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### COMMODORE

Wind, water, and sun...what else is there?

We're smack in the middle of sailing season and all functions are running full bore.

I'm looking forward to this long weekend ending with our July 4th cookout. Then, after a short week, we get our annual ECSC Regatta which always promises a good time.

Just a note for you newer members....there comes a point in time that you feel you are really part of our Club. You aren't just coming to your boat to get on it and sail our Lake. You know a little bit about our facilities and know a fair number of other members. Most importantly, you feel a responsibility for our Club facilities. If you see something amiss, you take the time to look into it.

Sometimes this takes a few years to build up the confidence and knowledge.

I heard a story from one of our "newer" members that when he came to check his boat after a strong rain, he noticed that our small safety boat had filled with water to almost overflowing. He took the time to bail it out...no one else was around. You think he now feels an integral member of our Club? You betcha!

It's not just the Committee Heads and Officers who do all the volunteer work at this Club....it's just about everybody. Who do you think does our taxes every year? Wanna bet only a handful of members know who he is? He's one of our Past Commodores who just keeps giving.

Why?

We all know the answer to that one...to keep our little hidden slice of heaven going!

So far, every day I spend at our Club has been enjoyable... keep up the great work everyone!

**Evan Williams**, Commodore

# Telltale

July

2006

### HARBORMASTER

Summer is officially here, here comes the sun. The water is still above pool and the wind is good. OK, so sometimes a little too good. Excellent sailing weather.

New sand, new paint, fixed roof's, new drains, grass cut, trees trimmed, flowers watered, gravel washed, the place is lookin' good. And thanks to **Sophia & Jim Strohl** for the great job of keeping the restrooms clean.

There are still a few members who have slips assigned and their boats are on trailers. If this is you and you find somebody in your slip, call me or the Vice-Commodore Bob Hickok instead of whomever is in your slip. We told them to be there. It's way past the date set by the Club to make sure you are in your assigned parking space. And, I say again, you can be fined for being so late. Please be courteous to your fellow members.

Chauncey and I have been busy checking boat and trailer stickers; if yours isn't current, please make sure you attach it soon. The sticker on your boat is your pass to be on the Lake. If it isn't current, you may be asked to pay the lake launching fee (it's included with a current membership). We have also been trying to get rid of the ever present derelict boats. If the Club sticker on your boat isn't current, it may be mistaken for abandoned.

Please lock the gate when you leave after dark, even if there are members still at the club.

**Bill**, your friendly Harbormaster

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 4	Pig Roast
Jul 8-9	ECSC Regatta
Jul 11	Board Meeting
Aug 12	Commodore's Shindig

### CLUB STATS

Members:	255
Slip waiting List:	57 (17 passed, 14 Sublet)
Wet Slips	166
Water Level:	791.07 (790 normal)

## SOCIAL

Knee High by the 4th of July!! An old farmers' saying as to how fast the corn grows.... Can it be July already? Summer is flying by as usual and our social season is half over.

Thanks to **George Alyea, Kathy, and Dawn & Chuck Kidd** for hosting the Father's Day brunch. The weather looked a little bleak but we ended up with a great turnout for all our dads.

**Tony Rice, Ed & Fran Rice** and all their gang have put on a great July 4th bash for all of us to enjoy. Roast pig, corn and all the fixin's taste great every year and I know we enjoyed "pigging out" with all the other club members. Thanks to all who contribute their time and great side dishes for these fun events.

Speaking of social events, our next big event will be the Commodore's Bash on August 12th which will "pirate" us into unchartered waters!!! Everyone is welcome, especially all new members. Look for more details on this from Commodore E and his crew!!!!

My last bit of information is kind of a **distress** call! I need someone to host the Hornback Chili Cook Off on October 7<sup>th</sup>. As of the beginning of July, I don't have anyone to host this event yet. Remember, members hosting or working these socials get work credits toward membership dues for the next year. It's a great way to meet people you might not ordinarily get to know, plus it's fun! Call me at 566-0353 if you can assist!

See you on the water!

**Linda Johnson**, Social

## LADIES FOR SAIL

Another great Ladies' Regatta in the memory bank!

We had almost a record turnout...see pic on Webtales.

Unfortunately, while cruising through our treasure map sailing course, we run afoul of several irate pirate ships loaded with weaponry. Many of our gals were doused from water canons and aqua-bombs.

We quickly threw up the white flag and ended up being boarded...initiating one of the season's largest raftups.

