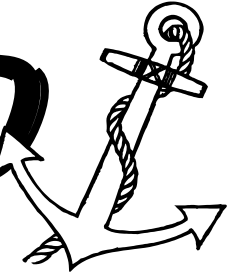


Clear Lake Yacht Club

WINDWORD



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Commodore's Commentary

It's hard to believe that summer is more than half over according to lake time. Lake time, of course, being centralized around when the kids get out of school and go back. For those of us involved in ski club, once the fourth of July hits, it seems like all we do is pull a lot of ski club kids in a lot of acts. It's a lot of work, but we all come away having had tons of fun. A lot of thanks go to Chef Cricket as all ski club people have come to love his cooking, whatever it may be.

Friday nights continue to be a hit and much thanks is deserving of those who have hosted. We all truly appreciate the efforts of those who help carry on the Friday night tradition. The sunset cruise was again sold out. All those attending were treated to a wonderful fare of food, drink and fellowship.

August 21 is the Commodore's Ball. For the past year I have been promising to have Jimmy Buffett play for the ball as I have an extremely loose seaplane connection with him (we are in the same association). It seems the required \$250,000 to book him was just a few dollars out of reach. Well, not to be outdone, we have come up with an equal in the "Polly B & The Jam" band. They are a wonderful nine-piece Buffett sound-alike band that can play anything. Several of us from the Club heard them play and we knew they would be perfect for the occasion. So, if you want to be at the best party of the year, you must come to the Ball. I promise that you will not be disappointed with the food or the entertainment. Hope to see you there.

Please remember that the general membership meeting will be held Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 am. It is a great opportunity to voice ideas and suggestions in front of the board and other members.

Commodore's Ball

Saturday August 21, 2004

Cocktails: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:30

Dancing 8:30



Live Music by
Polly B & The JAM
(a wonderful Jimmy Buffet sound)

\$35 per person

RSVP: Dan Hanson 495-5620
no later than Aug. 13th

Ski Show

Sunday, August 1, 2004
2:00 pm

at the
Clear Lake Yacht Club



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Social

July has been a Funtastic month. We started with the All American Night BBQ, thanks to all the men who tirelessly grilled chicken and for everyone who brought a dish - it was a great evening.

Other nights were hosted by The Sailing Club, Geigers, Lawrence, Cutshalls, and Franz's. Many thanks to all those families. We also enjoyed our annual Steak Out hosted by Marty and Julie Zachrich and Joyce and Larry Schavey. Thanks to the Matasicks and Horrell families for hosting The Treasure Hunt. On July 30th we enjoyed our second Catered Dinner by Caruso's.

Don't forget in August we will have our first Men's Night - so men put on your apron and chef's hat - call Larry Schavey if you want to help - 495-2640. By the way, the women get to sit back and relax. No cheating. We will also have some surprise entertainment, so mark your calendars.

August 13 is Mexican Night - everyone bring your favorite Mexican dish. August 20th and 27th will be hosted by club members. Last but not least the Commodore's Ball will be on August 21. Come and celebrate the great job Captain Dan has done.

We still have two open TGIF dates September 3 and 10th - if you are interested in hosting call 495-2640 or sign up at the club.

Thanks to all our GREAT MEMBERS who contribute in many ways for making the summer at the Club a great one.

Joyce Schavey
Social Chairperson

Annual Membership Meeting

**Saturday, August 21st
10:00 am**

TGIF - Men's Night

The men will rule in the CLYC kitchen for our August 6th TGIF. Be sure to join us as the men are in charge of the entire evening, from the planning stages to the final clean-up. They've been planning a menu that will delight and have even arranged for some family entertainment !! Be sure not to miss this special evening.

**WOMEN ARE ASKED NOT TO HELP!!
ONLY RELAX AND ENJOY...**

Welcome...

We welcome the following new members to the Clear Lake Yacht Club:

Ann Gullberg 10 Lake Dr.
Kalvin Champion 5530 N. 150 W. Angola
Barbara & Todd Rumsey 814 Lake Dr.
Peter 9, Annie 8, Mary 6

A Mexican TGIF

Grab those sombreros and maracas (if you choose) and plan to join us for mexican cuisine on Friday the 13th. Please bring a mexican dish of your choice and plan to enjoy the evening with your amigos.



If you and some of your friends would be interested in setting up for this party - setting up table and chairs, setting out plates and silverware, organizing the incoming food, and clean-up, please call Joyce Schavey 495-2640.

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House Report



The summer weather is finally here and the CLYC is in full swing. The kitchen project is almost completed and looks great. I can not thank Joyce and Melodie enough for all their time and hard work on that project. The next big project will be the paving of the parking lot, which will be another big improvement.

On some house keeping issues, we need to pick up trash and empty cans around the club (getting better) . We need to fold the tables and stack the chairs after all events so the floor can be cleaned. After the dances we need to check the bathrooms to make sure the toilets are not plugged and paper is not scattered everywhere, (Sally called and said this happened after the last dance) . I'll be working on repairing the table legs and some window problems next week.

Feel free to call me anytime if you have some ideas or suggestions for the club (my phone number is unlisted). Have a great summer.

