



77 Years And Sailing Strong

May 2011

Membership Participation

As we all know when we joined the club, we were introduced to the club's point system (formerly referred to as work hours). The idea is that each member will put in a certain amount of effort or hours each season for club projects. By doing so, that would decrease the expenditures the club would have to make and thereby keep our dues low. This system has proven to work successfully. Our dues have been kept to a minimum over the years. In fact, we have not had an increase in dues for 9 years. When compared to other clubs on the lake, we are the 'best deal' on Candlewood Lake.

To keep it that way, it is important that all members participate; else, we have to hire contractors to do the needed work. That would result in raising our annual dues to pay for them.

There are a variety of ways to participate:

- Properties will have projects listed on a whiteboard at our clubhouse as well as on our web site. If you see a project that suits your interest, go for it. If you have any questions about it, simply contact the properties committee. Perhaps you can make a recommendation for a project that needs to be done.
- There are numerous social events where you can assist by cooking, setting up, or cleaning up
- Perhaps gardening is your thing.
- Race can always use someone for committee boat duty. This is a great way to spend a few hours on the lake on a Sunday afternoon. It is both relaxing and fun! Simply go to our web site, click on Race and sign up. It's as easy as that. *Continued on page 2*

Please take note!

- **Sunday May 22nd**, 1 PM Spring race 3&4
- **Sunday May 29th**, 11AM, Commodore's Cup
- **Monday May 30th**, Noon, Memorial Day Picnic – see page 6

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These sail boats are ready!

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Activity participation is also a good way to get to socialize with your fellow club members since many projects require more than one person.

A good way to look at all this is “pride in ownership”. After you complete a project, you will have enriched the club for yourself and your fellow members, making the club experience more enjoyable for everyone. Leaving you with a feeling of accomplishment.

This all goes to maintain one of the key benefits of belonging to the CYC: camaraderie among we sailors.

Scott Sherman

Commodore



View from the Starting Line

Ok call me a wimp, I cancelled the first races of the season due to weather and when race time rolled around there was nothing but a light drizzle. In my defense it was coming down really hard when I cancelled and the forecast called for thunderstorms all afternoon. I was having a hard time getting the image of a sailboat mast acting as a Lightning Rod out of my head. Sometimes, I think things work out for the best, as my impression is that we as a club are a little behind the power curve this year with regard to getting boats in the water and it's pretty hard to race without boats in the water.

So now the first races of the season will be on Sunday 5/22, this buys us all a little more time to get our ready. We are anticipating a small but enthusiastic segment of our membership to be active this year. On the cruising side we are counting on the mainstays of Bob Bovaird, John Palmer, Pete Van Houten to be augmented with Chris Lewick in his new hunter, Jeff and Lu Ginsburg and new members Luke Dolman and family. On the Scot Side we are excited about putting a very competitive

field consistently on the water. This year we look forward to having the following boats/teams regularly in the lineup, the Northrop Brothers, Bob McCorkle/ Bill Kopta, CoreyLoke/Boyd McCorkle, and Matt Orr. Augmented with the Club Scot, I think we can regularly field 4-5 and occasionally six Scots. If you're interested in using the club Scot, please let Bob McCorkle or Greg Northrop know and we'll insure the boat is available and ready to go for you. I'm sure I missed some names of those actively involved in racing and I apologize for that and encourage all to come join the fun.

If you haven't raced before or if it's been a while, I can think of now better environment to get involved. Our Sunday races are very laid back where everyone involved is out to have fun. If you are interested in crewing either on the Cruising side or Scot side again let Bob and Greg know and we'll insure you get on a boat. Also, we are always in need of Race committee, this is a very easy way to accumulate work points for simply spending a pleasant afternoon on the water. I have heard concern from some about the RC getting involved in disputes, this may have happened in years gone by, but in the two years I've been involved, I have never heard a raised voice. As I said before racing at CYC today is a laid back affair where all participants are out to have fun.

Finally, we would like to make shout out to long time member Jon Orr who was recognized in the March 2011 edition of Scots N' Water for having made a "Commodore's Circle" gift to the Flying Scot Foundation in memory of his father Jack Orr. The executive Director, Sandy Eustis FS5610, of the foundation made the following comments about Jon and his father. "I remember being trounced regularly at NAC's and Mid-Winters by the father-son Orr team way back in the 1980's, and found myself fondly remembering several long-ago conversations with Jack, plus a few NAC races where I was fortunate enough to be crossing tacks with the Orr's and not waaaaay behind them"

Bob McCorkle - Race

2nd CYC Work Party

The property chairs want to thank all of you who participated on May 14 in improving, cleaning and preparing our property for the upcoming sailing season and for the Memorial Day picnic. We had a very good turnout and we started or completed many of the projects we had on our pallet. We especially want to thank Charlie Sheridan and the members of the new fence team for a job well done. Also, under the leadership of Bob Bovaird and Tom Mullen the boat launching team assisted many of our members in putting masts up and launching their vessels. We would like to remind all of you who still have boats or trailers on the parking lot or the grass area that these areas have to be cleared off by Saturday, May 21.

Pete van Houten and his team started the staining/painting of the sail loft. When you look at the newly painted areas next to the old surfaces you can see how shabby it looked and how in need the sail loft was for a new coat of paint. Also thanks to Fran Kirk and Megan Paul who cleaned up and seeded the grass area next to the bathrooms, weeded the flowerbeds, and prepared the pots next to the sail loft for planting.

Eb



Ode to a Tree

After a long illness that included difficult surgical procedures (cabling), we mourn the passing of our Tree, our Shade Tree, and the Guardian of the CYC picnic area. During a life span of 160 to 170 years she first looked out over a green valley and later over the waters of our lake. She watched several generations of inexperienced sailors as they slowly improved their skills to become experts. We will miss her. Our deepest sympathies and condolences are with the children and grandchildren who are growing up to provide shade for the next generation of sailors. In her memory we have planted a Red Sunset Maple (*Acer Rubrum*).