Much thanks to the Club's buccaneers who helped with the logistics and encouragement

PS - Bill, please fix the floats on that dock!!!

**Janet Hickok**, Leading Lady

## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our new members to the Club:

**Scott and Mary Catherine Brown**, and their young sailors **Shelby** and **Simon** are sailing an O'Day Daysailor.

Membership Count: 255

**Rich Fox**, Membership

## RACING

Don't have an article from Racing this month...yet.

It appears **Chris & Emily** are a little preoccupied with their new arrival.

*Remember, all we wanna do is have some fun!!*

**Chris Cunningham**, Race Chairman

## SAFETY & EDUCATION

### Junior Sailing Week

**Rick Graef** and I wish to say "**Thank You**" to the many Club members that gave their time for this week. This year's turn out was the largest in our history. We are in the planning stage for next year...maybe two weeks.?

### Something to Think About

If you want to enjoy sailing and to race successfully, keep your equipment in top shape. Check every part, each nut, bolt, and screw for points of wear and chafe. A minor failure may dismast your boat or permit competition to pass...usually during the most important race of the year.

### Right-of-Way Rules

Don't FORCE your Right-of-Way.

Port tack boats **shall** keep out of the way of starboard tack boats both upwind and downwind.

Windward boats **shall** keep out of the way of leeward boats.

### Safety Tips For Trailering

Choose the proper trailer for your boat. More damage can be done to a boat by the stresses of road travel than by normal water operation. A boat hull is designed to be supported evenly by water. When transported on a trailer, your boat should be supported structurally as evenly across the hull as possible. This will allow for even distribution of the weight of the hull.

Check that:

- The coupler is completely over the ball & locked.
- The safety chains are attached crisscrossing under the coupler to the frame of the tow vehicle. If the ball were to break, the

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trailer would follow in a straight line and prevent the coupler from dragging on the road.

- Check your lights, brakes, and tires.

### Junior News

Just received a message from the head coach of Culver Academies. September 16 & 17th, they having the Indiana State Sailing Championship...Laser & 420 class boats and must be in high school. For more info, call Jemison Foster 574-842-8034.

The ECSC 2006 Junior Bay week team has been picked: **RJ Graef, EJ Williams, and Hanna Fisher** will be going to Junior Bay Week and sailing in the radial Laser class.

**Bob Hickok, Wayne Myers, and Ki Hickok** will have trailer and support duty. **Rick & Sandy Graef** along with **Evan & Katie Williams** are on chaperone duty. **Tony Hubbard** is doing safety again this year on his 38' wooden sailboat. **Tyler Andrews** is the developmental coach. The team will be leaving Indy July 13th...racing starts with a tune-up regatta, Friday the 14th at Vermillion Sailing Club. The juniors will be staying in a hotel on the island...the support personal in tents! What a life....

### CALENDAR

#### ECSC REGATTA

July 8 & 9

We have 4 Flying Junior sail boats and are looking for parents and kids to race them in the ECSC Regatta. Give us a call or E-Mail about this annual Race.

#### Vermilion Sailing Club

July 14

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Junior Bay Week

July 17 - 21

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Toilet Bowl Regatta, NY

August 19 & 20

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#### 2006 Laser Master N. A. Championships

September 8-10

Milwaukee, Wis.

Must be over 35 years old & member of the Laser Class.

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Cowan Lake Sailing Club

September 9 & 10

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Wawasee, Indiana

September 17 & 18

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Low Tide Regatta

Berlin YC

September 30

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Lake Lemon Regatta

September 23 & 24

Laser & Finn

#### Laserlips !

Ohio, Saturday Oct. 14

Laser Radial & Full Rig

#### Louisville

October 28 & 29

Laser Radial & Full Rig

If you or your junior would like to travel to one of these regattas, please call or talk to us. The Club will supply the boats and some funding is available.

**Wayne Myers & Rick Graef**

## WEEKEND WARRIOR NOTE

The Eagle Creek Weekend Warrior Regatta was worth the trip. My husband and I went over to Indy on Friday night and camped...but since the regatta didn't start until noon Saturday, it could have been an easy day trip instead. We setup our new pop-up camper for the first time at the edge of the water, and stayed on the grounds in royal style. Eagle Creek Sailing Club has roomy wooded grounds. The spring trees were blooming and a number of deer rambled through in the morning.

