

FLEET 30 LOG

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Commodore's Log by Dawana Jennings

Commodore's Log:



Spring is here and sailing and boating is definitely in the air. For me, tropical air ! After spending the last 11 days in the SVI, I can say... I'm ready for some more sailing. WOW, what a beautiful sport we are in !

I hope this newsletter finds you close to readying your vessel for our upcoming cruises. At press time, we are getting ready for our final 2009 Educational Series Class the CPR class and our Annual Blessing of the Fleet. The CPR class on April 23rd and the Blessing of the Fleet was held April 25-26th at Southall Landing marina.

Don't forget we have a lot in store for you this spring,

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Vice-Commo's Log by Jim Dombey

VICE-COMMODORE'S LOG

with Jim Dombey

Times flies when your as busy as our crew...

Our VC will be back next month with new words of wisdom.



Commodore's Log (continued)

summer and fall. Starting in May four big, big events. Early May for the Annual Mothers Day Cruise w/ wine and arts shows (May 9-10), hosted by Robbie and Joanne Bock 621-2293 (Call Tidewater Yacht Marina for slip reservations 393-2525). We will join our founding members – Stew and Diana Kauffman, SV Casual Class, and sailing partner, Bernard, for their Bon Voyage celebration as they plan their 3-year voyage around the world. Don't miss this opportunity to send them off in a grand Fleet 30 way. May 20th marks the start of the New York cruise hosted by Jay Rickles and Robin Garelick (757) 548-2047. Wow, our second cruise and we're already in another state!! But we're back, May 23-25 where Jim and Laurie Dombey of Cool Change II, (757) 424-1783 and Jorgen and Maria Lindqvist of Querencia, (757) 839-8549 will host the Memorial Day cruise to Mobjack Bay. What a great start to the season !!

Jumping to June and July, we have two wonderful cruise weeks planned, a 'Great Escape to Little Creek', as well as the annual Harborfest/July 4th Great American Picnic/Town Point Park Grand re-opening celebration during the July 4th weekend. More exciting details for the June cruise weeks can be found in the website (www.fleet30.org) and in this newsletter.

This year for Harborfest, Norfolk Naval Sailing Association has "challenged" our club to a 'duel'. They are challenging our club to have 30 (or more) participants for the Harborfest celebration. They are expecting a large turnout for their club due to the fact that we will be "in the front row" this year as we will be docking alongside the Waterside Marina in front of the Sheraton Hotel. Norfolk Naval club wants to finally 'beat' Fleet 30 in boat participation. Let's show them and the city of Norfolk that Fleet 30 will not be beat! More details and registration forms are included with this newsletter.

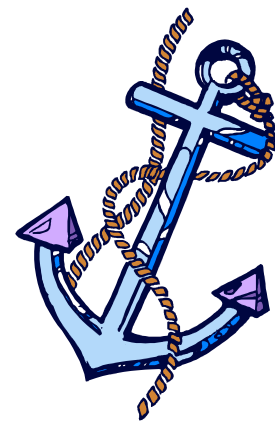
Jumping all the way to October 17th, Fleet 30 will be Sail-A-Brating 25 years of sailing together as a fleet. Keep this date on your calendar. More details will follow.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the May events we have to look forward to.

Let's put out the canvas! /) /) /)

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Dawana, Commodore  
Aboard s/v Inspiration



# Treasurer's Corner

With Renée May

## Treasurer's Report May 2009

Sorry I missed all of you this month. But I have an update next month.



## **SALT PONDS SAFE AGAIN!**

The dredge Marion has completed re-opening Salt Ponds, and they did a serious job this time!

They report that the depth is 9 feet throughout the channel. For those of you who have passed through, the boat lift on the beach is now back in the water! They did a great job, and were very responsive if you hailed them on 13, they would lower their lines and move to one side to let you through. A big thanks to them for a job well done!

# CRUISING CORNER

With Jennings and Patty Lyon

May 9th & 10th, 2009 – MOTHERS DAY CRUISE / BON VOYAGE PARTY!

Tidewater Yacht Marina - Downtown Portsmouth

WOW!...DO WE HAVE LOTS TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR!

1) We will be having a Bon Voyage Cocktail Party to send off Stew & Diana Kauffman (Casual Class) “in style” on their 3 year around the world cruise. It will take place on the pier @ 5:00 on Saturday. Please bring a dish to share and wine and beer and sodas will be provided. Also, we will have Mimosas and bagels on the pier around 9:00 or 9:30 Sunday morning.

2) As usual The Gosport Arts Festival in Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth is happening from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday May 9th, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. There will be over 135 artists displaying their art during the show. Artwork includes oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pottery, sculpture, charcoal, jewelry, photography, clothing, baskets, and much more.

3) And if all of the above is not enough for you, the 3rd Annual Town Point Virginia Wine Festival will be on Saturday in Town Point Park from 11:00 to 6:00. So bring your dinghys or take the Elizabeth River Ferry and enjoy some Virginia wine!

