



Commodore's Corner

It has been a fantastic year, full of milestones and triumphs!! As we close out 2008, I have many thoughts —some random, all with exclamation points!!!

I AM MOST IMPRESSED at not only the camaraderie that was formed, but also how well the NCWSA board took shape and was able to accomplish so much this year!!



Baby Pags was having a great time until...



*... 'you-know-who' showed up without my new sailboat!!
Boo-hoo-hoo!!*

CAN YOU BELIEVE we are back to cold weather, rain, snow, ice, etc.?? I know we are tough, but I think people who migrate to Florida in the winter months have something there....
MORE SAILING!!

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NCWSA HOLIDAY PARTY and Appetizer/Dessert Contest!

Come join NCWSA on **December 2, 2008** for our holiday party!

We will be providing some appetizers, wine, beer, and dessert. we hope everyone will bring a sample of their finest Holiday Fare to share!

Don't forget about our Appetizer/Dessert CONTEST! - (homemade for the contest – no cheating ;-)

Robert will judge, and the winner will take home a bottle of wine.

And, if you don't want the bottle of wine, feel free to pick up an appetizer or dessert at Heinen's — they have some really good food!

*Karen Lunka and Joani Huber
Social Chairs*

NCWSA Meetings

7:30 First Tuesday of the Month

DECEMBER 2, 2008

Holiday Party

Appetizer/Dessert Contest!

JANUARY

NO MEETING – Club Closed

TENTATIVE 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Navigation: Charting Compass, GPS and Celestial Navigation with possible break out sessions

MARCH 3, 2009

Greg Koski from Ullman Sails

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NCWSA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

WITH THE HUNGER CENTERS AND FOODBANKS BEING SO LOW ON FOOD, a couple of our Board members suggested that we should have a food drive during our holiday party. One even mentioned that 35 families were turned away from the Euclid Hunger Center because there was no food left to give.

On December 2, please bring a can or two to donate; we will be giving a raffle ticket for every donation, with a bottle of wine as a thank-you to the raffle winner.

THE "SUPER SIX" MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Boxed Cereal • Peanut Butter • Canned Tuna • Canned Vegetables • Canned Beef Stew • Canned Soup

Also needed is baby food and formula, all beans, pastas, rice, pasta sauces, canned hams, jams, etc.

PLEASE be sure sure that the food items are NOT expired— the centers have to throw those out...

If you can't bring anything, consider volunteering at the Cleveland Foodbank (see below), or making a monetary contribution directly to the Foodbank or other hunger center. According to the Cleveland Foodbank, for every \$1 donated, the Foodbank is able to distribute enough food to prepare four nutritious meals for the hungry in the Cleveland area.



Volunteer with the Ensign Fleet - December 10th!



What to do on Wednesdays in the off-season? How about joining the EYC Ensign Fleet once a month and volunteer at the **Cleveland Foodbank**?

From November through April, we will be working the 2nd

Wednesday of each month, from 6:00-8:00 pm. I continue to find this a very worthwhile service to



the community, and it's a good excuse to get together with sailing friends in the winter.

Members of NCWSA are invited to join us. If you have questions about the foodbank,

and the work they do, check out their site at www.clevelandfoodbank.org

Would you like to be on the email

reminder list each month? If you would like to be included, please send an email to kj@kslarch.com and we will add you to the list.

This does not commit you to work at all (or any) of the sessions, but just includes you in the reminder email. We do need to know how many to expect for each work session, though, so be sure to confirm!

Our next session for this winter will be **December 10**, and we will continue on the second Wednesday of every month, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

*Pat Metzler
NCWSA Secretary*

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

We will end 2008 on a financially POSITIVE note thanks to the high number of members this year. Membership dues are almost our only source of income. We have over 180 members for 2008!

On merchandise sales, we have so far brought in about \$50 more than the cost of the goods and the regatta brought in a net of about \$85.

Each of the chairwomen of the various committees have stayed within budget for the year. The Social committee has spent \$323, with the Holiday party still to come. The Education chairs have spent \$204, net of the "Learn to Sail" books sold. The newsletter and website expenses are \$132 to date, but I expect more bills in this category as well. The Race expenses are \$1,553 to date, but there will be some additional charges from EYC for gas, use of the boats, and race committee. We will also have our usual donations to EYC and the EYC Junior Sailing Program for a total of \$500.

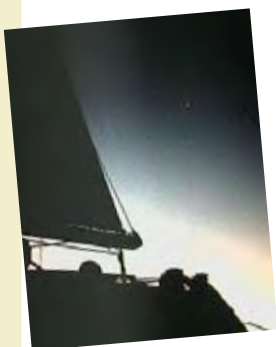
In total, I expect we will end the year about \$900 ahead of where we began the year. This is directly the result of having at least 20 more members than budgeted. Thanks for joining!

Sherrie Desmond
NCWSA Treasurer

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IN THIS CURRENT CHALLENGING ECONOMY, Edgewater Yacht Club is looking to conserve funds and cut costs. Part of the proposal is to close the club during the off-season on Tuesday nights. But don't despair!!! We will still have our programs on a different night, which is yet to be determined. Look to the February Racer and your emails for more details as dates become finalized. We have planned some incredible programs that I am sure both the novice and expert will not want to miss!

JOIN US AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY, December 2nd. This is a chance for us to give back to Edgewater Yacht Club for allowing us to be part of such a fine organization that truly promotes not only sailboat racing but women sailors!!



Remember there is NO MEETING in January. The new board will be planning the 2009 season!

AS I TURN THE HELM OVER to Sherrie Desmond, I can think of only one small piece of advice: "Ideas are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny."

