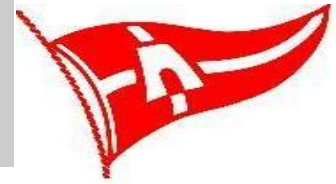


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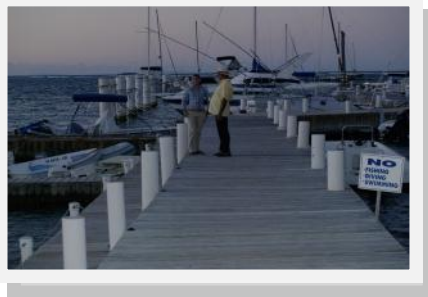
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## COMMODORES MESSAGE



Dear St Croix Yacht Club Members,  
*The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished - tone and tints. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday...*

Sorry, wrong speech; that is Douglas Mac Arthur's Farewell Address.

My theme is much simpler, not Duty, Honor, Country, as was McArthur's theme - but simply , **Gratitude.**

Thank you all for an opportunity to enjoy this Yacht Club community through a most complete exposure to every aspect of its operations.

Thank you to all members who have shared the friendship, fun and (some) frustration of volunteering in support of our Club, and to those with suggestions for improvements.

Thank you to that wonderfully committed staff who have transformed this Club in the last few years with wonderful programs and activities, and to Kate and the Posh Catering Staff.

Thank You to the Board and Officers for their selfless dedication of their time and efforts And thanks to my wife Terry and my family for sharing my obsession, sometimes at their expense.

All this gratitude must surely show I have found these brief years of Commodoreship to be rewarding and enriching. I encourage you each to pursue your own term.

Thank you,  
*Alan Mallory,*  
Past Commodore



## 2011 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore .....	William Dunne	Director .....	Richard Hunter
Vice Commodore .....	Juliet San Martin	Director .....	Peter Stanton
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## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE:

We were pleased to welcome our new members at the January 16, 2011, Membership Sunday. We had a wonderful and enthusiastic group. First a great big thank you to the Yacht Club staff, without their dedication and hard work we wouldn't have such a splendid event. Thank you to the Membership Committee, who welcomed our new members as soon as they walked in the door, and for assuring that Membership Sunday is organized and runs smoothly. Their volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the new member sponsors who invite these new members to join and then take them under their wing and introduce them to the SCYC and all it has to offer. And a round of applause for the catering team and their delicious brunch items!

*We had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members to our Club:*

Gregory & Gabriella Moorman	Victor Keeler
Nathan Bishop & Therese Trudeau	Kenan Massicott
Nick & Susan Vitale	Carsten & Amanda Brever
Cecil Bailey & Jan Zeller	Donald Buell
Dan & Kathy Stretz	Ben & Annette Rivera
	Robert & Eleanor Morgan

The Membership Committee has been diligently working to put together a hand-out to help guide new and old members through some of the Clubs procedures. Below is an excerpt from this hand-out.

### Application Process

**Applicants** should make sure one month prior to Membership Sunday that;

- 1) They have submitted and signed their letter of Application for Membership or in the case of a minor, signed by a parent or guardian to the Rear Commodore.
- 2) Initiation fee has been paid.
- 3) Letters of endorsement have been filed from 2 members (sponsors) who are in good standing and have been members for at least 1 year, and are not part of the Flag Officers or Board of Directors.

If **application is incomplete** at this time, the application for membership will be rolled over to the next scheduled Membership Sunday. After attending **Membership Sunday**, expect to receive an in depth informational guide regarding Bylaws, Fees, House Rules, and a Membership Listing. You will receive membership card(s) and sticker once your prorated annual dues have been paid.

### **2011 Membership Sundays are scheduled for:**

Sunday, April 17, 2011,      Sunday, July 17, 2011,      Sunday, October, 16, 2011

- **The Clubhouse** is normally open Wednesday through Sunday 9 to 5. Business office is normally open Monday through Friday 9 to 5. Club is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- **Bar & Galley** luncheon is served from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Wednesday Night Dinner, cocktails and appetizers start at 6:30 pm, dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Reservations are required by 12 noon on Tuesday, cancellations by noon Wednesday. Watch out for Friday Night Happy Hour which starts at 5:00 pm and the Bar and Galley stays open until. Food & Beverages must be paid for by obtaining **Club Chits** which can be purchased at the Bar.
- **Ship store:** Open Wed- 6-7pm; Fri- 6-7:30 pm; Sun- 11:45-1:30 pm. We accept AMEX (minimum charge of \$20.00), Cash, and Personal Checks.
- Ladies and gentlemen must wear **Cover-ups** while using the facilities of the Clubhouse.
- Young children are welcomed but must be supervised. **Swimming** is allowed along the beach front just east and west of the main dock & is at one's own risk. No lifeguards on duty. Please be mindful of boats and dinghies coming and going.
- If bringing **Guests** to the Club, one must have them sign in at the Guest Register book located on the podium by the front entrance. Guests are only allowed to visit the Club a maximum of 6 times in a given year. Members must accompany all guests and must obtain chits.
- **Weekend tie-ups** should be respectful of other members. Tie-ups should be approximately 1hour on Saturdays and ½ hour on Sundays at the end of the dock only. No overnight tie-ups are allowed without first checking with Manager or Waterfront Coordinator.

