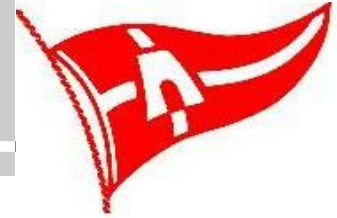


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COMMODORES MESSAGE

September already? Wow this year has definitely sailed along. Speaking of *excellent sailing!* **Congratulations** to Krista and the Yacht Club summer sailing staff for another summer of excellent camp programming and education. I also want to thank the parents for enrolling their youngsters, and encourage them to keep their kids sailing year round. Consider becoming members of the St. Croix Yacht Club and enjoy all the Club has to offer.

I also would like to commend and thank everyone who participated in our first storm preparedness *drill* brought upon us by Anna and Bill. The orchestration of securing the grounds, boat yard, dock, club house and dinghy fleet is a large project and would be insurmountable without member volunteers, boat owners and junior sailors, stepping up and doing the work. Thanks to Kiomie and Krista for their leadership and communication throughout this process.



Every time we have boats hauling out or being stored in the yard, we are reminded of the importance of the ongoing burying of the power lines that cross the property. This project has been steadily moving along and is nearing completion. The new generator house has been permitted and built on the west property line. A new generator that can sustain the additional load of the Club office and septic system, when the power goes out, has been installed. Trenching and conduit has been laid for the new lines that will be run underground. All have passed inspection and we are now awaiting WAPA to come

and do their thing. Special thanks to Project Managers, Tully Keith, Taylor Babb and Morgan Dale for keeping this project moving forward.

There are many final touches that you as a member can volunteer to help accomplish. The generator structure needs priming and painting, the area around the project could use some general clean up of debris, and our new length of fence lines continues to need the love and attention of anyone who has a green thumb and might add a plant or tree to the landscaping.

Folks will tell me from time to time they would like to volunteer but don't know where they are needed. Please email Kiomie at the Yacht Club office and let her know your interests so we will have a record and can contact you. Maybe you'd like to help plan the Halloween Party or maybe you have an idea for a new event. Possibly you are handy with tools. All talents are welcome.

If your boat is out of the water or you simply have the urge to sail, come on out and sail a Sunfish in the Fall One Design Series which starts Sunday, September 6th. Details of the series can be found on page 4 of this issue. Join us for smashing happy hour fun on Friday, September 4th for the FULL MOON SAIL, a great event for both the participant and the spectator, and Friday, September 18th, for the HURRICANE BASH. Invite guests and introduce them to our wonderful Club.

Commodore,
Alan Mallory



2009 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore	Alan Mallory	Director	Ron DeCosmo
Vice Commodore	Megan Littlefield	Director	Anne Rymsha
Rear Commodore	Bruce Bennett	Director	Kim Jones
Fleet Captain	Chris Schreiber	Director	Peyton Boswell
Secretary	Sam Tonachel	Director	Taylor Babb
Treasurer	Cecile Castruccio-DeReu	Director	Jim Lehman

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE:

Bar/Galley Schedule for September, For maintenance and repairs.

Thursday,	September 3 rd	Closed
Monday,	September 7 th	OPEN
	Labor Day for lunch 11AM-2PM	
Wednesday,	September 9 th	Closed
Thursday,	September 10 th	Closed
Friday,	September 11 th	Closed lunch
		OPEN for Happy Hour
Wednesday,	September 16 th	Closed
Thursday,	September 17 th	Closed
Friday,	September 18 th	Closed lunch
		OPEN for Happy Hour
Thursday,	September 24 th	Closed

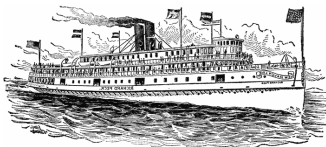
Hurricane Bash

September 18th, 2009

(Hurricane Hugo 20 year anniversary,
September 17th, 1989)

- ☪ Happy Hour @ 5:30 PM
- ☪ An Even Happier Hour @ 6:30PM
- ☪ Entertainment TBA will saturate our ears with fluid sounds from 6:30 - UNTIL
- ☪ Drink special...
Hurricanes... what else?
- ☪ Register for the Hugo Memorial Race on September 19th, 2009

POSH CATERING



Port Out Starboard Home

Friday Night Grill Night

Hot Dog	\$ 6.50
Hamburger	\$ 8.00
Cheeseburger	\$ 8.50
10 oz NY Strip	\$ 14.00
Mahi	\$ 10.00

All served with
Baked Beans and
Corn on the Cob

FULL MOON SAIL

September 4, 2009

7:30 - 9:30pm



Have you ever had the chance to sail at night by the light of the moon?

