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COMMODORE

Oh my gosh...I was looking forward to enjoying the Club this week when Mother Winter dipped back into her bag of tricks and got me again! I suppose there are those who think 50-degree weather along with rain and wind is just fine. Not me...nor **Judy** either! Our boat will just have to wait another week for her much needed spring cleaning!

But hey, at least there won't be a boat-jam due to C-Dock not being installed yet. The cold weather could delay launches until after C-Dock is finished. There's silver in every dark cloud, huh?

On another note, have you been reading about the Canadian Geese situations in the Indy Star? Aren't they a protected species? Let's make sure our Club doesn't make the news about this. Sure, chase them off your boat (and mine, too while you're at it). But, don't destroy their nests wherever they may be (D-Dock flower pot)...I don't believe we have one of the limited permits that allow this.

As I recall, **Trouble** usually protects our docks from these geese. That's a reason why our docks are always sooooo clean while those across the pond at Rick's always seem so dinged up. Trouble also helps keep our Club free from another pest. Anybody know what?

George, if these Geese are gonna be here at the Club, go get their initiation fees and annual dues. They gotta pay their way as much as anybody else! Maybe we can make some little chairs for them for our chair parties!

Anyway, yes....the weather will break. It will be warm. We will be able to enjoy the countless hours the Committee Heads have already put in forming the basis for this season. Be sure to thank each of them while dining with them at the Mother's Day Brunch in two weeks!

Max Gray, Commodore

Telltale

May

2003

HARBORMASTER

The new C-Dock has been installed and it looks great.

A map of docks assignments is posted in the Racing bulletin board. Also, we have a new A-Dock walkway, with the rail on only the right side. This will make launching much easier.

Club Opening

The Club is now officially open including restrooms, water fountains, and the pressure sprayer. We had a great turn out for the "Club Opening" work party. Thanks to everyone!!!!

Dry Parking

Dry Parking assignments will be made soon. If you have a slip, please try to get your boat in as soon as possible. You could be in someone's assigned dry parking spot.

Trailer Farm

After you launch, please remove your trailer to the Trailer Farm or elsewhere.

Car Corral

All boats must be removed from the Car Corral (the roped in area) before the Mothers Day brunch.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9 First Friday Fun Series
- May 11 Mother's Day Brunch
- May 13 Board Meeting
- May 26 Memorial Day Cookout
- May 31 Mayor's Cup Regatta

CLUB STATS

Members:	251
Slip waiting List:	61
Water Level:	790.87 (790 normal)

Members Sail Loft

The sail storage tubes are ready for use.

Slip Waiting List

The Slip Waiting List is published in this issue. The list looks long, but the first 25 passed on a slip this year. It also does not include our four most recent members from this year, but you know where they go anyway! If you think there may be any mistakes, please let me know.

It's going to be a great season!!!!

Rick Sprowl, Harbormaster

RACING

A lot of thought has been put into the 2003 SPRING SERIES racing program. It's a joint effort of a great many ECSC racers, not just the race committee. I want to personally **Thank** everyone who made a contribution. As you know, meetings were held monthly since December. Your race officers attended the US Sailings Race Management Seminar. Regatta and Series Race Chairman and Assistants have volunteered and we're ALL NOW FINALLY READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!

What's different, you ask?

RETURN OF "D" FLEET: For beginners and those just a little rusty. D sailors will have their OWN START, separate from the competitive fleet. When the wind cooperates, their OWN POINT TO POINT course, rounding marks separate from the experts.

FOUR FLEETS: Two PHRF fleets (Red and White), One Portsmouth Fleet (Green), and the NEW "D" Fleet (Yellow).

SPINNAKER AND NON-SPINNAKER BOATS: Will race together...12 second differential for spinnakers.

SUNDAY WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO SERIES: There will still be two races on Sunday, but each will be scored as a separate series. The 2nd race will begin about 10 minutes after the last boat finishes in the 1st race. Those that want to race just one race can (their choice which one) and those that want to do both may.

START/FINISH LINE: ...is not sacred.

Please review the **Notice of Race** (NOR). It has the important information and lists changes that are being made to the Racing Rules of Sailing. Review and be familiar with the **Sailing Instructions** (SI). That's our "rule book" for the spring series and it will be strictly enforced. There are other subtle changes here, so don't get caught up in the term, "we've always done it that way." If

there's something you don't like, please let **Bruce** or me know in writing and we will review your request prior to the start of the fall series. NOR and SI are available in the RACE BULLETIN BOARD.

Everyone **MUST TURN IN A NEW PHRF FORM** with your boat and sail configuration declaration. You will be scored DSQ until you do so. Please help our chief scorer, **Mike Kaschak**, by doing this prior to racing. If you have questions on filling out the form please contact **Mike Gray**, PHRF Chairman.

REMEMBER, all the Race Chairman and Assistants are volunteers. While it is our hope that everyone will do everything "perfect," we know that's not the real world. So...be kind...THANK THE RACE COMMITTEE after you finish each race. And, if you are scheduled to run the races...show up EARLY! And, if you can't do your assigned time, switch with someone and change it on the OFFICIAL listing in the race bulletin board. That's your responsibility now, not the Race Committee.

