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COMMODORE

As I've noticed over the years, this time of winter is not necessarily a relaxing endeavor for our Club leaders. Quite to the contrary, it's the most important planning time for the year. It is right now that decisions are being made that will mold how the summer will fold out.

In the January Board meeting, it was felt that our Club was financially sound enough to push up the scheduled replacement of C-Dock to this Spring. Finally, our plan to improve our docks will be complete...hopefully by launch time for the boats.

Too bad our C-Dock party leaders, **Sue Ross** and **Mark Sublett** aren't here to help organize a celebration for the occasion. But, I'm sure they're organizing many such celebrations in their new abodes in Florida.

If you happen across one of our Club Officers or Committee Heads, be sure to thank them for their effort and encourage them to continue. Sometimes their efforts seem thankless. Besides, you just might get a better slip assignment that way!

Also, activity at our Club doesn't totally die either this time of year. Weather permitting, you can usually stop by the Club on any weekend to find ice skating, hockey, sledding, and camaraderie around a warm glowing campfire.

Goods news on the ice front...I believe there are no ice bound boats this year. Are we getting smarter or what?

Lastly, there are the few from the last few years who can now understand the importance of submitting your dues on time. Please don't become one yourself...due to **George** by February 28th (actually, by 12:01am March 1st)!!

Max Gray, Commodore

Telltale

Jan/Feb

2003

HARBORMASTER

C-Dock 2003

It's gonna happen after all.

Going into last fall, replacing C-Dock this year didn't look good financially. Fortunately, all last year your committee chairs knew that we were in a pinch and did their best to scrimp and save.

Membership Dues Reminder

The deadline is Feb 28th.

Last Out / First In

We've iced over several times so far this winter. Everyone got their boats out of the water before they were iced in solid, but the last boat out had to break ice. Luckily, it was only half an inch thick.. I won't mention his name because I don't want **Greg Branham** mad at me.

After shoveling three inches of snow off the ramp and dock in 35 degree weather, **Mike Gray** earned "first in" honors on Jan 5th. Of course, Mike thought I was a "light weight" (not his exact words) for not going with him.

Thanks again to all of the 2002 work party volunteers.

Rick Sprowl, Harbormaster

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1	Trip to Chicago Boat Show
Feb 11	Board Meeting
Feb 19	Race Meeting
Feb 28	Dues Due
Mar 8	Indianapolis Ice Hockey Night

CLUB STATS

Members:	263
Slip waiting List:	77
Water Level:	789.07 (790 normal)

RACING

There are three RACE MEETINGS left before the race season begins. Date and discussion topics:

Feb 19th - Limitations on Right of Way

Mar 19th—Passing Marks and Obstructions

April 16th—Race Management

Race meetings are the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:50pm at SPORT BOWL, 3900 S US 31, 788-0878. Sport Bowl is located about one mile north of I-465 on the south side of town. Exit 2A heading towards town from I-465. It's on the west side of East Street (that's US 31) directly across from the Ford dealership. Please plan to attend.

The first two meetings were well attended with 25+ ECSC members at each for the one-hour session. In the December meeting, we assessed where ECSC racing is and what the racers want to see happen this year. Besides redefining the PHRF divisions, much discussion centered on bringing back the "D" fleet (beginner fleet) this year to stimulate participation among those new to racing and wanting to learn. Most felt, having started in "D" fleet themselves, beginning racers are more comfortable on the racecourse competing against each other in their own race.

The January meeting was instructional oriented discussing the Right of Way Rules...including Port-Starboard, Windward-Leeward, Astern-Ahead and Tacking Too close. Most agreed with **Sharon Ashworth's** comment, "I learned something tonight, easier than reading a book, thanks."

After the meeting, more lively discussion continued and many hit the lanes for more fun and some laughs. **Mike Gray** won the bowling match in December with the display of his remarkable agility (or lack thereof). In January, the team of **Patty Kaschak** and **Edna Sprowl** won the fiercely contested girls vs. guys "strip" bowling match. Come on **Mike** and **Rick**...letting the girls beat you like that is embarrassing.

