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Commodore's Corner

By Brian McMillan

It is time for another exciting edition of the "corner". The year 2007 is now behind us. It was a trying year, but despite the things that have transpired, our club has got through it. This took a lot of guts from a very few people. This article gives me a unique opportunity to voice my personal thoughts and I am going to take the opportunity to say a sincere thank you to a few individuals that have made the past year as great as it could possibly be.

Tommy Malone—He enjoys the club and his boat more than most of us put together.

Jack Speight—He attends nearly every race and shares his experiences with anyone that is smart enough to listen.

Bill Mohr—What can I say? For an old guy, he is all right. Mohr has helped me, and our club, in more ways than I can list.

Greg Brown—I don't always agree with him, but he is a good guy and always willing to help anyone.

Ted Gay—Good ol' Ted has got a wee bit of a reputation as the "wild man" of the club but this guy will show at five in the morning to cook eggs for the regatta.

Candy—Our club photographer and has been running the "Tiller" the last few months.

Ron Bracy, Candy Bracy, and Gary Noyes—have all worked with my girls to teach them to ski, Kim is able to slalom, thanks to Candy and Ron. Gary took my oldest daughter water skiing behind his 18-foot catamaran (We have the videos—thanks to Candy and Ron).

During the past year our club has been very fortunate to enjoy a display of talent, friendship, and devotion from a trio of gals that have added a new description to the word dedicated. We have had some darn good mixers this year, breakfast and lunch at the regatta, but they outdid themselves at our annual awards banquet. Our club looked like a fancy café', the food was memorable, and the party lasted well into the night. Our club is very fortunate to have Patty Gay, Patty Malone, and Cindy McMillan. I am very fortunate to have them along on my watch. Thanks girls, only 12 more months to go!!

On behalf of myself, my wife Cindy, and our two daughters Kim and Helen, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year. The best is yet to come!!

Yours Sincerely,
Captain Gout

Race Committee Chairman

By Ted Gay

LWSC Racing Committee Report

The 2007 racing season finished up last Sunday—the winter series only managed to hold two of the five races due to no wind, too much wind, and too darn cold. Congratulations to 1st place tie winners Larry Sallee and Jim Holcomb and 2nd place to Carl Perry.

The Santana 22B series wrapped up in December. 1st place was Ted Gay and 2nd place was Larry Sallee. We had some great Santana races and I encourage the members to participate in these one-class races. The one on one sailing without handicaps makes tactics take on a new meaning.

I would like to thank all the members who participated in this year's races and particularly the members who volunteered for race committee duties. I look forward to helping Gary Noyes who has been elected Race Committee Chairman for 2008.

Entertainment Column

The E Committee wants to thank everyone who participated to make this past year an outstanding year. We started the year with the FrostBite Race and Chili Cook-off; this was followed by bi-weekly mixers. Patty Malone again put together an outstanding feast for St. Patrick's Day. The regatta was a huge success. For those who missed the Halloween party, the decorations by Patty Gay were outstanding, most of the partygoers went all out and wore costumes and as usual the food was great. To top off a stellar year we had the Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at the club. The club was transformed into a winter wonderland. If you didn't know that you were at the LWSC you would have thought you were eating in a 5 star restaurant. The E Committee is looking forward to another great year in 2008. (more)

A sneak peak includes mixers once a month (everyone needs to bring a casserole or dish, the club is not going to provide meat this year for most of the mixers). A St.

Patrick's Day party is again being planned as well as the Regatta, Halloween and Christmas / Awards Party, and a few more not mentioned. Hope everyone will be able to attend some of these great events and enjoy the sailing, fun, food and fellowship. This column will be closed with a Wish for Everyone to Have a Blessed New Year.

Lake Stickers

It will be every member's responsibility to obtain lake stickers for 2008. We are no longer able to provide this service, as they now require correct owner information and addresses. The application can be found online at: www.fortworthgov.org/uploadedFiles/Water/boatsticker.pdf or you can visit the office directly (call for hours)

City of Fort Worth
Lake Worth Management Office
7601 Cahoba Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76135-4416
(817) 237-6890

***Note~**A current boat registration card is now required to obtain your boat use permit. The powers that be feel this is to better assure: 1) The state registration is current and not expired 2) The info is not falsified 3) You are not the victim of identity theft.

2008 stickers are now available in person or by mail.

Fee Increases

A reminder that all fees approved in the new bylaws takes effect January 1, 2008. This means that you may have to include an extra payment to stay up to date on your dues/fees, if you've already made a payment prior to receiving the pymt coupons. All payments are due in advance regardless of your continued payment choice.

Upcoming Events – Dates to Remember

1/13/08 12:00p	Frostbite Race & Chili Cook-off
2/10/08 6:00p	Potluck
2/16/08 6:00p	Valentine's Day Party
3/02/08 12:30p	Board Meeting
3/15/08 6:00p	St. Patrick's Day Party
4/26-27/08 10:00a	Opening Weekend

Other Club Announcements

Sadly the weather didn't cooperate with us for the Parade of Lights, but the next night you could have seen two boats out looking darn pretty!

The annual Frostbite Race and Chili Cook-off is this coming weekend. Bring your gear and appetites to join in the fun. Don't forget the cameras!

Our potlucks will continue this year on the 2nd Sunday of every month (except January, it's the Chili Cook-off!) The Valentine's Day Party/Dinner will be held again this year at our club. We ask that you RSVP by February 11,

2008. There is a nominal fee of \$20.00 per couple. Email info to lakeworthsailingclub@yahoo.com or call 817-614-8162 and leave a message with info on who will be attending. Money will be collected at the door.

The Annual C-22 Regatta will be held at LWSC on May 17-18, 2008 and the National's will be held @ Grapevine on May 25-30, 2008. Come on out, we could use some more volunteers to help out this year.

Please send us your email address. You could help us save money if we could send newsletters directly to your inbox. Send an email to lakeworthsailingclub@yahoo.com. All addresses will be kept confidential, save for the person sending these out. You will **not** be added to list unless you request we add your email to our roster.

Do you have any pictures you'd like to share from past events, races or just because you can? Bring 'em to the club or email them to us. Keep the history alive.

Classified Section

FOR SALE - LASER PICO

In, pristine condition – only taken out on water 2 times. Accessories include: Trailer, boat cover, sail bag, main Sheet and jib. \$2500.00 obo. Call 817-237-2480 or 817-721-8087 or leave a message. For details & pics see: http://www.hitempo.com/hitemposail/vanguard_pico.html

FOR SALE - SAN JUAN 24'

2002 Mercury 15 H.P. electric start, 110% Blade, 150% Jib, 170% Drifter, 1 Tri-Radial Spinnaker, Spinnaker pole, Adjustable Whisker pole, V-Berth, port double berth/dinette, head, sink, storage bins, starboard single berth. Dual batteries with trickle charger, VHF. Contact Ron at 214-693-6751 or 817-237-0763 or leave a message.

Sailing (n) the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.

Oops!