The Property Guys, Joe and Eb

Congratulations!

I was at the club the weekend of May 7 and just wanted to say how impressed I was with the progress on some key fronts for the Properties Team. The Tree work was an important undertaking and the new tree is a great addition to the beauty of the club. I must also send along congrats for the well designed and constructed Kayak rack, which is almost filled!

Kudos to our Property chairpersons (Joe McCarthy and Eb Lobeck) and their many helpers for managing the Tree projects as well as Don O'Keefe for the Kayak rack. I fear I am not aware of all the folks involved, but did not want to miss an opportunity to send along my appreciation for all the early progress on getting the club ready for the 2011 season.

Babs and I anticipate that we will be in CT for all of August and September. So we look forward to seeing many of you at events in late summer. Sail straight & Sail Fast!

Don, Past Commodore



Sailing Instruction

We have arranged to provide adult sailing instruction with Megan Baille again this summer. The program will consist in four on the water classes in a group of 3 students. Depending on the group's preference the class will use either a cruising boat or a Flying Scott. The classes will meet either Monday or Thursday evenings in either July or August. The groups could be women only or men only. The cost will be \$100 per person for the four, two hour-long classes. For a comparison we note that private instruction costs posted on the net are \$65.00 per hour plus \$20.00 for travel expenses.

Instruction for our children

Megan has two dates: the weeks of August 1 and August 8 are available. Again, each date would be for a small group for the day. We haven't figured out costs at this time. Students need to be able to right a boat (weight and issue) and old enough to follow instruction. Sunfish and Opti are boats of choice.

If you are interested in either program please contact Judy Spak. She needs the approximate numbers of participants and their preferences.

Email Blasts

Are you aware that CYC utilizes an email distribution list? This is a great way to get information out to our membership. Our board members can put together a communication, and it will be sent to all of the email addresses in the system. If you don't already receive these "blasts", and would like to be added, send an email to our Rear Commodore (TMullenJr@gmail.com) and he will add you to the system. Keep in mind that we can include multiple accounts per family, so if your spouse has a unique email address, we can add his/her email address too.

Tom Mullen

From the Treasurer:

Thanks to all who have paid their dues for the coming season. To those who have forgotten that we require a partial payment in April, we ask you to submit your checks as soon as you can. If you plan to change your status, please notify our membership chairman. Please remember that dues and fees for slips/moorings/dry sail need to be paid in full by the end of June.

Art Niedzielski

The Memorial Day picnic

The Memorial Day picnic is right around the corner. Get some points in early this season by helping out set-up/cook/clean-up. Contact Jen or Mike to sign up. Also, remember that side dishes for all picnics should be bigger than what you would just serve your family. We really do rely on those side dishes to complete our wonderful picnic spreads!

Please make sure that if you have any utensils floating around at home that you return them to the club.

Jen Corbo 203-798-0110 or email jncorbo@comcast.net

Mike Duff 203-744-6088 or email T28C@aol.com

Look forward to seeing you all at the picnics!



Greetings,

As your former Social Committee Chairman and in truth a relativity new member to the Candlewood Yacht Club I would like to give you my description of our club based on what I have heard, seen, and experienced these past four years.

Are we a sailing club, a racing club, a social club, a family club, or a marina? From my point of view we are not a marina and have no desire to be one. We are indeed a social club, and yes a racing club, yes a sailing club and yes a family club. So let me say we are a Family oriented sailing, racing, social club.

The strength of our club comes from its membership and each member's willingness to be part of the effort. Our work parties are a good example of this. What a great opportunity to do something totally different and be in the company of so many interesting people. Every spring our club takes on a fresh and energetic face thanks to the efforts of members. Every work party somehow ends as a mini party with lunch and laughter. I have also noticed that the artistic efforts of our ladies literally blossoms into beauty every summer.

We have two racing fleets, the Scots and the cruisers. The Flying Scot is a sleek fast boat that is a delightful challenge to sail. The Lake Candlewood wind and its unusual changes in direction and

intensity due to the surrounding hills, make sailing this boat quite enjoyable. Sundays are racing days. Try to be there in the morning. There is always a need for extra hands to crew on our boats and the Committee boat can always use the extra help

Besides racing, our finest social activities include our world-class picnics. We strive to have a culinary victory at every event. The success of these events is due to the efforts of the attending members in bringing the requested side dishes. The "side dish – appetizer" effort is intended to have a large selection of favorite dishes for all to enjoy. I know we all look forward to the fantastic selection and hopefully abundance on the serving table. That is why we should do our best to bring enough to share with another family. I would like to photograph the side dishes and publish selected recipes in our monthly newsletter and also create a page on our web site describing these culinary delights.

We will be having our first picnic this Memorial Day, Monday the 30th. I hope to see you all and enjoy the day with you. By the way, we do need some help in making this a wonderful day.

I look forward to seeing you soon at our small share of Heaven.

Mike Duff





Candlewood Lake Yacht Club 2011 Memorial Day Picnic

**When: Monday, 30 May
Time: NOON to 5 PM**

Where: At the Club

**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, CHICKEN,
VEG KOBOB, STEAK**

**And of course a host of wonderful side dishes
Those with last names A to L please bring dessert
and with last names M to Z bring a side dish.**

Also included: Soda, Water, Beer, Wine, Coffee, Tea

**\$12 per Adult, Children 6 to 13, \$6
Children under age 6 FREE**



Summer shall arrive. We promise!

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May 2011- the magnificent, new split rail fence