

SCUTTLEBUTT



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Commodores Message

Our apologies for the delay in getting you this issue of the Scuttlebutt but we are very excited to announce that the Scuttlebutt is **going electronic!** More and more of us rely on our computers to deliver our bills, to pay our bills and to provide us important information. Several members have suggested we distribute the Scuttlebutt by email since the costs of postage and printing continue to rise. We have thrown this idea around for the past two or three years and are now taking the leap. We hope you like the new format. For folks that do not have computer access or prefer to receive a paper copy can contact the yacht club office and be put on a mailing list. We will also be posting the Scuttlebutt on our website in the near future. John Ellis and Kiomie will be coordinating these efforts. So bear with us as we make adjustments. I think you'll be well pleased with the results.

The new gate and fence look great. Some additional electrical work was necessary but the gate will be functioning soon. The new year continues to be very busy around the club. January started off with a party to Welcome Back the Snowbirds and that same evening we had the VISA auction. The Around St. Croix Race was an excellent event. We had a great time that Saturday evening at Coconuts in Frederiksted and the race continued on Sunday morning. Jeff Fangmann and crew on El Presidente were the first place finishers. That same weekend we had New Members Sunday with several new members joining our yacht club family. Welcome to all!

February was our 15th Annual St. Croix International Regatta. I'll refer you to Julie San Martin's

article about the regatta but want to say it was a great event and it was great to see so many of our members showing their support. We work really hard to make sure our visiting sailors and our own yacht club members have a wonderful time. A new board was installed at our annual meeting on February 20th in spite of the WAPA power outage. I look forward to working with the new board and with all of you this coming year. If you have any suggestions for us please let us know.

March 1st was the Commodore's Ball and kudos go to the caterer and staff for a fabulous dinner. The decorating committee worked really hard and did a wonderful job. WAPA helped that evening by having yet another power outage and we were able to experience the full ambience of the decorations. We had a photographer for the evening and if you didn't purchase your photo yet but would like to view the disk and place an order please contact Kiomie or I. Many members received recognition for their successes throughout 2007. Congratulations one more time!

We will be having our annual Buck Island Picnic on April 19th and I pray the weather cooperates this year. Last year had to be the rainiest on record. A New Members Sunday will be on April 20th and I believe the Junior Sailors will be having a car wash at that time. There are some new things planned for the near future that sound like a lot of fun. Watch the club calendar!!

Commodore
Vicki Bandola



2008 Officers and Directors

Commodore	Vicki Bandola	Director	Felice Quigley
Vice Commodore	Alan Mallory	Director	Anne Rymsha
Rear Commodore	Megan Littlefield	Director	Karen McCoy
Fleet Captain	Kim Jones	Director	Chris Schreiber
Secretary	Sam Tonachel	Director	Taylor Babb
Treasurer	Cecile Castruccio-DeRue	Director	Jim Lehman

2008 Commodore's Ball Awards

- St. Croix International
Chris Stanton—Devil 3
- Bomba Perpetual Trophy
Jeff Fangmann
El Presidente
- Wifred Allick Trophy
Jeff Fangmann
El Presidente
- John Stuart Jervis Memorial
Chris Stanton - Devil 3
- One Design Series
1st Place Optimist
Challis Diaz
- St. Croix Marine Trophy
Sydney Jones
- Optimist Sailor of the Year
William Gibbons
- Sportsmanship Award
Alan Mallory
- Junior Sailor of the Year
Rian Bareuther
- Albatross Award
Morgan Dale
- Community Service Award
Bill Dunne & Jayne Davis
- Commodores Trophy
Ron and Sue DeCosmo

CONGRATULATIONS!



15th Annual St. Croix International Regatta

Loads of sunshine with over 20 knots of wind and choppy seas was the weather this year for the 15th St. Croix International Regatta, sponsored by the St. Croix Yacht Club. For only the second time, a St. Croix boat, Devil 3, won the over all prize.

"The 15th Annual St. Croix International Regatta was a smashing success, even though we did have some smashing of inanimate objects, but no competitors were injured." says Julie San Martin, Regatta Director. "David Flaherty of St Thomas lost Ghost, his International Etchell, on the rocks of Teague Point when his mooring let go on Saturday night and our founder, Nick Castuccio, had an unfortunate encounter with Harbor Mark Nine on Saturday. The Mark was in need of repair and is now ready for replacement."

Three Harkoms, Christopher Loyd's modified 445, dominated Spinnaker 1 this year with 7 first places. In 2007, they competed in Racer Cruiser, which they also dominated. Ondeck Ocean Racing (winner of the Commodores Award for Best Visiting Boat) brought two Farr 40's from St. Thomas to compete in this class, but they were no match for Robbie Armstrong's Expensive Habit and Dave West's new Melges 32, Jurakan.

