

LOG: FLEET 30

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Commodore's Log by Dawana Jennings



Commodore's Comments

Ahoy Fleet 30,

As in all America, Fleet 30 too reveals "Change" for the New Year. I want to first say how very privileged I am to be your new Commodore I was absolutely overwhelmed at the "inauguration" ceremony (it was really our Christmas Party) on January 10th I caught word that something would be "different" with this "initiation", however....the roses, boa, the cheers and the tiara!! WOW! Words cannot be found - then and even now, on how I feel about the love and support this "family" has shown to me in all of the 23 years I've been with the club. I look forward to sailing the bay and rivers with you on many wonderful cruises that we have in store for you this year. We are certain you will find new cruises, events, classes and socials that you and your whole crew will enjoy.

I welcome the new, artistic and talented Board Members for 2009

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Vice-Commodore's Comments

Arrrgh...

The presses be too fast this month!

New tales will be spun next month.



Commodore's Log (continued)

and I thank them for serving with me this next tenure. They are:

Jim Dombey – Vice Commodore	John Szarek – Newsletter Editor
Jennings/Patty Lyon – Cruising Chairs	Renee May – Treasurer
Andy Shanks – Racing Chairman	Joanne and Mickey Smith – Historians
Dick Partos - Webmaster	

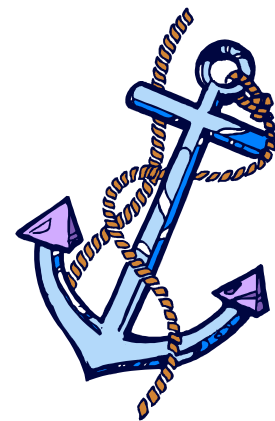
As the new Commodore, I revisited several items that I felt important in the lives of our members as well as introducing some new ideas and concepts to consider. To give you an idea of these new concepts, the 2009 “team” has been together many times to put together a great year for the club. We have started out with our “Educational Series” which started on January 14th and continues every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. through February. These informative classes include, knot tying, USCG Regs, First Aid, Sail Repair, Engine repair/Electronic/Battery classes, basic navigation, boat handling, and more! CPR Classes are also being planned for March.

Additionally, Fleet 30 will be offering support to several environmental and educational “causes” this year including donations from Fleet 30 to organizations such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This effort instills our concern for our beloved waterways as well as shows support for our community.

Again, I thank you for your trust and support. You folks are awesome and I’m proud to be associated with this wonderful yacht club. I DO hope to be as much ‘Inspiration’ to you this coming year as you have been an ‘Inspiration’ to me.

A happy – AND healthy New Year to each and every one of you.

Dawana
s/v Inspiration



Treasurer's Corner

With Renée May

Thank you to the 44 persons who have paid their 2009 dues thus far. We started the Fleet 30 year 2009 with \$1929.09 after expenses were paid for the final 2008 cruise – the Change of Watch party. We are in the process of building the budget for the 2009 season. Your prompt payment of dues means a more accurate budget prediction. Go to fleet30.org and open the Info/Application box. Print the application and send along with your check to the address listed. Where else does \$25 buy you all the fun you can stand for 12 months?

Renée May, Treasurer

CRUISING CORNER

With Jennings and Patty Lyon

It looks like it is going to be a great year for boating!

Patty and I would like to give a special thanks to the cruising committee this year. Serving on the committee were Jay Rickles and Robin Garlick, *Quantum Leap*; Pat Connelly, *Rest Stop*; Kerry and Renee May, *Arri-mar*; Dawana Jennings, *Inspiration*; Jorgan Lindqvist and Maria Rogers, *Querencia*; Frank Tiffany and Joann Cork, *Windjammin'*; Andy and Loretta Shanks, *Thrill Seeker*; and Jim Dombey, *Cool Change II*. Their input and suggestions made the process of putting together the 2009 cruising schedule fun and easy. Thank you, you guys rock!

The cruising schedule for this year has been added to the website, so please take a look and make your plans now! If you have signed up to be a cruise captain or co-captain for an event, please remember to send John Szarek, *Magical Dreamer*, an article describing your plans for the event no later than the 3rd week of the month. Try to have a sign-up roster for the boats that attend the cruise and then write a small article after the cruise detailing the highlights. Also, if anyone is interested in co-captaining an event or are interested in serving on a committee for the Anniversary or Christmas party, please let us know. There is still plenty of opportunity to help and it is a great way to get to know people in the club.