*Bruce Milliken,*  
Rear Commodore





### 2011 Commodore's Ball Awards

- SCYC Hospice Regatta  
Morgan Dale  
Boogaloo
- Bomba Perpetual Trophy  
Antonio Sanpere  
Cayennita Grande
- Wilfred Allick Trophy  
Antonio Sanpere  
Cayennita Grande
- Lawrence Carlsen Trophy  
Antonio Sanpere  
Cayennita Grande
- Optimist Sailor of the Year - Ryan Hunter
- One Design Series  
1st Place Optimist  
David Kleeger
- High School Sailor of the Year - Sam Watterson
- Sportsmanship Award  
Jim Kloss
- Jr. Sportsmanship Award  
David Lorshbough
- Jerry Urban Trophy  
Chris Schreiber
- Junior Sailor of the Year  
Challis Diaz
- Albatross Award  
Alan Mallory
- Community Service Award - Megan Littlefield
- Commodores Trophy  
Chris & Debbie Schreiber

# 2011 COMMODORE'S BALL

Commodore William Dunne  
Requests the pleasure of your company  
at the  
**59th Annual Commodore's Ball**  
Saturday, Twelfth of March, 2011  
at the  
**St. Croix Yacht Club, Teague Bay**

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.  
Event portraits taken.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Dancing 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
to the sounds of Jazzy Blue

\$55.00 per person; Cash Bar  
Attire: Island Elegant  
Tables of 6, 8, or 10 Available  
RSVP by: Wednesday, March 9th,  
at 773-9531

Make checks payable to  
St. Croix Yacht Club  
No refunds for cancellations made  
after 12:00 (noon)  
on Friday the 11th of March.  
We must bill for food prepared

Event Photography courtesy of John Nelson with O.M. Productions.  
340-227-2163 or john@omproductions.net. Interested in pictures from the Ball,  
Please contact Kiomie at stcroixyc@gmail.com for more information.



## From the Fleet Captain : Changes in Rules and Fees

In December, the Board of Directors approved **three** important changes to the rules for dry storage of boats and trailers on the Club's property.

- **Effective June 1, 2011**, the monthly dry storage fee for multi-hulled boats will be increased to \$5.25 per foot per month. This increase reflects industry standard on billing of vessels that require a larger real-estate foot print for storage.
- Three premium parking spaces will be marked and assigned along the east fence line. This turns half of the area currently marked as a transient storage area into an assigned storage area. These three spots will be reserved for vessels 30 feet or above and will be billed at \$5.25 per foot, per month.
- Reminder: The remaining spaces along the east fence line are temporary/transient storage areas ONLY – no more than two consecutive weekends are allowed before vessel will be billed accordingly . Repairs and maintenance should be done in designated work areas . Boats and trailers improperly parked along the fence may be moved at the discretion of the Club Manager & Waterfront Coordinator.
- There is a growing concern that the sandy launch area is being destroyed by inappropriate use. Additionally, the growth of our youth program increases our concern for the safety of our young sailors, when launching is in progress. A locked chain will be placed across the entrance to the launch area. Permission to launch must be obtained from Manager on site, during Club hours of operation.



A big **thank you** is owed to Captain John Holmberg for running an incredible wind and current seminar on January 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit the junior sailors. Just a few of the topics covered were; How weather systems form around the VI, Reading the clouds to benefit your racing, True vs. Apparent Wind, and how to sail in current. I can say with confidence that everyone left with a few new tricks in their back pocket. For example: Did you know that there is a lift that lies on the cusp of a new cloud line? Or that one of the recent America's cup boats could travel 3 times faster than the true wind speed? The St. Croix Yacht Club looks forward to inviting Captain Holmberg back in the future!

**HAPPY  
ST. PATTY'S  
DAY**



*March 18, 2011*

*Drink Special Emerald Isle*

*Special - Corned Beef & Cabbage*

*6:00-7:00*

*Learn to DANCE an IRISH JIG  
from Rachel our Irish Jig Master!*

*7:00*

*Try out your new JIG skills and kick  
up your heels in our Irish Jig Contest!  
Prizes to be awarded !*

*If dancing is not your thing -the entertainment  
of watching our fellow YC members dancing an  
Irish Jig may make your whole Friday Night.*



