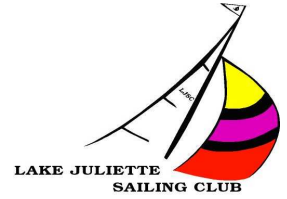


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 Meeting starts at about 7:00 PM

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Minutes of February 2004 Meeting

The February meeting was held at Ryan's and dragged kicking and screaming to order by our illustrious Commodore, Warren Abrams, with the stern reminder to "pay attention, we have a lot of ground to cover." The usually shy and soft-spoken Commodore rose to the occasion and created order out of chaos. (I do believe

Warren has actually read the 'Roberts Rules of Order'!)
 The Tampa Cruise was first on the agenda. In short order the details were nailed down and plans were fleshed out.

Warren proceeded to the next item, being the possibility of partnering with the Boy Scouts and chartering a 'Sea Scouts' group. He introduced our guest speaker, Jerome Gray, a District Executive from the Macon area Boy Scout Council. Jerome presented an in-depth and informative presentation of the requirements, goals, procedures, etc. for putting together a program. Jerome then entertained questions from the members and a lively discussion ensued. Well, the up-shot of this was the formation of a committee to crew this project with the talented, intelligent and 'ever-so-cute-when-she's-efficient' Renee Wellman to chair this illustrious group. I have since learned that our esteemed Vice-Commodore, the intrepid Warren Hughes, has been shanghaied into acting as liaison for the club. Thanks guys and gals. Your sacrifice and dedication are truly appreciated. I would like to thank Jerome on behalf of the club for an entertaining and enlightening presentation and for putting up with this bunch of nautical mis-fits. Thanks, Jerome!

Ron Katz, our verbally prolific Cruise Director, grabbed the floor and awarded the 'Big Buckaroo Award' to the multi-talented Warren Hughes. Congrats Warren.

Warren Abrams promptly retrieved the helm and turned the discussion to the up coming Cherry Blossom Regatta. It appears that the ad-hoc committee has risen to the occasion and really hammered out some details. Several courageous individuals have volunteered to handle the myriad 'dirty details' and duties but we still need some jobs filled. If you would like to help out, please contact Ron or Linda Katz, Jan or Steve Dillard, Jimmy Harrell or any Officers and we'll plug you right in.

Jimmy Harrell offered up info on the 2004 Sinclair Lake Challenge, a timed distance race sponsored by OSYC. This is an 'Honor System' race, which can be run at your convenience on Lake Sinclair. Sounds like fun and details can be found on the OSYC Website at www.OSYC.net.

A lively discussion broke out regarding events for the upcoming season and several destinations were bandied about. If you have any suggestions for cruises or other events, please show up at the next meeting and offer 'em up! Some events on the schedule appear elsewhere in this rag. Look for something that says 'Schedule of Events'. That would probably be it.

At this point, Warren Abrams entertained an official

motion to adjourn, which passed. We all played well together and went home.
Gimp

Commodore's Notes

Well, in the tradition of a certain past Commodore, I seem to be plagued with the "can't get it to the water problem". I didn't get to Tampa, lucky actually, because on my next attempt to sail I had not reached Forsyth when my trusty Suburban began to knock and loose oil pressure. A rod bearing got tired after only 160,000 miles! Of course it's fixable, but the cost would exceed the value of the car! Then what would be next? A quick look at newer used Burb's was startling. At the 10-12,000 range, which I thought was a lot, the Burb's had more miles than mine! Even though they were only a few years old (mine's a 1977). I picked up a 96 Dodge Dakota as interim wheels, but I don't think it will handle the cruiser. Will I make Cherry blossom? YES! Definitely, but cruiser or day sailer, that is the question?

The Executive Committee met Monday night at Steve and Jan's, and again, I must compliment our Cherry Blossom Committee on their thoroughness. It would appear that most of the planning is covered, and with a little help from the weather, it will be a great weekend. Think wind (not too much) and Sun.

Our foray into scouting is moving along, Renee, Ron, Linda, etal., have started the paperwork and are planning to meet the Scout's Sea Scout Chief this weekend. Warren Hughes has been designated as our liaison/ representative.

Carl had another idea for publicizing the regatta. He suggested getting a display of boats together at the mall and showing off our sport. I think it's a great idea, but time to set it up is a little short for this event. Possibly we can do this prior to Theresa's Regatta, if we can find anyone who would be willing to talk to folks about sailing.

