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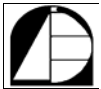
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## Remember Sailing?

It's easy to forget those great sailing times in the midst of winter snow, but the snow will eventually give way to some longer days and warmer temperatures when we can start to think about getting ready for the coming season.

## Dues Are Due

Don't forget that we have a February 1 deadline for the 2008 dues and fees. The club taxes and US Sailing dues will need to be paid in February. Our Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Bridgeman has sent out notices. Note that Dan also sent out a correction to his zip code, which should be 49010. If you did not get a notice of dues and fees, please contact him as soon as possible. (269-673-6824 or [dwb123@charter.net](mailto:dwb123@charter.net)).



## Commodore's Corner

Our Commodore Mark Meyer has the following comments and a review of some of the Executive Board's recent activities.

*Greetings, fellow sailors.*

*We're not quite halfway to this year's Dock-In, but with each day we get a little closer to enjoying the benefits of being members of Crystal Sailing Club!*

*I just wanted to let the membership know about some of the issues that your Executive Board has been addressing over the past couple of months (we've actually been very busy).*

1. *Membership Survey. To date, 13 responses have been received; this represents a response rate of 31%. That is actually pretty good as surveys go, BUT the more responses the Board receives, the better we will be made aware of the Club's wants and needs. I highly encourage*

*those who have not yet responded to the survey to do so by February 16, 2008. The results of the survey will be reported on at the 2008 Mid-Winter Meeting so let your voice be heard (although anonymously)! (If you need a copy of the survey, please let one of the Board members know and we will get it to you ASAP!)*

2. *Mid-Winter Meeting. This year's meeting will be held on **March 1, 2008**, at the Holiday Inn Lansing-South. We are looking forward to having facilities this year that will allow for better socializing before, during, and after the meeting. I will be sending a letter and registration form to all Club members in the next two weeks; most will be sent via email, but there are some members who prefer regular mail and will certainly be accommodated. PLEASE mark you calendars, move whatever activities you have planned for that date, get a baby-sitter for the kids, put the dog out, and plan on spending a great evening, **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, with your fellow Club members!*

3. *"New" Pontoon Boat/Motor. No, they are both far from new, but after very careful consideration by the Board, over the span of many weeks, the Club is now the owner of a larger pontoon that we anticipate will be much more user-friendly during racing (including being more reliable and safer). This issue will be discussed in greater detail at the Mid-Winter Meeting.*

*I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Meeting, **March 1<sup>st</sup>**! As always, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board members with questions, concerns, and constructive criticism.*

*Mark*

## Safety and Our Club

Your Executive Board has been discussing club safety issues. Our Vice Commodore, Jim Horak reports on this issue as follows:

*There is a quotation from a John Steinbeck novel that states that "a man of property is a precious vessel". It applies to us as a Club, as we are all guardians of our organization, facility, and assets. The sailing sport that we cherish is often challenged by unexpected events that occur. We do take the initiative to review our insurance, and other normal cautions. However, the nature of our facility and our activities requires us to do more.*

*For the coming year the Board is taking a lead to look at how we want to function for the next generation of members. Part of this review needs to focus on our overall function and attitude to safety. For many of us involved in industry and business, we are participating in both legally required, and common sense efforts to decrease risks and injury. Our club must make the same constant improvement effort around our activities.*

*Some suggestions to look at how we operate are very basic. We have several obvious zones where we work and play: parking lot, ClubHouse, ramp, docks, lawns, and boats. Our activities can be very complex as the zones combine people and events. On any given weekend we mix racing, maintenance, power boat activity, law enforcement, guests, swimming, food preparation, fishing, vehicle traffic, camping, fires, children, adults and seniors, plus interaction with other lake users.*

*As a part of a "Safety Obligation" at Crystal Sailing Club:*

*Every member and family has the responsibility to follow basic rules of conduct that are posted in Club handbook and activity areas, as well as "common sense".*

