook*, please bring it as well. All other materials, including a copy of *Join the Race Committee Team*, will be provided. Participants should also complete a set of race management study questions -available at http://ussailing.org/racemgt/Race_Officer_Prog/Documents/RMStudyQ7-basic.pdf. Bring the results with you to the seminar.

The Club Race Officer Certification Test will be given at the end of the seminar and is optional. However, to be certified under US Sailing's race officer certification program, you must attend a complete basic seminar and pass the test. You will also need to have your own copy of the current *US Sailing Race Management Handbook* and meet the program's other criteria. The Carolina Sailing Club Foundation will sponsor the testing fee for those who wish to participate in this program.

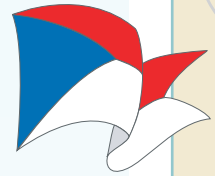
The fee for this seminar is \$25.00 and includes a continental breakfast, morning and afternoon break refreshments, lunch, seminar materials, a copy of *Join the Race Committee Team*, instruction, and test administration.

Location:

Meredith College – room to be announced. Directions are coming soon.

Schedule:

- 8:00 am Registration and continental breakfast
- 8:30 am Seminar begins
- 12:00 Lunch
- 4:45 pm Test
- 5:15 pm Test debriefing
- 5:30 pm Seminar concludes



Although the official deadline of March 1 has passed, there is still plenty of room available for anybody who wishes to attend. Please send your registration in as soon as possible. We've already ordered copies of "Join the Race Committee Team" for those who signed up. If we run out, we'll try to get more later for those who want them. This seminar is an excellent way to learn about running sailboat races. I encourage all our members to attend. No experience is necessary.

For additional information, contact Eric Rasmussen at (919) 732-5410 or email ejrasmussen@mindspring.com.

Basic Race Management Seminar – March 13, 2004
Registration Form

Please print or type the following information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
Club affiliation: _____

US Sailing Membership (if taking the test) YES

Mailing address or email address is required for study questions and test results.

Flying Scot Fleet 27 News

Fleet 27 will be hosting the Carolinas district championship this year and we are considering an event at Edenton on the Albemarle sound. It will be a combined Capital & Carolinas district championship that the Scot organization would like to develop into an annual Mid Atlantic Championship. We held a combined regatta in 2000 and it was a great success with 27 Scots attending. This is a great sailing venue and the people of Edenton really make you feel welcome. There is a good sea breeze and a wide river like Oriental. The town of 6000 has good accommodations and fun restaurants and bars. They encourage large regattas. Edenton is an old inland seaport (Chowan river goes all the way to Richmond) and is filled with beautiful historic homes, many now serving as B&Bs. I was introduced to Edenton when served on the race committee for the Thistle nationals in 1999. They accommodated 78 Thistle and both RC and competitors had a great time. We held that aggressive fleet to one, countum', one general recall all week. On the start after the general recall we accurately identified 7 OCSs and when 5 of the first 6 boats did not receive a horn at the finish we never had more than 1 or 2 boats OCS and few of those. Long square lines made the difference. The hospitality for that event included an opportunity to stay with some residents in town and I stayed with a great young couple in a restored 200 year-old home. Can't promise that for our group but it emphasizes the hospitality.

- David Batchelor

Did you visit the Boat Show?

If not, you missed a great racing rules seminar by John Norton, Friday night at the IFG booth in Dorton Arena. I have attached a few photos. If not, you missed a great racing rules seminar by John Norton, Friday night at the IFG booth in Dorton Arena. In addition we had a Flying Scot on display with the rest of the CSC crew.

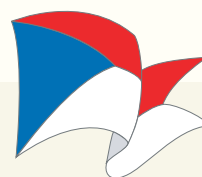
Thursday Setup, Roy Rysdon and Alan Backus
 Friday Night Rules Seminar, MMr. Norton and Team presenting
 Saturday Morning, Thanks to Frank and Rhoda, allowing us to share their space.

Race Committee Sign Up

If you are not signed up for two days yet, now is the best time to visit the CSC Race Committee website, look at what is still available, check your calendar, and enter your name in the slots of your choosing. Remember, this is a first come/first serve process.

