

SCUTTLEBUTT



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Commodores Message

The year is sailing right along. Improvements and projects continue to move forward at the Club. Surely you have noticed the "large rocks" sitting in front of the newly installed fence. These will be strategically placed and some plants and trees will join them. If you are interested in helping out with the landscaping of our front fence line, we are looking for ideas, suggestions and volunteers, so let us hear from you.

Friday Night Happy Hour continues to be a night full of fun and friends. We were entertained by Marc Anthony Roman on Friday, April 11th. He calls it "70's Rewind Music" but it was a great mix of some oldies and not so oldies. His musical style was enjoyed by all. You will probably be hearing him at the club again.



Our annual Buck Island Picnic took place on April 19th, and we couldn't have ordered nicer weather. There were at least 50 of us that sailed or motored out to Buck Island and spent the afternoon visiting and eating fried chicken and fixings.

If you didn't make it this year I would encourage you to definitely put it on your calendar as a must do next year.

We welcomed several new members and welcomed back some former members on April 20th, at Membership Sunday. We were also able to officially welcome Tony & Ellen Sanpere and Wayne Damico. They were unable to attend in January because they were actively racing in the 2008 Around St. Croix Race. Again, welcome to each and every one of you. We are glad to have you as members of our St. Croix Yacht Club family. Junior Sailors (with help from Jr. Sail parents and volunteers) were washing cars while we were welcoming the new members. It was great to come out and get into a clean car when I left that afternoon. Thank you to all who made it possible and to all who supported the Junior Sailing Program by getting your cars washed.

We have several boating events and social events coming up in May and June. Watch your email and the Yacht Club calendar for details. Remember to come out for Wednesday Night Dinner. Excellent menus and themed dinners are planned for our summer season supporters.

If you have an article you would like to have in the next Scuttlebutt, please submit it to the Yacht Club office via email at stcroixyc@gmail.com.

Commodore
Vicki Bandola



2008 Officers and Directors

Commodore	Vicki Bandola	Director	Felice Quigley
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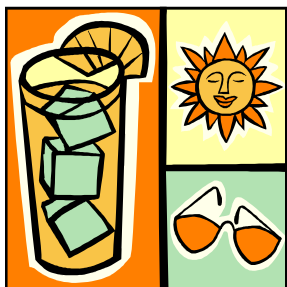
Summer is Here!

Summer is here
 We are all about that
 Got our rubber sandals
 Got our straw hats
 Got our cold beer
 & summer menu's appear

Summer is here
 That suits us fine
 It may rain today
 But we don't mind
 It's the best time of year
 And we're glad it's here

Old man winter
 Has moved along fast
 Along with the winds
 That twisted our masts
 Can't wait to serve
 Our summer crew
 We have a table
 Waiting just for you!

Look forward to our
 innovative Wednesday &
 Friday Night Happy Hour
 Bistro menus... and as al-
 ways, Wild West Catering
 services are only a phone
 call away 773-9631 or stop
 by & see Kate,
 Wed. - Sun., regular
 operating hours.



Fickle Winds for the 2008 CROOD Regatta

Extremely shifty, puffy winds from the southeast made racing challenging for the sailors in the **2008 Cruzan Open One Design Regatta**, held May 24 & 25 at the St. Croix Yacht Club. Over 20 sailors competed in Optimist, Sunfish, Laser radials, and 420s in St. Croix's popular multi-class event.

Paul Lordi, the event PRO, ran between 16 and 20 races in each class in the two day regatta. The shifty winds made tactical sailing key, with random puffs and "auto tacks" keeping each sailor on their toes. The conditions also kept scores interesting in the classes, as consistency was very hard to come by—on one leg, a racer could go from last to first, and back!



In the Optimist class, Mack Bryan turned in a solid performance to beat Eric Perez, with Harry Hoffman finish-

ing a strong third. New-comer Curtis Walker finished a noteworthy fourth, earning the Most Improved Sailor Award as he won two races! In the Sunfish class, Eric's brother Hector Perez won, with Shane Ryan-Bataller second and Vincenzo Ambrosi third.



