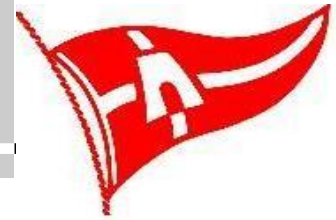


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## VICE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

"The Club is formed for the express purpose of promoting interest and activity in the ownership, racing and cruising of yachts and small boats... and of extending to visiting yachtsmen the hospitality of St. Croix." (1952 St. Croix Yacht Club Articles of Incorporation)

The St. Croix Yacht Club is, and always has been, an active boating club. Volunteers are the backbone of the Club, performing much of the work around the property. This enables us to keep our members dues at an extremely affordable level.

As an example of the hard work performed by our volunteers, here is a partial list of Star Volunteers from May and June and their projects. Please keep in mind that this is not a complete list, because there are so many of you. If you have worked hard and are not mentioned, please let me thank you personally!

### Buildings and Grounds:

Tully Keith installed both the launch area chain and the retractable awing framework for the east porch. Jimmy Antoine donated the awing for the east porch.

Kim Sanford generously offered her sewing skills to sew our clubhouse curtain panels together.

### Club water craft:

Chris Schreiber assembled a coach boat for the summer program at no cost to the Club. To give you an idea of the value of Chris' contribution,

\$14,000 was the estimate for purchasing a new coach boat! This was not an afternoon project, Chris expended a lot of time, energy and expertise!

Bruce Milliken and Peter Stanton spent several days overhauling the AquaSport engine and steering. The quote for engine and steering replacement was \$7000. The rehab will be considerably less expensive, because of their efforts.

Kate Diaz insured both of the VISA trailers so that our junior sailors can ship boats back and forth to St. Thomas. A big savings when compared to the cost to the young people of chartering boats for competition!

Ben Victor and Challis Diaz all worked on the Club's boats, getting them ready for the summer sailing program.

Bill Dunn has loaned his Jolly Boat and Carl Beckstedt, his Tortola dinghy, to the summer sailing program. Ron Decosmo volunteered the use of his trailer to haul a broken down coach boat to repair and back. Aldo Pedrini also loaned his 22ft Welcraft as well as building some pretty neat PVC anchor weights for the sailing program. All are a valuable assets to the sailing program.

THANK YOU!

Julie San Martin  
Vice Commodore



## 2011 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore .....	William Dunne	Director .....	Richard Hunter
Vice Commodore .....	Juliet San Martin	Director .....	Peter Stanton
Rear Commodore .....	Bruce Milliken	Director .....	Carol Stewart
Fleet Captain .....	James Kloss	Director .....	Ron DeCosmo
Secretary .....	Valerie Watterson	Director .....	Clayton Kohl
Treasurer .....	Linda Ribble	Director .....	Megan Littlefield

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

The Membership Committee is working hard, a new and improved membership brochure, upgrades to our existing web site and many new and refreshing ideas to help introduce future members to our wonderful Yacht Club. Please bring your guests to the Club and enjoy all the wonderful things that we have to offer. Please encourage them to join. To refresh your memories on the House Rules, I quote directly from the SCYC Yearbook,

### Page 43, Section B – PRIVILEGES AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS.

The privilege of bringing guests to the Yacht Club is one benefit of membership. The host member assumes the following responsibilities each time a guest is admitted:

- to accompany the guest while at the Club (except as delineated below).
- to register all guests in the Guest Register. (book on the podium)
- to ensure the actions of the guests are compatible with the rules and regulations of the Club and to pay all debts incurred by the guest.

Resident Guests are persons who reside on the island more than six (6) months per year and/or own a home, condominium or business on the island. A Resident Guest will be admitted to the Club a maximum of six (6) times per year, if accompanied by a member, or eligible member of a member's family. The accompanying member shall register each guest in the Guest Register at the time of each visit. Guests, other than those described in Paragraph No.2 will be admitted to the Club at any time, if accompanied by a member. Members may extend the privileges of the Club to their unaccompanied guests (who are not St. Croix Residents as defined in Paragraph No.2 above) by obtaining a Guest Card from the Club Manager. The Guest Card shall be signed by the sponsoring member and an Officer. The Board of Directors shall establish fees for and duration of the Guest Card.

Captains and crews of yachts participating in Club sponsored yachting activities shall have guest privileges on the days of these functions. Persons who can show evidence of membership in a Yacht Club or cruising yachtsmen may sign the Guest Register, purchase chit books, and enjoy the privileges of the Club. These privileges shall be for a period of no more than three (3) consecutive days after which sponsorship of a member is required, as outlined in Paragraph No.4.

Please bring your resident guest to enjoy our Club, sign them in the guest register (usually located on the podium by the front doors) and make sure they haven't been a guest of a member more than six times in a calendar year. Your friends and family from off island may visit the Club at any time, if accompanied by a member or you may get a Guest Card from the SCYC office if your guests are unaccompanied by a member. Most of all have fun at the SCYC!! Have a wonderful summer!