The web address is: www.carolinasailingclub.org/racecommittee/

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RACE COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

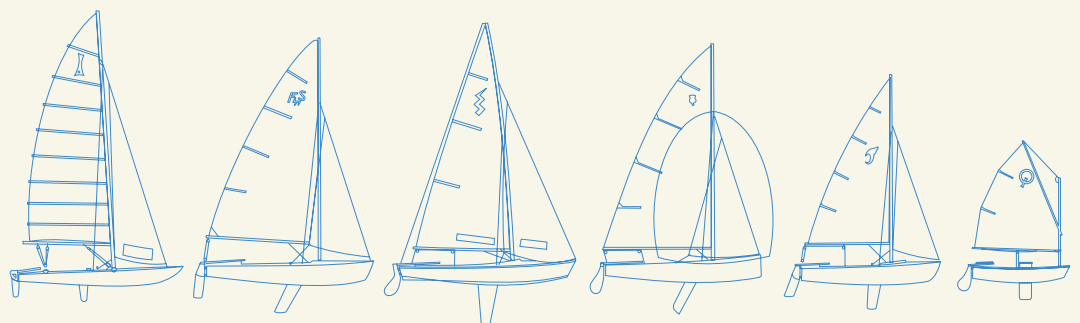
We still have a number of slots open on the registration sheet for Race Committee duty for the year. The time has arrived to finish filling in the race committee slots for the remainder of the year. Some of you have already fulfilled your duty and many more have used the website sign-up sheet to volunteer for the dates you prefer.

At some point soon after March 1, we will assign those of you who have not signed up to the available open slots. This means that you will be expected to fulfill your duty on the dates we assign you or, if you discover that you have a conflict with the date you are given, you will need to arrange to trade your dates with someone else on the spreadsheet.

Obviously, it will be much easier simply for you to visit the website now and have your own control of your RC destiny for the year (hint, hint). Simply go to this address to register:

www.carolinasailingclub.org/racecommittee/

Michael Rees
Participation Committee Chair



SAYRA ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 6th - 8th, 2004

Representing Carolina Sailing Club at the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association, SAYRA Annual Meeting was Amy Grobin, Tom Hodges, Eric Rasmussen & myself, Joleen Rasmussen. This was Eric and my second time at the SAYRA annual meeting, and we were a bit more prepared and familiar with the activities.

Best thing about the SAYRA annual meeting...a great group of friends with a love of sailing get together in one place. A lot of socializing and partying takes place, but also a fair amount of business is conducted.

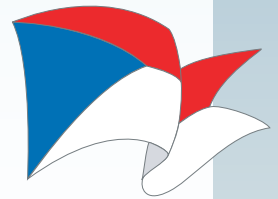
SAYRA is the Regional Sailing Authority (RSA) for NC, SC, and northern GA. Nearly 40 club comprise the membership of SARYA, along with individual members and fleets members. As our regional representative to US Sailing, SAYRA takes a position for our region on voting initiatives. Currently under consideration are the following three items:

- 1 - Adding Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to Area D –
Opposed
- 2 - Mandatory Life Jackets for all adults on boats 20ft or less –
Opposed
- 3 - Sending appeals direct to US Sailing, rather than the area authorities –
Opposed

As a regional authority, SAYRA also coordinates activities between clubs, promotes training and education in the areas of rules, race management, coaching and instruction, judging and umpiring. SAYRA sponsors regional sailing events in One Design, PHRF, and effective Feb 8, 2004, Team Racing; recognizes sportsmanship and service to SAYRA and serves as the trustee for the Helen Hanley Memorial Fund, helping sailors defray the cost of participating in championship events.

The weekend started on Friday afternoon with a Rules Seminar followed by a Barstool Regatta. Eric was asked to not give his team too much help, and I impressed that table that I was at with my ability to use the Rules book. Alas, I wasn't always right. An evening social followed the regatta which started down on the first floor, but quickly moved up to the Hospitality Suites.

As always, the hospitality suites are a most favored part of the weekend. Six Clubs hosted the hospitality suites this year. The first year we attended, we didn't even realize there were hospitality suites until mid Saturday evening. This year, we knew to quickly get the list of room numbers.