*Friday Night Happy Hour*

*April 1, 2011*

*6:00 - 10:00 pm*

**KARAOKE & DANCING**

*With Henry James and Silky Smooth*

**Beef or Chicken TACOS** 

*Add your favorite toppings!*

**\$3.00 each**

## FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

- ◆ Registration for the 2011 Junior Sailing Summer Program is in full swing. All forms, schedules, and necessary information are available on our web site at [www.stcroixyc.com](http://www.stcroixyc.com). Spaces are limited so register your child early to secure them a space in our amazing program. With an emphasis on safety and fun, the St. Croix Yacht Club Summer Sailing Program has helped develop the skills of several All-American Sailors including several Olympic hopefuls. If your son or daughter does not turn out to be an Olympic contender, consider this. Many of our sailors have gone on to college with both academic and sport scholarships in the sport of sailing. Or maybe your son or daughter just needs a wholesome social and athletic activity that fortifies their strength of character and encourages their independence. *Sailing is it!*
- ◆ The management of St. Croix Yacht Club would like to remind our members that all vessels and property, stored on Yacht Club property require a current Dock Lease Agreement and/or Dry Storage Contract. This includes dinghies, windsurfers, kayaks, trailers, etc. We want your individual files to have the most up to date and specific information on each of your vessels. Also be reminded that changes to recorded status of vessel, must be made in writing (email works), so as to document any change that would affect billing for said vessel or any other status, in the individual file. It is the member's responsibility to inform the office in writing, of any change in property status. Agreements are available via email, mail, fax, or simply come in to the office and chat with Caitlyn or Kiomie and get your file updated for 2011. Action will be taken with any unidentified vessels/property left on Yacht Club property. Any questions, please contact 773-9531, Caitlyn at [scycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:scycsailing@gmail.com) or Kiomie at [stcroixyc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixyc@gmail.com). We look forward to serving you better.
- ◆ Special THANKS to Leonor C. Gillette, Committee Chair, Britt Duthie, Co-Chair, Leslie Cramer, Co-Chair, Peter Duthie, Jim Salafia, Anne Salafia, Chris Langella, Kate Diaz & POSH Catering Staff, Yacht Club Staff & Volunteers, for an excellent West Coast Wines, Wine Tasting Event, held on February 26. It was a lovely occasion.
- ◆ I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU, to all who came out for Love Your Club Day and volunteered to make our 2011 SCYC Hospice Regatta a huge success. You know who you are and you know how much I appreciate you.

*Kiomie Pedrini,*  
Club Manager

*Join us for the  
Blessing of SCYC Fleet*

Spring is just the season,

To clean, repair, and shine ,  
For our vessels it is no different,  
And for many, it's about time!

Our boats are our family,  
And for many a retreat,

So join us as we respect these members,  
At the Blessing of the Fleet! *CLC*

## LOVE YOUR CLUB DAY! FEB. 5TH, 2011





## From the Regatta Chairman: SCYC 2011 Hospice and Optimist Regatta - WRAP UP!

A fleet of 17 yachts from St. Maartin, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, and host island St. Croix, plus an Optimist division, enjoyed steady easterly winds ranging from 12 to 18 knots during the St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta 2011, Feb 11 through 13th. With former J-24 World Champion Jens Hookanson and last year's Hospice Regatta winners, Chris and Peter Stanton in the class, Spinnaker Racing had no shortage of talent. In the end Morgan Dale's Melges 24, *Boogaloo*, held off a late challenge from Jaime Torres's, Beneteau First 40, *Smile and Wave* from Puerto Rico.



Although the S2 7.9 *Ambivalence* seemed to dominate the "fun class", with line honors in all six races, she was actually hard pressed by Stan Joines' Alberg 35, *Windflower* and Vincenzo Ambrosi's Mariner 38, *Delphine*. Her margin of victory in four races averaged only 25 seconds on corrected time.

The Regatta Committee felt the SCYC Hospice Regatta was a great success. Sustained by the generous support of the St. Croix Community. Partnering with the Continuum Care, Inc. helped raise awareness and funds for Continuum Care, Inc. The SCYC Hospice Regatta is the Kick off for the 2011, Cape Air Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit (CORC). Five boats entered the Cape Air CORC Series in this first leg. Cape Air CORC standing by class at the conclusion of the SCYC Hospice Regatta saw *Smile and Wave* lead the Spinnaker Racing A class with Puerto Rico's Jonathan Lipuscek's J-105, Dark Star, Second in spinnaker Racing B the leader is St. Thomas, Paul Davis, Driving his J-27 Mag 7. The USA's Tom Mullen's J-95 Shamrock VII is first in the performance cruising class with St. Croix's Tony Sanpere's J-36, Cayenitta Grande.

- For complete results visit [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=418](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=418)
- Article Excerpt from Caribbean Compass Magazine, [http://issuu.com/caribbean-compass/docs/compass\\_online\\_march11/18?mode=embed](http://issuu.com/caribbean-compass/docs/compass_online_march11/18?mode=embed)



## SCYC Summer Sailing Kick - Off!

As many of you know, the summer is fast approaching and Summer Sailing will soon be upon us. You will notice on the following pages that there has been a few changes made to the program. The biggest change is length of the sessions. SCYC will now be running 11 weeks of Summer Sailing. The program will start and end with one week sessions for our Little Mariners, and in between we will be running three sessions, each of three weeks in length. This added time on the water will allow our sailors that little bit of extra time to refine their skills and increase their confidence. We have also added a "Sail Adventure" option during session 2 and 3. "Sail Adventure" will share similar characteristics to the one week program run in the past summers, but in addition, sailors will have the opportunity to explore new and exciting water sports and participate in fun activities and games. Designed to keep our sailors coming back, this program is the perfect option for sailors looking for something new and different!

