



COMMODORE'S CORNER

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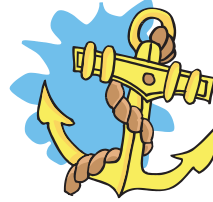
Our Regatta was GREAT for a non- sailing event!

Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not do her best to cooperate, but Regatta Chair **Bobbi Sundman** and her committee outdid themselves! It was the best event we have had in a while! The Chinese Auction was amazing! Thank you to all of the donors and sponsors...we really had a LOT! Thank you to Bobbi and her Co- Chair **Harriet Uhlir**, Bobbi and Harriet spent hours upon hours putting it all together.

Thank you to the Regatta Committee: **Pat Mahoney** and **Kelly Kimble** (Registration and Dinner Coordinators), **Mary Dodge** (Racing Coordinator), **Beth Paganini** (Merchandise...**Pink** was the theme!), **Cheri Morabito** (Communications Coordinator), and **Claire Titgemeyer** (Party Coordinator and Ticket Seller Extraordinaire! Put them all together and we came out with a great event. Thanks to Bubba (**Jim Titgemeyer**) for his "Wraps" and for organizing the Sailing Quiz!

Everyone Learned! Talked Sailing! Had Fun! Spent Money! Drank Wine!...A Regatta to Remember and we raised \$\$\$\$ for Breast Cancer!

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NCWSA MEETINGS

7:30 First Tuesday of the Month

OCTOBER 2ND MEETING

NCWSA Awards Night and Board Nominations Meeting.

NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING

Focus on Racing Rules, with a "Mock" Protest Hearing and discussion of various rules scenarios.

DECEMBER 4TH MEETING

Holiday Party

FALL MEMBERSHIP ROUND-UP

It Pays to Join Early!

Sign up for membership for 2008 in October through December and receive the **2007 rate of \$40.**



WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for energetic, enthusiastic women who are committed to NCWSA and its future.

If you are one of those women, **please consider running for a Board position.**

While some Board Members will stay on for next year, there are several who have served for a number of years and need a break. **Mary Dodge** is the Nominating Committee Chair. Mary would be happy to talk with you about the Board positions available. Call her at home (216) 521-2402 or e-mail mdodge@parker.com

(The Board Descriptions are published on page 5 in this Racer).

RACE COMMITTEE



The final wrap on RC duty... I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from those of you who volunteered and also the race committee officers for whom you volunteered. Please spread the word that it is a fun and beneficial experience! Thank you everyone for making this program a success!

*Pat Mahoney
Member-at-Large*

I KNOW that my experience volunteering for Race Committee gave me an edge in the regatta rules test. RC = Knowledge!

Cheri Morabito, Serenity

2007 NCWSA RACING SERIES

WHAT A GREAT SUMMER OF RACING!!

The results are in!!!!

We hope you will join us at our annual **NCWSA Awards Night** to be held at our next NCWSA meeting on October 2, 2007.

This summer's **Racing Series results** will be revealed and awards distributed.

Please invite your coaches and/or boat owners. It will be a time to gather and celebrate this summer of racing!



Also, don't forget that **NCWSA Crew Awards** will also be announced at this time. (We hope you've gotten your nominations to us.) At this time we will recognize our **Race Committee** and **Coaches**.

See you October 2nd at 7:30!