Several Club members and your race officers are planning to attend the US Sailing Race Officer Training & Certification Program; a Race Management Seminar in Cincinnati on March 13th. If you have an interest in becoming a certified race officer, for more information, see: https://secure.ussailing.org/Forms/Race_Mgt_Seminar.asp. Cost is about \$75 including materials.

The Spring Series Races begins Wednesday – April 23rd and Sunday – April 27th. OUR racing program is

VOLUNTEER DRIVEN. Each Club member who skippered or crewed in a Club race in 2002 is expected to and should volunteer for at least one series race assignment. See me, pick up a Race Committee Assignment Volunteer Form on the race bulletin board at the Club, or find it on the Club's website. Return the completed form to me by mid-March so you're not scheduled for a race when you're on vacation. Preliminary assignments will be made on March 19th and finalized on April 16th.

REMEMBER, ALL WE WANNA TO DO IS HAVE SOME FUN!!!

Smooth sailing.....

Charlie Brehob, Race Chairman

SAILBOAT RACING IS FUN...when you know the rules

SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Ahoy! Remember, **Sail Indiana and Youth Sail Camp**: your hands-on source for a first sail, better understanding of basic terminology, the wind, overall seamanship, safety, and **fun!** Look for signup details in later Telltales.

Support the Youth Sailing Program and Win a Prize! See details in your membership packet. Also, the I-LYA Junior Bay Week is July 20th through the 25th this year.

...And, "Clean your Boat/Car Day!" Coming soon!

Bob Hickok, Safety/Education

MEMBERSHIP

Hello shipmates! By now, you should have received your Annual Dues packets. As ECSC has grown, the forms have also grown to facilitate communications for both the membership and administration. Everyone should have an "Annual Dues and Fees Statement" form and a "Youth Sailing Program" flyer. Any donations for our budding youth program may be included in the "Additional Fees" section on the line for "Donations for Junior Sailing Program."

Other forms per need are: Slip Fee Agreement, Winter Storage agreement, and the "Pass/No Pass" form (for those on the Slip Wait List that want to pass on their lease opportunity). "Sub Lease Agreement" forms will be sent to those who indicate they do not wish to use their slip this coming season.

If you have not received a form that you believe you should

have, please contact me at 317-291-9698 or c250goj@comcast.net.

Don't forget to remit your "Dues and Fees" on or before February 28th!!

As a Navy man would say, Up Periscope.....

George Alyea, Membership

SOCIAL

With the holidays behind us and spring right around the corner, what better time to do some boat shopping at the Strictly Sail Boat Show. We are leaving on Saturday, February 1st for Navy Pier in Chicago. So, if you forgot to sign up and you get this in time, call me asap (846-0211) to see if any seats are left. We will be meeting in the parking lot of Kipp Brothers, Inc., just west of 96th and Michigan. A big thanks to **Bob Glenn** for letting us use his parking lot for this event.

Angie White, social assistant, is coordinating an evening at the Pepsi Coliseum to watch the Indianapolis Ice play the Oklahoma City Blazers on Saturday, March 8th. Angie has reserved great seats for this event and the Club is subsidizing \$3 of the first 25 tickets. What a great way to catch up on all the winter news and support the Indianapolis Ice - so send your reservations to Angie early!

Looking forward to the rest of year...all of the 2003 social events are going to be hosted by the same people from 2002 (except the Final Bash). Be sure to check out the 2003 social event calendar (back page) and mark the dates on your calendar. If you would like to get involved in an event, I'm sure our hosts would love to hear from you.

PS—To reiterate **Max, Rick, and George**, don't forget to mail your annual dues to George before midnight February 28th!

Cheryl Roberts, Social

EX-MEMBER NEWS

Hi ECSC sailors! **Kelly, Hannah**, and I hope all had a great Christmas and a happy healthy new year. We are finally in our home in San Diego and getting settled in. I have hooked up with the local PHRF fleet in SD bay and am currently crewing on a (you guessed it) Merit 25! In our first race, a 15 mile distance race, we had an average finish. We held off a J30...keeping him at bay until we were "auto tacked" by the wake off a container ship coming out of the bay and lost the handle for a while. The warm "Hot Buttered Rum" drinks at SDYC were also very good!