\$10 per person

If planning to sail, please **RSVP** to Krista
at 773-9531 or email her at scycsailing@gmail.com

Glow sticks will be provided so you can light your boat.

Club boats are available on a first come first serve basis. We will be sailing 420s, Sunfish, Lasers, R-19 and Optimists.

Come around **7:30** to rig and set up your lights. We will cast off the beach at 8:00 - right before the moon rises

Open to all MEMBERS & graduates of SCYC Sailing Program

All **MUST** have a life jacket to sail.

All are welcome and spectators are encouraged to come out and check out the parade of lights.

Bar and Grill Night Menu available

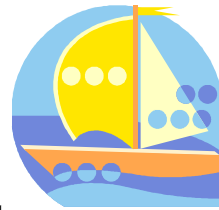
FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: TRIVIA EXCITEMENT AT THE CLUB

Trivia Excitement At The Club. Did you experience the new Trivia Interludes at the Club? No, then you missed the excitement and the Cruzan Rum that the winning teams received. It all started during the third Friday in July when Ron DeCosmo challenged happy hour attendees with questions about how well do you know your Club. Six hastily formed teams answered eight questions ranging from "what year was the Club formed" to "what was the informal name of the club in the early days". The resulting competition between teams was good spirited and great fun; but, a team anchored by two former Commodores managed to prevail. A second trivia interlude was conducted during happy hour

on August 21st with five teams competing for the rum. This time the questions challenged member's knowledge about their Virgin Islands, and in particular St. Croix. Led by John Ellis, a team of eight blew away the competition by correctly answering 7 of 8 questions. Do you want more monthly trivia interludes? Well, Ron says that he can come up with the questions if we can come up with some answers.



Ladies Night Sail October 8, 2009 \$10.00 per person



This event is for Ladies **ONLY**, sorry guys! We will meet in the Club House at 4:00 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. 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.

REMINDER

Pick up your new
SCYC
Yearbook-Directory
insert at the
SCYC Office!

Save the date!
December 31, 2009
New Years Eve Party
Putting on the Ritz!
More details to come...

Ship Store
will be **CLOSED**
till September
20th!
See you then.

Save the date!
October 30,
2009
Halloween Party

Save the Date!
Hugo Memorial Race
September 19th, 2009
NOR and Details to come...



2009 Committees**COMMODORE****Insurance**

Vicki Bandola

Historian

Julie San Martin

Llewellyn Westerman

William Chandler

Yearbook

Mary Robb

Finance

Cecile Castruccio -

DeRue

Peyton Boswell

Regatta Chairman

Julie San Martin

Website

Sam Carney

Bylaws

Sam Tonachel

Carl Beckstedt

Fleet Surgeon

Kurt Buska

Long Range Planning

Cecile Castruccio-

DeRue

Morgan Dale

Tully Keith

Stu Taylor

Rosaria Ambrosi

Willard Robb

FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

Hey everyone--

By the time you read this, I should be back from a few weeks in Maine, where the fog and lobster pots are thick! It sure makes me appreciate the fantastic place we live in. Every place has its charms, but if you like to play on the water, there's no better place than St. Croix.

Of course, paradise has its flaws as well, and we're all watching the weather closely. Anna & Bill were a great reminder to be ready for whatever comes by! All boats should either have a plan for hauling, or REALLY GOOD ground tackle on their mooring. The best place for any boat in a storm is ashore, but if that's not realistic, then make sure your chain and anchors are bigger and better than you think they need to be! Thanks to all who chipped in and helped Krista and Kiomie secure the property for these storms and special thanks to Beecher Higby for coordinating the haul out of the Rhodes 19's, in my absence. While our Club boats are out of the water, we will be tackling the bottoms and repairs. If you have an hour to give, please volunteer and help get our boats in ship shape before we re-launch them. Krista and Kiomie have a work list in the office and can direct you towards the next project.

Thanks to Krista and her band of instructors for pulling off another great summer camp! We have a lot of enthusiasm now, with a whole group of new Opti sailors coming out for the Fall One Design Series. The series is a great place to hone your skills, and enjoy a Sunday afternoon on the water (especially if your boat is hauled for the season!). All skill levels and ages are welcome, so come out and sail!

Also, congratulations to Billy Gibbons and Tyler Rice, who traveled to Brazil for the World Youth Championships this summer! Coming up soon, Peter Stanton will be heading to the Bahamas for the Sunfish World Championships--you've probably seen him training in the Bay. (Good luck, Peter!) These guys all learned to sail here at SCYC, and have distinguished themselves in National and International competition. So, support our Junior Sailors--you never know who our next Olympian might be!!

