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Commodore's Log

Mike Kmita - Commodore

October has greeted us with some fantastic weather and I hope all have had the opportunity to enjoy it. The harvest moon has been rising with splendor but as the last cruise approaches the weatherman predicts rain. What's new? Whenever anything is planned the weather seems to interfere. Plan 10 outdoor events and 5 are affected by the 7 times it rains in a year. Who is the unlucky one anyway?

The year is winding down with many items to accomplish before Christmas. The agenda for this months meeting will be a little different. We will forgo most of the reports and have the vote for the by-law changes followed by a great program presented by John Vaughn and Company.

BY-LAW CHANGES- Please review the ballot to modify the by-laws to open the club to other trailerable sailboats. This also includes the name change to the Venture Sailing Club of Dallas. The vote will take place during this Membership

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BASIC SAILING

October 16th Membership Meeting

The following is a little taste of the program for the October membership meeting. If you have ever wanted to know what the students were taught prior to coming aboard your boat for On-The-Water classes, this is your opportunity. If you have never attended a sailing class, this is your opportunity. If you have a friend who has shown an interest in learning how to sail, this is your opportunity to bring them along so they will get more excited.

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Welcome, welcome, welcome all to the October 16th, 2001 "Basic Sailing" Class. We are glad that all of you are here this evening to explore the possibilities of learning a new adventure. Have you ever been to a beach either on the ocean somewhere, the gulf of something or just the beach of an area lake and watched the sail boats slid by so effortlessly with sails full of breezes that just appear out of no-where? Have you ever wanted to be a part of that sport and were not just sure how anybody like any of you could get involved in such a graceful sport?

Well you probably let it cross you mind several times and remembered that old saying " \$1,000.00 a foot", or if you have to ask you just can't afford it. Welllllll boys and girls, John and I along with Kay and Dick and Beth, are here tonight to tell you that those old tales are just not true. There are all kinds of boats in marina's everywhere that are not being used and just by asking the marina office manager you might just find out that, that little boat over there in slip "A4235" is waiting for a new owner. You say it's a little dirty and could probably cleaned up pretty easy, and YES it does still float. So what do you have to go and do? You

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Meeting. If you will be unable to attend this meeting, please mail your vote early or give it to someone who will be attending the meeting.

The **BOARD FOR 2002** will be voted for at the November meeting. Please, review the ballot in this venturing and send it in if you will not be able to attend.

Also available are the tickets for the **Christmas Banquet**. Please, plan to purchase them at one of the next two meetings or contact Juanelle Barboza or me if you are unable to attend the meetings. ♣

25 Fleet Report Jim Wallace 972 243 0212
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Jim is out of town on vacation, so he asked me to fill in. I am his computer. He told me what he wanted you to know and said I could adlib the rest. It sure is a relief for me because when he does it by himself I get over heated. He looks words up in the dictionary then ask me to spellcheck them. Heck most of them I can't find. I use all my resources and sometimes find them in Latin slang. They don't fit the sentence but he uses them anyway. Then he tells me jokes and laughs so hard he spits all over my monitor. Oh well enough of my problems. Here is what he wanted you to know: "Be sure and look over the proposed bylaw changes and vote. If you can't make the next meeting vote by mail."

So that's all he said. Nice talking to you. Just remember he will do the next one so don't blame me....♣

Racing 2001 Al Barboza
hummer431@home.com 972-270-1048

The Fall Racing series is well on the way. The weather has been great and the winds are co-operating!

The racers are in a close battle for the top 3 positions and anything can happen before the series ends.

We have changed the windward-leeward courses and the races are more enjoyable. There are 4 more races this season so if you would like to race or crew, give me a call and I'll do my best to get you on a boat.

Racing is still the best way to learn your boat and make it go as fast as possible.

As of this writing, there will be no Lavon Challenge this year. Their participation for The Lavon Club is low. Maybe next year they can try to take the Trophy back from us.

In the last races, I was glad to see a few off-breed boats chasing us around the race course. Hopefully, next year, they will be racing along WITH us instead of beside us. So October 16th, come to the Club meeting and vote on the Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws. See you on the water. ♣

Social Juanelle Barboza
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The October refreshments will be provided by the 17-24 Fleet and the 26 Fleet.

The Christmas Banquet is set for Saturday December 8, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson. (1655 N. Central Expressway at Campbell). The social hour will be from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for the Christmas banquet will be on sale. For a mere \$25 a person, you will get a wonderful dinner, entertainment, and a few good laughs....The entertainment will be a little different than in the past. We are going to have a jukebox. (Like the one in Happy Days.) It will have songs from the 50's and up. I hope to have some titles to choose from at the membership meeting. There will be a cash bar, so bring money.

The main course to chose from are: 1.Chicken Marsala 2. Prime Rib with Au Jus 3. Grilled Salmon in Beurre-Blanc sauce

I have gotten a lot of response by email on who is coming and what main course they want. But for those of you who do not have an email address please call me, so I can get an accurate plate count. I will have the tickets at the October and November meetings. If you miss me at either functions please call and I will mail the tickets to you or you may pick them up the night of the party.