Alan Korte
House Chairman

Do you need a winter project? We could use your help.

1) Next year is the yacht club's 70th anniversary. We have booklets on the past history of the club (up through 1995) and would like to update these. If anyone is interested in updating the past 10 years of club events and improvements, please contact Julie Zachrich 495-4023.

2) If you have any photos of club events, we'd love to have them to update our club photo albums. If anyone is interested in this project (remember those wintery cabin-fever days when you long for a project?) contact Julie.

Directories Available

The 2004 Clear Lake Yacht Club Membership Directories are now available at the club. Thanks to Barb Wenger for compiling all the information.



PARKING-PARKING-PARKING

The good news/bad news with the Yacht Club attendance being way up for all events is that we are having a few parking issues.

The following are acceptable places to park:

1. The stone parking area (soon to be paved) behind the club is of course the best place.
2. The island behind the club has also been approved by the town for additional parking.
3. For overflow parking, the Rieke Building and the tennis courts are great places to put your car.

The following are places to NOT park:

1. In the grass to the south of our primary parking area. It is soft and most of it does not belong to the Club.
2. Any and all areas on the west side of Lake Drive. There are big rocks in this area and the reason they are there is to keep cars out. This is not club property and it is an absolute must that we do not park in this area.
3. The two private driveways heading to the west towards the tennis courts are also not to be used for additional parking.

Please, let's work at keeping our neighbors happy by respecting their property by leaving all cars off these areas. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Sunset Cruise



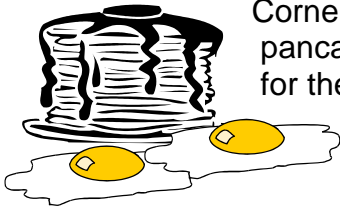
Mother Nature was not very cooperative for our annual Sunset Cruise held July 17th. Even though we were not able to “cruise” by boat, we did drive our cars to three spectacular homes on the lake. We would like to thank Gerry & Carole Miller for delicious appetizers, Joyce & Larry Schavey for a scrumptious main course, and Paula & Bernie Kaufman for a wonderful and creative ice cream dessert bar. Your hospitality was most gracious, especially on a rainy and hopefully not-too-messy evening. Thank you!

Bountiful Breakfast

Saturday, July 31 8:00 - 10:00 AM

It's so much fun to have a breakfast at the club again! Many thanks to our hosts, Jim & Jodie Horein and Terry & Melodie

Cornelius for the wonderful pancakes. Thanks to Jim for the adult beverages!



Ladies Luncheon

Approximately 35 women enjoyed a luncheon which was catered by The Herb Garden. Many thanks to our hosts Molly Nagle and Josie Sweeney, who organized a bingo game (did we think anyone would *ever* get a winning card?) and white elephant gift exchange. The afternoon of laughter was enjoyed by all as gifts were chosen and stolen and stolen again. Who could imagine so much excitement over an umbrella, a pillow, and a parrot? Such fun!

If you are interested in attending next year's ladies luncheon, please contact Molly Nagle so your name can be added to the list. If you'd be interested in hosting next year's event, call Molly 2319-464-4807.

Two Positions Available

Russ Watson, who's been our treasurer since 2002, is stepping down and is ready to pass on the treasurer's responsibilities to someone else. If interested, please call Russ at 495-3326 or 419-446-2469.

I have been the editor of the *Windword* for the past six years. It has been a wonderful experience, meeting so many great yacht club members over the years. But I feel that it's time to turn the position over to someone new. I am willing to work with you, to show you what I've learned, and what programs I've been using. If you are interested in becoming the new editor, please call Julie Zachrich 495-4023 or Alan Korte 495-3875.

****Note:** You do **not** have to be a board member to be the treasurer or the editor.

Julie Zachrich
Windword Editor

Looking for volunteers...

We are still looking for volunteers to host two of our Friday night TGIFs.

Open dates are:

Sept. 3 Sept 10

In addition, we're hoping to have someone (or a group of people) offer to host the fall party on Saturday, September 25th.

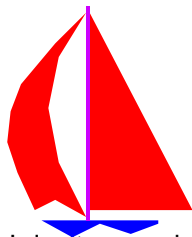
With such an active club, it takes many, many helping hands to

it go, so please give these dates some consideration. If willing,



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Nautical News



As I write this we are starting the second half of the season but we have lost three weekends of racing due to poor wind conditions. I don't remember being three races down this early in the season but weather is still an uncontrollable environment we all must tolerate.

The results of moving race winners back in the start sequence seems to be having the desired effect, four races with (4) different winners. Sailors who normally place in the front are now in the middle. There are more challenges on the course for all participants. Mark roundings are tightly contested and you find yourself racing against boats you may not have seen at all last year. I find it more stimulating and I hope you do as well. Please verbalize your opinion as this is an experimental concept, to be reviewed and discussed before next year's schedule.

With all the starting sequences happening some sailors are finding it difficult to remember when they are suppose to start. I have tried to make it easier by providing you're a red (3 minute delay) or a blue (5 minute delay) sticker for your mast. The white/red flag goes up 60 seconds before the 3 minute delayed start and the white/blue flag rises 60 seconds before the 5 minute delayed start.