*Every member has the responsibility to react to a dangerous situation. This may be as simple as calling attention to a problem, removing a hazard, or stopping an unsafe activity.*

*Every member has the responsibility to refer larger safety issues to the CSC Board at the earliest possible time. The Board has the obligation to act in the best interest of the Club, to insure a safe facility, and events.*

*Every member has the responsibility to suggest solutions to the small problems they identify, and see them implemented.*

*In short:*

***"Safety" at Crystal Sailing Club, is a "Constant Requirement, and Core Member Value". Let's keep our vessel intact with recognition of risk, and a zero injury attitude !***

## Clubhouse Info

Marv Toler (House Comm.) noticed that we are having a small gas bill in winter of \$10-15 a month even though we turn the gas off. It did not appear that we had a leak but Marv contacted the gas company and they found that we did have a very small leak at a connection in the pipe. After the connection was tightened, the leak stopped. Also our pilot light has a separate shut off from main burner so we may have been the leaving the pilot light on. Marv will be typing up procedures for opening and closing of clubhouse so that we can be sure to pass that knowledge down each year. Thanks go out to Marv for following up on this issue.

In keeping with our focus on safety, Marv also has recommended that we get a fire extinguisher of type K for the kitchen. This is a special variety to be able to safely handle grease fires.

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## Thinking Ahead

Our Vice Commodore is getting the word out

early via the following:

*From The “Vice Commodore”  
(aka the dock-master) – Winter 2008*

*“20 Sections and the T” - Spring is coming!*

*Please mark your calendars for May 3<sup>rd</sup> as Dock-In. As part of the annual activity we are planning to put in all sections of our dock. We can use “all hands” in this effort, including “teen and college age” children. Please plan to bring wet suits and booties.*

*Listed below are some of the planned activities to support our Club for the start of sailing season:*

*Dock In: May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 – “ALL HANDS”  
Priorities: 1. Full Dock In “20 & the T”  
2. Hoists in Place  
3. Buoy’s in Place  
4. Sails in Sail Loft Ownership Tagging  
5. Trailer Ownership Tagging*

*Pre-Dock In: April 19th – “Volunteers”*

- 1. Sunfish and Storage Racks Set Up*
- 2. Seal Dock Sections*
- 3. Survey and Inflate Inner-tubes*
- 4. Kiddies Dock and Block House Dock Set Ups*
- 5. Survey and Repair the Dock T Sections*
- 6. Survey, Repair & Wash Dock Sections*

*Work Session: (tentative date) April 26<sup>th</sup> – “Volunteers”*

*1. If necessary to complete any necessary work left over from Pre-Dock in.*

*I am planning to detail out these topics at the mid-Winter Meeting, should you want to discuss further.*

*Wants / Donations List (should you have any of these items gathering dust, would you consider donating them to the club? Used or Salvageable*

*Conditions - ok) We can use:*

*Dock or Pool Ladders (several needed),  
Lettering Stencil Set,  
Orange Traffic Cones,  
Metal Shelf Unit or Locker,*

*Please contact me at [marie\\_horak2000@yahoo.com](mailto:marie_horak2000@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.*

*Thanks,  
Jim Horak*

## **F**inances

At the January 5 Executive Board meeting, Dan Bridgeman reported that we currently have 42 paying memberships. Our projected income looks like we will be in good shape to pay expected expenses. Dan is also reviewing our insurance policies and what other carriers might charge.

## **F**or Sale

2004 Mercury Outboard Motor, 2.5 horsepower, rarely used sailboat auxiliary, only 25 lbs., starts easily, runs great. \$450. Contact Rodger James 517 627 9548, [jrodger322@yahoo.com](mailto:jrodger322@yahoo.com)

## **R**eminders

- Dues are due
- Return membership survey to our Commodore Mark Meyer. If you did not get one, contact him at (517) 285-0929 or [meyermain@comcast.net](mailto:meyermain@comcast.net)
- Mid-winter meeting info will be sent out soon. Please return reservation forms to our Commodore.