The Laser Radial was the largest class, with six boats. Jae Tonachel showed everyone his prowess in the shifty conditions, throwing out a third as his worst race. Second was Chris Schreiber Sr., with son Christopher close behind in third. Also racing in the radials was Chris's wife and Christopher's mom Debbie, making the radials something of a family affair for the Schreibers! Also racing in the radials were Beecher Higby, who gave up his full rig to compete with the lighter sailors, and Felice Quigley.

In the 420 class, Rian



Bareuther with crew Kyle Davis won convincingly, with newcomers to the class Challis Diaz and Mike Weber second, and Sydney Jones, racing with various crews, third. Bareuther and Davis were the recipients of the regatta Sportsmanship Award, for abandoning a race to help a former competitor who had capsized.

Thanks to everyone who made the event possible. All in all, a successful and fun regatta for everyone!

Chris Schreiber

Regatta Coordinator



Save the Date

Friday, July 18th, 2008

FULL MOON SAIL

Have you ever sailed by the light of the moon?

Here's your chance so come on out with your friends and family and join the fun. **Glow sticks** will be provided so you can light your boat. Club boats are available at a first come first serve basis. We will be sailing 420s, sunfish, lasers, R-19 and optimists. All are welcome and spectators are encouraged to come out and check out the parade of lights. More information to come, stay tuned!



Any Given Wednesday

Last Wednesday evening I sat on our boat in Teague Bay, admiring the approaching sunset. Looking back toward the club, I witnessed an incredible sight. Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, I watched our club come to life in the glow of that beautiful sunset. There were activities and energy and excitement that are usually indicative of a major regatta in progress. But here was our club on any given Wednesday just humming with happy sights and sounds, no major event going on, and no visitors.



As I scanned the beachfront, a number of vignettes came into focus. Kiomie had a group of 5 year olds over by the sail locker, busy with a land based lesson, while Krista took another group of little kids out for a sailing lesson on a Rhodes 19. The high school team had just come in from practicing with their coach. They were very excited about how the practice session had gone and were laughing and chatting as they cleaned and put away their boats.

Further down the beach, toddlers and mommies played peacefully at the waters edge with toys from the club toy box. Other members looked on as they milled about and socialized, gathering for Wednesday Night Dinner.

Krista brought the Rhodes to the dock, teaching the kids how to take down sails and those little fidgets were so industrious and sure of themselves as they went about doing the work. The next thing I knew, 6 or 8 of the munchkins were proudly marching down the dock with the main (looked like it took all of them to manage it). They were all merrily working together and feeling big!

As Bob and I witnessed all of these happy activities, we toasted each other for belonging to such a beautiful club. Look how our club has grown! So here's to St. Croix Yacht Club, and here's to all of you who have made it such a peaceful, productive, and happy place to be.

Cheers! Sam Tonachel

From the Rear Commodore

We were pleased to welcome our new members at the April 20th Membership Sunday; we had a small but wonderful group. First, I would like to thank a few folks, without them we wouldn't have such a splendid event. Thanks to Kiomie and Roserene for your tireless work, thank you to the Membership Committee who makes our new members feel welcomed as soon as they walk in the door, and for assuring that the morning is organized and runs smooth. The Board of Directors for sharing different aspects of the club with our members, and of course the catering team for their stellar spread of yummy stuff!

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

Dave & Alison Tomlinson	Stacy White
Linda Ribble	Kyle Foster
Carlos Matos	Adam Sisolak

Also present were Wayne DAmico and Tony & Ellen Sanpere. They were new members to be inducted in January but were un-

able to attend the New Members Sunday since they jumped in head first and participated in the 2008 Around St. Croix Race.

Further on the subject of membership, our membership counts are super healthy, but we have several spots available for resident membership. And we continue to maintain numerous spots available for non-resident memberships. As you might recall non-resident memberships provide the same rights and privileges as a resident membership minus the right to vote at the annual meeting. Please invite and encourage your friends and neighbors to come on out and join the St. Croix Yacht Club and enjoy all we have to offer.