It should be a great weekend!

If you have any questions please call:  
Diva – Robbie and Joanne Bock 621-2293

Call Tidewater Yacht Marina for slip reservations 393-2525

Jennings and Patty Lyon,  
*Veritas*

**Blackbeard Festival** - Don't miss the annual Downtown Hampton Blackbeard Festival, taking place June 5-7, 2009. If you have a boat and would like a front seat to all the action, please contact Gregory Harrison at (757) 727-1276 or [greg@downtownhampton.com](mailto:greg@downtownhampton.com) for reservations.

# FLEET 30

## SPRING "FUN RACE" AND PARTY

### WILLOUGHBY HARBOR MARINA

4 APRIL 2009

While weather conditions on the 4<sup>th</sup> began a little iffy, by noon Neptune and the wind gods cooperated, providing great sailing conditions for our fun race. Skippers recruited their crews and headed to the course on Willoughby Bay near 2:00 p.m. The race got underway at 2:25, and everyone finished by 4:00 pm. *Cinderella II* used their local knowledge and racing savvy to win by a comfortable margin, while the *Mazi* crew utilized their boat speed to easily cover the most ground, ultimately coming in second. *Poquito* arrived in third, conserving their energy for the shore side party that followed. A lively crowd of Fleet 30 sailors welcomed the crews back to shore with delicious food, cold beverages, and cheers for the award winners.

Boats in attendance were *Cinderella II*, *Mazi*, *Poquito*, *Airborne*, *E*, *Fair Winds*, *Inspiration*, *Lively Lady*, *Magical Dreamer*, *Moonshadow*, *Quantum Leap*, *Querencia*, and *ThrillSeeker*.



# Racing News



Thanks to all that came out April 4<sup>th</sup> and made our Spring fun race and shore side party a memorable event! Congratulations again to *Cinderella II*, *Mazi*, and *Poquito* on their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes! Great job everyone in some gusty conditions!

Other news on the racing front – the early bird deadline for Southern Bay Race Week is April 17<sup>th</sup>, but if you miss that date don't let that discourage you from entering. For those without PHRF ratings, there is a Cruising Class. Remember, four great parties and three great days of racing!

The start for the 60<sup>th</sup> Down the Bay Race for the Virginia Cruising Cup is Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This race is open to PHRF, IRC, and One Design classes and starts in Annapolis and finishes in Hampton. Grab a PHRF rating and show those guys we know a thing or two about getting down the Bay!

BBSA's Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series has made some changes for Cruising Class participants. All boats that enter three of five of the races are eligible for trophies. There is no additional entry fee for this series other than the normal entry fee for the races themselves. Since no Cruising Class is available in the CCV Race #3, the Plantation Light Race, the Moonlight Triangle Race, and the Fall Series #3 race, the number of eligible races was reduced from 4 of 8 to 3 of 5. Eligible races that include a Cruising Class are the Cape Henry Cup May 16<sup>th</sup>, Cape Charles Race #1 and #2 August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Neptune's Atlantic Race September 26<sup>th</sup>, and the 'Round the Lights Race October 24<sup>th</sup>. Fleet 30 has had good participation in these races in the past – and very good results – so mark those calendars and plan to be on the line!

Most of the area's racing programs are now underway. If you can't yet get your boat to the line or are just "racing curious" and would like to see what it's all about by crewing on someone else's boat, try one of the after work races. Just show up early, ask around, (bring some beer), and smile and many captains will be jumping at the chance to bring you aboard. The Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Series has a crew listing sign-up sheet as well.

The weather is warming, Spring is here by all measures, and the racing has begun. Make 2009 the year you decide to get out there and race!

Andy

# Software updates

Garmin, Furuno, and Raymarine have all recently offered updates to their software. If you have a chartplotter, you may wish to visit the vendor's website and make sure you have the latest version. Also make sure you select the correct country / region for your software. Some manufacturers produce different versions for US and European customers.



**Grand Opening of the Newly Renovated Town Point Park**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Annual AT&T 4<sup>th</sup> of July Great American Picnic and Fireworks**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL NORFOLK HARBORFEST® Presented by AT&T**  
**NEW DATES !! Friday–July 3–Sunday, July 5, 2009**

**THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO THREE GREAT EVENTS IN ONE GREAT MARITIME WEEK-END.**

YOU WILL BE GUESTS AT THE GRAND OPENING of the newly renovated Town Point Park AND the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norfolk Harborfest®, presented by AT&T AND the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual AT&T 4<sup>th</sup> of July Great American Picnic & TWO !!! Fireworks displays.

[A NEW RAFTING LOCATION !](#)

This year the Rendezvous fleet will be docked along floating barges along the waterfront. Rendezvous Club accommodations will include, Friday dock party, Saturday daily/nightly entertainment dockside, and Sunday brunch. Boaters Bag/ T Shirt/ Burgee and skippers party/meeting included.