While on the subject of racing, we had a few races over the summer for the bigger boats, which were well attended and good fun for all participating. Watch the bulletin board for more events coming up! Also, if you have an idea for a race or rendezvous you'd like to see, let us know and we'll try to schedule it. Meanwhile, enjoy the warm water and sunshine--see you on the Bay!

Sincerely,
Chris Schreiber
Fleet Captain

**2009 Fall One Design Race Series**

Open to all MEMBERS

Open to all graduates of SCYC Summer Sailing Camp

Optimist, Sunfish and 420's, Lasers, Rhodes - 19's

NEW! Optimist **Green Fleet** Development Program

Registration fee for series: \$30.00 members \$50.00 Non-members

Series Dates include:

Sunday, September 6

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, September 27 (Awards Celebration!)

with a **Registration Start time of 11:30 am:**

All competitors must have a life jacket to sail.

In the event of overbooking, St. Croix Yacht Club members will be given priority.



2009 Committees

VICE COMMODORE

Food & Beverage:

Ron DeCosmo –Chair

Norma Jean Brent

Anne Rymsha

Vicki Bandola

Buildings:

Tully Keith- Chair

Bob Savarino

Bruce Milliken

Ships Store:

Millie Johnson- Chair

Merrie Flynn

Sue DeCosmo

Linda Havens

Entertainment:

Nancy Hasson - Co- Chair

Vicki Bandola – Co- Chair

Carol Stewart

Kim McCann

Will Hester

House:

Linda Ribble – Chair

Nan McIntosh

Bob McIntosh

Gene Capuano

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Congratulations to Krista and the entire summer team of instructors and assistants, for a positive, safe and successful summer of sailing. Parents were happy, kids learned to sail, and we graduated a new fleet of upcoming sailors. Thanks to Kate for keeping the kids bellies full.

Summer Club maintenance and cleaning is ongoing. If you have some free time and want to help me spruce up for season, come on down and join the fun. I am also looking for a volunteer who has simple sewing skills. We simply need straight cuts and hems. If you can help, just drop me a line.

Thanks to all who participated in any way in getting ready for the storms. The amount of work is always insane, but Krista and I are grateful we dodged that bullet. Any help putting us back together is appreciated. Congratulations to our Junior STARS who as a group, worked their butts off again to secure the Sunfish Optimist and 420's! Special thanks to Beecher Higby who led the charge of hauling the Rhodes 19's. Thanks to the team of consultants on the weather which include Joe San Martin and John Ellis, and thanks to Moose and his team, who were ready and waiting, should we have needed to take up the dock. And thanks to everyone else who continues to will the storms away! The picture to the right is Krista, in her foul weather gear, Monday after the storm. A look not seen around here very often, thank goodness.



As we do put ourselves back together and re-launch our boats, please collect and/or remove any lumber, blocks, stakes, etc, that you might have used to secure your boats in the yard. There is a lumber pile to the west of the work area and an area for blocks as well. If you leave them strewn across the yard, Charles our grass man might run them over with his machine. Also, please remember that the work area is for everyone's convenience and use. The Yacht Club is not responsible for personal items left in this area nor are we responsible for cleaning up your trash. Please be considerate and do not use this work area as your personal junk storage area. Along the same lines, disposal of batteries are also your individual responsibility. DO NOT pile them up over by the dumpster and expect someone else to take care of them for you.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and welcome your ideas, thoughts and concerns as to how to make our Yacht Club the best it can be. Please feel free to email me at stcroixyc@gmail.com.

Kiomie Pedrini,

Club Manager

FROM THE WATERFRONT COORDINATOR

Summer Camp Congratulations

This year was a great success for the junior sailors at SCYC. We saw close to 100 kids in attendance during the 8 weeks of camp. The weather was beautiful all summer and it gave the younger sailors a great opportunity to spend the most amount of time out on the water learning to maneuver their small 8' Optimist Pram Dinghies, Sunfish and 420's. For those junior sailors who returned to camp from previous years, we saw them grow as individuals and become great role models for the younger ones. Summer Camp is a great time to meet new friends and to get out on the water and enjoy the spectacular marine environment we all live in. Congratulations to all the junior sailors who completed one or more classes this summer and we hope to see all of you out on the water again soon!



Ladies Night Sail

This was another great night of sailing here on St Croix. We had 5 ladies out for a great sunset sail followed by cocktails and snacks back at the club. This is a great opportunity for the ladies of the Club to get out on the water after a hectic and hot day on the island. Ladies Night is held the second Thursday of every month so check your calendar and make a plan to come out for the next one. Reservations are required since there is a limited amount of space. So grab a girlfriend of two and join us October 8th, for another great night! Price is \$10 per person. For reservations please email scycsailing@gmail.com See you on the water!