Happy spring to all and I look forward to meeting and seeing you all having fun at the Club!

Megan Littlefield,

Rear Commodore



WELCOME

Ship Store

New Arrivals!!!

Open Wed- 6-7pm

Fri- 6-7:30 pm

Sun- 11:45-1:30 pm

4 SALE Buckets

\$5, \$10, \$15, & \$20 items

With great prices

Come down and Shop!

New Colors Men's Polos

Ladies Tank Tops & Kids Rompers

Rash Guards for Kids & Adults

From the Fleet Captain



CDS Sailing Team



The High School sailing season is wrapping up for the year. High School Sailing is unique to other high school sports due to the fact that it is a year long sport. Currently the High School sailing district encompasses schools from Kentucky, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Our sub-District is the USVI and Puerto Rico. Competitive schools at this point are, Antilles High School, Las Palmas, Good Hope School and St. Croix Country Day. There are a over 60 registered High School Sailors in our sub district.

Recently The High School sailors traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida for a team racing event. Heading into the last race they found themselves tied for second place behind Antilles High School. The racing was ended early due to a lack of wind and Race Committee decided to end the regatta due to a sporting event scheduled for the next day. Country Day

School did not qualify for the National Championships however, Antilles advanced and won their spot to compete in Minnesota for the title.

Earlier this year the St. Croix Country Day team sailed in the Great Oaks District Championships, competing against 24 other high schools. They won the district championships by 30 points, advanced to the National Championships and placed 6th in the Nation for the Great Oaks High School Championships. Not a bad showing for a two year old team. Of note: Congratulations to junior members Rian Baruerther awarded MVP Award, Kyle Brego, awarded Most Improved Award and Morgan Bryan, awarded Male Athlete of the Year!

This leads us to our seniors.....As they Graduate; they will be sharing their sailing talent with the college sailing circuit. Ryan Murphy will be attending the University of Miami, Dasha Finke will head off to the University of South

Florida – Tampa, Rian Baruerther will be sailing for SUNY Maritime in New York and Sydney Jones has been accepted to the University of South Alabama.

Sydney will be cutting things close for starting college as she has been selected by the Olympic Committee to head to China for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Rian Baruerther has been selected to sail in this summer's US Sailing Youth Championships, then it is off to the Sunfish Worlds for him in August. Good Luck and God-speed to all of our Junior "senior" Sailors as they head off to start their college careers.

Kim Jones,
Fleet Captain

Special Thanks to Coach Peter Stanton, Scott Stanton, Sue Gibbons and Kim Jones for their dedication to SCYC High School Sailors!

The Scuttlebutt is now Electronic!

All members on YC email list will receive a PDF version of the document or can access it on the web site @ stcroixyc.com

Those not on email list will receive black & white copy via US mail.

To be placed on email list simply send the SCYC office an email at stcroixyc@gmail.com

From the Club Manager

Happy Summer to everyone! Work on the front gate has been completed and we look forward to putting it into action. As our ground rules state, "The front entrance gate will be open during normal working hours." If you are on the property and the gate is closed, there is a motion sensor on the inside that will let you out of the Club. If you are outside the gate, and want to get back in, you will need the code to the gate, which will be available to any member in good standing, from the club office. The gate must be kept locked during the hours the Club is closed in order to enhance Club security and the safety of our members, staff and property.

To recap: The gate to the SCYC will be open between the hours of 9:00 am to 6:00 pm., 7 days a week. If you need to enter the premises before 9:00 or after 6:00 pm, please come to the office and get the code to the gate. At that time, you will be asked to sign a waiver acknowledging you understand the rules and responsibilities of having the gate code, and we will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the new system. Please be aware, your image will be recorded on security cameras while you and your guests are at the gate. The SCYC staff ask your patience in ironing out any glitches that may arise in the new system. Thanks!

A few other reminders:

1. **Dock Carts** – Use and then return the cart to its designated parking area, so that the next person does not have to walk the entire dock to retrieve a cart. I have also had to retrieve carts left in the parking lot. Come on folks! If your trash makes the cart gross, wash it out with the hose and prop it up so it drains.



