



Carlyle Yacht Club Newsletter

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2004 CYC Officers:

Commodore: Bob McLaughlin
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Secretary: Tom Wyman
Sail Fleet Captain: Terry Burke
Cruise Fleet Captain: Jim Stephensen
Rear Commodore: Dorothy Rice
Director: Greg Sacho
Director: Dan Moriarty
Director: Stacey Zerban

Upcoming Events.....

April 14th, Leukemia Cup kick off w/ Guest Speaker
Buddy Melges
First race day May 8th
Welcome Reception May 22nd

Commodore's Corner

By Bob McLaughlin



I am thrilled about the expansion of memberships and the new programs Carlyle Yacht Club has planned for the 2004 season. As many of you know, CYC has the wonderful benefit this year of formal sponsorship by the West Access Marina, in which all lessees of the Marina will also be CYC members. West Access Marina's participation in this joint program will allow CYC to offer more events, for more people, at a cost lower than in previous years. The opportunity to expand our community of friends will make 2004 an exciting year for CYC's members.

This year, CYC will be expanding our activities with an emphasis on programs of interest to all boaters. It is the goal of CYC to offer programs that will appeal to everyone at West Access. You will see below a list of *Non-Racing Activities*, and what we are calling *CYC Discussions*, coordinated under

the command of Jim Stephensen, our Cruise Fleet Captain. The Activities, some of which will take place away from the lake, will be of interest to boaters in general, and sailors in particular. I urge everyone to participate in these activities.

You will notice many new changes and enhancements to the CYC web site this year under the leadership of Tom Wyman. The CYC website will be THE means of communication with the club members this year. Please make active use of the website, with postings of your items for sale and submission of pictures from our sailing events.

Of course CYC will also run our usual strong racing program under the leadership of Terry Burke, Sail Fleet Captain for 2004. Terry is making some improvements to the program this year and we are expecting an expanding fleet.

CYC has also become a member of the Yachting Clubs of America and will be listed in the 2004 Register of American Yacht Clubs, which will give our members reciprocal access to over 700 yacht clubs around the country. Look for more information on this program in the near future.

As Commodore this year, I have the privilege of working with an outstanding group of volunteers who serve to fill the Officer and Board positions of CYC. I have asked each of them to work to make their aspect of this year's program one of the best ever for CYC, and ask all members of CYC to reach out to these people and offer to assist them in this endeavor.



The Starting Line

Race Fleet Report

By Terry Burke

CYC will continue our tradition of organizing both invitational regattas and our premier season long racing series. New this year will be three separate series, a Spring Series, a Summer Series and a Fall Series. On each Series race day we will have up to three races, wind permitting. (Races will be shorter than in the past to help accommodate this schedule and still get people back to the dock in a timely manner.) The Spring Series is held on 5 dates in May and June. The Summer Series is held on 4 dates in July and August, and the Fall Series is held on 5 dates in September and October. On each Saturday that there is a series race, a skippers' meeting is held at 9:30 AM at West Access Marina.

Wednesday Navy

By Judd Worley

For those interested in extremely low key racing, CYC will again run our "Wednesday Navy" series on Wednesday afternoons, mid May through early October. The races will begin at 1300 Hrs. Your boat's PHRF number and the length of the race will determine your specific starting time, calculated so that all boats, when sailed to their handicap, finish at the exact same time. In practice this makes a fun boats as the smaller, slower boats start first, and the faster ones start later and chase them to the finish.

On Saturday June 12th, there will be a special running of the "Wednesday Navy", to allow those poor souls who must work during the week to join in this fun, casual race event.



Tranquil Cove

Cruising Fleet Report

By Jim Stephensen

My role as the "Cruise Fleet" captain is to create and organize non-racing events that will be of interest to all boaters. These will take a variety of formats, but the two primary ones will be "Events" and "CYC Discussions". CYC Discussions will take place on Saturday evenings at the West Access Galley during the boating season. You will be encouraged to spend the day at the lake your boat, and gather at the Galley around 6:00 PM for a "do it yourself BBQ", followed by a discussion in the Galley of a topic of interest to boaters. The club's propane grill and marina's charcoal grills will be available to make it easy for this group to gather and share experiences. Events will be scheduled throughout the year to provide an on-going opportunity to get together.

Leukemia Cup Kickoff Party Featuring Buddy Melges

Where: Humane Society

1201 Macklind, St. Louis, MO 63110

When: April 14, 2004, from 6:30pm-9:30pm

Come and help us to Kick-off the Fourth Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. Once again the sailing clubs at Carlyle Lake are joining forces to fight Leukemia. This year we are fortunate to have Buddy Melges as our special guest for the evening. Buddy Melges is an America's Cup Skipper, Olympic Gold Medalist, winner of over 60 National & International championships. Buddy is an internationally known and respected yachtsman who is perhaps most known as the winning

helmsman on the America's Cup Yacht America 3, which successfully defended the Cup in 1992.