Krista Siino

Waterfront Coordinator

2009 Committees

REAR COMMODORE

Membership:

- Mary Robb
- Nan McIntosh
- Dixie Masters
- Norma Jean Brent
- Tom Drillot
- Kirana Kefalos
- Susan Gibbons
- Jane Severson

Scuttlebutt:

- Mary Robb

Water Safety:

- William Dunne
- Jayne Dunne
- Roger Bogert
- Jason Gleason
- Bob Tonachel

Grounds:

- Al Lang
- Ann Lang
- Joseph Mather
- Barbara Mather
- Gene Capuano
- Roger Moore

Public Relations:

- Neal Callsen
- Cecilia Cruickshank
- Stu Taylor
- Ellen Sanpere

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING

"It's the most wonderful time of the year", no its not Christmas, It's time for the kids to go back to SCHOOL. Which simply means, high school sailing is ON. The High School Sailing Program is guided by the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) at the national level, with seven districts around the United States. Our district is the South Atlantic District Interscholastic Sailing Association (SAISA). The ISSA holds Intersectional Regattas and Championship Regattas. Our sailors, under the coaching of Peter Stanton, will be preparing for these regattas. You can catch their practices on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This season the team boasts 10 sailors and there is always room for more, so if you are interested, please contact Krista, at scycsailing@gmail.com. The fall season brings hard work and fundraising, for equipment maintenance and replacement. We look forward to your support at our fundraising events as well.

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: BILLY GIBBONS

Congratulations to Billy Gibbons for an amazing summer of sailing across the United States and BRAZIL! An active member of the SCYC Junior Sailing Program and Country Day School high school sailing team, Billy has **proudly** represented the Virgin Islands, SCYC and the sport of sailing.



Brooke Gonzalez Advance Racing Clinic, Newport, RI – accepted by sailing resume with coaching by Ken Legler, Dave Dellenbaugh, and Maureen Castruccio Sailed International 420.

US Sailing Youth Champs, Greenwich, CT - accepted by sailing resume. Sailed International 420.

Volvo Youth Worlds, Buzios, Brazil – accepted by qualifier. Sailed International 420.

US Nationals, Jamestown, RI - 15th out of 152. Sailed Club 420.

Hyannis Regatta, Hyannis, MA - 3rd out of 105. Sailed Club 420. 6 sailors from USVI. Met members of Hyannis YC, Greg and Meg Deegan, who are also members of the SCYC. Billy and Sue would like to thank them for showing them amazing hospitality!

National Youth Team Racing Championships, East Greenwich, RI - 2nd out of 24 teams. Called the team *Island Time*. Sailed Club 420.

Buzzards Bay Regatta, New Bedford YC, MA - 5th out of 109. Sailed Club 420.

Club 420 North American Championships - 5th out of 56; 2nd out of 31 in youth division, Macatowa Bay YC, MI



Work on the SCYC Dock is complete!

5 slips available
\$7.00 per ft/month
Interested?

Contact Krista
at 773-9531 or
scycsailing@gmail.com

Article Submitted by a Member for Sharing

The Yacht Club

The State of the U.S. Yacht Club

An excerpt from the new book, *Saving Sailing*, by one of the most compelling new authors in this sport, Nicholas Hayes. Enjoy and support the sport - order a copy.

Yacht club lore is rich with tales of vast wealth, power and elitism, some of it accurate, but most of it greatly exaggerated and some of it patently untrue. A handful of yacht clubs were formed during the Gilded Age by industrial magnates like Carnegie and Vanderbilt. These titans agreed to gather privately near and on the water, not just because they liked their yachts, but because shipping and boat building were among the chief business interests of the members. These were exclusive business organizations where men in powerful positions gathered to share secrets and trade. They formed, not as communities of sailors, but instead, with missions to further naval architecture and boat building during the peak years of an industrial revolution that was transforming developed nations in the Americas and Europe. Water-borne shipment of raw materials and consumer goods was exploding and speed meant advantage.

Clubs also became centers of high stakes gaming because the members felt that competition might drive technological advancement. The first America's Cup race was won by a founding member of the New York Yacht Club, John Cox Stevens, to mark his wager that his pleasure yacht America was faster than Great Britain's Royal Yacht Squadron. And it was.

Most sailing historians hold the first America's Cup race to be straightforward upper-crust gamesmanship. In reality, Steven's vessel may well have been a platform for testing and promoting the advantages of an innovative hull with a notably sharp bow and broad, shallow stern. European designs of the time were blunt, heavy and much less efficient. By winning, Stevens may have helped to shift the balance of power in large-scale intercontinental shipping to the United States and may have helped to position the United States to become a world power in the next century.

