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Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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From the Commodore:

The Crab Feast at Steve's (as always) was fantastic. Unlike last year, the weather was great and so was the company. I think that we had over 60 people. Thanks again to Dave Bowen and all of his helpers for the great crabs, shrimp, burgers, and dogs. Now there is still opportunity to join in the fun if you missed this one. We have two trips in September: a trip to Tall Timbers (again since last time was so much fun), and one to St. Clements; also there are several other events locally (check the website).

As I write this, there is a hurricane off of Puerto Rico and I am sure that there will be more. The next few months be prepared for a "bug out". If it is the real deal, we expect 100% evacuation and that takes a lot of team work. As in years past, all of the dry slip/rack boats, picnic tables, etc. either go home or out to the abandoned runway. Boats in wet slips go to hurricane holes or on trailers and home. I prefer that wet slip boats be moved by their owners if possible (so if your anchors don't hold I won't have to feel guilty). But the club will help move those boats needing assistance. Volunteers to help ferry Captains to and fro are always welcomed and we do work closely with Dahlgren Marine Works to provide or receive rides. It is a lot of work. We will try not to cry wolf. One year we waited too late and several boats were beat up at the pier. We will work closely with NSWCDD Command and hopefully make the right call.

Remember, it's not December yet and there is a lot of boating season left.

See ya on the water

Ron

DYC Racing by Tom Owen

Both the PHRF Spring and Summer Series are now history and the PHRF Fall Series began August 21, 2000. True to typical Dahlgren summer weather, conditions have ranged from very light air to severe threatening weather. Two races in both series were cancelled or abandoned due to weather.

For the PHRF Spring Series, two yachts qualified in A Fleet while nine yachts qualified in B Fleet. Radio Flyer took A Fleet without much competition in that she was first in every race that she competed.

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Important Dates:

Labor Day Cruise	Sep 2,3,4
St. Clements Race	Sep 9,10
Family Day	Sep 16
Under the Guns	Oct 8
Dahlgren Cup	Oct 9
Pasture Party	Oct 27

DYC Racing by Tom Owen

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In B Fleet there was a total of three points that separated the top four yachts, and six points that separated the top five yachts. Night Moose finished first, while Frigate and Ol'Blue tied for second and third with the tie breaker going to Frigate. This is good close competition.

For the PHRF Summer Series, two yachts qualified in A Fleet, and ten yachts qualified in B Fleet. Again, Radio Flyer was the winner in A Fleet for every race that she competed, but she was beaten by a B Fleet yacht in the seventh race of the series. The results in B Fleet were not as close as in the Spring series. However, the last race of the series set up a tie between the top two yachts. Both Night Moose and Frigate tied for first, and all available tie breaker rules were needed to finally break the tie. Night Moose finished first due to the relative finishes of the two yachts in the fourth race of the series. Blue Heaven was third eight points back while Ol'Blue was fourth and four points further back. Wings of the Wind, a non-spinnaker yacht, finished a respectable fifth and only one point behind Ol'Blue. Again, this is great competition.

This year the rules were changed to allow Centerboard boats to compete during the Monday night PHRF races to try to increase the overall participation. So far, three Centerboard boats have competed during the Monday night PHRF races with the Sharpie, Maire Aine, of Richard Burnside being the most active. However, Menage A Trois, a Thistle sailed by the Gosses competed in the first Fall PHRF Series and easily finished ahead of all yachts. The action was so close during the race that three blue yachts (Guess which ones.) came within inches of colliding during the upwind leg of the second lap. One blue yacht on Port Tack (must yield right of way) tried to cross in front of two other blue yachts on Starboard Tack (have right of way). This really is close competition!

The Centerboard Racing Fleet Spring and Summer Series are both in the book now. There were five boats that qualified during the Spring Series with the top four finishes going to Lasers. This series was a tough one since two nights were cancelled due to no wind and two were cancelled due to lack of participation. All of the action was during the remaining two nights. Bruce Gosse finished first, Mike Vittoria finished second, and Lee Cochrane finished third for the series.

The Centerboard Racing Fleet Summer Series was more active with races completed on five of the six nights. There were nine boats that qualified; six were Lasers and three others were a Galilee 15, Force 5, and Comet. However, the final results were the same as the Spring Series with Bruce Gosse in first, Mike Vittoria in second, and Lee Cochrane in third. Maybe the Fall Series will have more variety.

There have been several new participants as a result of the article in the Free Lance Star on May 16, 2000. Thanks again to Dennis Hannick for getting DYC this much appreciated publicity. As always, the DYC Racing Program is looking for more participants, both boats and crew. Anyone that is interested in participating in either keel boat or daysail types of events, please contact the DYC Race Committee at dycracecom@nswc.navy.mil or the Race Governor at (540) 653-7614.

Upcoming Events:

Please note that the St. Clement's Island Pursuit Race is scheduled for the weekend of September 9-10, 2000. Race instructions are located on the Web Site at <http://www.nswc.navy.mil/DYC/RACE/invit.htm>. If you would like to participate, please check the race instructions and try to let Steve Amick know of your intention to participate. All yachts, both sail and power, are encourage to participate.

The Under the Guns Regatta and Dahlgren Cup Regatta are scheduled for the Columbus Day weekend, October 8-9, 2000. Information and race instructions are available on the Web site as well.

The Race Committee is scheduled to meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from February through October at 17:00 in JD's Training and Conference Center. Interested parties are always welcome to attend. For more information concerning the racing program, call the Race Governor at (540) 653-7614.

Training and Seamanship:

The Hurricane Season is upon us. Everyone should review the "Hurricane Preparedness Tips for Boaters" on the DYC web page. Option I: Get out of the Water is the best advise for boats which are trailerable. Option II: Stay in the Water may be required for the larger boats. In the past the Commanding Officer has ordered all boats to leave the dock. Moving to a Hurricane Hole may be the only option. Review anchoring procedures and be prepared. Last year there were about four boats that drifted and ended up on dry land.

From the Dockmaster:

Please lock the ramp after use - it is the members responsibility to chain the ramp after use. Do not leave the ramp unlocked.

Severe weather - As we all know we are approaching peak hurricane season. Please keep abreast of weather reports. Those people who have wet and dry slips please ensure that the Dockmaster has current work and home phone numbers and that someone is available to remove your boat.

If you are away for vacation or travel, please ensure that the Dockmaster has a POC who is responsible for removing your boat when called to do so.

FOR SALE by Members

J-27 Sailboat "ALIBI", 1985, Excellent sails, faired bottom, Sailcomp, Outboard, and Trailer. Competitive PHRF racer (5th place Screwpile PHRF B in 1999) or weekend cruiser. Documented. Located at DYC Pier, \$16,900.00 OBO. available immediately.

Bayliner Trophy 1987. 24 Ft. Super fishing boat and weekend cruiser. Cruising package, new cushions, new hatch, dinette, stove, icebox, portapotti, new spotlight, VHF and fish finder. Lower unit rebuilt 1999, fresh tune-up, 305 V8 I./O. Galvanized tandem trailer. Registered in VA. In the water at private dock in Dahlgren. \$9,500.00. Available immediately.

Dinghy - Hard tender. Quality fiberglass dinghy with floatation tanks. Excellent condition. Sail, centerboard, rudder, oars. Can sail or row and can mount a motor. \$300.00. Available immediately.

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