Also we will have a block of rooms for those who prefer not to drink and drive. The cost is \$59.00 a room. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning on reserving a room, so you can get the special discount that is offered to the club for this night. ♣

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER:

13TH - FALL RACE SERIES 5 & 6

16TH - MEMBERSHIP MEETING

27TH - FALL RACE SERIES 7 & 8

NOVEMBER:

5TH - BOARD MEETING

20TH - MEMBERSHIP MEETING -
'POT LUCK' SUPPER

DECEMBER:

8TH - Y/MYC HOLIDAY PARTY



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have to go and "ASK" the question, whose is it and how much would it cost.

Then you ask yourself, who can I go talk to so I can figure out what makes a sailboat sail. I don't think that I would want to buy something if I didn't know anything about it. Well that boys and girls is the reason why you are here tonight. John and I are going to walk you through the basic steps of learning what makes a sail boat go. Now, even Though this is the "Lecture " portion of the class, you must remember that this is a class that must have "class participation" and you will understand why this is a "participation sport" when you get to go out for the water section of the class.

If you notice in your hand out, you will find all kinds of things and parts that go on a sailboat. You will also notice that there are several new words that you don't understand. Don't be afraid, we will help you with all of that stuff and teach you to have a good time at the same time. This is going to be one of the better things in you life that you will ever get involved with. I guarantee it.

So Sea you all there on October the 16th and be ready for some fun.

John and Larry

P.S. There will be a test on all subject matter, so take lots of notes, ♣

Ceremony for Renaming Your Boat

By Capt. Pat

Everyone knows that renaming your boat will bring nothing but bad luck and make your boating experience something that you will want to forget. But what happens when, after months of searching, you find your dreamboat with a name that you just cannot live with.

Renaming a boat is, of course, not something to be done lightly. Since the beginning of time, sailors have sworn that there are unlucky ships and the unluckiest ships of all are those who have defied the gods and changed their names. So, is there a way to change a name and not incur the wrath of those deities that rule the elements? Yes, Virginia, there is.

Check Out the Following Web Site 'for the rest of the story'....

<http://www.boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/rename.htm>



Time to buy your tickets to the V/MYC Holiday Banquet! Come have a GREAT time!

**FOOD & DRINK- JUKE BOX WITH 50's MUSIC -
DANCING - SOCIALIZING - DOOR PRIZES -
DISCOUNT HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE**

See the Social Column for details
SEE YOU THERE!



COME & JOIN THE CROWD!!

**When: Tuesday, October 16, 2001
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: 1835 Walnut, Carrollton
(First Christian Church - 1 block north of
Joesy Ln & Beltline Rd.)
What: Basic Sailing Class OverView
Drawing for \$'s - Must be present to win!**

Vice Commodore's Notes

Don O'Grady

It's Good To Be Back! Thanks to The Rigg Shop, Irish Rose has recovered from the Memorial Day storm and is back on the water. We were unable to get everything completed in time to make the Labor Day Cruise – but I am enjoying the Fall race series. We still have a firm grip on last place – but we're getting closer... After all, the boat has to be faster with it's brand new slick bottom! And we've learned some new things about headsail handling (which means it's already time to drill new holes in the boat). You can learn a lot by just talking to the more experienced sailors – they're always willing to help.
Here We Grow Again...Or at least, so goes the multi-fleet! Maynard and Marlene Week joined after purchasing Phoenix from Dick Hardin. They will be sailing on Lake Texoma. A.D. and Patti Goodrich keep Sunshine, their Mac 22 at Cypress Springs. A.D. is interesting in racing and would like to start by crewing with an experienced racer. Please clip the following for your directory and welcome our new members. ♣

Maynard and Marlene Week
Hummingbird Lane
Pottsboro TX 75076
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A.D. and Patti Goodrich
500 Bunky Road
Scroggins, TX 75480
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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ABSENTEE BALLOT

A proposed Second Amendment to the by-laws was presented to the general membership on May 15, 2001. A vote on this proposed amendment will take place at the October 16th membership meeting. If you are unable to attend the October meeting, you may submit your vote by filling out this form and mailing it to: Larry Featherston Sr., V/MYC Secretary, 3051 Longmeade, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. This ballot MUST be received by Larry Featherston on or before 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 16th. The club & its representatives take no responsibility for lost, misplaced, or non-delivered ballots.

YES - I approve adopting the Second Amendment to the by-laws as was presented to the general membership and is presented in this issue of The Venturing (September, 2001)

No - I do not approve adoption of the Second Amendment to the by-laws as was presented to the general membership and is presented in this issue of The Venturing (September, 2001.)

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Fleet: _____ Date: _____

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ABSENTEE BALLOT

Voting for 2002 Officers will take place at the November 20th membership meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may submit your vote by filling out this form and mailing it to: Larry Featherston Sr., V/MYC Secretary, 3051 Longmeade, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. This ballot MUST be received by Larry Featherston on or before 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 20th. The club & its representatives take no responsibility for lost, misplaced, or non-delivered ballots. The following have been nominated by the search committee, or you may write in your vote.

COMMODORE: Don O'Grady (Nominated)
_____ (Write In)

VICE COMMODORE: Sam Blake (Nominated)
_____ (Write In)

SECRETARY: Larry Featherston (Nominated)
_____ (Write In)

TREASURER: Dave Taylor (Nominated)
_____ (Write In)

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Fleet: _____ Date: _____