Another 20% of today's yacht clubs popped up in the period between the turn of the century and into the early 1930s, in mostly large affluent industrial cities on the water, intent on imitating the elite clubs of the East. There was a pause in new club development between the depression and the end of WWII.

But a small minority of yacht clubs can or should claim such entrepreneurial or elitist pedigree. Indeed, four in five U.S. yacht clubs began as a populist answer to the demand for sailing expressed by a growing, educated pre-boomer and boomer middle-class between 1949 and 1979. Most clubs were formed by teachers, engineers and salespeople so that they could pool resources to go sailing. These were more like member-owned and managed cooperatives than centers of high society or financial power.

Starting in the 1970s, many clubs began to widen their focus to stay in step with their members. Most created training programs for kids. Some built and rented boat-slips and moorings. Most organized races between members. Many created special annual racing events and invited others from out of town.

Some of the clubs added winter outdoor programs like skiing. Some added food and drink services, and some added retail boutiques. Some constructed swimming pools, tennis courts and health centers. Some offered combined memberships with golf clubs.

Many of today's yacht clubs face a tough challenge: They often maintain very expensive infrastructure (80% of US clubs operate a year-around clubhouse with a bar and restaurant) on valuable waterfront land; they have hired staffs and created services to support the changing needs of one age group. But the next age group is smaller and doesn't appear as interested in what they have to offer.

Member growth and program participation are the top two challenges faced by clubs, obviously an outcome of an aging membership. It is not an exaggeration to say that today club members are dying faster than new ones are joining. Simple demographics and economics say that we will have fewer yacht clubs in the United States, and very soon.

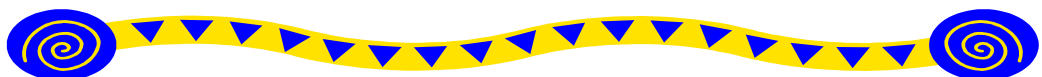
But it isn't just demographics. Many clubs have simply lost their way, forgetting the core idea that they exist to make sailing popular by making it accessible. Not easy, because it isn't. Just within reach. Some still do, and many still can.

It turns out that member recruitment is usually not about the money. Surprisingly, the median cost of membership in all yacht clubs in the United States is still only about \$50 a month, comparable to or less than the price paid for cable television or cell phone service. Of course, the clubs that have lost the focus on sailing are usually the clubs that cost much more.

If you would measure a club's well-being by the number of family generations that congregate there, it is easy to see that today's healthy clubs are still the populist ones. These are the clubs that call on members to build self-propagating, multigenerational sailing activities that hold to the same principles of volunteerism and pooled resources and time that the founders envisioned. Strong clubs create a kind of time bank, where time invested returns interest. So members contribute spare time and get better time back.

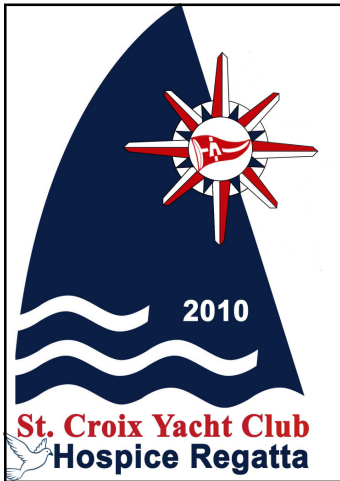
When clubs insist that members give of their time in order to be members, they develop a sustainable vitality rooted in the commitments made in relationships between the people in them. Of course, this makes it harder for some, but it makes it much better for those that enlist. And better, in turn, breeds popularity.

08/20/09



FROM THE REGATTA COMMITTEE:

ST. CROIX REGATTA TO RAISE AWARENESS & FUNDS FOR LOCAL HOSPICE



St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta organizing committee will hit the streets during July and August looking for sponsors, large and small, for the regatta.

The regatta is now a charitable event, with fiscal non-profit (501c3) sponsorship of the St. Croix Foundation. As such, all contributions will be tax deductible and qualify under the charitable donation requirements for EDC companies. Companies and individuals are asked to consider including the regatta in their charitable budgets to assist Continuum Care,

Inc., a Virgin Islands Company. Medicare certified, CCI has provided end-of-life care since 2000, to those who request it on St. Croix, regardless of their ability to pay. Patients suffering from cancer, stroke, Alzheimer's and other terminal conditions are given palliative care, and their families are supported as well. However, over one third of the island's population is under-insured or has no health insurance at all. The St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta aims to raise funds and awareness for hospice on St. Croix, and 100% of the funds raised will benefit our island's needy.