SNOW AT SCYC

From the Manager Continued...

2. **Dogs** – As per Club Ground Rules– Dogs are not permitted within 100 feet of the Club buildings except in transit to or from boats while on leash. Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs within that 100 foot limit. Absolutely NO DOGS allowed in the dining room.
3. **Conserve Water** – We all know how little it has rained lately. Let us all be mindful of all water usage while on the club premises.
4. **Trash**– Please deposit ALL trash inside the large dumpster in the parking lot, at the end of the line of sea grape trees. We have found trash bags, left on the ground near the large bin or overflowing our clubhouse trash bins. Trash that is not placed securely inside the bin gets torn up by animals, which attracts flies and pests.
5. **Registration for the 2008 Junior Sailing Summer Program** is in full swing. All forms, schedules, and necessary information are available on our web site at www.stcroixyc.com. Spaces are limited so register your child early to secure them a space in our amazing program.

Kiomie Pedrini, Manager

From the Waterfront Coordinator

LADIES NIGHT SAIL- The second Thursday of every month we are having our Ladies Night Sail throughout the summer months. It has been a great success and a really fun time out on the water. The weather was perfect and the sunset was just right. This past month we had a great night of sailing followed by cocktails and hors d' oeuvres in the club house. There was a visiting band here in the harbor aboard a very large Trimaran named "Virgin Fire". They were taking advantage of the club as a place to practice for their upcoming gig at Chicken Charlie's. They played music for us and made it a really special night. If you are interested in coming out this month on June 12th, please call or email me and let me know. Space is limited and this is not a learn to sail event so please let me know your skill level when making a reservation. We meet in the club house at 5 and set sail shortly after. It is a great night to get out on to the water for a nice relaxing cruise.

CASA Kids came out for a fun sail at SCYC- On a Thursday night last month we hosted 12 kids from the CASA program out here at the club. The field trip was a great success and we took the kids out on Rhodes 19's which was a blast. We are hoping that some of the kids will want to join our summer camp program this summer. They all seemed to have a wonderful time and really enjoyed being out on the water and learning a little bit about sailing and boating in general. A couple of the kids have already expressed interest on continuing their sailing education which would be a great asset to our club and a long term positive change in the lives of these children.

Our Little Mariners class has come to an end and what an

In Memory of Mary Louise Wright 11/25/25 - 5/9/08



Mary Lou and her late husband, have been members of the Club since 1974 (!!). They were active racers, until her husband's health deteriorated. Motor Vessel *Last Straw*, which served for many years as both signal boat and press boat for the International Regatta, driven by her son Judd, was graciously donated by Mary Lou for our use. The happy image we have of Mary Lou is her determined enjoyment of a silly board game we used to play on Friday nights, consisting of boat models with goofy names involved in a "race" - the players bet on their boats and rolled dice for position. During one of the hurricane club clean ups, most of the boat models were lost - Mary Louise was not amused. Our thoughts go out to her friends and family. She will be missed.

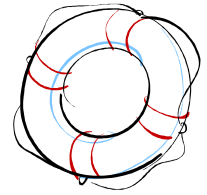
end it was! The kids have loved their time out here and it has made them feel like a part of the Jr. Sailing Program. They have learned about sailing, rowing, nautical terms, knot tying, using a VHF radio, safety signals, swimming and boating safety. We started off the class with a model boat building race and we ended the session with a relay race that showcased all that was learned in the previous weeks. It was amazing to see 3 five- to seven- year olds, in each sunfish, sailing, -yes I said, SAILING- around two buoys. The team work and skill they showed off was heartwarming to every parent watching. A small celebration followed featuring our first class of LITTLE MARINERS! Any questions about this class please contact me at scycsailing@gmail.com

SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB AND NAN MCINTOSH for assembling and painting the new Bongo Water Trampoline! The kids have always enjoyed bouncing and playing on the Bongo so I know they all appreciate your hard work and dedication to this Club.



