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MEETING MINUTES

Vice Commodore's Report

Tentitive 2009/2020 Race Schedule:

9/26/2009

10/24/2009

11/14/2009

12/6/2009

1/9/2010

2/20/2010

3/20/2010

4/24/2010 River District Regatta

Rick is checking on a dock for the traditional Halloween Party at Tween Waters.

Cruise Directors Report

Bruce talked about the Party on Pine Island. It was a great success with swimming (some people forgot there bathing suits), hot tubing, and Music with a special song written for the Pegasus.

Bruce and Jeri provided CD's they put together with pictures and mini movies of the last 6-7 years of club. The beginning starts with pictures of the old clubhouse and including pictures of Tom and Terry.

Old Business

Brian will continue to update the website. See note from the Treasurer about club treasury spending. Elizabeth reiterated that the newsletter should have the meeting minutes included. This was originally decided in April and will be included each month at the beginning of the newsletter.

New Business

Joanne asked members for help with the Edison Sailing Center World Nationals. Meetings are held each month at LARC, corner of Evans and Hanson, at 7:00 PM. Call Joanne or email her for times and dates. Steve talked about Sonar Sailing. See article below.

A Note from the Treasurer

An idea for the Treasury was brought up by Paul McDill at the July meeting to use a portion of the Treasury for activities of the Club, i.e. parties (which we have done to an extent), cruises, dockage, etc.

It was again brought up in August by Joe Martinez and discussed further. All in attendance agreed it was a good idea, but there were not enough members attending to make a motion and was decided that it would be brought up again at the September Meeting.

The premise would be maintaining a set amount in the Treasury and any surplus could be used for such events. This will be further discussed and hopefully a motion will be made at the September Meeting. We will be in Colorado and have given Joe our proxy for voting with a definite "AAARRR!" See you at the September 26th. Race.....1st of the 2009-2010 Racing Series.

Sonar Sailing

We'll put the Sonars in the water Friday and Saturday for the month of August. Friday afternoon/evening we'll set a racecourse and have committee at the Edison Sailing Center South with racing starting at 6:00pm. Saturday sailing will start at 4:00pm with races to start at 5:00pm.

If you'd like to put together a crew and sail let me know. If you'd like to race but don't have a crew let me know that so I can put you together with a group. We'll race with jibs and kites.

If you have any questions give me a shout.

Steve Olive steve.olive@att.net

A Note from the Secretary

The last couple of months there have been several members who have contributed articles. This is great. Please continue to contribute to your newsletter. It's a



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time consuming job between writing, printing, folding, stamping, and labeling.

CMCS Racers

Below is an email sent to me from Art Monohan (Sunrunner, Morgan 27). Sounds like fun, so I am passing it along to everyone. Mark Beauvois

We started sailing small boats off Fort Myers Beach from Connecticut St Beach Access # 22 (see big blue roof from Baptist Church)

All sailors and wanna-be sailors are welcome. Come on and get that small boat out from your side yard and let's see if it still floats. Everybody chips in to get you unloaded and down to the beach. The width between the handrails on the beach access ramp is 58"; easy access if you have a hand cart or daggerboard wheels. A sunfish fits through, as does my JY9 and an Opti. If you do not want to bring your own small boat yet, come take out one of whatever shows up. Last Wednesday, we had 2 sunfish, JY9, opti and a Holder 20. We start around 5:30 pm and take turns sailing off the beach till sunset. Please pass this around to like-minded sailing souls. Art, M27 Sunrunner

Whale Shark

These pictures were taken by Mike Alexander after spotting a whale shark, he decided to go swimming with it. We were on our way back from the Dry Tortugas in about 130' of water. Joanne



HAULIN, ROLLIN & TIPPIN

I recently hauled out at Charlotte Boat Storage, and it was an all around good experience. Well, at least as good of an experience that a bottom / hull painting job could be!

The total trip steaming at 6 kts was 10-11 hours from the Mid-Pointe Bridge...depending on the current. After you get through the self-operating locks before the El Jobean Bridge, it's still a 1 1/2 hr. canal ride. While in the canal, Capt. Bruce and I witnessed a VERY close lightning strike...in fact so close that 300 yards further we viewed the head of the palm tree on the canal bank ablaze from the strike!

I had the choice to go inland to Labelle for the haul, but with the pricing being very close I decided that Charlotte Harbor would be the better trip...more scenery, more room to sail, no drawbridges, 1 self operating lock, and probably a better chance of not having violent inland thunderstorms. That worked well...it didn't rain on me once for the entire job.

The facility was probably as good as it will ever get for a working / storage yard. The entire yard is rocked off, so keeping your boat clean during the process is very easy. They have a very large screened in pavilion w/ 2 decent full baths. Inside the pavilion is also coin operated washer/dryer, 6 picnic tables, FREE ICE in a commercial sized ice machine, microwave, toaster oven, coffee pot.... even plates and silverware! VERY COOL! Warm up / cook your dinner while you're watching the T.V. in front of 2 commercial sized floor fans. Did I mention the FREE ice?



You'll want your bottom as clean as can be before you haul because they WILL NOT pressure wash it for



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you. The pressure washer there is ONLY for cleaning the straps on their new remote controlled travel lift. I completely sanded the bottom underwater at the dock before I had it hauled. Not exactly easy, but much more pleasant than dry sanding in the heat!

I've always kept the bottom clean, and thought it to be smooth. After doing the underwater sanding I noticed right away that I was getting 2 to 3/10 knot more speed in the canals at my usual RPM. Sanding knocked down the roller stipple from the last paint job making it super slick, so I decided to go the extra mile and "tip" the bottom paint to see if I could keep that extra speed. After 3 coats of roll'n'tippin (and wet sanding between coats) I was able to keep all of the increased speed! I'm still amazed that roller stipple can slow a boat down that much. So here's my tips:

1. Tip your bottom paint!
2. Clean your hands w/ baby oil instead of thinner. (wow, wish I found this out along time ago)
3. It's not worth it to stay in the "sling" overnight to paint your centerboard if you're using ablative paint. The straps dig into your soft paint and reduce perfection.
4. Call me if you want a bottom job done like this!



Sailing Term to Unscramble:

TIHLHCEVCO (2 words)

Last months scrambled word "Close Hauled"

LDEHSUELOCA (2 words)

Language of the Sea

As spoke' by you an' me

Taken aback: A sudden shift in the wind direction causes the sails to billow in the opposite direction, reversing forward motion. Thus we get the current usage of "surprised or caught off guard."



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