*Your Race Chairs
Mary Dodge and Kelly Kimble*

SPECIAL MENU AT EYC FOR NCWSA

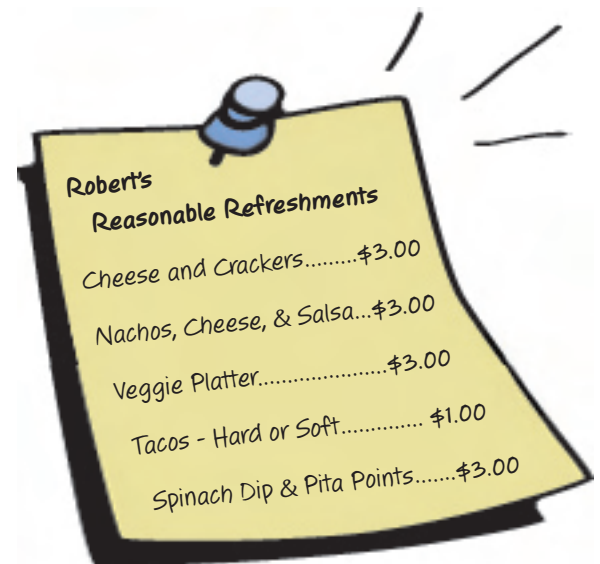
Good News! We don't have to bring food to the October & November meetings.

Better News! Our Food Service at Edgewater Yacht Club (our dear Robert) has provided us with a menu of snacks for our meetings, at very reasonable prices.

This is a special snack menu, just for NCWSA meetings. If we do not use this service and purchase these snacks, Robert will discontinue the service. Plan to come down with your team and snack at EYC .

We will also have door prizes at both meetings — come and join in the fun and enjoy our educational fall meetings

*Claire Titgemeyer
Social Committee Chair*



REGATTA WRAP-UP

A big thank you to ALL for a successful regatta

Friday night's beautiful **PINK** Cleveland skyline was the picture perfect kickoff to a great event. We really appreciated all of the hors d'oeuvres that you brought. They were superb and I believe it was the one of the best attended welcome parties we've ever had.

Although the weather on Saturday didn't cooperate, we were still able to award trophies that evening as **Jim "Bubba" Titgemeyer** devised a very challenging and instructive exam for the racing teams to ponder. The evening was a smashing success with

a wonderful dinner, including Pink Ribbon Peppermint Chip ice cream from Mitchells, and a successful auction that raised well over \$2,000 for the Susan G. Komen Northeast Affiliate for the Cure. If you were involved in any way, whether you were a donor, participant, or volunteer, THANK YOU for your help... we are all champions; and give yourself a pat on the back for helping support this important cause. We can all be proud of a job well done.

Please support the businesses of our sponsors. A complete list appears at the end of this newsletter

*Bobbi Sundman
PR & Regatta Chair*

COMMODORE'S CORNER (from page 1)

Now that the season is over it is time to reflect and plan for next year, Our October Meeting will be our **NCWSA Awards Night and Nominations Meeting**. While some Board Members will stay on for next year, there are several who have served for a number of years and need a break. We are looking for energetic, enthusiastic women who are committed to NCWSA and its future. If you are one of those women, please consider running for a Board position. Mary Dodge is the Nominating Committee Chair. Mary would be happy to talk with you about the Board positions (see also Board Descriptions published in this Racer). Wouldn't it be great if each boat that races had one of its crew on the Board! What a great way for everyone to hear about what is going on with NCWSA.

I will be working on a **survey** that will be distributed in November to gather information for improving NCWSA. Look for that in next month's Racer.

The November General Membership Meeting will focus on the Racing Rules. We will hold a "Mock" Protest Hearing and discuss various rules scenarios. If you had a rules "situation" this summer or questions you would like to submit for discussion, please call me 440-257-7892 or email me connieaguero@sbcglobal.net.

Don't forget about the **Competition Fund**. If you and you NCWSA team are traveling to a Regatta out of the area, NCWSA provides up to \$250 per quarter to help out with those traveling expenses. Competition Fund Applications are on the website.

MEMBERSHIP!!!! We will kick off our Fall Membership Campaign in October. In the spring we determined that our annual operating budget was running short and announced that there would be a need for a dues increase. According to our By-Laws, we must have a majority vote of our General Membership to increase dues. The dues increase proposal will be presented at the November General Membership Meeting and voted on along with our Elections in December. Our Annual Membership goes from January 1 to December 31 each year. The proposed dues increase would go into effect January 1st. Those members who join for 2008 before January 1st would have the benefit of paying dues at the 2007 rate...so get out your checkbook and join for 2008 now!