Regatta Director Julie San Martin asks all members to let her know of potential sponsors, so that they can be contacted personally. Teams will deliver a folder of informational materials describing the yacht club, hospice, Continuum Care, sailing, sailboat racing, the National Hospice Regatta Alliance and sponsorship opportunities. Julie can be reached by phone, 340-773-1048x11, or via e-mail, julie@teamsanmartin.com.

All levels:

- ~ Your logo included on Official Regatta poster, website and promotional materials
- ~ Your ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet (more than 3,000 copies distributed)
- ~ Your collateral distributed in 50 skipper bags
- ~ Your donation to the St. Croix Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is U.S. tax deductible

Admiral—\$25,000

- ~ Full-page 4-color ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet
- ~ Your banner (3'x 8' max. size) prominently displayed at the Big Tent and at the St. Croix Yacht Club
- ~ Waiver entry fee for two (2) vessels or roundtrip transportation for four (4) from St. Thomas to St. Croix, redeemable through

December 2010

- ~ Ten all-access VIP bracelets for Regatta weekend events
- ~ Six seats on the Sponsors' Spectator Boat

Commodore—\$15,000

- ~ Two-page ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet,
- ~ Your banner (3'x 8' max. size) prominently displayed at the Big Tent and at the St. Croix Yacht Club
- ~ Waiver entry fee for one (1) vessel or roundtrip transportation for two (2) from St. Thomas to St. Croix, redeemable through December 2010
- ~ Six all-access VIP bracelets for Regatta weekend events
- ~ Four seats on the Sponsors' Spectator Boat

Captain—\$10,000

- ~ Full-page ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet
- ~ Your banner (3'x 8' max. size) prominently displayed at the Big Tent and at the St. Croix Yacht Club
- ~ Four all-access VIP bracelets for Regatta weekend events
- ~ Two seats on the Sponsors' Spectator Boat

Commander—\$5,000

- ~ Half-page ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet
- ~ Your signage displayed at the Big Tent
- ~ Two all-access VIP bracelets for Regatta weekend events

Ensign—\$1,000

- ~ Quarter-page ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet
- ~ Your signage displayed at the Big Tent

Midshipman—\$500

- ~ Eighth-page ad in the Official Regatta Program Booklet

Underwriting Opportunities

- Sponsor a Trophy: \$10,000 and up
- Friday Night Party: \$7,500
- Big Tent: \$3,000
- Race Weekend Entertainment: \$2,500
- VIP Boat: \$2,000
- Skipper Bags: \$1,750
- Race Committee Signal Boat: \$1,500
- Mark Boats: \$750
- Sponsor a Buoy: \$500



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St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta “Goes Green” with SailProud[™] Apparel

“SailProud Apparel will help the St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta ‘go green’ in 2010,” Regatta Director Julie San Martin announced today. The two year-old start-up company will offer beautifully functional, sustainable eco-friendly nautical apparel appealing to regatta participants, sponsors and visitors, while reducing the negative impact on the world’s environment.

SailProud founder and President, Phil Tepfer explained some of the unique characteristics of his “Transitional Performance” products:

EcoWear™ Fabric Technical tee shirts are constructed with a blended fabric, made from recycled plastic bottles woven with certified organic cotton, that doesn’t stick like polyester and doesn’t absorb and hold moisture like cotton. The material helps to maintain lower skin temperatures through evaporative cooling and also offers ultra-violet protection factors (UPF) in the 40-50 range, healthy benefits for sailors in the tropical sun.

Signature **CoolBlend™** polo shirts, in white with color trim, feel and look luxurious and are made with **Bamboo+™**, a sustainable resource that acts as an anti-mildew component in a soft fabric with moisture wicking and drying properties. A person wearing a **CoolBlend™** polo has a lower skin temperature and feels cooler than when wearing a conventional shirt.

Rash guards made from **Bamboo+™** and rayon have a silky-cotton feel, like a traditional high-performance garment, while wicking away body moisture, preventing mildew and malodorous bacterial growth, and offering breathable UPF protection. The rash guards have been tested by crews on a TP-52 in New England with great results, according to Tepfer, and should do well in the tropical waters of St. Croix.

“Transitional performance apparel offers the best of both worlds,” he says, “performance and lifestyle – on the water or on shore.” His company has partnered with U.S. Sailing, providing sailing apparel at seven of their championship events and in an online store accessible from the event website.

SailProud is no stranger to charity events like the St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta. Ten percent of their profit is donated to the Heart of Sailing Foundation, benefitting developmentally disabled children. Additionally, Tepfer captains a boat for the organization, donates clothing and sponsors a local chapter of the Foundation. Their website is: www.sailproud.com.