Veritas' First Cruise of 2009:

Patty and I decided last year we wanted to spend part of the holidays on the water, so we planned a four day trip, beginning on New Years Eve. Our goal was to start at Cape Charles and work our way back to Hampton via Portsmouth...we will call this Plan A. However, as we all know, even with the best of intentions Plan B is always lurking in the background. We awoke New Years Eve to a forecast of "cold" with wind conditions up in the 40+ knot range. So, Plan B prevailed and we postponed our trip one day, leaving on New Years Day. We started our newly revised Plan B schedule with a sail to downtown Hampton for one night, sailing to Portsmouth for one night, sailing back to downtown Hampton for another night and then sailing home to Salt Ponds on Sunday. However, when we awoke Friday morning it was "cold" and "rainy", but the boat was warm and secure, so we quickly went to Plan C. We stayed another night in downtown Hampton, figuring that we would sail to Portsmouth on Saturday and back to Salt Ponds on Sunday. As fate would have it, we awoke Saturday morning to a nearly perfect day with "cold" and "rain" forecasted for Sunday. We changed our plans once again (Plan D), called a few friends and sailed back to Salt Ponds one day early. It was a perfect sail to end a great week-end.

Having fun on the water does not necessarily mean you always have to be rushing to keep up with a schedule. For us, the fun part is just being on our boat. Cruising to new and exciting places or even the same old places with a bunch of crazy friends just makes the destination more exciting once you arrive. We have a lot of cruises planned this year and a few will probably change due to adverse weather conditions. We may fine ourselves leaving a day later or a day sooner, or we may be laid up at the same place for an unexpected extra day or two, never actually making our final planned destination. However, we have found that Plan B, C and even D can be just as much fun as Plan A if you keep the right state of mind. Our advice is, go boating, stay safe, have fun and be flexible.

See you on the bay!

Jennings and Patty Lyon

Veritas

The Roaring 20's

A group of friends has been drawn together to bring some life to the dreary weather that has prevented sailing excursions. This rather diverse group has decided to rent **the Old and Haunted Cape Charles Hotel** for a weekend of music, drinking (local bootlegged whiskey), dancing, and general raucous behavior in order to help bring some fun to the dull **February 7-8 weekend**.

Soon after all friends arrive at the historic hotel, the murdered body of one of their group is found (could it be Ophelia?) everyone in attendance is a suspect.

Do you dare to accept this invitation to be a part of this highly suspect assembly. If so, you will need to reserve the date and make your reservation at the hotel by calling Amy at **757-331-3130**. There are only 17 rooms at the hotel, after they are filled, you will need to make other arrangements for your stay. **Questions?** Call Renee at 757-927-2457

"Educational Series"

Willoughby Harbor Marina at Sailtime Sailing Center

(Located at east end of the HRBT at 1525 Bayville Street, Norfolk, VA 23503)

Register with DAWANA JENNINGS 424-4449 OR Dawana.jennings@gmail.com

TONIGHT: January 21st: Canvas and sail repair – Chandler Clark with Signature Canvas

January 28th: First Aid for Boaters – Dr. Robin Garelick

19 North Mallory St. Hampton (*Directions:* 64 to Hampton - Exit at Mallory (first exit after the HRBT) Left at light on Mallory – to 19 North Mallory St) The sign on the awning says “Classic Cuts” park on either side of the building.

February 4th: Diesel Engine Repair/Maintenance - Scott Wolff w/Diesel Dawg Yacht Care and John Sherwood to review general maintenance, repairs and upkeep. <http://www.dieseldawgyachtcare.com/>

CLASSES TO BE HELD AT DIESEL DAWG YACHT CARE in Ocean View *Directions:* Diesel Dawg is located in the Ocean View Sports building behind Mick's Pancake house on the beach. Located at 1000 East Ocean View and Chesapeake Street (**NOT** blvd).

February 11th: Yacht Systems Services w/Don Gulliver – will be discussing basic DC theory/multi-meter use.

February 18th: Navigation –Jim McCormack / Barry & Diana Carter Will be discussing basic navigation/boat handling/(very basic)celestial navigation/ and provisioning

February 25th: Sailing/Racing –Dave Wilbar – Sailtime to discuss sail trim and techniques to get your boat traveling at optimum speed and balance.

March (TBD): CPR Certification – Norfolk General Hospital/Virginia Beach Fire Dept – Frank Lilley, VBFD - Classes still being coordinated but will probably be held near Station # 10 – Kempsville area of Virginia Beach

Racing News



Happy New Year! It was great to see so many of you at our Christmas party January 10th. Now is the time of year to plan the upcoming season's events as well as prepare our boats, and ourselves, to have our best season yet. Several of the seminars we have planned are great for both cruisers and racers. Dr. Robin Garelick's discussion of first aid is as valuable for a day's racing as it is for a two week cruise. Who can insure they get to the starting line on time, or more importantly the race party afterwards, if their diesel engine breaks down? Scott Wolff and John Sherwood will help us with that. Navigation around the race course is vital, too. Finally, it's a no brainer that proper sail trim and balance will make your boat go faster around the race course. So, take advantage of all the seminars and hopefully improve your sailing this season – both cruising and racing!

Obviously more racing oriented seminars are available as well. As mentioned in last months' article, John McCarthy's "Murphy Rules 2009" seminar is being held at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club January 24th. This is a timely seminar since the Racing Rules of Sailing have just been updated for 2009 – 2013. As this is a very popular topic, the event on the 24th has "sold out" of available space. A second session has been set up on March 21st at the Hampton Yacht Club with even a more limited number of seats. Make resses early and know the new rules!