Sail Adventure hopes to teach our sailors many different water sports and new ways of seeing mother ocean. If you come across any of the following items, we would love to take them off your hands!

Snorkeling Masks  
Fishing Rods  
Coffee Cans  
Paddles  
Old Sails

Fishing Sinkers  
Netting  
Broomsticks  
Stockings

Hard plastic containers  
Marbles  
Clay  
Fish Tanks

Other items that would be fantastic donations or even given on loan for a one week span include:

Surf Boards  
Kayaks  
Wind Surfers

Want to be involved in the program? We are looking for members to donate half of their day to take our junior sailors out on their larger sailboats! Please contact Caitlyn at 773-9531 or [scycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:scycsailing@gmail.com).

## SCYC 2011 SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM



### SCHEDULE

#### LITTLE MARINERS: June 6 - 10, 2011

Ages 5-7

\*No exceptions to age requirements

9:00am-12:00pm

#### SESSION 1: June 13 – July 1, 2011

Sea Squirts	Introductory: Ages 5-7	9:00am-12:00pm
Optimist 1	Introductory	9:00am-3:00pm
Optimist 3	Intermediate/Advanced	9:00am-3:00pm
Sunfish	Introductory	9:00am-3:00pm
Club 420	Introductory	9:00am-3:00pm

#### SESSION 2: July 5 – July 22, 2011

Optimist 2	Optimist 1 Continuation	9:00am-3:00pm
Optimist Race	Intermediate/Advanced	9:00am-3:00pm
Sail Adventure	Intermediate	9:00am-3:00pm
Club 420	Race/Advanced	9:00am-3:00pm

#### SESSION 3: July 25 – August 12, 2011

Sea Squirts	Introductory: Ages 5-7	9:00am-3:00pm
Optimist 1	Introductory	9:00am-3:00pm
Optimist 3	Intermediate/Advanced	9:00am-3:00pm
Sunfish	Introductory	9:00am-3:00pm
Club 420	Boat Handling	9:00am-3:00pm

#### LITTLE MARINERS: August 15- 19, 2011

Ages 5-7

\*No exceptions to age requirements

9:00am-12:00pm

#### HIGH SCHOOL PRE-SEASON TRAINING: August 22-26, 2011

1:00pm-4:00pm Required for all in-coming team members of the fall 2011 High School Season. Sailors must be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.

**Registration Materials will be distributed via email and can be found on the Yacht Club website under Junior Sailing @ [www.stcroixyc.com](http://www.stcroixyc.com).**

## SCYC 2011 SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM



### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**Little Mariners**    **Class meets: 9am-12pm**

**Course fee: \$100.00**

**Ages 5-7**    **Boat: Rhodes 19 & Optimist Pram**

**Prerequisite: Pass the swim test**

Entry-level students 5 and older will begin sailing in the Rhodes 19 and Optimist Pram. This class is one week, designed for kids who have little to no sailing or boating experience. We will teach them the fundamentals of living and playing safely near the water. Boat handling, rowing, and swim strengthening skills will be taught. The foundation of each lesson will be water & boat safety along with an overall understanding of the powerful mother ocean. This class covers safety, rigging, basic boat handling, and knots. Sailors can advance to the Sea Squirts program or Optimist 1 at age 8.

**Sea Squirts**    **Class meets: 9am-12pm**

**Course fee: \$300.00**

**Ages 5-7**    **Boat: Rhodes 19 & Optimist Pram**

**Prerequisite: Pass the swim test**

An extension of the little Mariners Program, entry-level students 5 and older will have the opportunity to expand on their knowledge of the Rhodes 19 and Optimist Pram through a 3 week program. In this part of the course they will learn how the wind affects the boat as well as how to steer. A basic understanding of points of sail and weather will also be covered. Objectives of this class include; Knot tying, nautical terminology, sail trim, and of course FUN! Sailors can advance to the Optimist 1 program at age 8.

**Optimist 1**    **Class meets: 9am-3pm**

**Course fee: \$525.00**

**Ages 8-13**    **Boat: Optimist Pram**

**Prerequisite: Pass the swim test**

The 8 foot optimist is the international standard in youth sail training. The "Opti" is specifically designed for junior sailors under 120lbs in weight. This class is designed to take the beginner sailor or experienced Little Mariner, and make them confident and comfortable sailing the optimist pram on their own. This three week session will cover rigging, knot tying, steering, basic boat handling, and nautical terminology. Sailors can advance to the Optimist 2 course or Sail Adventure.

**Optimist 2**    **Class meets: 9am-3pm**

**Course fee: \$525.00**

**Ages 8-13**    **Boat: Optimist Pram**

**Prerequisite: Completion of Optimist 1  
or equivalent level course.**

A continuation of the Optimist 1 course or other SCYC Optimist Pram Introductory course. This course fine-tunes the basic boat-handling skills gained in Optimist 1. An emphasis on points of sail, proper sail trim, and seamanship will fast track these sailors for long term success in the Optimist Pram. Sailors will be introduced to the basics of racing and navigation, catering to each individuals' goals within the sport of sailing. Sailors can advance to the Optimist 3 course or Sail Adventure.

