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From the Commodore…

This will be an exciting season as we celebrate the club’s 70th Anniversary. Dock-in will be on Saturday, April 5, starting at 9 AM sharp. To get ready for dock-in, we’ll meet at the club on Saturday, March 15 at 9 AM to pull the boats out of the boathouse and reassemble the rigging. The next two weekends will be work days for boat assembly and minor repairs to the fleet and docks. This spring we will have three brand new boats to assemble. See Fleet Captain Lee Harle’s article for more details.

To while away the time until summer, the club officers welcome your ideas for ways to improve our programs, bring in new members and make the club a better place.

If you’d like to get involved in any of these activities, please send email to any club officer. If you don’t have time, but you have ideas on these areas or on any subject, please share them with us.

Whether you’ve been in the club forever or just joined last November, it’s your club, and your ideas count.

Kevin Bosley, Commodore
**Treasury Report**
by Carey Jones

Your club finished 2007 with above average dues revenue. A portion of this is allocated for the 2008 operating expenses. The remainder is allocated to purchase our new demonstration boats as Lee discusses here.

We have enough long term savings remaining for our new fleet purchase at the end of 2008, plus a healthy cushion for the unforeseen expenses.

To ensure we have funds, send in your membership renewal today.

If you have any questions about the club finances please don’t hesitate to ask me. cwjones321@yahoo.com

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**New VC Shakes Up Instruction**

Hi, I am the new Vice Commodore, Jane Tucker.

It is my mission this year to give members of all experience levels an opportunity to become more competent and confident in their sailing abilities. In addition to the traditional Saturday morning boat school, this year we will add several NEW features.

**Stations** for knots, nomenclature, boat rigging / derigging, boating safety, and CPR will be placed around the lawn. Large posters will be at each station detailing how to complete each task. Move through each station, practice as long as you need, and then head to an instructor for skill check-out.

**Optional group lessons** will feature either one instructor with several students on the larger boats or a group lesson format using one and two-person boats all practicing together.

For those who want a more intense, structured course, we will offer an American Red Cross Basic Sailing course over several weekends.

**Windsurfing** lessons will also be offered throughout the summer.

**Special topics** each Thursday night will promote seamanship and safety. Seamanship will cover everything from basic sailing to heavy air sailing techniques, spinnaker use and racing rules. Safety includes crash boat use, First Aid and CPR.

Check the newly designed club webpage for all class details.

A big thank you to our wonderful instructors. Our Saturday boat school and Thursday night classroom series would not exist without your time and effort.

I look forward to working with each of you throughout the sailing season to make this the best instructional year for the new millennium.

Please feel free to email me at jltucker@umich.edu with suggestions and/or concerns.

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**JOIN NOW FOR THE 2008 SEASON**

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Home Phone_________________ Work Phone__________________

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New Boats Arrive This Spring
by Fleet Captain Lee Harle

We have a terrific sailing season ahead of us this year at UMSC. An exciting activity is set to take place, and we need the help of all the club members. We will finally be choosing new boats to replace the aging JY15 fleet!

Last season we had the opportunity to sail many demo boats, thanks to the diligent efforts of the Fleet Replacement Committee. At the end of the season, we narrowed the choices to three: the JY15, the Albacore and the Vanguard 15.

The club has already purchased a new Vanguard and a new JY15, and the search for a gently used Albacore is well underway.

After sailing these three boats all season, for teaching, racing and open sailing, the club members will vote in the fall on the final boat(s). The more members that sail these three boats, the better informed the club final decision will be, so come try them all.

The club will also purchase dollies for launching and storing these new boats to ease the strain on sore backs.

A final addition for 2008 is a new Hobie Wave which will arrive in early April. This 13-foot catamaran with mesh trampoline was demoed last season with great enthusiasm. This boat is great for beginners as it has no boom and is easy to maneuver.

Come enjoy all these new boats and give us your opinions for more purchases in 2009.

Class websites for potential fleet boats:
Albacore: www.albacore.org/
JY15:  www.jyca.org/
V15: www.v15.org/

Join the Email Lists!
Keep in touch with the club even when you’re not at the lake. Don’t forget to join the club’s two email lists. The Moderated List covers upcoming events and official club announcements, and the unmoderated Discussion List is for anything and everything related to the club.

To Add Yourself, send an email to: joinumsailing@umich.edu and joinumscediscuss@umich.edu.

Spring Calendar

Please verify all events on our website calendar:
www.umich.edu/~umsc/calendar

March
   Boat-In: March 15, 10AM
   Boats come out of clubhouse

   Work Days:
   Putting the boats back together and other miscellaneous jobs.
   Sunday, March 16, 10AM
   Saturday, March 22, 10 AM
   Sunday, March 23, 10 AM
   Saturday, March 29, 10AM
   Sunday, March 30, 10AM

April
   DOCK-IN: April 5, 9AM
   The ever-amazing feat of dock assembly. Everyone invited!

   Spring Fling Regatta:
   a JY class invitational race
   Sunday, April 27, 8AM

May
   Sailing Classes Begin
   Open Meeting on campus
   Thursday, May 8, 7:45PM

   Boat School starts and continues for the season,
   Saturday Mornings, 9AM

12th Annual Dan Rice Regatta
   Sunday, May 25, 8AM

   Annual Memorial Day Potluck
   Monday, May 26th, 1PM

No boys, it doesn’t come with the girl...
HELP WANTED!

- People with knowledge of facility maintenance. (e.g. Noticing that a light bulb has gone out in the club house.)
- People with knowledge of horticulture. (e.g. Noticing that a tree has fallen.)
- People with knowledge of tools and other appliances. (e.g. Noticing the wrong use of them.)
- People with knowledge of environmental protection. (e.g. Noticing a plastic bottle has washed up on the shore.)
- People who would like to lend a hand to the club for all necessary countermeasures of the above.

Let’s make our club, Baseline Lake and the Huron River a wonderful place for everyone.

Contact your new Dock Master, Nobuyuki Orikasa, for more details.
007dr.no@comcast.net

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GREET THE OLD. THE CLUB’S FIRST SOCIAL EVENT WILL BE THE EVENING AFTER DOCK-IN TO CELEBRATE THE NEW SPRING SEASON. COME TO DOCK-IN FOR DETAILS.

Join us each Thursday after class for libations at the Cottage Inn on East William street.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK IS MAY 26 AT 1PM. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE, RAIN OR SHINE.

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RACING NEWS

Informal club racing will begin on Sunday mornings in April as weather allows.

Our first regatta formal is The Spring Fling, a JY class invitational, on April 27th.

Look for the popular Novice Regatta this summer after a new crop of students earn their Crew ratings. Novice sailors are paired with experienced racers as their crew and advisors. Prizes are awarded to all competitors.

PLANT A TREE FOR EARTH DAY

The club will have a number of native trees on hand to be planted around the grounds the weekend of April 26-27. Bring a shovel and “be green”.

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