Racing News

We had very good turn out for Sunday and Weekday Evening Racing last year. Many racers started sailing last year and improved their sailing skills quickly through racing. This year, we will continue to offer monthly racing clinics mainly for beginners (April and October) and advanced racers (June, July, and August). The Spring Fling Regatta (a JY-15 class regatta) on May 3-4, the Dan Rice Memorial Regatta on May 25, and the Bone Chiller Regatta on October 26. The Spring Fling Regatta will be open to JY-15 sailors from outside the club, as well as to club members. This regatta will be more formal than our usual Sunday racing program, with advanced registration, sailing instructions, and protest committee. The pre-registration deadline is April 19. Boats will be taken on a first come, first serve basis so register as soon as you can. Also, both the skipper and crew must be a member of the club as of the date of the regatta (May 3) so their dues must be up-to-date to race. The skipper must also at least their crew sailing test signed off to ensure the safety of all participants. For details, see http://www.umich.edu/~umsc/regattas/springflying.html.

Detailed information of the intra-club regattas, the Dan Rice and the Bone Chiller, will be announced about one month before they take place. The last day of racing in 2003 will be on November 2. I hope we will have a fun and exciting racing season together!

— Aiko Kamimura, Racing Chair

Membership Committee Update

Our goal is to increase participation and total membership this year. Our 2003 calendar has some events that will bring fresh faces, as well as activities for our current members too. Be sure to check out the website for the most current calendar: http://www.umich.edu/~umsc/calendar.html. Last year we hosted an “International Day” for the first time, in combination with the International Center at the University of Michigan. We had a huge turnout, unfortunately more people than our club could handle. We’re going to try it again this year, with some big changes. First, it’s moving to a Sunday afternoon in June (racing will stop early that day). Next, we won’t offering food this time! Finally, we’ll be asking people to pre-register so we won’t have too many students for our instructors to teach. So this year the plan is simply to offer lessons to the International students and introduce them to the club. We’ll need your help to make this event a success: if you’d like to instruct, please show up at the club that day around lunchtime.

— Laura Packard, Secretary

Windsurfing, cont.

Windsurfing is a great first step. Whether you want to race, get comfortable with the Prodigy would be a great first step. Whether you want to try windsurfing for the first time (or 100th time), improve your abilities, or race, the Prodigy will be the perfect board for you.

— Peggy Slahn, Member

Take the Member Survey!

Help the club become a better place for everyone. Please set aside a few minutes to take the annual member survey. The results help us, the board, understand what’s important to you and give us ideas for improving the club. The survey is available on the web until the end of March, at http://www.umich.edu/~umsc/survey/. Results will be available at dock-in.

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— Kevin Bosley, Commodore

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Landscape Committee Update

The board has formed a new committee to plan and implement non-boat related projects around the club grounds. Initial members are Dockmaster Bruce Oshaben and Landscape Architects Meg Gower and Cindy Fink.

Our first appointed task is to create a new seating area for the club. Club members were interviewed last summer for ideas and the preliminary design shown here was presented at the business meeting last October. The design proposes a new seating area in front of the club house kitchen window. This involves removing a portion of the rock wall and adding a paved area. We also plan to locate the newly acquired Lloyd Grant Memorial bench in this area. Lloyd Grant was a long-time club member who passed away in 2001. He is remembered as an avid raver and baker of delicious homemade pies. Member Tom Wielenga headed a fundraiser to commemorate Lloyd with an appropriate gift to the club where he spent many happy days. This project is due to be completed by the first weekend in May, in time for the Spring Fling regatta. A dedication for the bench will be held on Memorial Day.

The Site Committee’s next task will be to look at the grounds in general, make recommendations for improvement, and coordinate building and landscape projects. Cindy Fink, along with daughter Erica Fink, has already measured the club grounds and drawn a base plan with some initial recommendations. A copy of this plan will be hung on the club-house wall.

The committee is very interested in member input and will ask for general opinions as well as soliciting individual involvement.
— Meg Gower, Committee Chair

Treasury Notes

Financially, 2002 was another good season for the club. We sold roughly 220 memberships, for dues revenue of $30,045. Add to that sales, sales of old equipment, investment interest, and donations, and our total revenue was just over $32,000. At the same time, we spent roughly $14,000. The excess goes into our long-term savings accounts, and helped us replace the Lasers and buy JY-15 sails this year, and stay on track to replace the JY-15s at the end of the 2005 season. We are still hoping to avoid replacing the outboard motors on the crass boats; we’re trying to restore them to perfect working order.
— Joe Gelinas, Treasurer

Vice Commodore’s Comments

Many of you may already know that last summer Eric Myers left Michigan for a position at Vassar, where I arrived here from Minnesota just in time to fill his shoes as the club’s Vice Commodore. I would like to continue Eric’s efforts to create opportunities for advanced and beginning sailors to share their experiences with teaching and in general, for mutual benefit.

I hear that last year was special in that there was never a shortage of instructors on Memorial Day. To all of you who helped teaching sailing at the club last year—a huge thank you! We are looking to see you all back again with the same enthusiasm. Much of the teaching last year was done by a core group of freshly rated sailors. While we’re again hoping to get many newly rated members involved in the teaching of beginners, we also depend on the continued commitment of more experienced sailors and their sharing of knowledge with newcomers.

While boat school is probably the most important activity of the club, our crew-rated boat school troopers deserve opportunities for their own advancement. To address this need, I’m planning to schedule advanced sailing clinics once a month, beginning in May with a heavy weather sailing clinic. These clinics are in addition to the racing clinics. Topics will range from safety (capsizal and safety boat drills) to spinnaker and trapeze use, from Lasers to 470 sailing. We are also discussing a ‘mentor’ program, to pair up newly rated sailors with more experienced sailors for a monthly sail and to talk about teaching and other sailing interests.

Thursday night classroom meetings will address the needs and interests of beginning, intermediate, and advanced sailors. March and April will be dedicated to skill reviews relevant to sailing and racing. The basic sailing series is scheduled to start May 15 and continue through June. After that, the program is still tentative but intermediate to advanced sailors can look forward to topics ranging from weather recognition and navigation to sailboat aero- and hydrodynamics.

If you have questions about the instruction program or like to contribute a topic or event, catch me at the club or send me an email (thomas.jabusch@sheglobal.net).
— Thomas Jabusch, Vice Commodore

Windsurfing Update

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