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Commodores Corner

By Brian McMillan

Well folks, it's time for another edition of The Commodore's Corner. (You can save your sleeping pills for later.) The club has been a busy place. The Frostbite race was cold but went off without a hitch. I don't want to reveal the winner because TED would probably get a big head. For the second year in a row, Bill Mohr won the Frostbite chili cook off. To give the rest of the club a chance, I think that next year we should intercept Bill's chili and add a few "secret ingredients."

I was not able to make the first mixer of the year. My old pal Luther Mergner stepped up and led the cooking. Thank you Luther for leading a terrific event.

Patty Malone and my wife Cindy led the second mixer of the year. The food was outstanding. They can turn chicken and hamburgers into a gourmet meal. Members liked the meals so much that these two are developing a devoted following.

On February 10, the Vice-Commodore (Michael Dallas) organized our first work party of the year. The party was a success with all the usual suspects pitching in to help. Michael and my wife Cindy helped put the PARTY into "work party" by providing free "beverages" and food for everyone there. Everyone had a good time and took pride in getting the facilities in ship shape. I encourage you to attend the work parties during the year. It's a great way to spend time with the other members as well as to show your pride in the club.

In spite of the weather, there has been a lot of participation in the races. I've never seen the back of so many boats in my life. Winning isn't everything, though. My goal this year is to finish a race on the same day as everyone else.

The club's new board has met twice this year. It looks as if the year will be busy and eventful. For members who may not be aware, any and all members who wish to watch the board in action may attend the meetings. The board meets during the first Sunday of every month at noon. The next meeting is March 4 at the clubhouse. For those who miss the meetings but want to know what happened, the minutes will be posted on the bulletin board. A quarterly financial report for the club will be posted there as well.

I believe the sailing club is a place where a bunch of nice people can have fun sailing and enjoying each other's company. I encourage you to look over the upcoming events and mark your calendar. Come on out and enjoy the club!

Brian McMillan
Commodore

Potluck Dinners

By E!

Sunday Potluck mixers are back, on the second and fourth Sunday of non-Special events days. Bring a side or a dessert or arrange with the E! to bring the main course.
January-December Dinner 5-ish

This is a correction from the previous newsletter, all potlucks will be dinners – no brunches.

From the Desk of Vice Commodore

By Mike Dallas

Light As A Feather: When we were kids, we all played the game where our group of friends each put a finger underneath a person's body. By each person applying a small amount of lift, our friend seemed to magically float in the air. The game clearly illustrates how a little effort from a lot of people can make a big difference. Taking care of the Club's facilities is exactly the same as the game. By each of us putting in a little effort and working together, we can make big changes. To help coordinate our efforts, I have posted several items at the clubhouse.

Cleanup Duty Task List: First, you will notice that I have posted a "Cleanup Duty Task List." As you know, once per week, a different member is assigned to clean up the Clubhouse. The idea of the duty is to keep the facilities in good clean shape. With 75 members, each of us will have the duty only about once every year and a half. While most of the long-time members know what needs to be done during cleanup duty, many of the newer members don't. To help newer members along (and perhaps provide a refresher for some of the longer members), I've posted this simple list on the bulletin board. Please keep track of your turn and be diligent. We need to work together to keep the facilities clean.

Freeze Procedure: Next, you will notice a "Freeze Procedure" brochure on the bulletin board. These instructions provide a systematic list for preparing the clubhouse for a freeze. Again, while many long-time members know what needs to be done to avoid freeze damage, some of the newer members don't. If you ever find yourself responsible for preparing the Clubhouse for a freeze, simply refer to these handy procedures. (Hopefully, we won't need this list again until next winter.)

Lockup Policy: I've also included a "Lockup Policy" brochure on the bulletin board. This list

simply outlines the items that need to be done when the last member leaves the grounds. The list is a little elementary since most everyone does a good job of getting the club closed up. (The main items members have been forgetting is to turn off the exterior lights and make sure the sheds are locked.)

Work Items List: You will notice a "Work Items List" posted on the front of the Clubhouse. These are maintenance and improvement projects that need to be done. You can use this list as a reminder and a guide as to the projects needing attention. Any time you want to knock a project off of the list, just do it. You don't need to call me or to wait for a work party. Once the project is finished, just draw a line through it.

Some of the items to fix are: fix mysterious urinal smell (whoever fixes this will be a hero), finish siding, fix floor separation in men's room, repair electric gate, fix the committee boats, and a bunch of other projects.

Leaders Needed: I also need leaders for the big projects. I REALLY need people who can gather a group and lead it to complete a project. If you know how to get people together to get a job done, please let me know. The club and I need you. Projects include: removing and installing some dock poles, installing a new floor in the clubhouse, and renovating the caretaker's house.

You will find that my approach to leading the facilities management is open and easy. If you notice something that needs improvement, just let me know. I will make sure that you have the help and the resources needed to get the job done.

I want to give a special thanks to Luther for helping the Club and me by undertaking the "dock duty." He will be examining the docks regularly to identify and repair any damage. As always, he is selfless in his continuing support for the club.

Michael Dallas
Vice Commodore

Reprint from the C22 Mainbrace

By Waylan Gillihan

Greetings from Fleet 82,

Lake Worth Sailing Club's annual Frostbite Race and Chili Cookoff lived up to its name this year! Club members arrived on January 14 to find docks and decks covered with ice. In past years conditions have varied from sunny and 70 degrees to snow and fog with a blue norther cold front arriving during the race. Nevertheless, nine crews were on board for the first race of the year. Seven out of the nine entries were Catalina 22s.

Getting the boats ready was a challenge with icy decks and several motors refusing to start in the cold 32-degree weather. My halyards had so much ice on them they wouldn't go through the clutches. After several minutes trying to get our motor started we accepted a tow from fellow C22 sailor David Stokely to join the others on the lake. Conditions were 32 degrees, winds 10 to 12 and gusty, with freezing rain and sleet just beginning to fall.

My son Adam and I made it to the line just in time to make a great start only to be recalled for a flag mix-up or something. On the second try, all of the boats were tightly bunched for a good start. The rain and sleet increased as Ted Gay, Jim Holcomb and Glen Brandon battled for the lead. Midway through the race the rain and sleet quit and the winds lessened. Ted Gay in his recently acquired Catalina 22 crossed the line first to win the bragging rights until next year. Results were as follows:

1. Ted Gay / Catalina 22
2. Jim Holcomb / Catalina 22
3. Glen Brandon / Catalina 22
4. Waylan Gillihan / Catalina 22
5. Brian McMillan / Clipper 23
6. Harry Kloltig / Santana 20

7. David Stokely / Catalina 22

8. Tommy Malone / Catalina 22

9. Dan Cox / Catalina 22

After the race, Adam and I had trouble getting the sails down as the halyards had frozen together like a block of ice on the cockpit seat. After we freed them up, we hurried to join the crowd in front of a roaring fire at the clubhouse where 12 pots of chili were waiting to be judged and consumed. Nothing like a great bowl of chili, dry clothes, and a warm fire with friends to finish the day.

Fair Winds,

Waylan Gillihan

s/v Lady In Red

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Lake Worth Sailing Club

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