**Optimist 3**    **Class meets: 9am-3pm**

**Course fee: \$525.00**

**Ages: 9-15**    **Boat: Optimist Pram**

**Prerequisite: Completion of Optimist 2  
or equivalent level course.**

Building on experience, skill, and course material from the SCYC Optimist Pram Introductory course, the Optimist 3 course is designed to take our sailors to the next level of sailing. An emphasis on boat-handling, sail controls, and beginner racing strategy will prepare these optimist sailors for the fun world of racing. Not interested in racing? This course will also focus on bettering the sailors' ability to sail in heavy winds and varying conditions. Completion of this course leaves sailors eager and ready for our Fall One Design Series and other locally held Optimist regatta's. Sailors can advance to the Optimist Race Team, Sunfish Introductory course, or Sail Adventure.

***\*\*Exceptions to Age, Weight, Height, and Experience for any course will be made on a sailor to sailor basis by the Program Director\*\****

## SCYC 2011 SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM



### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CONT...

**Sail Adventure**    **Class meets: 9am-3pm**  
**Ages: 8-18**        **Boat: Anything that floats!**

**Course fee: \$525.00**  
**Prerequisite: Completion of Optimist 1**  
**or equivalent level course.**

Open to all sailors who are ready to use their sailing knowledge to do something new and exciting! In **Sail Adventure** sailors will get experience on a number of different types of vessels bettering their understanding of the sport as a whole. The course is structured to include sailing during one half of the day, and fun water activities during the other half. Sailors will be exposed to boats large and small and learn how to work as a team to accomplish day to day goals. Activities will include "How to make a water scope", fishing, snorkeling, paddling, guest speakers and much, much more! If your sailor is ready for a new and exciting experience, then Sail Adventure is the course for them! Material in this course will vary based on overall class sailing experience and age. This course is designed as an addition to our program but not as a direct part of the class progression. Sailors are encouraged to follow the course guideline when choosing a class to follow Sail Adventure.

**Sunfish**        **Class meets: 9am-3pm**  
**Ages: 10-18**     **Boat: Sunfish**

**Course fee: \$525.00**  
**Prerequisite: Completion of Optimist 2**  
**or equivalent level course.**

Attractive to novice and experienced sailors alike, this self bailing boat natural progression from the Optimist Pram. In the **Sunfish Introduction** course, sailors will learn the in's and out's of how to rig the Sunfish. A review of points of sail and steering will expand our young sailors' knowledge beyond the Optimist and into the world of bigger boats. With a larger sail area, and a boat conducive to 2, participants will be exposed to the positions of Captain and Crew. In the **Sunfish Intermediate** course, sailors will build on their racing knowledge and continue to work on executing, starts and understanding the race course strategy. After completing this course, SCYC has seen its sailors go as far as youth Olympics! From **Sunfish Introduction**, sailors advance to Sunfish Intermediate, Club 420 Introduction, or Sail Adventure. From **Sunfish Intermediate** sailors may move into the 420 beginner and race course.

**Optimist Race**    **Class meets: 9am-3pm**  
**Ages: 9-15**        **Boat: Optimist Pram**

**Course fee: \$525.00**  
**Prerequisite: Completion of Optimist 3/**  
**Sunfish or equivalent level course.**

The Optimist Race course is for students who have successfully completed Optimist 3 or class equivalent. Students will continue to improve their sailing skills while they learn racing through drills and practice races. Racing rules, strategy, boating safety, and correct sail trim are stressed. Sailors will also learn the science behind how wind and water affects their boat. Keeping the fun in sailing will be emphasized. The curriculum is geared towards new and experienced racers with an emphasis on peer mentoring between the Green and Championship fleet sailors. Regatta attendance in the Fall and Spring seasons will be encouraged when appropriate.

**Club 420**        **Class meets: 9am-3pm**  
**Ages: 12-18**     **Boat: Club 420**

**Course fee: \$525.00**  
**Prerequisite: Completion of Sunfish Intro**  
**or equivalent level course. Weight: 90lbs+ Height: 4'+**

The standard in High School and Collegiate Racing, this 2-person boat is used as a high level racing boat with trapeze and spinnaker. The SCYC **Club 420 Introduction** course will focus on transitioning sailors into a faster, more technical sailing vessel. Focus on rigging, and boat-handling will dominate most of the 3 week introduction course. Sailors will have the opportunity to try out the position of "Skipper" and "Crew" and develop a comfort for both. Spinnaker will be introduced based on class skill level, and weather conditions. Completion of this course allows for sailors to join the High School Sailing Team upon entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The **Club 420 Racing** session will focus on the finer points of boat-handling, race strategy, starts, and the use of the trapeze and spinnaker. This racing session is perfect for the new high school sailor who wants to further develop their 420 skills, or experienced racers just looking for more water time. Summer offers the opportunity for High School sailors to gain more experience in "Trap & Chute" and possibly travel to state-side junior sailing events. During our 3 weeks, we will continue to develop racing experience, and team building. An emphasis on competitive development will be the base for each lesson. Regatta attendance in the Fall and Spring will be encouraged.