Bruce Milliken, Rear Commodore

## FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Summer is here, the children are out of school and it's time for all those fun family activities to begin. Some of us will be having visitors from other places and the pace of things seems to pick up just a little. The House Committee wants to take this opportunity to remind our members of a couple of Club Rules to keep in mind, as we head into these "summer vacation" months, that we sometimes forget.

- Please be sure to sign your guests in at the front door when you arrive. We are happy to welcome your guests and would like a record of their visit.
- Children must be under the supervision of their parents or guardians at all times.
- Beach cover ups are required in the Club house.
- Please keep wet and sandy bodies on the beach.

**Conserve Water** – Let us all be mindful of all water usage while on the Club premises. Please do not rinse your trailers after splashing your boat if you plan on hauling out your boat again in a few hours. Rinse everything once, at the end of your day of boating. If you are filling your water tanks on our dock, please be reminded that there is a 25 cents per gallon fee, on the honor system.

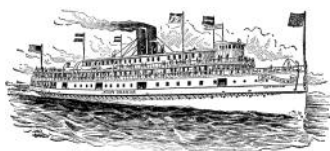
House Committee



Kate Diaz and the rest of the Posh Catering staff would like to thank the membership for their patronage and support during the summer months. Special thanks to the Summer Sailing parents and the patronage of the sailors in the program.

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# CATERING



Port Out Starboard Home

The following will be the Galley schedule for the month of SEPTEMBER 2011.

**Monday** - Club Closed

**Tuesday** - Club Closed

**Wednesday** - Galley Closed - No Wednesday Night Dinner

**Thursday** - Galley Closed

**Friday** - Galley Closed for Lunch - open for Happy Hour

**Saturday** - Galley Open

**Sunday** - Galley Open

## FROM THE MANAGER:

**Storm Preparedness**– As we begin the process of property clean up, to eliminate projectiles, should we have a storm this season, please note that ALL unclaimed property will be removed and or thrown away. We are NOT responsible for items you have “stored” in our work area and/or other nooks and crannies. If you would like a locker in the men’s room to store your items, simply come in to the office and Roserene would be happy to rent you one. Otherwise, please come down and claim your items and remove them to storage at home, etc. As the sign in the work area states, “DON’T ASK” if your items are not where you left them.

Below is the Club’s Storm Preparedness Plan. Please review this plan and begin making your arrangements. Do not wait till the last minute to make your haul out and securing arrangements. When hauling out your boat or having someone haul out your boat, please visit the Club office so that Staff can confirm placement of your vessel in our storage yard. Larger vessels to the back fence line, smaller vessels forward. All boats on the east side of the parking lot must be moved to spaces in the yard as this area is reserved for temporary parking. In other words, boats being hauled out that require a day or so to drop their mast or rigging, etc, can temporarily sit in this area, but must move into the main yard shortly thereafter, for long term storage. As another note, this corridor is prone to cyclonic activity, and is not the best strip to park your boat during a storm.

The St Croix Yacht Club Commodore orders the initiation of the plan when it appears that a storm may impact St. Croix. Preparatory action cannot be tied to a time frame, since tropical storms change speed frequently and dramatically, as well as varying significantly in size and intensity. As a guideline ONLY, when a storm is in the vicinity of the Windward Islands and predicted to impact the islands within 48 hours, boat owners should be prepared to secure their boats. Under any circumstances, **24 hours** is the minimum time required to clear the dock and remove the decking prior to experiencing storm force wind and waves.

## SCYC STORM PREPAREDNESS PLAN

**Upon instructions from the Commodore, or the Commodore’s designee, the following steps are to be taken, in the order shown:**

### Phase 1

- Manager begins attempting to notify all dock tenants of the requirement to remove their vessels from the dock, as *specified in the lease agreement*.
- Manager notifies dock removal team and schedules work to commence.
- Check generator fuel level and order fuel, if needed.
- Commence launch service to aid boat owners in preparation of hurricane moorings.
- Remove gin pole from tee dock.
- Remove, deflate, and store Bongo in racing locker.

### Phase II

- All vessels and their gear (hoses, extension cords, etc.) to be clear of main dock.
- Dock removal team begins work; dock planking to be completely removed.
- Manager notifies, if possible, all owners of moored vessels of impending weather conditions and recommends precautionary measures. Manager also notifies, if possible, sunfish, beach cat, and other small boat owners that they may elect to remove their boats

### Phase III

- Reduce galley and bar to emergency service only.
- Remove or secure all loose items stored on Club Grounds
- Lower gaff from main flagpole.