Spinnaker 2 was dominated by Devil 3, a Melges 24, with 7 first places. Three boats from St. Thomas (Thompson's J Walker, John Foster's Good Bad and the Ugly, and Paul Davis' Mag 7) traded places all weekend

for the next 3 positions. This was the largest class, with 11 competitors.

Guy Eldridge of Tortola took his first overall win in his new Beneteau, Luxury Girl, in the Racer Cruiser class. "Guy has been a loyal competitor at our regatta and never placed this well before; one year we towed him in from the course daily. We are really pleased that Guy did so well this year, as is Guy!" says San Martin. "All 7 of the Racer Cruisers opted to fly spinnakers and the racing was really competitive with Sergio Sagramosa's Lazy Dog placing second by only 3 points and Peter Haycraft's Pipe-dream less than 1 point behind Lazy Dog."

St. Croix's Jeff Fangman dominated Jib and Main with 7 bullets. Measurer Tony Sanpere came second, racing his home Cayenne III, followed by Stan Joines on his venerable Alberg 35, Windflower, crewed by St. Croix Central High students.

Beachcats was a two boat battle between St. Croix's Chris Schreiber and Paul Stoeken from St. Thomas on Hobie 16s. Chris prevailed on his Auto World Express, winning 4 of the five races before both skippers chose to retire rather than breaking any more equipment.

Six IC24s came to the line and 5 stayed to race. Puerto Rico's Fraitto Lugo on Orion and St. Thomas' Chris Currier on Brand New Second Hand Boat battled it out over 17 races with Fraitto's Orion prevailing by 10 points.



Meanwhile, nineteen Optis competed in 20 knot plus winds, a daunting undertaking for the age 16 and younger participants. Ivan Aponte from Puerto Rico was the overall winner, with Nikki Barnes of St. Thomas only 4 points behind after 10 races - this girl is good! For the second year, the Opti PRO was Ronnie Ramos from Ponce, bringing his world class expertise to bear on upgrading the action from Club racing to World Qualifying quality. A few grumbles were heard, with little sympathy from the race committee.

The St. Croix International Regatta differs from other Caribbean regattas in that it is held at the Yacht Club and entirely staffed by Club volunteers. With the exception of the Rolex Regatta in St. Thomas, Caribbean regattas are typically held at resorts or other non-club locations and most have full time professional staff. More than 100 Yacht Club members were involved in the smooth execution of this year's Regatta. Over 70% if the 36 competitors were visitors from neighboring islands, giving St. Croix an opportunity to practice our famous, and highly appreciated, Crucian Hospitality.

Julie San Martin

Regatta Director

From the Galley - Food and Beverage Report



Easter Brunch, Yummy!

Attendance at Wednesday Night Dinners has been great this winter. We try very hard to seat everyone with their members of choice, but sometimes because of space problems you may find a new member or couple with you too. Please be gracious hosts, welcome them, and take advantage of the chance to get to know more members, many of them new. A reminder that our bar is NOT a cash bar except at private functions not related to the SCYC. Asking for change to put something in the tip jar is acceptable but that's it. If you have guests, you are expected to accompany them to the bar when they wish to buy chits, and the chits should be listed in the member's name. Speaking of the tip jar, it's not only for drinks. When you purchase food at lunch or on Friday nights (not on Wed. nights) please remember to reward the server that took your order and then brought it out to you. Bus those dishes when you're done too. A final reminder, when you run up a tab at lunch or any other time, please remember to settle your account before leaving the club. If you do not receive the weekly email with the Wednesday Night Dinner Menu attached, send your email address to the club - stcroixc@gmail.com and we will get you connected. See you Wednesday!

Anne Rymsha, Chairman



From the Rear Commodore

Hello, I am honored to serve you as your Rear Commodore and strive to continue in the footsteps of those who have served and done such wonderful jobs as Rear Commodore in the past.

I would like to encourage you, the membership, to get more involved and engaged in your Club. Come out and enjoy the events and activities, learn to sail, join in on the fun sails and workshops offered by our Waterfront Coordinator, Krista. Enjoy the social events, special events like our Easter egg hunt, Friday night happy hour and sunfish fun races, yummy Wednesday night dinners, Sunday brunch, or a tranquil afternoon lunch by the sea.

Volunteer to help in our many events and/or join a committee. The Rear Commodore oversees a number of committees including; membership, water safety, scuttlebutt, grounds and public relations. I thank all of those who have served on these committees and those who are

willing to continue to serve. I also urge and encourage others to join.