Good luck to the incumbent 2009 NCWSA Board!! CONGRATULATIONS!! Baby Pags out!!!

- Beth Paganini,
NCWSA Commodore

Here is our actual income and expense year to date. The income does not include \$1,838 received in 2007 for 2008 dues.

INCOME

2008 Memberships	\$ 6,438.00
Merchandise Sales	3,061.00
Other Income	157.00
Regatta	<u>1,272.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,928.00</u>

EXPENSES

Affiliation Dues	\$ 350.00
Bank Charge	55.00
Competition Fund	250.00
Donations	2,150.00
Education	204.99
Insurance	952.00
Membership Expense	97.19
Merchandise Purchases	3,081.29
Newsletter	132.08
PO Box and Postage	40.00
Printing and Copying	85.68
Public Relations	198.26
Race Expense	1,673.67
Regatta Expense	1,187.19
Social	<u>323.15</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$(10,780.50)</u>

OVERALL TOTAL **\$ 147.50**

“Race Aboard Other People’s Sailboats”

Tom Russell, who has been part of the **Bad Influence** crew for the last four years, has had an article published on the “Mad Mariner” website. Here is part of the two page article, including a mention of NCWSA. Nice article, Tom!



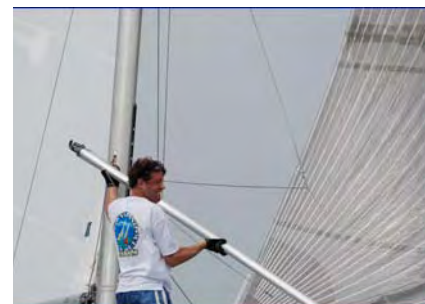
“I SAIL 30 TO 40 DAYS A YEAR, but I don’t own a boat. Instead, I help other people sail their boats.

I race because being on the water is delightful, the competition is stimulating, and I’ve made many friends. People involved in sailing and racing are generally nice, and they are happy to share their passion.



In almost any waterfront city, you have a good chance of finding a boat to sail on. It won’t cost you much more than your time and a little physical activity. If you have the urge, here’s how to find a ride that leaves the dock a couple times each week.

... If you’re a woman, some clubs offer women’s racing. North Coast Women’s Sailing Association in Cleveland encourages its members to “Sail Like a Girl,” a tagline challenging its members to excel as only a woman can. Sailing



The author sets the spinnaker pole.

occurs in summer months, with seminars and guest speakers during the winter. The 180-member-strong group allows male coaches on board who can talk but cannot touch the gear. “It’s all about promoting women to be more competitive,” says race chair Kelly Kimble, who skippers a 22-foot Ensign named MBSS Medalla. ● ● ●

For the complete article, visit <http://madmariner.com>

TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

It’s that time again...Holidays are coming soon...Boats are out of the water...And it’s time to think about...

No—not how to turn your left over Halloween pumpkin into a boat—



It’s time to sign up for the NCWSA 2009 Season!

Our board is gearing up to make this a great year!

And with over 180 members last year, the earlier you sign up, the earlier we can organize the boats and racing teams!

Come see me at the Membership Table at the December Meeting and get on board!

Kathy Jankowski
NCWSA Membership Chair

THANK YOU FROM NCWSA RACE CHAIRS

THE 2008 NCWSA SUMMER RACING SERIES is now becoming a distant memory. We hope that you enjoyed this past season and we look forward to next year.

Thanks to all our members for making this such a great racing program. I think we have one of the largest women's racing programs in the country (if not the largest)! It would be interesting to explore this further to see where we stand in comparison.

It is truly amazing to see the amount of effort the many passionate volunteers who share a love of sailboat racing put into making this racing organization so successful.

BUILD AND SUSTAIN YOUR SKILLS THIS WINTER! First, be sure to attend our educational sessions. These, along with your own explorations in books, magazines, internet sites, etc. about sailboat racing will help you be a better racer next season!

January brings NCWSA a new board and yet another great racing season! Please forward any recommendations that you would like me to pass on to the new race chairs.

*Kelly Kimble,
NCWSA Race Chair*

EDUCATION NOTES

BEGINNER'S SERIES SURVEY

We would like to have the women who attended the Beginner's Series this past spring to help us improve the program by filling out a short survey. See Cathy Newpher at the December meeting.

BOOKS /VIDEOS FOR SALE

We still have some books and videos for available for sale. Makes a great gift or stash away for winter viewing.

Start Sailing Right book – \$12.50 (4 left)

Basic Keelboat book – \$16.50 (1 left)

Getting Started in Sailboat Racing - \$12.50 (3 left)

Start Sailing Right (2 set DVD) - \$32.00

Learn to Sail with Steve Colgate - \$20.00



NCWSA Merchandise HOLIDAY SALE!



SAVE!

ECONOMY GOT YOU DOWN? Don't pay retail!...including on NCWSA merchandise!

SPECIAL PRICING will apply to current NCWSA inventory, so stop by the merchandise table and peruse the BARGAINS, while supplies last.

IN NEED OF A NEW LIFE JACKET, but don't want to break the bank? We have one Extrasport PFD remaining—at an exceptional discount to the retail price—take advantage of this great deal.

SPECIAL

Consider smaller items for Holiday gifts for crew and skippers...EVERYONE should have an NCWSA coffee mug, t-shirt, cap and visor!

We will still place special orders, however reduced pricing will not apply to these items.

*- Harriet Uhler
Vice Commodore*

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NCWSA Mission Statement

~ to encourage women to become more actively involved in sailboat racing through regattas and clinics, and to create a spirit of good fellowship among members.