### Phase IV

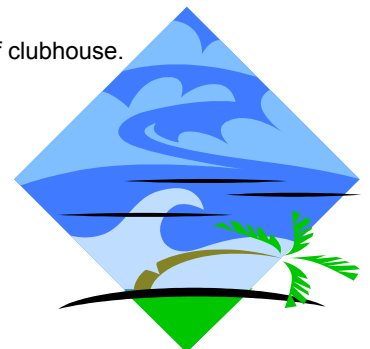
- Commence removal, all unattended vessels remaining on docks to anchorage in west portion of Teague Bay.
- Move all inside items to highest possible shelves.
- Secure all club owned boats; tie to racks, move inside clubhouse, or stack and secure to north of clubhouse.

### Phase V

- Remove all furniture from clubhouse, stack and secure.
- Check generator, protect electrics, and disconnect battery.

### Phase VI

- Discontinue all club services – water, electricity, & gas
- Disconnect cistern leaders.
- Lock all buildings, Evacuate premises.



FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT  
COMMITTEE:



## Saturday Night Teen Dance Fever

On June 28, the St. Croix Yacht Club held an amazing Teen Dance. From all accounts it was a huge success. Thorn Nelthropp and Kent Buska set up Thorn's iPod docking system, computer, and speakers with remote control! As teens arrived, they were greeted in the yard by their fellow party goers. Once a core group had arrived, the party moved inside and on to full blast. The music was varied and teen controlled. In all, 25 teens danced the night away. When told of the next dance, to be scheduled in September, many said, "Don't change a thing except let it end later!" Hopefully word of mouth will expand future dances and create a new tradition for the teenagers of St. Croix.



## 4th of July - Family Fun Day

Once again, Ron & Sue DeCosmo volunteered to coordinate our 4th of July celebration and family fun day. This year's event was a huge success enjoyed by over 50 members and summer camp sailors and families alike. A mixture of sailing games, tug of war, relay races, trophy auction and prizes, brought joy to everyone involved and the traditional BBQ put on by Posh Catering, kept everyone fed and in the holiday spirit. The Club can not thank Ron, Sue and family enough for taking on and creating such a fun event for all to enjoy.

## SCYC 2011 FATHER'S DAY RACES

Fathers Day ushered in highly competitive "handicapped" racing for 16 crews on Sunday 19 June at the St. Croix Yacht Club. The "handicap" was one generation of separation required in the minimum 2 person crew. The Rhodes 19 and Club 420s were the most hotly contested, with 6 races each. The Sunfish and Optimist were the most entertaining, however.

Optimists were dominated by the Kohl family, with just one point separating the winning team of Dawson, and his dad Clayton, from his older brother Atlee and good sport Preston Morrison. Fathers on board tended to make those Optimists very bow heavy and tacking was ...interesting. Good work Dawson and Atlee!

There were two very young sailors in the Sunfish, Taylor Babb with grandson and Stan Joines with Jeremiah. They barely came to the top of the cockpit in the Sunfish and found the ride very exciting, too exciting! But Jeremiah stuck it out and took first place. The third Sunfish was a somewhat different story. Young Evvan Potts took dad Michael out and they looked pretty good, but returned to the beach before the first race; seems dad needs more practice!

Rhodes 19 was a family affair, with the Beckstedts and Kuipers families competing hard against each other; Carl and Dylan won by just one point! First place was Beecher Higby and the girls, who were somewhat challenged by the generation gap handicap. Yellow Bird, with Scott and Roger Whitcher, tried hard to make it to the line without success, but reported having a jolly good time on the water anyway.

The really hot competition was in the Club 420 class, with 6 crews on the water. Jens Hookanson and Patrick LaPone took a decisive 1st place with 5 bullets. Challis Diaz and Sean Norton were right behind them all the way with a 1st in the final race for a decisive 2nd place, followed by Sam and Joe Watterson with a solid third. Then there were the 4th and 5th place finishers, if we could only figure out who they were! Past Commodore Alan Mallory and his two talented daughters along with Sam's mother Val, tied for points, with the tie breaker going to Alan but....Lillian and Cara Mallory swapped boats on the last 2 races. In 6th place was Thorn Nelthropp with dad Gary, who is a bit tall for a 420; he had fun!

Race management was provided by the Stanton family - even Walt was out in the committee boat! Peter Stanton and Joseph Noel made all those flags look easy, with mom Karen taking results. Lillian Mallory and Ben Victor were race committee support; Lillian set the course and Ben shepherded the drop outs back to the beach. Club Manger Kiomie was totally organized behind the scenes; marks and flags were ready, race committee box was fully stocked, flags were sorted; she made it easy for the volunteers. Awards were an assortment of "old trophies" from previous regattas, some older than the participants who won them!

Looks like to start of a Fathers Day tradition!