This will be another great year for boating! This year's Harborfest® is slated for Friday – Sunday – July 3-5, 2009. Tall ships and character vessels, military craft, colonist vessels, fleets of the era, and hundreds of private vessels, will “take the stage” in a GRAND historical Parade of Sail Friday, July 3, 2009 starting at 0900 (9a.m) with an entrance to downtown Norfolk harbor at 1200 (12 Noon). The weekend will be filled with maritime events, shows, concerts, SHIPS and prizes for “Best Dressed Boat”!

**Cost per boat is \$175.** Docking will include 2 night accommodations – Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. (Note: No power/water).

Deadline for registration is June 1, 2009 –  
LIMITED SPACE !! - First Come – First Served

# THINGS FOR SALE

FOR SALE \$200

AVON Tender 8'6"

2 chamber and inflatable keel

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2 Collapsible Oars

1 piece and segmented floors

Custom storage bag

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CARQUEST Auto Parts, 1109A N. King Street, Hampton, VA 23669, (757) 722-8652

(<http://www.carquest.com/>).

For Sale: If you ever wanted a lot between Put-In Creek and Williams Wharf on the East River in Mathews, VA, Roy Weisert has four lots For Sale ranging from 1 acre to 2.75 acres.

The two larger lots are kayak depth waterfront with beautiful sunset views.

If interested, please contact him at

757-636-0632 or [weisert1@verizon.net](mailto:weisert1@verizon.net) for more info.



# Final Note

**THE EDITOR'S  
TURN**

**John Szarek**

## **FLEET 30'S GROUP MMSID & CORRECTING FOR HEEL**

**CRUISE CAPTAINS, Please send in information about your event so we can publish it in the newsletter, any wrap-up reports would also be great.**

Spring has come and it is time to get back to the boat! Time to put into practice all those things we have read about during the winter. As many of you know I do a lot of reading and occasionally find some new and interesting facts. I am going to pass on two pearls I found out. The first is our group MMSID, and the second are my thoughts about healing angle and loss of ability to point.

**FLEET 30 NOW HAS A GROUP MMSI: # 036693538**

If you program this into your DSC enabled radio a group call can be made to all fleet 30 members. When a DSC call comes in, all programmed radio's will "ring" and change to an open channel for the call. I hope that the cruise captains' will find this handy during the upcoming cruises including cruise week to provide announcement, changes, or warn of danger. Most radios will accept the group number automatically by entering it into the MMSI address book. Be sure to enter the leading 0 as that signifies it is a group number.

In a previous issue of Practical Sailor, they compared the sailing performance of newer versus older designs in boats. This was interesting in that with these new higher coach tops, arches, and tall dodgers, the boom has risen dramatically from the waterline. This changes the center of effort up higher on the mast and as anyone knows, the longer the lever, the more power you get. So yes it is true the newer boats do heel quicker. But that causes an interesting thing. First, due to the "sugar scoop" transoms the waterline twists to the new aft of the boat. This shift may not be much, but about it is something to consider because you will be changing your direction by that shift. So you may be on the same magnetic heading, but you are heading (5 degrees in their example) windward. Also the keel and rudder's center of effort also swing to windward shifting the centerline with it. So if you think your boat does not point well in heavy winds, your pointing angle has not changed, it is the skewed waterline that is making the difference!

## May 2009

### Fleet-30 Hampton Roads Calendar

| SUN                               | MON                              | TUE                                                                                 | WED | THU | FRI                                                                                   | SAT                             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                   |                                  |                                                                                     |     |     | 1  | 2                               |
| 3                                 | 4                                | 5  | 6   | 7   | 8                                                                                     | 9 Mothers Day Cruise / Art Show |
| 10<br>Robbie & Joanne<br>621-2293 | 11                               | 12                                                                                  | 13  | 14  | 15                                                                                    | 16                              |
| 17                                | 18                               | 19                                                                                  | 20  | 21  | 22                                                                                    | 23 Mobjack bay cruise           |
| 24<br>Jim & Laurie<br>424-1783    | 25<br>Jorgen & Maria<br>839-8549 | 26                                                                                  | 27  | 28  | 29                                                                                    | 30                              |

## June 2009

### Fleet-30 Hampton Roads Calendar

| SUN                                                                                    | MON | TUE | WED                          | THU | FRI | SAT                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| 31                                                                                     | 1   | 2   | 3                            | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Escape to Little Creek |
| 7<br>Jorgen & Maria<br>839-8549                                                        | 8   | 9   | 10                           | 11  | 12  | 13                          |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                           | 18  | 19  | 20                          |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                           | 25  | 26  | 27                          |
| 28                                                                                     | 29  | 30  | <b>Cruise Week 1 &amp; 2</b> |     |     |                             |