Buddy will be telling stories, sharing his knowledge and his experience.

So, come see one of the world's best sailors, and learn about how you can help find a cure for Leukemia. Food and drinks will be provided. We are requesting a small donation at the door.

Sponsors and Early Bird Leukemia Cup Regatta registrants will receive an invitation to be Buddy's guest at a private cocktail party held earlier the evening of the Kick-off. Space is limited, so please mark your calendars now!

Ahoy Mate!*Social Report*

The club has planned an active social calendar for 2004. Our events planned so far are below. There will be some additional, less formal events as well. This year the CYC Board is going to function as the Social Chairperson, with each Board member being involved with organizing and hosting each event. These people will be reaching out and asking for your help with these events. If you would like to volunteer, please contact them directly.

Saturday, May 22nd Welcoming Reception, and presentation of club's calendar.
Dorothy Rice and Jim Stephensen

Sat & Sun May 29th/30th Leukemia Cup Regatta and Party

Saturday, June 26th Commodore's Cup Regatta Dinner
Stacey Zerban and Bob McLaughlin

Saturday, July 3rd On the Water party, & raft up to watch the fireworks
Tom Wyman

Sunday, Aug 1st Bloody Mary Breakfast
Dan and Tobi Moriarty

Saturday, Sept. 18th Steak Dinner (date is tentative)
Greg Sacho and Judd Worley

Saturday, Oct. 30th Oktoberfest
Bill Stewart and Kevin Quade

continued

TBD

Change of Watch Meeting
Terry Burke and Bob McLaughlin

Saturday, Dec 4th

Holiday Party, Wittemore House, Washington University
TBD and Joan Hall

Where in the World Have We Been?

Several of our ever-adventurous club members have take some time this winter to go sailing in warmer climes.

Greg Sacho and his wife **Christine Secorsky** traveled to eastern Australia to sail through the Whitsunday Islands. The Whitsundays are located at the southern edge of the Great Barrier Reef and are loaded with unique tropical fish and 600 types of colorful coral. The snorkeling was some of the best. The winds traditionally are heavy during the Australian summer, but we were lucky with perfect weather. The other summer tradition is the appearance of poisonous jelly fish, locally called “stingers”. We took the strongly encouraged advice of wearing “stinger suits” while snorkeling. These amounted to lycra body suits which also helped ward off injury from brushing up against the ubiquitous coral or rocks. Our well performing Gibsea 33 sloop had 6 foot of draft that needed attention as the tides run 8 feet or so and cause up to 5 knot currents as the water floods (curiously) to the south and ebbs to the north in surprisingly irregular routes between islands. Some times the tide would be headed in different directions along a single side of a bay. Eventually we mastered the drift snorkel and timed long swims to slack water. With its giant clams, turtles, sharks, plethora of unidentifiable fish, and endlessly varied coral, this is a venue worthy of a repeat visit.

The *Nemesis* team ventured to the warmer waters of Tampa Bay to compete in the Davis Island Commodore’s Cup regatta on January 9th and 10th. The racing was exhilarating and saw 18-23 knots of wind both days. Depth is an issue for some of the larger boats in north Tampa Bay, so there was a 5 mile “feeder race” heading south to deeper water, which was followed up by 3 windward-leeward races on Saturday, with the same format on Sunday. Saturday night the *Nemesis* crew and their spouses took over the clubhouse and watched the Rams playoff game against the Carolina Panthers. We made a spectacle of ourselves when the Rams came back to tie the game in regulation. For some reason, the Tampa Bay folks did not seem terribly sympathetic when the Rams lost in overtime. Nonetheless, a great time was had by all. After figuring out some of the local peculiarities, the *Nemesis* crew settled in, taking a third place in the division. The weekend of February 13-15 the *Nemesis* crew headed back to Tampa Bay to compete in the St. Petersburg NOOD regatta. We prayed for 20 knots of breeze, but on the first day we got only 4 knots and got drubbed in the only race held on Friday. On Saturday, our prayers were answered when the breeze built to over 20 knots when a storm went through. However, we only got in two races before the race committee canceled racing due to lightning concerns. Sunday was a perfect day for *Nemesis* – sunny, warm and 20 knots of breeze. *Nemesis* took two 6th place finishes to lift it out of the cellar for the regatta. Next up – a three day point-to-point race known as Suncoast Race Week in April.