## From the Waterfront Coordinator : Summer Sailing 2011

Summer Sailing is well underway and I must say that the island of St. Croix has proven to have quite a number of undiscovered, but talented sailors. The enthusiasm shown by each of our young participants has been a joy to be around and has added an extra spark to the overall feel of the SCYC waterfront. I have no doubt that there is a future Jens Hookanson, Peter Stanton, and Challis Diaz within the group of sailors that has joined us this summer. It is only a matter of time before today's "Star of the Day" and "Sailors of the Week" are tomorrow's USVI Olympic Campaigners or College All-Americans.

One very exciting class is the new *Sea Squirts Program*. This was launched as an extension to the *Little Mariners Program* and has successfully started children as young as 5 years old, on the fast track to being sailors for life. "I had two 5 year olds holding the tiller extension and mainsheet properly today, only to execute a perfect tack... AND THEY ARE ONLY FIVE!" said Coach Lillian Mallory, following a successful day in the optimist, with these youngsters. The *Sea Squirts* begin in Rhodes 19 and are then doubled up in the optimist to get exposure to the helm and a smaller vessel.

The *Sail Adventure Program* has been just that; an Adventure. Our explorers have learned on many different vessels varying from the familiar Sunfish to the unfamiliar Hobie 16. They also sailed on the large mono-hull sailing vessel "Gravity Storm." The kids have participated in activities that include creating fishing rods and lures using nothing but a piece of tan tan, 1 paperclip, a small piece of bungee, and fishing line. They have made magnifying water scopes from recycled coffee cans, and identified a number of different species of sea life, that call our "T Dock" home. In the coming weeks, the Department of National Resources will be a special guest for this class in educating our youngsters about the history behind Teague Bay and the important facts about the invasive Lion Fish. A big *thank you* to all who donated their recyclables to be re-used as activities for the class and to Richard Biffle for engaging these Adventure Seekers in one of their "Big Boat Adventures."

Our *Optimist 1 and 2 Sailors* have made great strides towards becoming well balanced and skilled sailors. Led by Senior Instructor Cara Mallory, Junior Instructor Dylan Marohn and Eric Perez and "Hero Support" Annie Hardee, David Kleeger and Eve Watterson, these sailors have recently sailed up to Cramer's Park and back, quite the accomplishment and an exciting site to see them all sailing downwind together, with smiles and controlled vessels all around.

During session one, Ben Victor and Sam Watterson proved that two heads are better than one, as they worked together leading the *Intro 420* and *Intro Sunfish Class*. "The sunfish class really has a natural feel for the boat and it is amazing how quickly even the new sailors are coming along" said Coach Ben, following day two of the program. With recent knowledge learned in the Sunfish Clinic run by Peter Stanton, Sam was observed teaching some of our more skilled sunfish sailors the smaller "tricks of the trade" adding to their confidence in this popular boat. I have no doubt that these sailors will be giving our regular one design sailors some fresh competition in the near future.

On the racing front, we have had the pleasure of nurturing many skilled sailors through the *Optimist 3 Program* and into the *Racing Program* led by myself, Coach Jae Tonachel, Sam Watterson, and "Instructors in Training" Harry Hoffman and David Kleeger. Five of these sailors traveled to St. Thomas in late June to represent the SCYC in the "Scotia Bank Optimist Regatta." Big congratulations are in order for Ryan Hunter, David Kleeger, Ryan McCann, Lake Sanford, and Israel Duffy for their hard work at this challenging event. Our Optimist racers are preparing for the Cruzan Open One Design (CROOD). This annual event is open to sailors of all ages. Leading the charge for some of our double-handed sailors is SCYC Coach Jae Tonachel. He has worked with some of our up-coming 420 sailors and readied them to sail in all conditions. I am proud to say, they can sail WELL in all conditions. The latest venture has been adding spinnaker and trapeze to these young sailors skill-set. A large part of competitive 420 racing, Jae has taken some of our more timid sailors and made them into "Trapeze Fiends." They pray for big breeze and find themselves more than comfortable "on the wire." It will be exciting to see these sailors compete in our CROOD Regatta and carry their new experience into larger events across the country.



### RHODES 19 RULES Requirements & Procedures for using a Club Rhodes 19

- You must be at least 16 years of age.
- You must be checked out on the boat by the Waterfront Coordinator, Fleet Captain or Club Manager prior to wanting to take a Rhodes out sailing. Your name will be put on a list of approved sailors.
- Sailors must carry a VHF radio at all times.
- Any breakdowns or damage must be reported to the Waterfront Coordinator, Club Manager or on duty person upon return to the Club. Sailors will be responsible for all damages incurred and will be billed for repairs, determined to be more than just normal wear and tear, on the boat.
- You must call the day before you wish to take the boat out. Priority will be given to previously scheduled sailing classes such as Adult learn-to-sail, Summer Camp, Private Lessons or One Design Series.
- The fee for using a Rhodes 19 is \$20/day and must be paid prior to leaving the dock.
- The earliest a boat can be taken out is 9:30am and must be back on the mooring and put away by 5pm.
- Sailors are responsible for the proper storage of sails, lifejackets etc. upon returning to the Club.
- Rhodes 19 are permitted to anchor or moor in any of the designated "mooring areas" in any of the permitted bays.

