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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Jay Nix

As it is written, so shall it be. There is no excuse for not having had a cake to cut for the Marine Corps Birthday at the meeting and I accept responsibility for it. As your Commodore I should have ensured that an individual was appointed and accepted the responsibility for getting the cake. I apologize.

I am now on the road to recovery and I would like to thank my wife for typing and sending in my last article for the newsletter and for taking care of me while I was down and out.

Just a reminder to everyone that we have the Christmas decorating party on December 7th. Our December meeting will be on Saturday, December 14th for our annual Christmas Party. Thanks to Cheri Sagers for agreeing to sponsor this event.

For us, boating season is over with "In Our Dreams". They hauled her out and she is being put to bed for the winter. They have a lot of work to do on our punch list so they should be busy. We asked to have her back in the water 1 April.

For those of you leaving your boat in this winter, may it be a warm and short one. I hope that you are able to get your boats out every now and then.

From our house to yours, may you have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE

Larry Sooby

Hello all,
Much has happened since my last offering. The 50th Frostbite Regatta went very well despite a seasick dog. The chili that everyone brought was terrific. We also celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday during our November meeting. Due to me being out of town and some communication problems between myself and Jay Nix, who along with Mike Crouch were at the Marine Corps Ball that night, we did not have a cake. My thanks to Bill Gooding for his help with that evening.

A group of us went to Alexandria and bottled the beer that was made during the Columbus Day Cruise. We bottled nearly 5 cases of beer. (We had to try a few bottles to make sure it was quality stuff.) Mike Crouch is about to buy his dream boat but he needs our help. It seems the Mrs. just doesn't quite understand why and with a 1-1 vote Mike doesn't have the necessary majority. So we need to do some lobbying and get the vote around to 2-0 in favor. I think Mike said there is a \$100 reward for the person that can get her to vote yes. See you at the meetings and the Christmas Party. QIFU.

Larry



SECRETARY'S STUFF

Jay Hochstaine

Thanks to Andy Pfeister for sending me the pictures of the cruise to the Capital Yacht Club. They are now posted to the website. I hope that someone will forward some pictures of the Frostbite Regatta to me so that I can display them on the web. Lacking that, maybe we'll get to see some in Chesapeake Magazine around January (February?).

Things have slowed down considerably with the rain and cool weather. As soon as I throw off this cold and assemble the crew, I'd like to get back to the water. Hope to see you there.



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

Mike Crouch

Folks,
Thanks to Pete Janns our FY02 audit has been completed and turned into MCCDC and MCCS. About 64% of our active membership have responded to the FY03 call for dues. We're on a shoe-string and hope all active members will renew plus encourage new members to join. If you can't quite remember whether you've sent off your payment send me an e-mail or give me a ring and I'll let you know your status.

Speaking of membership I've done a "C-" job of getting cards out. Truthfully you need only come to the meeting to receive one. And I'm a grinch...attempting to save a stamp. However, we owe you a card so please remind me if you have not received yours.

Karen and I spent a day at the Silverton plant in Millville, New Jersey. It was really awesome and though I still believe new boats are over-priced, the tour left us with an appreciation for how much craftsmanship building a boat entails. Stop me and I'll be happy to share the details. Oh, Karen, have you written that check yet?



CRUISING NEWS Jerry & Cheri Sagers,

December 7th Holiday Decorating Party

Again, we gather on the first Saturday in December at 3:00 P.M. to decorate the club house. All decorations are stored in our building, so you need only show up. We are done by 5:00 P.M. This is an informal and fun time for everyone. Plan to take a moment from your busy schedule and join us. Every year the club is decorated differently according to the group's diverse tastes. Come have some fun. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. Our Friday meeting date is changed to Saturday so we can celebrate this season with a wonderful dinner. The cost of this occasion is \$5.00 to cover your steak. Every one brings a dish to share. This is a great night to dress up and visit. The club looks beautiful with the holiday decorations. Please sign up for this dinner so I will have an idea on how many steaks to purchase. If you decide to come at the last moment or have to cancel, please let me know. 703 670-2705.

We will again exchange gifts. If you would like to bring something please do. Otherwise we have a little token gift for everyone wrapped under the tree.



PRYCA Representative
Ann Sooby

There is still time to register for the Parade of Lights. This past week I spoke with the event coordinator and she still has slips available at Alexandria, Gangplank and Capital Yacht Club. The deadline for registration is November 25. The Parade weekend is December 7 and 8.

Reservation forms are also available for the PRYCA Change of Watch Dinner/Dance. The date is January 25, 2003. Once again it will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City. The cost is \$50 per person prior to January 1 then \$55 up until the registration deadline of January 13. I will have registration forms at the Christmas Party on December 14th.

If you have questions, or would like additional information on either of these events, please give me a call at (703) 730-8538.

Ann

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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COAST GUARD PUBLISHES INTERIM LIFE JACKET RULE TO SAVE CHILDREN FROM DROWNING

The United States Coast Guard published an Interim Rule in the June 24, 2002, Federal Register requiring all children under 13 years old to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket, that fits, when underway on a recreational vessel: unless they are in an enclosed cabin or below decks.

The Coast Guard stressed that the rule only applies in those States that currently have no rule requiring children to wear a life jacket. However in those States that possess any requirement, the rule recognizes and adopts that State's requirement.

The rule becomes effective December 23, 2002 and provides a comment period that runs through August 23. In addition, it includes an education and public awareness phase that begins July 1 and ends December 31, 2002. This phase will be used to educate the public and encourage boaters to have their children wear a life jacket now, since it can and will save lives.

Failure to have a child wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket will be treated the same as not having a life jacket readily available. Penalties may be assessed up to \$1,100 maximum for each violation, but typically they would be assessed in the \$50 to \$250 range per violation.

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