Please try to attend Tuesday's meeting so we can all get the full scoop on the plans for Cherry Blossom first hand. It will make the weekend go smoother. See you at the meeting, bring a friend.
Warren A.

Guess Who?



Can anyone identify the owner and builder of "The Yellow Boat from Hell"? See next month's Rudder for enlightenment!

Schedule of Events for 2004 are as follows:

- Mar. 20..... Cherry Blossom Regatta, Lake Juliette
- April 24-25Sinclair 21, OSYC
- May 1-2 Mug Race, Jacksonville, FL
- May 22-23 Sinclair Open, OSYC
- June 11-14 Beer Cruise
- June 19-20 Teresa's Regatta
- July 3-4.....Independence Day Regatta, OSYC
- Sept. 4-6..... Labor Day Cruise, TBA



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Suggestions for Meeting Place

Due to the inherently individual tastes of the eclectic membership of the LJSC, it has been impossible to select a meeting place that satisfies everyone. In our never-ending attempt to placate, if you have suggestions for a restaurant to meet at, please call or e-mail Warren Hughes, our Vice-Commodore and we will attempt to oblige.

"Lettitor" from the Editor:

'Sailink mit Carl'

Most of you know Carl as the stoic-but-amiable Past Commodore who can be counted upon to jump in and 'get the job done' at any task set before him. A generous fellow of mild eccentricities who is always willing to help out someone in need. An accomplished sailor who loves to race, and if you've ever raced against him, you know what his transom looks like. If you ever get ahead of him, don't bother looking back...he will be gaining. Carl loves to sail, and his passion is contagious. He's basically an "all 'round nice guy". I had known Carl for a while as the serious-minded guy with the strong but tolerant convictions and it took a while before I found out that he also has a really great sense of humor. It's a really nice version that he keeps in a secret compartment in his wallet. He shows it off every now and then.

But...get in a boat with Carl and his Teutonic heritage becomes oh so evident! My first introduction to this 'Jekell and Hyde' contradiction was right after I got the Hunter 25. Our daughters were practicing to enter the Mug Race on Ashley's Raider and I asked Carl if he wanted to go out on the Hunter and follow them around and watch them practice. Carl enthusiastically agreed and we headed out. I was driving the boat and Carl worked the foredeck.

Carl immediately began asking me why the boat was rigged like it was, to which I replied "that's the way it came". He began to tentatively make suggestions. Acknowledging his greater experience, not to mention being the victim of his superior skills in various races, I

listened closely and made copious mental notes. All his suggestions were accompanied by erudite explanations that I could actually understand and I began to see a lot of things about the boat that I had never thought of before. Carl alternated his suggestions to me with shouted suggestions to the girls as we followed them around the lake. Then it got serious.

We hadn't been out long when other sailboats started coming out to enjoy the wind that had picked up some. It began with Carl suggesting "Why don't we head over towards that boat and see if we can catch her." Followed by "I'm going to move these blocks so we can get a better shape in the jib", and "head up a little and we can make better speed". Before long the metamorphosis was complete. The girls were on their own and we were no longer 'on the lake' but were in fact in a 'target rich environment'. Minute course corrections came fast and furious. Carl began tweaking every adjustable piece of hardware on the boat and I began to realize that from here on out 'VE VILL BE SAILINK AT ZE CORRECT ATTITUDE AT ALL TIMES, JA! VE VILL BE MAKINK SCHPEED!'

It wasn't until we had overhauled and passed every boat on the lake that Carl looked over his shoulder and gave me this sheepish grin and mumbled "I know you probably came out to just dink around, but I can't help it. Just tell me to shut up" I replied something to the effect that I was learning a lot and didn't mind. The funny thing is...I didn't mind. It was actually a real blast passing every boat on the lake! Welcome aboard, Mr. Hyde!

As a postscript to this article, I have to relate a recent experience on Lake Tobesofkee. Carl had taken Ashley out to test out some changes made on the Raider and I had brought Killian out to give her some stick time on her Lazer. Ashley came in early due to some problems with the improvements and we were standing around watching Killian sail her Lazer. I was shouting instructions, I mean suggestions at Killian when I noticed Ashley cut her eyes at me. I grinned at her and said "I've been taking lessons from your dad", to which she promptly replied, "I can tell. You've learned well!"

Gimp

Classified Ads

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