**The Club owned Rhodes are NOT allowed to leave the reef. They must stay south of the reef between Smuggler's Cove and the Cotton Valley Bay. Club owned Rhodes 19s are NOT allowed to sail to Buck Island unless it is a Club sponsored event with support boats and safety staff.**



## SCYC Sailors Represent at the 2011 Scotia Bank Regatta

\*\*Seventy-nine sailors ages 8 to 15 years from 10 nations – Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Curacao, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Trinidad & Tobago, the United States and all three U.S. Virgin Islands – set sail in this Virgin Islands' Sailing Association sanctioned event. Eleven races were completed for the Advanced Red, White and Blue Fleets and 19 for the Beginner Green Fleets.\*\*



Representing the Green fleet for the SCYC was Israel Duffy, Lake Sanford, and SCYC's youngest racer of only 7 years of age, Ryan McCann. All three demonstrated knowledge, skill, and enthusiasm during the event and each walked away feeling like they learned "A LOT" said Israel on the boat ride home. "I learned how important it is to bring by daggerboard up on the downwind" said Lake Sanford, "and making sure I was pointing close enough to the wind" was a place for improvement, says Ryan McCann.

In the Championship fleet, SCYC Optimist veterans Ryan Hunter and David Kleeger put up quite a fight throughout the duration of the event. "Staying hydrated is more important than I realized" said Ryan, following the first full day of races. Staying focused during some of the races (which were 7 legs long in some cases) was really important, and drinking water is a major factor on long sunny days. "Having clean starts" was identified as the biggest struggle for David, but as a young high school sailor, he plans to take what he learned in this large Optimist fleet and use it as a platform to improve and succeed in his next 4 years, on the High School Sailing Team.

A great big **thank-you** to Captain Nick Castruccio for yet another successful crossing with our 5 Optimist hulls on board. Joined by Jae Tonachel on the way there, and myself on the ride home, Captain Nick continued to demonstrate the power of an amazing mentor and leader within the SCYC sailing community. "You know you all showed me up in STT by coming in with 5 boats to my 3, but I did tow a coach boat too- " said Brian Duff from Tortola, regarding our impressive ability to sail a main and jib on Annick II, as well having 5 Optimist hulls on deck. The sailors of the SCYC are beyond **thankful** for Captain Nick and his willingness to support the program in any way he can.

\*\*The regatta's Principal Race Officer, Ken Legler, who is also the Head Sailing Coach at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, was impressed with the fleet. "All the kids handled their boats well, surfing downwind and wave jumping upwind," Legler says.\*\* Congratulations to all our SCYC representatives at the 2011 Scotia Bank Regatta!

\*\*Excerpt from the Scotia Bank Regatta Article posted on the STT website.



## A Faster Way for Boaters to Report (SVRS)

The Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS), a voluntary program offered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), helps boaters report their arrival to the U.S. at no charge.

The program is designed to expedite entry of legitimate boaters, enabling CBP officers to focus their attention on higher-risk travellers and craft. SVRS is available to: U.S. Citizens, nationals and lawful permanent residents; Canadian citizens; and permanent residents of Canada who are nationals of a Visa Waiver Program country.

Enrolling is quick, easy, and free via the Internet in just three steps:

1. Complete application at [www.CBP.gov/SVRS](http://www.CBP.gov/SVRS)
2. Schedule interview online with CBP officer
3. Receive boater registration number and password by email

SVRS participants report their entry to the U.S. quickly too, by calling a dedicated telephone line and responding to the questions. (CBP reserves the right to hold an in-person inspection if needed.)

The system is currently available in the Southeast at Florida, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. It is also deployed at the U.S./Canada border.

Please share this information with members of the boating community, especially the links below:

- Enrollment page (not case-sensitive): [www.CBP.gov/SVRS](http://www.CBP.gov/SVRS)
- General information: [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure\\_boats/boats/svrs.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/svrs.xml)
- Audio of announcement – for sharing or broadcast: <http://dvidshub.net/r/6mv47y>.

## SCYC Sailors Win 2nd Place at 2011 KATS Premier's Cup Regatta

At the 2011 KATS (Kids and the Sea) Premier's Cup Regatta, hosted by the Royal BVI Yacht Club, July 9 & 10, Team St. Croix took **SECOND PLACE**, only two points behind Team Anguilla! A group of young sailors, representing the St. Croix Yacht Club travelled to Tortola to compete against seven other teams from all over the Caribbean and USA. The team departed St. Croix, bound for Tortola, early Friday morning on Captain Nick Castruccio's, J-30, *Annick II*. Team St. Croix arrived at the Royal BVI Yacht Club, early enough to get a couple hours of practice in IC24 sailboats. Each boat was raced by teams of 18 years and under in good breeze with little swell. Even though these sailors had no experience in these boats, they were leading the regatta after the first day of 12 races. After sailing a total of 18 races, Team St. Croix managed a very respectable second place overall.