What about other racing at Eagle Creek?

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN SERIES: There are no awards...just another chance to go out and round the buoys with your friends. These are "informal" races on the 2nd Friday night of each month with the warning signal at 6:50pm. There's just one race. The best time to ask a "seasoned" race veteran to take a ride on YOUR boat and let them teach YOU their tricks to make YOUR BOAT go faster. First race is May 9th.

REGATTAS: There are six this year.

MAYOR'S CUP on May 31st—June 1st. This is the Heartland Capri 22 Championship (**George Sechrist**), Highlander Class Regatta (**Bob McCoun**), and the Mid-West Indy Finn Championship (**Wayne Myers**). Race Chairman, **Tim Hollingsworth**, has the NOR and Registration Form posted on the website (www.ecsail.org) and they will also be distributed in this Telltales. Nearly 50 boats are expected from all over the Midwest. Each skipper gets ONE REGATTA SHIRT and ONE SATURDAY dinner with registration.

ECSC Regatta on July 12th—13th. Again the Comet Class will make this their neutral water championship and we will issue a challenge to our "multi-hull" counterparts on the "other side" to see who can have the most fun.

LADIES PROGRAM will have some new innovations this

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year with ECSC Ladies being scored for participation in racing (either a race at our Club or away) and skippering. This is in addition to all the other fun activities planned by chairperson, **Janet Hickok**.

For all RACING information, visit our website www.ecsail.org, thanks to **Bill Harrington**, webmaster, it is all listed there.

This is YOUR club and YOUR racing program...please join us. And, don't forget, after every Wednesday night, there's dogs for everyone after racing. And, Sunday's, of course, the infamous "chair" party BEFORE and AFTER racing.

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

Charlie Brehob, Race Chairman

Bruce Cameron, Assistant RC

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

SAFETY AND EDUCATION

As we start boating this season, remember this safety tip:

HYPOTHERMIA: Occurs in most survivors taken from cold (under 68-degree) water.

- If in doubt, treat for hypothermia.
- Get Help! Use radio: MAYDAY!
- Ignore protests like "I'm OK."

1. Symptoms

- Shivering, but may stop in advanced cases.
- Confusion, slurred speech, or clumsiness.
- Muscular rigidity.
- Semiconscious to unconscious.

2. In Water

- Keep head and neck out of water.
- If in doubt about reaching safety, remain still. Don't swim!
- Use Heat Escape Lessening Postures..."Help" and Group Huddle.

3. Out of Water

- Gently remove wet clothing.
- Monitor pulse/breathing.
- Rapidly apply heat to BODY CORE.
- Do Not warm Arms and Legs! Rapid warming of extremities Can Be Fatal.
- Give no food or drink by mouth. Medical follow up is always required. See doctor as soon as possible.

Several of our Juniors and ECSC sailors participated in a Laser Regatta at ISC in April. **Tyler Andrews** and

Jason Hubbard finished 1st and 2nd in the Junior Division. **Amy Kirsch, Ki Hickok**, and I finished 2nd, 4th, and 1st respectively in the Silver Fleet. **Wayne Myers** finished 2nd in the Great Grand Masters Division. Good job and great showing for ECSC in the chilly waters of Geist.

Special thanks to **Joe Traub** for donating the sturdy Pram rack, **Tony Hubbard** for the laser trailer, and **Wayne Myers** for his hard work welding and design. Also, **Tom & Pam Moore** at Sailboats Inc. for discounting our parts and supplies for the Youth Program!!!

2003 Youth Week still has a couple openings. Dates are Tuesday June 10th till Saturday June 14th. Sign up with Wayne at 852-9163 or alarmco@netdirect.net

Check out the Junior Sailing web page for more info and sailing school hours (www.ecsail.org).

Bob Hickok, Safety/Education

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Shipmates,

The big push for getting Membership squared away is over. Don't panic if there are any mistakes with the packets. I will gladly take care of them promptly! Also, if there is something else you need, just let me know.

Since the last TellTales, I have three new members to welcome aboard. They are:

Terry & Debbie Hennessey and daughter **Letitia Allen** and their Bayfield 25.

Doug Meadows with children **Kelly** and **Rebecca** and their McGregor 26.

Warren & Judith Smith with their WW Potter 19.

This brings ECSC to two hundred fifty one members. Eight new members are now on board this year. If you need any adjustments to your packets, my telly is 291-9698 and E-Mail is c250goj@comcast.net

Up Periscope!

George Alyea, Membership

2003 BOARD MEETINGS

May 13	July 8
September 9	October 14
November 1	November 11

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You get an outboard motor FREE!**

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SOCIAL

Thank you to everyone who helped open up the Club on Saturday, April 19th. A special thanks to **Angie White** and **Jennifer Guerrero** for helping get the kitchen, refrigerators, and grills ready for the season...and to **Skye Johnson** and **Darby Roberts** for their organizational skills. We had a great group of people and were able to get it all done in just a couple of hours.