Last weekend, the San Diego PHRF series got under way. The boats in our fleet include J24s, Moore 24s, Merit 25s, Ranger 32s, and Catalina 30s (a fast boat with the chute up!)...along with some other custom boats as well. My first big Ocean PHRF race and wouldn't ya know it, NO WIND! After sitting around watching the seals and dolphins swim around the boat, we finally got a few races in. The first race was classic ECSC zero to light from all directions. We managed to keep the boat rolling and came in second.

The second race was much better, 10-15 knots southwest. After a great start, we were passed by a something 36 down wind and couldn't quite pick them off. So, we settled for a second. With two second place finishes, we won the regatta. Not a bad start to the year.

I hope all is well at ECSC and the card parties fun. While we are enjoying it out here, we do miss our friends "back home in Indiana."

All the best.....

Mark Mallaby

PS: Our escapades on the Merit 25 can be followed at www.phrfsandiego.org. The boat is aptly named "Shut up and drive!"

EX-MEMBER NEWS

Well, another Thanksgiving has come and gone and if you haven't figured it out yet, we all have a lot to be very thankful for: Friends, Family, Health, and if you are as blessed as I...a sailboat to sweep you away for a tour of Tampa Bay.

Mark the Shark here with another tale of adventure from Paradise. MACH I left the "pizza dock" on Wednesday afternoon with Captain Mike Fauser and Mark the Shark at the helm. We watched the sunset and then sailed across Tampa Bay to Terra Ceia and shot the marks under full sail at night. Huge flocks of seagulls flew overhead and made our evening.

2003 BOARD MEETINGS

February 11

April 8

July 8

October 14

November 11

May 13

September 9

November 1

Symmetrical spinnaker for Highlander '88.
Good shape. Make any offer. **Sam LeSturgeon**. 201-7008 or slesto@aol.com

The next day was Thanksgiving and for the second year in a row, we held a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings on the water with several boats rafted up for the event. One boat's crew had quit their jobs, sold all their material goods, and were setting sail for an extended cruise to the islands. Cheers!

Day three...new crew arrived: New Money Sue (AKA my Mom) and two Tartan sailors from Chicago were aboard. We talked of cold weather and how they missed not sailing during the winter months of the North. Later my sister and friends were brought out via water taxi provided by Captain Sue Davidson Smith and first mate JJ. After a run with dolphins and sunset under our belts, a crew shift was again executed with Jamaica Reggie and Sue rounding out the crew list for the remainder of our two days on the water.

We grilled shrimp under the stars and enjoyed Rum and cards each night. We anchored in the Manatee River at Desota Point and Reggie manned the anchor with more rode when a cold front arrived at four in the morning and winds began to pick up.

The next day, we returned to home port, enjoyed Champaign and transported crew via open Jeep back to their cars.

Stay tuned for another adventure soon from the Sunshine State.

Enjoy each day!

Mark the Shark

TAILER'S TIPS & TALES

Here we go again, it's **Tailer's Tips and Tales** bringing you the scoop on all the news that's fit to print. All of us here at **Telltales** central have been awakened from a long winter's nap by our editor **Evan Williams**, and we have been forced (bullwhipped) into penning a few more lines for this first issue of 2003.

OK, Evan ... print this! **Trouble** (Club dog and Senior Investigative Reporter...you can call him **SIR** for short) has been running things behind the scenes for me and he had some real news to share this time. Back in October, I mentioned that C-Dock would not be replaced this year as the funds were simply not there after the recent replacements of A- and B-Docks. Well, the Bored has reconsidered and (no, I did not misspell board) C-Dock is going to get its due.

That's right, ghetto folk! You are getting a new dock courtesy of whomsoever might want to come out and help. Probably the same core group of individuals will do the deeds. Last year we had paramedics come to the rescue of one hero and everyone that appeared was fed well and risked their very lives to get the job done. Guess what? This year it will be just like it is in our working world. Once they see that you can do something really special, the powers that be will want more for less out of the very same people.

Don't worry, if you can't come out, your contribution will be hidden in your dues. As a matter of fact, if you can come out, your contribution will still be hidden in your dues. Here's the deal: knocking the pilings loose might be easier if we do that part while the docks are held stationary by the ice.