I have also heard positive comments about the Championship Series race length being determined by a time limit. Many sailors have said they welcome the change as it almost guaranties races will end in less than 1.5 hours.

These changes were made to make sailboat racing more enjoyable. If you have suggestions or comments, we need to hear them so that our sailing program will appeal to the greater populace of Clear Lake.

For parents of young children, we are interested in learning your desire to start a junior program in the Optimist dinghy. These single and double handed boats are very stable and raced by kids at yacht clubs all over the country. The ILYA provides all the tools we need to start a sailing school and racing could be managed by existing sailors most weekends. If you want to learn more please call John Cochran or Brian Barr and we will collect names for an informational meeting.

Good Sailing,

Brian Barr

Results

June 26

1. Jim Horein
2. John Cochran
3. Jack Sanderson
4. Leo Weber
5. Mike Brodrick
6. Bruce Matasick
7. Nick Schenkel
8. Greg Reynolds
9. Bob Lewis
10. George Schenkel

July 3 - Sorry, results not available

July 10 - no wind, no race

July 17

1. Terry Cornelius
2. Brian Barr
3. Marty Zachrich
4. Jack Stenger
5. Jim Grant
6. Bruce Matasick
7. Jack Sanderson
8. Jack McArdle
9. George Schenkel
10. Nick Schenkel
11. Bob Lewis
12. Jim Horein
13. Stan Robinson
14. Jack Horrell
15. John Carricarte



Sailor's Cookout

There is a sailor's cookout scheduled for Saturday, August 14th. Plans need to be made.

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Ski Club



July is always a busy month for all ski club members. It is the month we organize and practice for our annual ski show. This year we have lots of new young members and we are working with all of them to get them into acts for the show.

The ski club dances have been well attended and our new sound system is working great. Much thanks goes to the adults who are willing to help us by chaperoning for the dances.

I would like to thank all the parents that help us organize and put on our ski show as well.

It takes a lot of effort from both parents and ski club members to get the job done. With only a month to practice, it is always down to the wire to get the show ready for our audience. It always somehow comes together during the last days before the show.

Remember if you're 18 or younger and you would like to participate in the show, please think about joining the ski club. You will never regret doing it and you will come away with some great new friends. Hope to see you there.

Michael Hanson
Ski Club Co-President

Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 am

General Membership Meeting

10:00 am

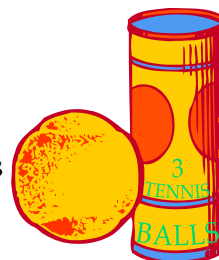
CLUB HOURS

Friday: Bar open - TGIF 6:30 PM - ?

Saturday: Noon - 4:00 PM 6 PM - ?

Sunday: Noon - 4:00 PM

Tennis



The ladies tennis group is still playing on Mondays & Thursdays at 8:30. We have been having enough ladies show up to play two courts of doubles. We'd love to have more and make use of all four courts.

A mixed doubles party was held on July 10th followed by a steak & lobster dinner. Fourteen people braved the hot temperatures to play tennis & 28 people attended the dinner. Thanks to Leo Weber for preparing the delicious lobster and to Jeff Hastings for grilling the steaks to perfection.

The kid's tennis lessons during July was a success again thanks to the excellent instruction from Barb Wenger, Leo Weber, and Jay & Donna Ludgate. An average of 10 kids attended each Tuesday & Thursday for 3 weeks in July. It's great to see a new generation of tennis players developing at the lake.

Kate Hastings
Tennis Chairperson

CLYC Board & Group Chairmen

Commodore: Dan Hanson, 06

Vice-Commodore: Alan Korte, 04

Board: Lisa Baker, 05

Dan Hanson, 06

Russ Watson, 04

Julie Zachrich, 05

Dan McArdle, 05

Tony Gay, 06

Alan Korte, 04

Tom Eckrich, 04

John McElhinny, 06

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House Chairman: Alan Korte

Membership: Marty Zachrich

Sailing Chairman: John Cochran

Tennis Chairman: Kate Hastings

Ski Club Advisor: Dan Hanson

Ski Club Co-Presidents: Michael Hanson & Sam Gay

Rental Manager: Tereasa Gay

Breakfast at CLYC

**Saturday, July 31
8:00 - 10:00 am**

**Join us for a free sausage and pancake
breakfast - plus - eggs for those Low
Carb dieters.
(An adult beverage will be available.)**

**Hosted by
Terry & Melodie Cornelius
and
Jim & Jody Horein**

****Your generous donations will be accepted**



A vibrant tropical illustration. On the left, a tall palm tree stands against a light blue sky with a few white clouds. A green parrot with a red face is flying towards the right, silhouetted against a large, bright yellow sun. On the right side, a pink flamingo stands in a lush green jungle. The entire scene is framed by a thick black border.

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\$35 per person

Live Music by

Polly B & The JAM

*If cocktails, a wonderful sit-down
dinner and enjoying the sounds of
Jimmy Buffett music sound like a great
time... join us at the
Commodore's Ball*

RSVP to Dan Hanson 495-5620