Team St. Croix was led by *Skipper*, Challis Diaz and *Crew members*, Sam Watterson, DJ Lorshbaugh, Dylan Marohn, CJ Walker and Lillian Mallory. All of these sailors are products and staff members of the St. Croix Yacht Club's summer sailing program. Team Coach, Jens Hookanson, travelled with the sailors to give them some tips for setting up the boats and provide on the water coaching between races. All of these sailors are familiar with sailing Yacht Club owned 420's (a double handed 14 foot dinghy) and found that the IC24 is a very different sailing vessel. The IC24 is a keelboat, much larger and heavier than the 420, and is sailed with a crew of six. Team St. Croix was certainly at a disadvantage since they had never sailed these boats, nor had they all sailed together as a team, prior to this event. They did a fantastic job and should be very proud!

Special thanks to Captain Nick Castruccio and Jens Hookanson for selflessly giving of themselves and continuing to support the sailing dreams of so many young sailors on St. Croix.

*Written by Jens Hookanson*

### 2011 KATS Premier's Cup Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anguilla - 44 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Croix - 46 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Lucia - 64 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> BVI - 68 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Puerto Rico - 71 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Antigua - 101 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grenada - 115 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Team USA - 137 points



With all the heat and all the sun,  
Please help us to make sure things get done.  
If your Kayak, Dinghy, or trailers is here,  
It is time to make its ownership clear.  
Please visit us for the latest style,  
So none of your gear ends up in Exile!  
We thank you for your help and time,  
and hope you enjoyed this Summertime Rhyme

New Stickers for your trailer, Dinghy, and Kayaks are located in the office. Any unmarked gear will be put in "Boat Jail" until owners arrive to label their property clearly.

#### STICKER PLACEMENT:



Trailer: Tongue, Left Side



Hobie: Port Stern



Row Boat: Port Stern



Motor Dinghy: Front of Motor



Kayak: Port Stern

## Extension Use Procedures

**Please remember, all Club boats and equipment should be treated as if it was your own—because it is!!**

In an effort to promote a long and happy life for the extension, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Call ahead whenever possible 773-9531, and make an appointment with the SCYC staff to use the trailer extension.
- Avoid using extension at times of low tide, whenever possible.
- Sign waiver (will be kept in your member file). Pay \$20.00 fee. Obtain key, grease gun, and tire gauge from SCYC staff.
- Operator must be qualified! (a list of qualified individuals will be maintained in the SCYC office). This extension is not to be used for commercial purposes. The Club may designate an individual to operate the extension, which may entail a fee.
- This extension may not be used for boats over 10,000 lbs.
- Check air pressure in both boat and extension tires—VERY IMPORTANT!
- Make sure you have help—3 persons recommended.
- Visual check of both trailer and extension.
- Position trailer close to the water's edge before attaching extension. Minimize the time both trailer and extension are in the water.
- After use, RINSE and GREASE trailer and extension. Return extension to its parking spot.
- Lock and return key, grease gun, and tire gauge to SCYC office, after use.
- Any damage to the extension is the boat owner's responsibility.

**All proceeds collected from the use of the extension will go towards keeping it maintained and in working condition, at all times. (paint, oil, grease, tires, labor, etc.)**



## US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course

A US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course is scheduled to be held at the St. Croix Yacht Club on **August 25th - 28th**. This course is an all day commitment. If you are interested in receiving your level one certification, you can find the registration and additional information at the USSAILING.ORG website: From the main page you will need mouse over "Training" on the left hand side, and choose the "Course Calendars" Option. Select the first link on that page "Small Boat Instructor, and Coach Course, Levels 1 & 2". Scroll down to find the SCYC listing for **August 25th, Instructor Paul Stoeken**. From there follow the instructions to sign up. Please enroll sooner rather than later as the course materials need time to arrive in the mail BEFORE the course begins. Any questions regarding this course are answered in the Q & A section on the US Sailing website. Parties interested in being an "Instructor" at the St. Croix Yacht Club must take and pass this course before they can be considered for an instructor position. Anyone over the age of 16 is eligible to enroll in the course but cannot be considered for Instructor status until 18 years of age.

## Useful Weather Watch Sites

<http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=00820&wuSelect=WEATHER>

connects you to weather underground with links to radar and National Hurricane Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

a direct link to the National Hurricane Center forecast map

<http://www.meteo.fr/temps/domtom/antilles/pack-public/animation/animMOSAIC2.html>

a radar site out of the French Antilles; overlaps with radar from San Juan

<http://www.insmet.cu/asp/genesis.asp?TB0=PLANTILLAS&TB1=RADAR&TB2=../Radar/NacComp200Km.gif>

a Cuban radar site; although our weather doesn't usually come from there.