**\*\*Exceptions to Age, Weight, Height, and Experience for any course will be made on a sailor to sailor basis by the Program Director\*\***

## From the Waterfront Coordinator - SCYC Turtle Rescue

On the morning of Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a member of the yacht club arrived bright and early to load up his boat for a day on the water. On the drive out to his boat, this member pointed out a small sea turtle very close to the surface and just off the bow of one of the nearby moored boats. We both regarded it casually, as many do, and continued on our way. When we arrived at his boat this SCYC member noted that the turtle was still there and in the past he had noticed fishing line strung off the bow of the boat. Just to be sure he suggested we do a quick check on the turtle to make sure he was ok. As we drove closer it became obvious that the Sea Turtle had become tangled in the fishing line and was unable to swim away from the boat. Having a pair of wire cutters handy, our SCYC Member began to cut the lines keeping the turtle lashed to the mooring line of the boat. When he finally was freed, the member and I lifted the turtle into the bow of the whaler to assess what else could be done. It was obvious that he had wrapped both flippers and neck countless times in the fishing line. We removed the line from his neck and right flipper first, at which point the turtle started to look more aware and move around. The left flipper was in far worse shape.

As we began unwrapping it, the fishing line had done substantial damage and cut through the skin and down to the bone. After speaking with DPNR I was put in contact with Dr. Coles, DPNR Chief of Environmental Education. Dr. Coles advised us to put the turtle in a cool spot and in only about an inch of water until a team could arrive to help. As we waited, the turtle was kept company by JJ, Lucy, and Kate Klempen. These young members made sure the that turtle had fresh water on his shell and knew that it wasn't alone. Around 12 noon, the team sent by Dr.Coles arrived. They took photographs of the turtle and the line that it had been tangled in. They then placed him in a plastic bin took him to be examined by Doctors at the East End Marine Park.

A big Thank you to everyone who sent this turtle their thoughts of strength and recovery, and especially to our Heroic member who helped to save this beautiful, endangered, creature. In light of this incident, I am going to urge all members to refrain from leaving trolling fishing line off of their boat. Not only could we injure more beautiful creatures, but it also poses a threat to passing motorboat props, swimmers, and other inhabitants of Teague Bay.

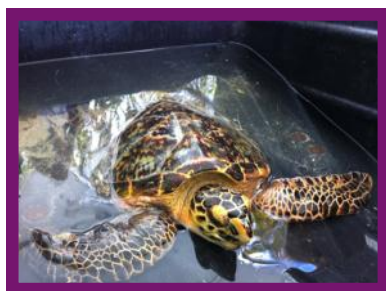
UPDATE: On Tuesday, March 22, 2011, Dr. Coles paid a visit to the St. Croix Yacht Club to provide us with a personal update about the turtle and to gather a few more details for the report he is writing about the turtle. He informed me that we were correct when we said that the turtle was an Endangered Hawksbill. The turtle is still a juvenile and so its gender could not be known for sure. Dr. Coles shared some information with me that he asked I pass along. He said that although we were acting on what seemed best, the decision to uncoil the fishing line from the turtle's fins was actually not the best decision. He educated me a bit on the anatomy of the turtle and shared that we can actually injure them further but unwrapping the line as quickly as we did. He has asked for anyone who comes across a turtle who is entangled, that they only cut away the line that is keeping them trapped. When they are free from the area, bring them to shore and place them in a container with a little water, being sure not to cover the snout (two air holes located on the bill that allow them to breath). Leave any line that is wrapped around there body as it was found. Dr. Coles also shared that the turtle we rescued had some good and bad news. He was floating a little bit in water, which means that he has a slight infection, but they think it is fighting this infection well. Also, the damage done to the left flipper in particular, was extensive. "Turtles grow like trees" he said, and so the turtle cannot re-grow the damaged tissue around the flipper bone. The office is considering a number of options including reconstructive surgery to be sure that this thin area on his flipper does not get entangled in the future. He said that they expect the turtle to recover and will be working with it extensively before it is released.

If you come across and injured or entangled sea turtle Dr.Coles asks that you call the DPNR hotline, so the agency can try to save the animal. Reports can be made to DPNR at 773-1082 or after hours at 643-0800

### Hawksbill Sea Turtle Facts

- Their tapered heads end in a sharp point resembling a bird's beak, hence their name
- Not particularly large compared with other sea turtles, hawksbills grow up to about 45" in shell length and 150 pounds in weight.
- They are normally found near reefs rich in the sponges they like to feed on. Hawksbills are omnivorous and will also eat mollusks, marine algae, crustaceans, sea urchins, fish, and jellyfish.
- Mating occurs every two to three years and normally takes place in shallow waters close to the shore.