See you at 7:30 on October 2nd for our meeting and Awards Night!!!!

*Connie Aguero
NCWSA Commodore*

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR REGATTA SPONSORS...

Following is a listing of our generous regatta sponsors & auction donors. Our regatta would not have been as successful without their support. Please help us show our appreciation by patronizing our sponsors.

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NCWSA BOARD NOMINATIONS

Have an interest in learning more about sailboat racing? Want to learn what it takes to run a regatta or the Tuesday race series? Want to get to know your fellow members better? Consider running for a Board position for NCWSA. It's a great way to network with other members and get more involved in sailing.

NCWSA is run by an entirely volunteer Board of Directors. NCWSA's board should be representative of our diverse membership and we should all take turns running the organization. Below is a brief summary of the main activities associated with each position (full descriptions will be available at October meeting). Commitments include a monthly board meeting, monthly membership meetings and implementing the duties of your position. You can do the position by yourself or (the preferred way) form a committee and have others contribute to the continued success of NCWSA.

Commodore — This woman serves as the head of NCWSA. She is involved in leading the board meetings and overseeing that the members of NCWSA have access and opportunity to the racing and education. She is responsible for leading the meetings and making sure all the board members are completing tasks in a timely fashion. She serves as the spokesperson to EYC and the outside world.

Vice Commodore — Vice commodore is responsible for the development and sale of NCWSA merchandise. She also coordinates the club's insurance payments.

Secretary — The secretary takes notes at the board meetings and the general meetings and makes these available to the board and the membership. She attends every meeting and is the queen of the NCWSA file drawer.

Treasurer — If you have a mind for finances and a knack for detail, this position could be for you. The treasurer pays bills, records revenue and monitors the yearly budget and bank accounts. She makes recommendations and keeps us all in line.

Race Chair 1 & 2 — It was decided several years ago to make the Race chair position into two co-positions. The idea is that one of the two co-chairs was involved with the program the year before and can teach the incoming co-chair the ropes of the Tuesday night series. Activities involve working with the EYC fleet captain and NCWSA PRO to plan the sailing instructions and nuts and bolts of the series. This is the heart of the organization and a really great way to get involved.

Social — This person coordinates all things social at NCWSA such as appetizers for Tuesday night or other activities, she plans the fun extras at all our meetings.

Advanced Education — This person should be intermediate to advanced in their sailing and racing knowledge. This person's role is to plan educational programs for the non-racing months. Programs include the beginner series in May and the planning of speakers, workshops and clinics to meet the needs of the entire membership.

PR — The PR chair is responsible for communication to the outside world about NCWSA activities as well as the internal communication by contributing articles to the EYC newsletter Motor and Mast each month and for the Racer.

Membership — This person is responsible for collecting membership applications, waivers, checks and updating the NCWSA e-mailing list. This is a great way to get to know all the members of NCWSA.

Newsletter — This person is responsible for laying out submitted articles and creating the monthly newsletter, RACER. She e-mails this to the membership and managers timely announcements to the membership.

Member at Large — This woman is responsible for bringing volunteer opportunities and needs to the membership and recruiting members to get involved. She is also the liaison between the board and the membership to make sure pertinent issues are brought to the board's attention.

Additionally there are several appointed positions that you might consider getting involved in:

Social Co-chair, Education Co-chair, Regatta Chair and Co-chair, Website.

We will be accepting nominations at our October 2 meeting. Please consider running for a position on the board.

I have been a member of NCWSA since 1999 and served in several roles: newsletter editor, PR and race chair. Each of these positions has helped me to learn more about racing and has contributed to my overall knowledge of the sport. I have made many friends beyond the crew of my NCWSA boat and have received many invitations outside of NCWSA activities to race on other people's boats. If you're looking for a way to gain more opportunities to sail and increase your knowledge, I would highly recommend running for a board position.

Please feel free to call me at home (216) 521-2402 or e-mail me at mdodge@parker.com with your interest or your questions.

*Race Chair
Mary Dodge*

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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.