Participants in the St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta won’t have to wait until February to purchase regatta apparel. SailProud will offer regatta shirts online via the regatta’s newly redesigned website, www.stcroixregatta.com, later this year. Teams may order custom embroidery, such as a boat name or logo, on the regatta shirts in order to look extra special at the famous Cruzan Rum welcome party and throughout the event.

The St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta will be held February 19-21, 2010. Inspired by Competition ~ Enhanced with Compassion, the organizers aim to raise funds and awareness for Hospice on St. Croix. Funds raised at the St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta will go to support the end-of-life medical needs of St. Croix residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Over one-third of the island’s population is under-insured or has no health insurance coverage at all, according to Continuum Care, Inc., a Medicare-certified company providing hospice care in the USVI. Fiscal non-profit sponsorship, provided by the St. Croix Foundation, offers donors 501(C)(3) tax deductible sponsorship options at several levels. See www.stcroixregatta.com for sponsorship opportunities and regatta information.

The competition promises to be inspiring, with one-design and dinghy racing in Teague Bay and CSA handicap racing in the Buck Island Channel. Cruisers, live-aboards, and heavy displacement vessels with Simplified CSA ratings (to comprehend cubic feet of onboard refrigeration, drinkable canned goods and wine cellars) are invited for Hospice Class racing along the beautiful north shore of St. Croix.

For more information on the regatta, hospice, St. Croix, and sponsorship opportunities, see www.stcroixregatta.com, or contact Julie San Martin, Regatta Director, 340.690.9040, or Ellen Sanpere, Media Relations, 312.285.9644.

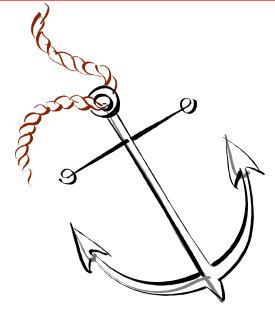


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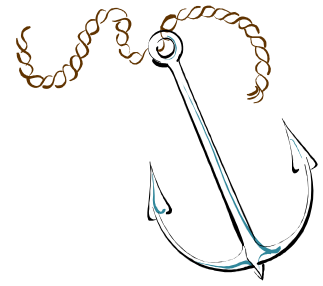


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		1	2 Wednesday Night Buffet	3 Galley CLOSED	4 Friday Night Happy Hour Full Moon Sail Grill Night!	5
6 10:30 HS mtg Fall One Design #1 HS 1:00- 5:00	7 LABOR DAY CLUB OPEN	8	9 Galley CLOSED	10 Galley CLOSED	11 Galley CLOSED for lunch Birthday- Happy Hour	12
13 Fall One Design #2 HS 1:00- 5:00	14	15	16 Galley CLOSED HS 4:00- 6:00	17 Galley CLOSED Board Mtg	18 Galley CLOSED for lunch Happy Hour Hurricane Bash & Race Registration HS 4:00- 6:00	19 Hugo Memorial Race
20 Fall One Design #3 HS 1:00- 5:00	21	22	23 Wednesday Night Buffet HS 4:00- 6:00	24 Galley CLOSED	25 Friday Night Happy Hour HS 4:00- 6:00	26
27 Fall One Design #4 HS 1:00- 5:00	28	29	30 Wednesday Night Buffet HS 4:00- 6:00			

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Membership Sunday Car Wash HS 1:00- 5:00			Wednesday Night Buffet HS 4:00– 6:00		Friday Night Happy Hour HS 4:00– 6:00	
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HS 1:00- 5:00			HS 4:00– 6:00		Halloween Party!	



Member Happenings: Level and LYRA Regatta Experience

July 22nd through August 1st Pat Ellison and I traveled to Youngstown New York near the mouth of Lake Ontario on the lower Niagara River. The falls are located two miles up river; Canada is a stones throw away across the lower Niagara which flows into Lake Ontario less than a mile to the North West. The naturally beautiful area is home to Youngstown Yacht Club. The village has a population of 2,500, a handful of restaurants and a couple of bars. We proceeded to close down The Jug. The Jug is a stone building built in the late 1700's that has been continuously operated as a bar starting in the early 1800's. We were off to a good start. The next day we wandered down the hill to YYC. The last minute preparations were under way for the thirty sixth annual Level Regatta. As many as four