Yep, that's right ... this time we are going to yank the cast iron sleeves out now. By the time that you read this, some heroes may have already done this in the coldest weather. That won't mean that the job is done. Contact your harbormaster and pitch in during the spring for the dismantling.

If you are angry about terrorists/economy/politics, there

is no better way to take out your aggressions than to beat an old dock to its timely death. It's an eyesore. Let's fix it!

I hear that **Mike Gray** went sailing first in January as **Sam LeSturgeon** and **Greg Branham** broke the ice for boats to get out of the channel. **Bill Harrington** has a new winter aerial photo of the Club at the website and it shows evidence of icebreaking and refreezing. There is a hockey rink and a firepit on our beach. I wonder what the Geist duds ... er, I mean dudes are doing this winter.

It is good to be in the company of our great sailors. Come out to see your boat...it's always sunny on your boat...even in the middle of winter. It's a mystery, but it's true. The sun is shining on your boat right now, come see for yourself.

Well, it's time for tips isn't it?

TIP 1) What else? Pay your dues on time and keep your place in the slip waiting list. You only want to wait in this two year line once. C-Dock will have brand new slips this year according to the harbormaster. Cool, eh?

TIP 2) Do not come down the ramp in the ice and snow unless you have the rig to handle it. Park at the top and walk down if your ride happens to be a Yugo. You know what I mean. Don't count on the big truck owners to drag you up to the top again with a chain attached to your plastic front bumper.

TIP 3) Do not wait until April 30th to ask the boat shop to paint your bottom unless putting in sometime during July sounds good to you.

TIP 4) Call **Trouble Sir**...you know you want to.

2003 CLUB OFFICERS

Commodore:	Max Gray
Vice Commodore:	Don Birt
Secretary:	Dave Fort
Treasurer:	R. Thomas Moore
Chairman of Board:	Larry January
Harbormaster:	Rick Sprowl
Racing:	Charlie Brehob
Social:	Cheryl Roberts
Membership:	George Alyea
Publicity:	Evan Williams
Safety:	Bob Hickok

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Until 12/03</u>	<u>Until 12/04</u>	<u>Until 12/05</u>
Larry January	George Alyea	Don Birt
Keli Mates	Don Argay	Carole Branham
R. Thomas Moore	Roger Black	Charlie Brehob
Wayne Myers	Rich Fox	Jim Dolder
John Pankhurst	David Fort	Joyce Mallette
Edna Sprowl	Max Gray	Cheryl Roberts
Rick Sprowl	Bob Hickok	Angie White
Karl Walther	Mark Mallaby	Evan Williams

TIP 5) Do not forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

TIP 6) When you meet someone for the first time (we all get to do this at the Club sooner or later), resist asking what they do for a living. Enjoy their company without attaching any labels or preconceived notions. You might even continue this Tip when you meet someone for the second or third time!

Stay tuned for more ...

Tailer, Staff Infection Writer

Note on the Indianapolis Sailing Club (Giest)

About 95% of their boats are dingy-class day-sailors. The biggest and most active fleet of about 30+ boats is the Interlake Fleet. Interlakes are about 18' and 650 pounds. Other fleets are: Y-Flyers, Lightnings, Snipes, Lasers, Highlanders, Thistles, and a mixed portsmouth fleet. ISC has about 12 keelboats - mostly Hunters, Catalinas, or Capri's - and no waiting list for the 14 new wet slips.

The character of ISC is distinctly different from ECSC. Cruisers are not as readily accepted as at Eagle Creek. ISC really pushes racing constantly. Because of the seven different fleets, ISC could be perceived as cliquish. It's best to be in one of the "preferred" fleets if you want a social life in the Club.

The grounds are spectacular and Geist is bigger and more interesting than Eagle Creek. Unfortunately, it's a rather long walk to the slips...especially if you're carrying drinks and ice. And, the slips are exposed to the wind and waves rolling full length across Giest with nothing to stop them until they slam into the keelboats.

Annual dues are \$680 for a senior member with a boat. Dry slip and trailer parking is only about \$40 extra. However, the wet slips go for about \$500 extra.