<http://ecoforecast.coral.noaa.gov/index/0/SRV12/station-data>

hourly wind speed and direction information from the NOAA sensors at Salt River

<http://www.sailflow.com/?newHomeRegionID=132>

hourly wind speed and direction and predictions at the airport



Club Office and Galley are closed and you need a **band aid?**

No Problem. A first Aid kit has been installed next to the **AED**, outside the east kitchen door via the ship store.

**ST. CROIX**  
  
**YACHT CLUB**

**CRUZAN OPEN ONE DESIGN REGATTA**

**CROOD**



**THE ST. CROIX YACHT CLUB IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL  
CRUZAN OPEN ONE DESIGN (CROOD) REGATTA  
JULY 23RD AND 24TH, 2011**

**JOIN US FOR PIRATES PARTY FUN AND COMPETITIVE RACING FOR ALL!  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH 7:00PM FRIDAY, JULY 22ND.  
RACING ALL DAY SATURDAY AND UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON SUNDAY.**

**VISIT [WWW.STCROIXYC.COM](http://WWW.STCROIXYC.COM) FOR NOR AND ENTRY FORM**

# SCYC Membership Satisfied! 2011 Member Satisfaction Survey

## Thanks to the more than 100 Club members who responded to the satisfaction survey!

This is more than the number who responded to a telephone survey last year (72), and although not everyone expressed their opinion it is a large enough sample to give us a reliable estimate of our strengths and areas needing improvement. Half of the respondents identified themselves as “sailors”; the other half identified themselves as power boaters or “social” members.

“Service” remains the hallmark of satisfaction for Club members. Service by Club staff garnered the highest ratings, 4.4 on a five point scale with 70% of respondents indicating they were “very satisfied.” Service by catering staff also averaged 4.4 with 67% responding “very satisfied”.

Youth sailing opportunities, which were rated as highly important for the future of the Club last year, were also viewed very positively, with an average of 4.3 and 70% of responses being “very satisfied.”

Because the questions and survey methods changed from last year, we cannot make direct, statistical comparisons to last year’s results, but there seems to be a lot of continuity. Last year “service” by the staff of Posh Catering garnered the highest satisfaction ratings, averaging 4.4 on a 5 point scale.

There were concerns about “communication” last year; that may have improved slightly with an average rating of 4.0, but “responsiveness of the Board”, a new question, averaged only 3.6, with only 24% of members being very satisfied. These concerns were also the topic of many additional comments. That’s certainly an area in which we can improve.

Another area we need to improve is our racing program. Satisfaction with our one-design racing was reasonably high (3.8 average, 45% very satisfied), but our keelboat racing program had the worst rating of the twelve areas surveyed (3.4 average, only 29% very satisfied). As Fleet Captain I’m sure we can do better than that!

Another area of expressed concern was “food served by caterer” with an average rating of 3.7 (37% very satisfied). Comments suggested issues with the limited, repetitive menus on Wednesday nights and at happy hour and cost of the Wednesday night dinners. These were concerns last year as well.

Responses to 2011 Member Satisfaction Survey  
Cells contain number / adjusted %  
Most common response in **bold**

Twenty-eight people went to the trouble of making specific suggestions, and these will be shared with the Board and committees – a step toward being more responsive to your concerns!

Jim Kloss  
SCYC Fleet Captain

ITEM: In general how satisfied are you with:	Very unsatisfied 1	Somewhat Unsatisfied 2	Neither satisfied or unsatisfied 3	Somewhat Satisfied 4	Very Satisfied 5
Food served by caterer	7/7%	15/16%	8/9%	31/34%	<b>34/37%</b>
Service by catering staff	4/4%	4/4%	8/8%	17/17%	<b>67/67%</b>
Service by Club employees	5/5%	3/3%	4/4%	17/18%	<b>67/70%</b>
Upkeep of building & grounds	5/5%	14/14%	10/10%	<b>37/38%</b>	32/33%
Docks & launching area	4/5%	12/14%	8/9%	<b>35/41%</b>	26/30%
Youth sailing opportunities	4/7%	3/5%	6/10%	5/8%	<b>42/70%</b>
One Design racing	5/10%	3/6%	9/18%	10/20%	<b>22/45%</b>
Keelboat racing	10/19%	4/8%	10/19%	12/24%	<b>15/29%</b>
Communication with membership	7/7%	6/6%	11/12%	29/30%	<b>42/44%</b>
Responsiveness of Board of Directors	4/5%	8/10%	<b>23/30%</b>	<b>23/30%</b>	18/24%
Frequency of social events	3/3%	3/3%	20/22%	26/28%	<b>41/44%</b>
Entertainment at social events	3/3%	4/4%	24/26%	<b>39/42%</b>	23/25%