The Membership Committee is active in meeting new members and tries to help meet the needs of our membership. If you like meeting new people, this is the committee for you. The Water Safety Committee is involved in keeping our activities on the water safe. The Scuttlebutt Committee is involved with keeping our newsletter going. I would like to thank John Ellis for his tireless work as our editor and I am thankful for his willingness to continue in this position. Please consider joining this committee if you like to write, work on computers, help with the layout, report on events, etc. Remember you can always contribute an article, even if you aren't on the committee, it is a great way to share information with our members. Our Club looks beautiful, we have the Grounds Committee and others to thank for that. Our new gate and fence will soon be finished and we will

need to beautify that area, so we will need lots of extra hands to plan and plant. If gardening and designing is your passion, please join this committee. We will also be having some work days so come get dirty, even if joining a committee isn't for you. The Public Relations Committee is always looking for people with good PR skills in order to get the word out about the events and happening of our Club.

Please contact me if any of these committees interest you or you would just like to help out now and then. And please feel free to introduce yourself to me so I can get to know more of you and learn what you like about our Club. This is your Club, enjoy it!

Happy Easter and Happy Spring to all.

Megan Littlefield,

Rear Commodore



Fried Chicken & Fixings

\$10.00 per person

Purchase tickets at the Bar

BUCK ISLAND PICNIC

Saturday, April 19th, 2008

12:00pm- 4:00pm

Please RSVP to 773-9631 Or EMAIL

scyccatering@gmail.com

Shuttle Leaves T-dock Every Hour

From the Fleet Captain



Well we have gotten off to one heck of start...

When I came into the position of fleet captain Winter One Design series had already started. Unfortunately participation had been plagued by scheduled conflicts, weather and lack of enthusiasm. However with Spring One Design just around the corner an increase in participation is expected.. The fleets have been being brought up to par by Krista, our Waterfront Coordinator and we anticipate a nice size fleet during our next series and upcoming CROOD regatta.

High School sailing has been very active. SCYC hosted a Caribbean qualifying event February 23rd. Racing was tight competition was good. The regatta actually came down to a tie leading into the last race with only 1 point separation between 1st and 2nd place. Four high schools participated in the event two being

from St. Croix. The high schools are now preparing to head up to St. Petersburg, FL for the team racing district qualifiers at the end of April, which will also signify the end of the high school sailing season.

In February and March several of our Junior sailors participated in events throughout the Caribbean in Puerto Rico and Miami. We sent two of our optis to Culebra and paid the entry fees for participation to encourage more reciprocal participation in our hosted dinghy events. This effort was dually matched by our adult sailors that raced both at home and throughout the Caribbean. Devil3 still stands to be the boat to beat for the CORT series, Bad Girl traveled to St. Marten sailed well and took 1st in class. 1-2-3 places were swept by Cruzan boats in Culebra leaving Rolex and BVI Spring Regatta on the upcoming slate. Continued support of

the club and members always helps these guys....so thanks.

On a another note for the 1st time in the history of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, they have recognized a sailor for the Olympic Youth Camp to be held in conjunction with the 2008 summer Olympics in Beijing, China. Sydney Jones has been selected to be the female representative to be an ambassador for the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands sailing team and join the 2008 Olympic delegation as they travel to China in August.

Our fleet is in better shape and stands to grow in the next couple of months. As things progress, I will keep you informed. Thank You,

Kim Jones,

Fleet Captain

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



The club launch is primarily for *club business use*. Scheduled classes, waterfront maintenance, safety and emergency response, are the primary reasons why the club launch exists. Once the above needs have been fulfilled, the launch is made available to members as a tender service. The use of the launch as a tender, driven only by persons authorized by the Manager on duty, is a convenience we are happy to provide to our membership. This convenience is offered during Club business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Use of the launch at any other times, other than regular business hours, requires *prior arrangement* and approval with the Manager or Waterfront Coordinator. Disgruntled members that *assume* the launch is available for their own use, at any time, will be disappointed, as the St. Croix Yacht Club waterfront program continues to develop and grow! 2008 is going to be great!

A few etiquette 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.
2. **Beach Toys** – Parents and grandparents, we are happy to provide the toy box and the beach toys for your kids to play with. Please make sure ALL toys are picked up, rinsed off and stored back in the toy box, before you leave the beach.

From the Manager Continued...

3. **Beach Umbrellas**- If you enjoy the shade the umbrellas provide on the beach, please close the umbrellas down, before you leave, so that the wind does not abuse them when they are not in use.

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. A graduating program, students can begin at the very basic Learn to Sail level and graduate through each level at their own pace, all the way up to Advanced Racing. With an emphasis on safety and fun, the St. Croix Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program has helped develop the skills of several All American Sailors including the First African-American All American, as well as 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!*

Kiomie Pedrini, Manager

**First Aid & CPR
w/ AED training
Coming SOON!**



From the Waterfront Coordinator

Greetings from the SCYC Waterfront. The "new" channel that was reinstalled a few months ago needs to be used more appropriately. Yachts coming and going should not cut through the mooring field any longer. Just recently we had a case where the bow lines of a sailboat in our mooring field were severed by a prop. The Channel is clearly marked and the markers have lovely reflective tape on them to show you a clear path.