Facts found at: <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/hawksbill-turtle/>



*Caitlyn Connolly,*  
Waterfront Coordinator



## FROM THE WATERFRONT COORDINATOR CONT...

### **Hospice Regatta Clinic**

An excited group of young sailors chose to benefit from the Optimist Clinic run by Benjamin Victor, on February 11, 2011. Two of those sailors flew in a day early from St. Maarten to benefit from Coach Victor's local knowledge. Seven other St. Croix sailors were excused from school to better prepare themselves through attending the clinic. The conditions were breezy and choppy, but with the help of this "Home Grown PRO" the sailors entered the event feeling acquainted with the conditions and the surrounding waters.



Coach Ben spent time with each sailor, readying their sails and rigs for the upcoming event. He also took time with each sailor to set individual goals for the weekend. Topics covered included; how the wind tends to oscillate through Teague Bay, favored sides of the course, and how to have a "GREAT" start. Feedback from participants and their parents was positive and full of support for the clinic in coming years. Furthering the overall success of the clinic, 5 of the 9 clinic participants placed at the top of their fleets and took home medals at the end of the event.

### **Hospice Regatta**

The 2011 St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta started off with a bang on Saturday, February 12, 2011. The wind held strong at 12-17 knots all day and the waves were not any kinder. However, there is no doubt that the force to be reckoned with was not the conditions, but the fierce competition offered by the SCYC Optimist Race Team. While many of their fellow competitors decided to sit out the races on shore, the SCYC sailors made their presence known by finishing out the day strong. There is no doubt that each sailor did their fair share of bailing over the weekend, and a big THANK YOU is owed to everyone who came out to be safety boats for the event and helped these tired bailing sailors to stay motivated and keep going. At the end of the event, many SCYC sailors walked away with hard earned medals around their neck! Congratulations to Rachel Conhoff who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Green fleet, Alec Kuipers-1<sup>st</sup> place in white fleet, Ryan Hunter - 1<sup>st</sup> place Blue Fleet, David Kleeger - 3<sup>rd</sup> place red fleet. Other SCYC participants included Dawson Kohl who received the regatta's Sportsmanship Award, Conrad Yanez, Atlee Kohl, and Natalia Kuipers. We cannot wait to see what new heights they will reach by next years event!

### **Jr. Sailing**

Following the popular Fall and Winter Optimist Sailing, the St. Croix Yacht Club has recently begun a Monday afternoon sailing for all interested optimist sailors. This session is a brief 4 weeks long and occurs on Mondays from 4-6pm. With a variance in skill level, the course is teaching everything from capsizing, to the finer points of boat handling.

Not able to participate on Mondays? Don't fret, the SCYC is holding its first annual "Funny Bunny Optimist Race Series" in April 2011. See event break out box for more details on page 12. We hope to see all of our Optimist sailors coming out and racing in preparation for the Crucian Open One Design Regatta in June and Scotia Bank shortly after that!

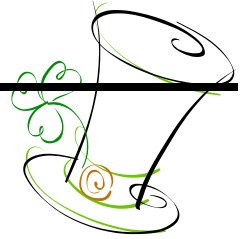
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Waterfront Coordinator

*"The will to win is important,  
but the will to prepare is vital."  
-Joe Paterno*








## Are you happy?

Your Board of Directors wants you to be! They will be surveying membership satisfaction in April. Look for an email directing you to a free internet service, [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com), where you'll be asked just a few questions. If you don't have internet access, a paper and pencil survey will be available at the Club office.



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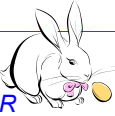
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Rolex Regatta STYC	9 - 12 Little Mariners Sail Week
	9 - 12 Beginner Optimist Sail Week
	1-4 Intro 420 Sail Week

# April 2011



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					 1 Happy Hour KAREOKE & Taco Night	2  BVI Spring Regatta
3 Funny Bunny Race Series #1	4 4 pm Optimist Spring training  	5  HS Sailing	6 Wed Night Dinner  HS Sailing	7  HS Sailing	8 Birthday Happy Hour	9
10 Funny Bunny Race Series #2	11	12  HS Sailing	13 Wed Night Dinner  HS Sailing	14  HS Sailing	15 Happy Hour	16 Buck Island Race & Picnic  
17 Membership Sunday Car wash	18	19  HS Sailing	20 Wed Night Dinner  HS Sailing	21  Board Meeting  HS Sailing	22 Happy Hour	23
24 EASTER BRUNCH & EGG HUNT Funny Bunny Race Series #3  Blessing of the Fleet!	 25	26  HS Sailing	27 Wed Night Dinner  HS Sailing	28  HS Sailing	29	30





**ST. CROIX YACHT CLUB**  
**Spring 2011 Little Mariner's Sailing**  
**March 28-April 1, 2011**  
**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Introductory classes for youths ages 5-7.**

All Classes will be taught by U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors. This class is designed for kids who have little to no sailing or boating experience. We will teach them the fundamentals of living and playing safely near the water. Boat handling rowing, swim strengthening skills will be taught. The foundation of each lesson will be water & boat safety along with an overall understanding of the powerful mother ocean. This is a great place for the young ones to continue to get comfortable in the water and on a boat while sailing in front of the club on our beautiful Teague Bay. We will start the Little Mariners sailing in Rhodes 19's and optimists. In this part of the course they will learn how the wind affects the boat as well as how to steer and trim the sails. Other objectives of this class include; Knot tying, nautical terminology, and of course FUN!

