



The Starting Line

March 2014

Commodore's Report

by Clarke Newman

In this issue, you will hear about the results of the survey that we conducted in February. The results confirmed much of what we thought, but there was very valuable information about what makes you join and use RCYC. I encourage you to take a minute to review the information that we have at our fingertips now. We will be addressing many of the issues identified in the survey. We plan on making it our blueprint for the next bit. Thanks once more to David Warren for getting that done so quickly and so expertly.



Next, we are working towards creating a marketing plan for the club that we hope will increase membership; now, if only that would fill up the lake. More on this program as it develops.

We are about to get into some prime sailing time at RCYC, and to kick things off, we will hold a member volunteer day to spruce up the place just a bit.

Erich Schloemer continues to work on a comprehensive boat storage policy that will hopefully improve our product and raise some additional revenue. Kenny Wolfe and the Commodorables continue to stage great social events at the club, and the schedule has some great thing in store. Check out the RCYC website for upcoming events.

The first sort of big regatta is coming up in the Texas Independence Day Regatta. Hopefully, we will have fair weather and fair competition.

Thanks go to Brian Morgan and Wayne Coulan for putting together such a great US Sailing Race Management Seminar.

We will be coming to the membership with a plan for redoing the paved surfaces. My original plan as I promised at the Annual Meeting was to do the main drive. However, do to some drainage issues and other concerns; we may need to expand the scope of the project to a level that will involve membership input. More on this topic as it develops in the next month.

See you at RCYC!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Keelboat Spring Series

Mar 15, 2PM Start
Mar 29, 2PM Start
Apr 12, 2PM Start
Apr 26, 2 PM Start
May 10, 2 PM Start

J24 Circuit Stop

March 22-23

Chocopolooza

May 3-4

Spring DinghyFest

May 10-11

Founders & IC24 NAs

May 24-25

MC Scow Masters

June 11-14

George Griffith

September 27-28

Fall DinghyFest

October 11-12

IC24 Nationals

October 25-26

Commodore's Requiem

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Social & House Report

by Julie Morgan

The Love Boat Party — *Love, exciting and new!*

We boarded the Love Boat and were entertained by **Erin Progehof**, as MC of the “Not-so-Newlywed-Game. Contestants **Dari and Joanne Esfahani, Larry and Mary Seals, Greg and Carole Gust and Robert and Wendy Vandling**, competed by answering “Newlywed Game” style questions. Joanne and Dari were declared winners of the evening and we discovered that she really is not very fond of Dari’s black and white Doc Martins. Carole is Greg’s Jessica Rabbit. Larry needs more power tools. And Robert’s favorite candy bar is Three Musketeers. You had to be there...

The longest married couple of the evening, at 54 years, was **Jack and Ginny Progehof**. Congratulations!



Hannah Progehof showed off her estimation skills as winner of the “guess the number of candies in the jar” contest.

Thank you to **Virginia Hannan** for selecting prizes and **Virginia, Mary Anne Hopper, AnJohn Hopper** who helped with decorating.

Many Thanks to our dessert bar bakers: **Melissa Hemker, Natalie Hopper, Virginia and Erin**.

Check out photos of the fun on the RCYC website. Click on the Flickr account at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rushcreekyk/sets/>

Communications Report

by David Warren

First, let me thank you all on the behalf of the 2014 Rush Creek Yacht Club Board of Directors. We truly appreciate your feedback in the 2014 membership survey.

Some highlights from the survey findings:

- 108 total respondents to the survey from the RCYC membership.
- 45% of respondents were over 55 years of age.
- 30% of respondents have been a member for over 20 years.
- 52% of respondents live within five (5) miles of RCYC.
- *Download the full survey to see all of the findings...*

We have compiled the results into a full presentation that can be download for your review at: <http://www.rcyc.org/2014/survey/>

Junior Education Report

by Jeff Progelhof

Ragnot Blast-Off Regatta Report

The first regatta of the Texas Sailing Association (TSA) Youth Circuit was held by Houston Yacht Club February 1st and 2nd. Five RCYC sailors participated in two different classes. Good sailing weather on Saturday was trumped by a heavy fog on Sunday. Tyler Killion and Zane Tinnell won the 420 class. In the Opti Green fleet, Kate Schmiege finished 2nd, Andrew Vandling was 4th, Wade Lovell was 5th and Gust Schmiege was 12th. With twenty-one green fleet racers participating our team performed well!

Spring Break Clinic

The Youth Sailing Spring Break Clinic runs March 10 – 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is like a “mini summer camp” focused on the Opti Race team, Laser and 420 sailing. Students should bring their own lunches, sailing gear, change of clothes, water bottle, sunscreen, etc. The clinic ends Thursday so the sailors can head down Friday for the LCYC regatta. This is a great tune-up for the Spring Fling Regatta.



Registration is online at: <http://www.rcyc.org/2014/spring-junior-program-schedule/>

Spring Fling Regatta

The next TSA Circuit Regatta is at Lake Canyon Yacht Club March 15 – 16. This is a fun family event with many teams heading down early Friday morning (since it is Spring Break) and setting up their tents at the camp site.

After School Sailing Session II

Daylight Savings is just around the corner! Our after-school classes for Youth Session II start March 17 and run Monday through Thursday evenings until June 5th. Beginning Optis are on Monday, Geckos on Tuesday, 420/Laser on Wednesday, and Opti Race Team on Thursdays. Please check the Youth Sailing Spring Session brochure for times and registration at:

<http://www.rcyc.org/2014/spring-junior-program-schedule/>

Grounds Report

by Virginia Hannan

Thanks to all of you who participated in our member survey! I took the comments to heart. As a result, members can look forward to additional landscaping in the pool area and seasonal color near the entrance of the clubhouse. I've been promised by the landscaper that these projects will be completed by March 1st. Happy Spring!

Boat & Trailer Storage Report

by Erich Schloemer

We are continuing to sort through the parking lot and harbor. We still need help from the membership in identifying all of the property on the yacht club premises.

Please make sure that your name is clearly and permanently marked on the tongue of all trailers that are on the property (particularly trailers in the trailer storage field).

We are having a hard time identifying all of the Sunfish, Lasers, JY15's and other small boats. Many of these are particularly hard because many do not have TX numbers.

Please write your name on your cover or dolly. Also, many boats have expired TX registration and some are still titled in the name of previous owners. Is your TX registration current on all of your boats?



Before anyone complains about boat storage fees, remember that boat storage revenue goes to help support club maintenance and operations as well as capital improvement to your yacht club.

Wednesday Night Dinner Specials

by Poe

March 5 — Teriyaki pork burgers topped grilled pineapple served with sweet potato fries and Asian slaw

March 12 — Salmon croquettes served with cheddar grits and green bean cherry tomato salad

March 19 — Beer can chicken served with scalloped potatoes and vegetable blend

March 26 — Beef & bean burrito con queso served with fire roasted corn and black beans

Wednesday Night Desert Specials

by Andrea

March 5 — Pineapple upside down cake

March 12 — Mini peach cobblers w/ scoop of vanilla ice cream

March 19 — Rocky road brownie w/ scoop of chocolate ice cream

March 26 — Tres leches cake

REMINDER: Sunday Breakfast is SERVED — Every Week

Did you know that RCYC makes breakfast every Sunday morning. Come down and enjoy biscuits and gravy, bacon, eggs and potatoes. Bring your friends and family on down to the club for a cup of Joe!

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