Alot of boats have not been adhering to the **No Wake Zone**. As soon as you enter the mooring field traveling in the channel, no matter how small or big your boat is, you should slow your speed till you have **NO WAKE**. This is both a safety issue and mandatory courtesy that we will be enforcing. With summer coming, there are going to be a lot more children in boats out in the bay and bigger boats need to stay in the channel and cruise at an appropriate speed.

Mini Gusto was a great success. We had 7 students from Country Day for the week of March 10-14th for a Learn to Sail Program. The kids were very enthusiastic and they all did extremely well for a 5 day class. They started the week off sailing Sunfish and then we did a whole day in the Club owned Rhodes 19 as well. The kids loved the Rhodes so I scheduled a sail out to Buck Island on Wednesday. Alan Mallory took the 7 students, myself and their faculty advisor for a sail on Aurora out to Buck. The kids did the sailing and a few of them even took the helm. This was the first time out to Buck for a few of them so they were very excited and amazed to see how easy it was to sail out there. We ended the week with a very competitive relay race that included knot tying, sailing jeopardy, swimming, rowing, sailing and a capsizing drill. The class overall went really well and each student received a

special award and a certificate.

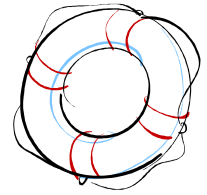
Ladies Night Sail is back by popular demand. This will take place the second Thursday of every month thru the summer. This begins at 5 and wraps up around 7:30. This is primarily an event for ladies that have some knowledge of sailing and is not a learn to sail event. The event is for ladies that want to get out on the water in a non-competitive way with their girlfriends. The first one we did was really fun and we had 6 ladies come out and they stayed till almost 8 pm.


If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or just want to find out how to get out on the water, drop me a line at 773-9531 or email me at scycsailing@gmail.com.

Krista Siino, Waterfront Coordinator



March 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Commodores Ball</i>
2 <i>Winter 1 Design Series #3</i>	3	4	5 <i>Wed Night Buffet</i>	6	7 <i>Happy Hour with Sandy from the Wildcats</i>	8 <i>Heineken Regatta St. Martin</i>
9 <i>Winter 1 Design Series #4</i>	10	11	12 <i>Wed Night Buffet</i>	13	14 <i>Happy Hour</i>	15 <i>Heineken Regatta Culebra</i>
<i>Heineken Regatta</i>	<i>Learn to sail CDS Mini Gusto Week</i>					
16 <i>Heineken Regatta Culebra</i>	17	18	19 <i>Wed Night Buffet</i> <i>Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6</i>	20 <i>Board Meeting</i>	21 <i>Happy Hour</i>	22 <i>Nautical Knot Workshop</i>
23  <i>EASTER Brunch and Egg Hunt</i>	24	25	26 <i>Wed Night Buffet</i> <i>Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6</i>	27	28 <i>Happy Hour</i>	29 <i>Rolex Regatta St. Thomas</i>
30 <i>Rolex Regatta St. Thomas</i>	31					

April 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Wed Night Buffet Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6		Happy Hour	BVI Spring Regatta
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BVI Spring Regatta			Wed Night Buffet Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6	Ladies Night Sail 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Happy Hour with Marc Anthony Roman 70's rewind	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Spring 1 Design Series #1	Board Meeting		Wed Night Buffet Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6		Happy Hour	Buck Island Picnic 12:00 - 4:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Car Wash MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY Spring 1 Design Series #2			Wed Night Buffet Little Mariners Sailing Class 4-6		Happy Hour	
27	28	29	30			
Spring 1 Design Series #3			Wed Night Buffet			



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 requirements. 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	

SESSION 2: July 7 – July 18, 2008

Optimist Pram	Introductory	Student requirements, application, and more detailed information about the program can be found at www.stcroixyc.com . Or can be requested via phone @ 773-9531 or email at scycsailing@gmail.com .
Optimist Pram	Intermediate	
Sunfish	Intermediate	U.S. Sailing Members Course Fee \$250.00 (Copy of ID card is required with application.)
Club 420	Introductory	

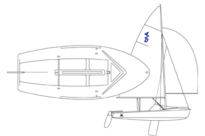
SESSION 3: July 21 – Aug 1, 2008

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: a. Textbook b. Certificate of Completion c. Log Book
Club 420	Intermediate	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
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



Ladies Night Sail

Thursday April 10th 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

Friday, April 11th, 2008

6:30- Until...



Entertainment by:

Marc Anthony Roman

70' Rewind Music