Krista Siino, Waterfront Coordinator

May 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Happy Hour	Cinco de Mayo Party 5:30 - 9:00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Triathlon Club Opens at 1:00 pm			Wednesday Night Buffet	Ladies Night Sail	Happy Hour	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day Brunch Spring One Design #4			Wednesday Night Buffet		Happy Hour	First Aid & CPR Class w/ AED 8:30 - 5:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Spring One Design #5			Wednesday Night Buffet	Board Meeting	Cruzan Open One Design Regatta Pirates Party Happy Hour Music by Mike Meyer	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CROOD race day #2	CLUB OPEN Memorial Day Race		Wednesday Night Buffet		Happy Hour	

June 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Wednesday Night Buffet</i>	5	6 <i>Happy Hour</i>	7 <i>Private Party</i>
8	9	10	11 <i>Wednesday Night Buffet</i>	12 <i>Ladies Night Sail</i>	13 <i>Happy Hour</i>	14 <i>Private Party</i>
15 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Race to Town and Back</i>	16	17	18 <i>Wednesday Night Buffet</i>	19 <i>Board Meeting</i>	20 <i>Happy Hour</i>	21 <i>Scotia Bank Regatta STYC</i>
22 <i>Scotia Bank Regatta STYC</i>	23	24	25 <i>Wednesday Night Buffet</i>	26	27 <i>Happy Hour Sunfish Races!</i>	28
Week One - Summer Camp - Session One						
29	30					



SCYC 2008 Summer Junior Sailing Program



SESSION 1: June 23 – July 4, 2008

Optimist Pram	Introductory	Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced and Racing classes will be held at the St. Croix Yacht Club for youths ages 8 to 18. There will be no exceptions to the age restrictions. Classes will begin at 0900 (9AM) and end at 1500 (3PM) hours Monday through Friday. All Classes will be taught by U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors.
Sunfish	Introductory	
Club 420	Introductory	

Application and information about the program can be found at www.stcroixyc.com. Call @ 773-9531 or email at scycsailing@gmail.com for more information.

SESSION 2: July 7 – July 18, 2008

Sunfish	Intermediate	Course fee \$300.00 U.S. Sailing Members Course Fee \$250.00 (Copy of ID card is required with application.)
Club 420	Intermediate	

Refundable Damage Deposit of \$50.00 (please submit as a separate check)

SESSION 3: July 21 – Aug 1, 2008

Optimist Pram	Introductory	A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a place in a particular course. This deposit is deducted from course fee. The remainder of the tuition is due on the first day the course begins as is the damage deposit.
Optimist Pram	Advanced	
Sunfish	Advanced	

Tuition fee includes: Textbook , Certificate of Completion, and Log Book

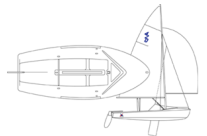
Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships are available to student(s) in need of financial assistance. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please fill out scholarship application.

SESSION 4: August 4 – August 15, 2008

Optimist Pram	Introductory
Sunfish	Introductory
Club 420	Intermediate

Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis with a \$100.00 deposit for EACH session being reserved. Spaces are limited. Application on-line @ stcroixyc.com

Sign up as soon as possible.



Ladies Night Sail

Thursday June, 12th 5-7pm

\$10.00 per person

This event is for Ladies **ONLY**, sorry guys!

Us gals are going to be having tons of fun without you! We will meet in the Club House at 5:00 pm and will set off on a sail in Teague Bay. Please bring a girlfriend or two and enjoy the peace and quiet of a nice evening cruise. After sailing, we will have sunset cocktails and snacks on the dock We will be sailing the Club's Rhodes 19's, so space is limited. To register for this event, email Krista Siino at scycsailing@gmail.com or call her at 773-9531.

SAVE THE DATES

2008 Summer Sunfish Races

COME DOWN & RACE **FRIDAY** NIGHTS STARTING



JUNE 27th

JULY 11th

JULY 25th

AUGUST 1st

AUGUST 8th

Open to all MEMBERS

Sailors may sail 2 to a boat

\$5 registration fee – each day sailed

Races start @ 5:30, continue until dark
For more information, please call Krista, at the St. Croix Yacht Club at 773-9531