For those that couldn't attend the Christmas party, please congratulate Tom Pantelides as the HR Fleet 30 High Point Champion for 2008 when you see him. As Tom didn't attend, I plan to congratulate him personally ASAP! He received a trophy for his successful season – hopefully there's a little incentive in the club to keep Tom from becoming a repeat winner in 2009! (But best wishes Tom, really!) While Tom won by a comfortable margin, there was a three-way tie for second place among last year's winner Jim Lant, Jay Rickles, and myself. Even more encouraging was the fact that 18 boats were scored for the season – great job everyone!

Looking at the 2009 racing calendar I see a few events that hopefully are of interest to our club. Hampton Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail club are resurrecting the Down the Bay race this year as a "feeder" race to Southern Bay Race Week. The Down the Bay race is May 22-23, with SBRW May 29-31. Portsmouth Boat Club will provide the Hometowne Regatta June 6th in the Elizabeth River and around government marks near Craney Island. The HYC Plantation Light Race is an overnight race on August 14th, and the CCV Moonlight Triangle Race, an evening race, will be held August 29th. Finally, I hope we have our usual good representation at the Cape Charles Cup August 22-23 and even better representation on the podium! I want to continue to put together Fleet 30 races for the club. Hopefully we can do a fun race April 4-5 in Willoughby Bay!

Sharpen those skills this winter so you'll be ready in the Spring to get out there and race!

Andy

Fleet 30 Member Supplies AIS Data on the Web

AIS is Automatic Identification System required on commercial ships to help avoid collisions. Commercial ships broadcast ship identification data and GPS data showing their position, speed and course.

Here's a web site that'll show you the data on ships around the world and put the info on a Google map. <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx%3Flevel0%3D100>

The neat thing about the data you're seeing for the ships in Hampton Roads is that it's coming from one of our members. Dick Partos has modified an old marine VHF radio. He's connected the radio to his PC. The PC is logged on to the internet and is uploading Hampton Roads ship data to marinetraffic.com.

Way to go Dick.

ASA Certified Coastal Navigation course begins Feb 16th



SAILTIME Sailing Center is pleased to offer American Sailing Association Certified Coastal Navigation 105

Taught, once again, by the very able Instructor and excellent cook Capt. Ed Darling

Where: SailTime Sailing Center office at Willoughby Harbor Marina

When: Begins Monday, February 16th, then the 19th, 23rd, 26th, March 2nd, 4th. Exam on Saturday, March 7th.

Time: 6 to 9 pm

Cost: \$425.00 - 10% off to Boat / Yacht Club members

Only eight seats available!

Call our office at 757-480-SAIL (7245)

Although no ASA prerequisites for Coastal Navigation are required, SailTime HIGHLY recommends that applicant have a basic understanding of nautical charts and experience reading a compass. This ASA-certified course is more in depth than the USCG navigation module. Be prepared to study prior to and outside of class.

Please bring personal navigation tools. ASA training charts of Rhode Island Sound, and Hampton Roads region provided, as well as study text and DVD.

Course content is appropriate for power or sail.

THINGS FOR SALE

10 foot Walker Bay Rigid Inflatable Dingy with trailer. Includes foot pump, oars and oarlocks, raised deck, and patch kit.

List Price New

Boat:	\$ 1199
PVC Tube Kit:	\$ 999
Trailer:	\$ 500
<hr/> Total:	\$ 2598

Your Cost **\$ 885**



Contact Andy (s/v Coriolis) at 757.581.2082



Weems & Plath Navigation Set, \$50.00



Weems & Plath 7" Brass Ships Bell \$75.00

Contact John Szarek 757-357-2740

Final Note



**THE EDITOR'S
TURN**

John Szarek

NEW YEAR / NEW FORMAT

So it is a new year and a new president, new cruising season, new newsletter...

I am making a few changes to the format of the newsletter to make it more compact. Normally the last page is saved for nautical articles. As this month's newsletter is getting a little large, I am going to provide a few links on how to do splicing.

[The Eye splice](#)

[The Chain Splice](#)

[The Back Splice](#)

February 2009

Fleet-30 Hampton Roads Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Jacquelyn Dessino -Tasmanian Devil	2	3	4	5	6	7 ROARING 20's Cape Charles Hotel Pg. 7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16  Diane Leighton Magic	17	18	19 Gayle Williamson Lively Lady	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Al Cameron Third Star	27	28

March 2009

Fleet-30 Hampton Roads Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Kerry May -Arrimar	3	4	5	6	7
8 Adele Frangenberg -Poquito	9	10	11	12	13	14 Sock Burning Salt Ponds Judy Younger -J&B
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Emma Olson -Cinderella II Joe Hendricks -Affinity	27	28 Bart Myles -Bay Eagle
29	30 Bruce Taylor -Sunny Daze	31 Joann Cork -Windjammin' Tom Bucklin -Blew Yonder				