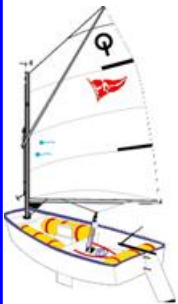
**Course fee \$150.00**  
**Refundable Damage deposit of \$50.00**  
**(please submit as a separate check)**  
**For more information Contact Caitlyn at**  
**7739531 or scycsailing@gmail.com**

**ST. CROIX YACHT CLUB**  
**420 Development Week**  
**March 28 - April 1, 2011**  
**1:00pm - 4:00pm**



**420 Development Week** is a class structured for those coming to sailing late in their junior years or for sailors maturing out of the Opti Class Championship Fleets. The emphasis on instruction is to build and grow a basic understanding of rigging and sailing 420s, with an introduction to the spinnaker if time allows. During the class, sailors rotate through the roles of skipper and crew, get to experience the fun and excitement of sailing with their fellow peers and friends.. As sailors make progress and gain confidence in these larger boats, instruction will adapt to improve boat speed, and strengthen boat-handling. Some experience sailing is preferred but not mandatory.

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**St. Croix Yacht Club**  
**Optimist Continuation Course**  
**March 28 - April 1, 2011**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

This **Continuation Course** is designed to keep our optimist sailors engaged in sailing during their Spring Break Week. The coaching, as always, will be tailored to each individual child's needs. This week is filled with fun games and exercises, strengthening the knowledge they already have and teaching them new and exciting skills. Those who show excitement for racing will be have a chance to participate in fun races against their peers. Each sailor will leave the week with gained enthusiasm and passion for the sport.

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**ST. CROIX YACHT CLUB**

is Proud to announce.....

The 1st Annual

**Funny Bunny Race Series!**

All Race Ready Optimist Sailors should join us for this short, 3 week Optimist Race Series.

Coaching will be provided.

**Our #1 Goal is to have fun!**

**Funny Bunny Race Series Dates:**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 11:30-3:00

April 10<sup>th</sup>: 11:30-3:00

April 24<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 - 3:00

Rigging will begin after the Easter Egg Hunt on the 24th,  
 Races and Awards will come to a close by 3pm.

**Why Funny Bunny?**

**April Fools + Easter = Funny Bunny**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### BUCK ISLAND PICNIC & FUN Race!

April 16, 2011

11:00 - Start of Sailboat Race  
(See NOR for race details)

1:00 - 3:00 - We Rock the Grill

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs - off the grill  
Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Melon  
Complimentary Rum Punch & regular for the kids

**All for \$10.00 per person**

Park Rules do not allow for the exchange of cash  
purchase your meal & beverage **WRIST BANDS**  
at Friday Night Happy Hour on the 15th,  
or starting at 10:00 AM, Saturday, the 16th.

3:00 - 3:30 - We Clean up

3:30 - 4:30 - Back to Teague Bay

YC Shuttle to Buck Island leaves the dock  
every hour, on the hour, starting at 12:00.

Groups bigger than **4**, should schedule a shuttle time  
with Caitlyn at [scycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:scycsailing@gmail.com), April 15, 5PM.

Interested in inviting members to join your crew,  
MOTOR or SAIL, we would love to have your help,

**Don't Forget to fly your Club burgee!**



## Cinco de Mayo

### Friday, May 6, 2011

## Fiesta begins at 6:00

**\$4.00 Mexican Tacos & Enchiladas**

**w/ toppings bar**

**Refried Beans and Mexican Rice**

**Limbo Contest, Child Piñata, Adult Piñata**

**Fun Prizes for all!**

**Margarita Madness!**

**Entertainment to be announced**

**Please RSVP to 773-9631 or**

**[scyccatering@gmail.com](mailto:scyccatering@gmail.com)**

**so we know how much food to prepare**



## Hop on over for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

**Sunday, April 24th, 2011**

**Egg Hunt starts @ 1:00 p.m. sharp!**

There will be Egg Hunt areas for all ages:  
3 and under, 4-5 year olds, 6 and up

All members and their guests are welcome  
but **MUST RSVP!**

Call 773-9531 to register your children and  
your guest's children

(name of child and age, so we know how  
many eggs to allocate to each area).

For more information & to RSVP  
Call 773-9531

## SCYC Easter Brunch

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

11:30am – 2:00pm

A la Carte Menu

Children's Menu Available

Tables of 6 or Please RSVP

to 773-9531 Or

[scyccatering@gmail.com](mailto:scyccatering@gmail.com)

by Friday, April 22, 2011 @ 12:00 pm.

Make checks payable to

POSTH Catering

**Blessing of the Fleet**  
Ceremony held on the  
end of T-dock at 4:00 PM

Details to follow...