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Back to Business

SAYRA is organized into various Committees. During the weekend, we participated in the Juniors, Judges, One Design Championship, Race Management, Match Racing, and Scheduling.

Judges Committee

In addition to starting to review the rules changes for 2005-2009, we discussed the ethics and sportsmanship aspect of sailing. Sailing is a self-governing sport. As Judges, we should remind competitors that sailboat racing is governed by a body of rules that the sailors are expected to follow and enforce. As a competitor, you are supposed to enforce the rules, not race committee. Race Committee is there to run the race. Judges are present to settle disputes that are not settled on the water. Several times, I've been asked by a competitor why I, as a race committee member or judge who knew the rule, did not protest a boat. First level of responsibility is on the competitor. If an infraction is not witnessed by any other competitors, then yes I should file the protest. Unlike a boat, I, as race committee or judge do not hail protest immediately, rather I notify "after" the race. Ouch.

Fleets and clubs interested in



having a Judge or Judge in Training at an event can go the Judges page on the SAYRA website. The site also contains links to the various protest related forms.

One Design Championship

Recognized this year at the SAYRA One Design Championship, two of our own Pete Thorn, Tanzer 16 and Eric Rasmussen, Isotope. In 2003, SAYRA modified its ODC format from being a single event for all classes, to be whatever the classes decided, the only requirement being that the winner be a

member of SAYRA organization. Nine classes participated in the 2003 SAYRA ODC.

Seeing this as an opportunity for both the Isotope Fleet and Tanzer Fleet, Joleen worked with the fleets to develop a regional championship series that included the Governor's Cup and October racing weekend.



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Race Management

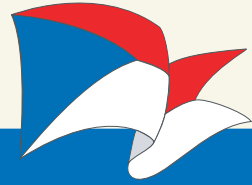
Feedback from the Sailors in 2003 was that Race Management needs to improve course descriptions in the SIs and improve on taking finishes. During the Race Management Committee meeting we discussed strategies for improving on taking finishes. One recommendation is to have a line siter, two recorders, a spotter and a timer if racing handicap. Wow, five people to take finishes. Last year, our entire RC consisted of six. At the club racing level, five on finishes is overkill, but for our Governor's Cup Invitational, we may want to make sure to have two recorders, and a spotter. The line siter should practice calling out sail numbers in a consistent rhythm. Avoid downwind finishes for large fleets, not that we currently have that problem at the club level, but something to be aware of if you are racing in a large fleet with downwind finishes. Remember where you finished and check the postings.

This year we currently have Six Race Management Seminars Schedule in 2004 across NC, SC, and Northern GA. For the first time possibly ever, CSC members have the opportunity to easily attend one as CSC is hosting a Basic Seminar on March 13th.

With regards to the new rule changes, later this year, SAYRA will be coordinating communications to the clubs on Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2009, due to go into effect January 1, 2005. For the most part, the changes are wording based. The "Round the End Rules" and "Anti Hunting Rule" have been slightly modified. "Room to Tack at an obstruction" is being reworded.

Match Racing & Scheduling
Eric attended the match racing while I attended the Scheduling Seminar. There were a lot of Judge type people in the match racing seminar, and they went way over time. As this was the last meeting of the day, they could easily do that. I attended scheduling as it is good for the club to be represented at the scheduling meeting. The purpose of the scheduling meeting is to keep conflicts from occurring between clubs. You cannot imagine my surprise when I gave them the date for the 2005 Governor's Cup only to be told that another club owned that weekend and they were grand fathered in....after a few moments of discussion it was determined that the clubs were far enough part that it was not a probable conflict.





CSC Calendar - MARCH 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 CSC BOARD MEETING @ 7:15	3	4	5	6
7 JORDAN WINTER SERIES @ Ebinezzer Point	8	9	10	11	12	13 RACE MANAGE- MENT SEMINAR
14	15	16	17	18	19 MONTHLY SOCIAL @ OUT OF THE PARK 6:30	20
21 JORDAN WINTER SERIES @ Ebinezzer Point	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 COMMO- DOR'S BASH @ Vista Point	29	30	31			