The wind was from 8 to 14 and fairly steady. Air in low 60s and only a bit of sprinkling late in the day. The air temp made the wearing of wetsuits and dry suits more comfortable. The Race Committee set short Windward/Leeward courses. No race lasted longer than 15 minutes and they got in 10 races! Every one of my starts was bad, so I know what to work on. In the first race, I did a bad tack...too close and too slow and hit another boat. I'm working on the gelcoat on the bow of my beauty today. When I tried to make up some time downwind, I death rolled and got in a little practice righting my capsized boat. At least I finished the race.

## ECSC Sailing School—Saturdays

### July Schedule

July 22nd and 29th

9:30am—Noon

Free to Club Members

\$25 for Non-Members per Class Day

- Classroom
- Small Boat Drills
- 2 Man Boats to Learn in
- Life Jackets Required
- Laser's and FJs
- Afternoons are open for sailing

There were only six sailors and my best finish was 4th. A couple of the people were really, really good. But, I have to admit that a 98 pound boy beat me to the finish line twice. Then, in the 7th race on the way to the Windward mark, my hands cramped so badly that I couldn't open my fists. I eased the sail and let the boat round up and then drank a lot of water. That helped, but it happened again in the 8th race, so I gave up and sailed in. I think I was sweating a lot in my dry suit and because it is breathable, I didn't really notice. Next time, more water and sports drinks as I go along.

The Race Committee went for pizza as we put our boats away, so we had a great wrap up...with talk of the racing, and good food. **PRO Wayne Myers** exhibited endless enthusiasm and he and other sailors had good tips for me at the end of the day. I encourage everyone within a few hours drive to try the Eagle Creek Weekend Warrior next year.

**Janet Rupert**

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## SHIP'S STORE

Reminder that July 4 is the last open event till Labor Day. Time to buy for this summer.

**Joyce Mallette**, Store Maiden

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## TAG ARTICLE

And, BAM! There goes my ambiguity. When Janet came to me and tagged me for this article, I thought, "No biggie. I can do that. No worries." Then, the next morning, I began to wonder what I was going to babble about and whether or not members really wanted to hear what I have to say. But, considering that I've been tagged, and now the hunted has become the hunter, you'll have to read what I write about or stop here. I guess I'll start at the beginning.

I was born a poor.....Oh wait! That was the movie, "The Jerk." How about I start with how I came to be a member of the sailing club. I started my sailing career in Boy Scouts. For my 14th birthday, my father got us a Hobie 16 and a spot on the "majestic" Hobie beach. I was a huge fan of the lake and for many years I honed my sailing abilities, or lack there of, from that spot. Now I'll hit fast forward and wind up some years down the road.

I got out of the Navy in 1998. Wanting to recapture the good times I'd had on the Lake, I bought a Hobie 18 and migrated

## 2006 BOARD MEETINGS

July 11	September 12
October 10 *	November 4
November 14	* Executive Committee Only



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back to the beach. We all know the good times associated with sailing, so I won't relive all the memories...some of which are rather foggy anyway...but it brings me to the next step of my Lake education.

That summer I met "**Wild Bob**" **Hickock**. We sailed and hung out quite a bit and I kept hearing of this great club across the lake. Not knowing what the club was all about, at that time, and being a person that doesn't want his good time interrupted, I was happy to stay put on the beach. But, as that year progressed, Bob became a better friend and convinced me that it was worth the risk and that my good times would not be interfered with, but further enhanced. Another factor that pushed me towards the move is that I did not own the boat alone. My buddy had a 50% share of the boat and was a legacy at the Club. Due to "guilt by association" he shall remain nameless.... **Ryan Finney**. Between Bob and Ryan I was sold on joining. Dues were paid and we had "arrived." One thing Ryan didn't tell me is that a legacy didn't have to come up with the one-time fee. Still a sore spot. Come on Ryan, make with the half-back program!

This might be the moment for those of you that don't already know me to say, "Oh, THAT'S the guy." Upon joining the club we discovered that you are put on the waiting list for a slip. Ok, sounds good, but what were we supposed to do with our new (to us) Catalina 25? In our "brilliance", we decided to rent a buoy from the park. Thus by-passing the need to keep using our suspect trailer. You know the one. The one with that boat perched precariously atop waiting for a bird to land on the mast and ruin the show. Insurance? Yes please! Where do I sign?.....