hundred and eighty boats from around the great lakes have raced in a single year at this event hosted by YYC. This year over two hundred and twenty were expected. Many of you have met Andy Hooker who has been joining us as a guest at our regatta each February for the past four years. Andy was Pat and my host for our ten day sailing adventure. He was generous enough to loan us his C&C designed Red Wing Thirty named Battle Star Pegasus. Our plans were not to race but to sail through the six race courses set up for the Level's and check out the race action. Friday came and we left the mooring field on Battle Star Pegasus for a shake down cruise. We shot down the river past the Canadian port of Niagara on the Lake and then the old British fort on the American point marking the entrance to Lake Ontario. On the horizon several masts appeared to be closing in on us from all directions. We watched as wooden and modern racing boats glided past us loaded with crew. We ducked back into the Niagara and went up river for a short time before turning back and buttoning Andy's boat up and placing her on the mooring. By the time we stepped back on the pier, a food court, several large tents and a stage complete with sound and lighting equipment were in place. There was a forty foot refrigerated Molson Beer truck in place and the individual crew tents had already began to spring up on any unused patch of ground available. The riverfront was transforming before our very eyes. Before the kick off party scheduled for later that night there would be boats rafted eight deep off the pier and throughout the mooring field that stretched a half mile in either direction of the Club house. The boats I found most appealing where the 8 meters. These are wooden boats made in the 1920s and 1930s. It is amazing how well they preserve these boats in the fresh water of the Great Lakes. Each one seemingly outdoing the next in varnish and shine. Over the course of the next couple of days we were able to get up close and personal with a couple of these treasures while under sail. They are daggers that power through the water. The kick off party was one of grand scale. The band played until midnight and the beer flowed the entire time. Youngstown had essentially doubled in population over the course of a few hours. We sailed out every day maneuvering through the six courses that were laid out in the lake marked by large buoys. The first day winds were close to fifteen and the racing was off to a good start. Andy is the head tactician on Futures a forty four ft Swan. Saturday was a disappointing day for the crew of Futures because of the lack of strong winds. Sunday rain clouds hovered in the early morning and by mid afternoon we could see a line squall racing towards our position about six miles to the north east of the mouth of the Niagara river. We decided to come in and enjoy the rest of the afternoon on land before the closing ceremonies got under way. The winds picked up and the squall gave the larger boats in the fleet some spirited racing. Reports around the bar, beer truck and band stage later that night were of sails ripping and hardware breaking.

Monday morning came and before we arrived at the Yacht Club, there was little left over to suggest that one of the biggest parties of the year had taken place. The stage was dismantled the tent city that had sprung up had dwindled down to a few hangers on. Andy and I headed out in a starter boat named Blue Moon. The two of us were the official starters for the Centennial Race. It is the kick off of the LYRA Regatta. Returning racers to Canada were scheduled to race from Youngstown into the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto approximately thirty five miles to the North West. After raising the flags and seeing some great start line action we headed back in to YYC and boarded Battle Star Pegasus. Pat had her already tied up at the dock and we finished loading our provisions. We would be trailing the Centennial Fleet. Andy had secured a prime dock slip for us at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. His Red Wing would be our home for the next four days. We had a great sail averaging between five and a half and six knots. The first sighting of the Toronto sky line was just over an hour into our sail. As the miles ticked off and the CN Tower grew larger, eventually looming over us like a large rocket, I was able to steer and keep course enjoying my first long distance sailing on fresh water. The winds remained steady as we passed over the mid point in the lake and then the international boundary waters. Four and half hours into our sail we sliced through the east channel of Toronto Harbor. We rounded down to the entrance of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Founded in 1852 it is one of the oldest and most prestigious Yacht Clubs in North America. The facility is a sprawling seventeen acre plot of land with horizontal dock fingers holding over seven hundred sail boats. The number was well over a thousand because of the pending one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of the Lake Yacht Racing Association Regatta. .

Thursday morning we motored out of Toronto Harbor in light winds and headed south. We raised the sails in puffy winds bouncing between two and three knots. There were moments where the wind died and we had to furl the jib and turn on the motor. It was slow going for the first half of our sail. What winds were available came directly out of the south west and the mouth of Lower Niagara River. We did not mind because it was all part of the adventure. After several long tacks we reached the mid way point of the sail back to Youngstown. The winds started to pick up and we were traveling between three and four knots. Just after spotting the first buildings on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls the wind finally cooperated and we picked up between five and six knots of boat speed. The shore line became increasingly visible with each passing hour. The trip back to Youngstown took seven hours. Standing in the one man check in building on the docks at YYC I was rocking back and forth as if I was still on the deck of Battle Star Pegasus. It was hard concentrating on the questions the Customs officer was asking me via video phone. The feeling did not leave me until the next day.

What a great trip. My first fresh water sailing experience was fantastic! Many thanks go out to Pat and Andy and the rest of the crew who joined in to make this the best sailing adventure I have undertaken. As our plane lifted off the runway my thoughts were on how much fun we all had and the thought of getting back next year. In the mean time it is back to sailing Folly in the beautiful Caribbean Ocean!

Jeff Krehbiel, SCYC Member and Boater