To us, ISC just hasn't been exposed to the joys of cruising in keelboats yet. Almost every "fanatic" taken out in a keelboat later said they really enjoyed not worrying about getting knocked down by a strong wind...and having a brew and relaxing while sailing. They probably believe racing in tippy dingies is all there is. A season with some of our more experienced cruisers would probably heel them (pun intended).

Different Strokes for different folks.

Trouble, Super Snooper

FOR "SAIL"

1983 Catalina 22, one owner! Rolling furler with 130% multi-colored genoa. Mainsail and sail cover are 4 years old, 2 additional sails, new shroud covers, Danforth anchor, 5hp Mariner motor, and cockpit cushions. Interior cabin includes galley sink and icebox, is very clean, and sleeps 5. The boat is in very good condition. \$5,700. Call **Dave Webb** 271-9549.

1980 Com-pac 16 includes a 1998 5HP Nissan outboard motor and Magic-Tilt trailer. Also includes main and jib sails, cabin cushions, clock, swim ladder, and carpeted interior. Trailers easily and sails great. Safe boat for family use. Located in Greenwood, IN. Contact **Jim** at 317-535-9345. \$2,900.

26 Foot San Juan Sailboat—Easy sailer, sleeps 6, galley, head, 4 sails, 5hp OB, easy on/off trailer, red hull/white deck, 5"10" headroom, this is a real nice clean family boat. I might consider a smaller SJ21, Hobie, Cat.22 or other smaller trailer sailer as partial trade (my sons want a boat of their own!). The boat is stored in my backyard on Zionsville Road and can be shown without much trouble on my part. I recently bought a S2 8.0 Mid as a project and won't be needing two boats come spring. \$7900. 299-4351 **Bob Meehan** rjmeehan1@aol.com

1986 white Catalina 22, swing keel with two sets of NEW sails plus an extra 150 jib. Trailer and 3hp motor. Really good condition. New cushions, recent bottom paint. See at the Club: Jellybean. It just breaks my heart to part with this great boat. \$5,000 317-535-8913 or jelybeans@msn.com

1976 Reinell 22' Sailboat, main and 150% genoa, Honda 9.9 (needs repair), Danforth anchor, new battery, bumpers, cabin and cockpit cushions, cockpit table, swim ladder, full headroom in cabin, sleeps 3 or 4, sink, alcohol stove, ice refrigerator, dining table, port-a-potty, E-Z loader tandem axle trailer, great cruising boat. Asking \$3,500, call 290-8857 or 587-5096 or williamsd@tce.com

San Juan 21 - Mama says we can get a new boat! But, we need to sell the San Juan first. This boat is aged like a fine wine (1976 vintage) and sails really fast (a former state champion too many years ago to remember exactly when). Includes: main, jib, 130% genoa, spinnaker and pole (hardly ever used), 4hp Mariner (used frequently), porta-potti, new cushions inside, trailer with new tires and bearings, swim ladder (NO SWIMMING however), Danforth anchor, and too many other goodies to list here. You can see it in the West parking lot - upper level. Asking \$3,900. Call **Jeff** or **Cindy Williams** at 290-9960 or email jefncin650@cs.com.

I am looking for a used 9 or 10 hp longshaft outboard motor. Contact **Geoff Endris** at gendris@indy.rr.com.

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2003 SOCIAL/RACING CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSONS</u>
Chicago Boat Show	Sat. Feb 1st	Bruce & Paige Roberts
Hockey Night	Sat. Mar 8th, 7:00pm	Angie White
Mother's Day Brunch	Sun. May 11th, 11:30am	Bill Harrington
Memorial Day Cookout	Mon. May 26th, 5:00pm	Jack & Karen Hale
Father's Day Brunch	Sun. Jun 15th, 11:30am	Roger & Julie Black
July 4th Pig Roast	Fri. Jul 4th, 5:00pm	Greg & Carole Dellova Branham
Labor Day Cookout	Mon. Sep 1st, 5:00pm	Rich & Angie White
Chili Cookoff	Sat. Oct 11th, 5:30pm	Roger & Michelle Knapp
Final Bash	Sat. Nov 1st, 6:00pm	Bruce & Cheryl Roberts
Thanksgiving Regatta	Fri. Nov 28th	

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