**4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Family Fun Day Celebration!**

**1:00 to 4:00**



**Hamburgers/Hot Dogs,  
Corn on the cob, watermelon  
& dessert  
\$5.00 off the grill**

**Family Fun & Games  
Sailing & Prizes**

**Please **RSVP** with # in party 773-9631 or  
[scyccatering@gmail.com](mailto:scyccatering@gmail.com)**



**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**March 9-11  
2012**



**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday**

**July 23, 2011**

**6:00 to 6:30 Pizza**

**6:30 to 8:30 Showtime**

**Rated PG**

**All age groups welcome!**

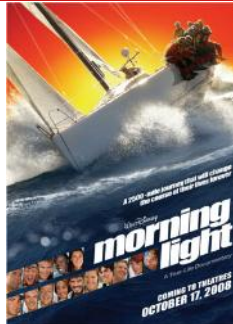
**Tickets \$2.00**

**Popcorn, Drinks, Pizza \$10.00**

**Parents not attending**

**MUST sign their Child IN & OUT at registration!**

Experience a riveting and inspiring true-life adventure aboard the high-tech sloop **MORNING LIGHT**. Fifteen rookie sailors have one goal in mind -- to be part of her crew, racing in the most revered sailing competition on Earth, the Transpac Yacht Race. From start to finish, it's a rollercoaster ride of emotions and physical challenges, beginning with six months of intense training. Only eleven will survive to race in the grueling 2,225-mile Transpac. Matching wits and skills against experienced pros and the unforgiving, unpredictable Pacific Ocean, these young men and women develop a powerful bond and prove how dedication, teamwork and an unyielding spirit can overcome the greatest of odds.



**NOTICE OF RACE**

*2011 Midsummer's Race*

**Sunday, July 31, 2011**

**Rules**

The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the rules of the St. Croix Yacht Club. The management of the race shall be by the designated race committee of St Croix Yacht Club which shall have the authority to decide all matters relating to this race. There will be three classes: multi-hulls, Rhodes 19, and keelboats over 22 feet.

**Registration, Fees and Schedule of Events:**

Skipper's Meeting and Registration at **St Croix Yacht Club**  
**11:30 am – Sunday, July 31.**

Pre-registration by notifying the Yacht Club office by Friday evening, July 29 is strongly recommended.

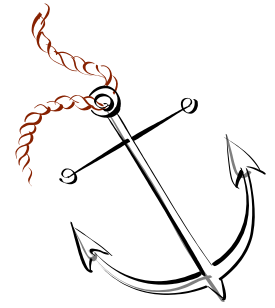
Entry Fee: SCYC Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00.





All registration fees must be paid in full.

**On Sunday, July 31,  
the first warning will be at 1255, start at 1300.**

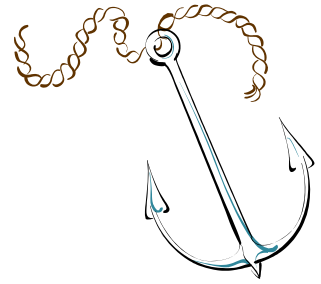
**773-9531 \* [stcroixyc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixyc@gmail.com)**

# July 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Grill Night Happy Hour	2
Summer Camp Session #1						
3	4 4th of July Family Fun Day 	5	6 Wednesday Night Dinner	7 GALLEY CLOSED	8 Birthday Happy Hour Premier Cup BVI	9 PRIVATE PARTY  Premier Cup BVI 
Summer Sailing Session - #2						
10	11	12	13 Wednesday Night Dinner	14 GALLEY CLOSED	15 Happy Hour	16
Premier Cup BVI						
Summer Sailing Session - #2						
17 Membership Sunday	18	19	20 Wednesday Night Dinner	21 Board Meeting GALLEY CLOSED	22 Happy Hour CROOD Pirates Party	23 CROOD Cruzan Open One Design Regatta Movie Night Morning Light
Summer Sailing Session - #2						
24 CROOD Cruzan Open One Design Regatta	25	26 EEMP Watershed Meeting	27 Wednesday Night Dinner	28 GALLEY CLOSED	29 Happy Hour	30
Summer Sailing Session - #3						
31 Mid Summer Race						

# August 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	1	2	3 Wednesday Night Dinner	4 Adult Sailing Lessons 4-6  GALLEY CLOSED	5 Grill Night Happy Hour	6
Summer Sailing Session - #3 						
7	8	9	10 Wednesday Night Dinner	11 GALLEY CLOSED	12 Birthday Happy Hour	13 PRIVATE PARTY
Summer Sailing Session - #3 						
14	15	16	17 Wednesday Night Dinner	18 Board Meeting GALLEY CLOSED	19 Happy Hour Kiomie's Send off Party!	20 Bacchanal Race
Little Mariners 9 -12						
21	22 Scuttlebutt art. due	23	24 Wednesday Night Dinner	25 GALLEY CLOSED	26 Happy Hour	27
HS Training Week						
28	29	30	31			