Where was I? Oh, yes. The swim. We would park at Rick's Boatyard. Trudge through the parking lot. Machete our way thru the thickets. All the while, fighting off angry mother geese just to then plop in the Eagle Ocean and swim the frigid croc infested waters to the boat. Alright, a bit of an exaggeration but still a pain in the ass. Then, one day, we saw the divine light. Ah, yes... the 48 dock. Notice I didn't say 48 hour dock. What does that mean anyway?... "hour"? By the way, I believe I hold the record for "length of stay" on that fine, wooden structure. I won't say how long, due to the fear someone might try to one-up me and take my title. Plus, I'm not sure of the statute of limitations on past violations.

The surroundings at the Club are awesome and we began sailing, camping, partying and admiring our boat on that 48 thing a lot that first year. Then, it happened. My boat co-owner and I started separate businesses and with those new adventures, our time to

## Come to our Pirate's Lair

### Commodore's New & Old Member Shindig

Saturday August 12th, 6pm - ??

DJ/Dancing/Door Prizes

Pirate attire encouraged but not required.  
Free for all ECSC Members.  
Theme: Pirates of Eagle Ocean.  
Awards given to the best pirate costume and/or attitude.

New Members should be prepared to walk the plank!!

#### Optional dinner buffet (\$12)

Pirate Fare - Wild Boar & Fowl

First Come - First Serve

As in pirate tradition, late comers go hungry!!

**There will be a raffle for all attending new members of a free wet slip for the remainder of the sailing season!!**

New members are anyone who joined after  
March 1st, 2005!!

Mark your calendars today!!

enjoy the surroundings was limited to weekdays rather than the weekends. A bit worried what folks might think about my dock "title" and our lack of exposure, we stayed primarily to ourselves. I figured, "Screw it. I pay my dues. I'll do what I want." My wife, **Joy**, and I would camp out during what most might think "odd times". Usually Tuesday and Wednesday nights. In a way, it was great because the only souls around were **Bob Bodish** and **Trouble**. Both of whom became friends and regulars at our camp dinners. I'm sure if you ask him, Bob will tell you we had a significant amount of fun at the club despite our odd schedules. I call it a club, but we treated it like a private club and didn't really take it to the social club level. It is not to say that we were antisocial. We just didn't quite figure out where we belonged exactly.

It was not until three years later and a new business venture that forced me on the club and the club on me. With this new exposure, we began to meet all those people that I was sure talked amongst themselves and thought "that's them." Much of my suspicions were misaligned and I have to say "they" have

never interfered with my fun. Truthfully, "they" have taken it to an entirely awesome level. I love it! The good times are too many to list, but a few that come to mind and deserve mention are events such as the beach party and recently the ladies sail. Those who were there can attest to that. (Incoming!) Joy and I have met a slew of new people and are so happy to call them friends. Again, I will not mention names due to the fact that people might look at me differently if they knew I associate with the likes of ya'll, but you know who you are.

I have to say that Joy and I are now enjoying the Club, our friends, and the good times more than ever. Now, after all the years of sailing, ok, cruising and hanging at the Club, I have come to see the Club for what it is. An awesome place that is a stir-fry of all different types of great people whom, I've found out are just as crazy as I am. And no matter what the extent of your craziness or how you utilize our fine Club...IT'S ALL GOOD! Sadly though, our schedules are even odder than ever. Many times, weekends are out of the question. But no matter what odd day of the week it is, if you see us camping, come up and crash the party. Because we plan to crash yours.

P.S. (shameless plug) You can meet the author at Boathouse Grill. I hear he's there a lot and I hear it's a great place.

John Gilmor

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## ECSC Sailing School Saturdays

Starts May 27th

9:30am—Noon

Free to Club Members

\$25 for Non-Members per Class Day

- Classroom
- Small Boat Drills
- 2 Man Boats to Learn in
- Life Jackets Required
- Laser's and FJs
- Afternoons are open for sailing

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**2006 SOCIAL/RACING CALENDAR**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSONS</u>
July 4th Pig Roast	Tue. July 4th, 5pm	Ed, Fran, & Tony Rice
ECSC Regatta	Sat/Sun July 8/9	
Commodore's Event	Sat. Aug 12th, 6pm	Evan & Katie Williams
5 for 5 Regatta	Sat. Sep 2	Wayne Myers
Labor Day Cookout	Mon. Sep 4th, 5pm	Rich & Angie White
Governor's Cup Regatta	Sat/Sun Sep 9/10	
Hornback Regatta	Sat/Sun Oct 7/8	
Hornback Chili Cookoff	Sat. Oct 7th, 5:30pm	
Final Bash	Sat. Nov 4th, 6pm	
Day After Thanksgiving Race	Fri, Nov 24th	

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