Please be sure to come out to the Mother's Day brunch hosted by **Bill Harrington** on Sunday, May 11th at 11:30am. The Club will provide scrambled eggs, sausage, and beverages and we ask everyone who attends to please bring a covered dish to share.

Later in the month, **Jack** and **Karen Hale** are hosting the Memorial Day cookout on Monday, May 26th at 5:00pm. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Again, this will be a pitch-in, so please bring a covered dish to share.

If you would like to help out with either of these events, or one of the other Club events, I'm sure the event hosts would love to hear from you.

Cheryl Roberts, Social

TAILER'S TIPS & TALES

Welcome to another visit with your old pal, Tailer. That's right, be sure to put the plastic over the furniture and I sure hope you have Scotchgard on your carpet. I'd like to talk about current international events, but your editor **Evan** (pay no attention to the man behind the curtain who is currently pulling levers and throwing switches feverously) said that I might want to talk about Club stuff instead. Well, that's not exactly how he put it, but here you go anyway:

Welcome to this episode of Tailer's Foolish Rantings. Does your female dog (who has been out to the Club) have a bunch of puppies that look kind of like Wolfman Jack? Ahhh, spring is in the air and you cannot blame **Trouble** for the obvious. Someone that shall remain nameless has shown me a snapshot of our Club dog and **Senior**

Investigative Reporter the day after **Bob Bodish** took Trouble to the vet for sort of another kind of checkup some years ago (that is what Trouble was told anyway). If I went to a golf course and lost a couple of Titliests in the rough, I might want to choose other golf courses in the future. I know that you would, too. Talk about taking one for the team! It is certainly another reason to call Trouble "SIR".

You should be sailing right now. Spring is here and your boat needs to be in the water. Why go home after work when you can hoist a sail instead? You do not need to wash your boat first, just go. Sailing now, washing later. There have been winds enough to blow you over. Go take a peek tonight...visit your Club right now. All of your friends are out there. Do not forget your chair for the chair party and be sure to wash the mold out of your cooler. Trouble will be wanting a drink out of it. Race this year. Whenever there are two sailboats on the water, it is a race anyway. Awww, just come out ... after all, you did forfeit the cash for the privilege. It's up to you. If your tastes include hot dogs and burgers at the Wednesday night weenie roasts after the race, you have now found a way to make the middle of the week a real pirate adventure. Eye patches go on the left eye...it's a tradition.

Hey **Max**, I saw that article too. Geese are protected and so is our Club. "You know who" protects our docks from the interlopers who come from yet another country that might want to think about helping instead of complaining. Anyone been stung lately? Trouble also digs bees as an appetizer before the main course which is basically whatever lovely **Linda Vaughn** has brought out on any particular day for him. Our Senior Investigative Reporter is not likely to be brought up on charges of meddling with an endangered species (a footnote; they are "Canada" Geese, not "Canadian"). It seems to me that they are not endangered at all. I'll start liking them again if they quit pooping on our grass and our docks. It might help if they started to use their wings to cross the road instead of holding up rush hour traffic in the morning as they walk to the other side of the road. Do not kill and eat them...they are greasier than ducks and M1A1 Abrams tank treads. What would we do without Trouble? Call him Sir, you know that you want to.

Git yer new guy and spring tips right here:

Tip 1) No boats in the car corral much after the official Club opening on 4-19. You do not want your boat to be in the way of the parking space needed for the Mother's Day Brunch. Got a Mom? Bring her out! Is she cute?

Tip 2) First year with a slip, 'eh? Park your trailer in the farm and get it off of the property to allow the dry sailors the space to park as allotted by the Harbormaster.

Where is the farm? Ask anyone. It is South on Raceway Road and your key will fit the gate lock. The farm is on the right and sort of sneaks up on you after the railroad tracks. It will be the place with a lot of trailers (duh!) in a grassy area right after the hedgerow on the right side of the road.

Tip 3) Support the youth sailing program...everyone else is. Here is how some of us found the money: Remember the sack lunch? Instead of giving the money to the person in the fast food window, we here at Telltales found out that you can eat all week on one ten-dollar bill. That includes the loaf of bread and whatever you might want to put inside a pair of slices. Add some fruit and a pickle or chips and you are there. The kids are going with or without you. Send the kids where they need to go with as much help as you can give them. This is what we are really about anyway.

Tip 4) Old Latin proverb: If there is no wind, row.

Tip 5) Old African Proverb: Do not look where you fell, look where you slipped.

Tip 6) A little trivia for all of the new folks. Have you ever stopped to inspect the **Kenny Chapman** memorial mailbox? You drive by it as you enter the grounds. It is not only baseball bat proof, but it has the ability to stop a semi truck in its tracks. Our previous Harbormaster and a few handy lads built it out of impenetrable steel (from scratch) during a series of chair parties a couple of years ago. A ground zero, thermonuclear bomb would only take the paint off it. See for yourself. It will outlast the Giza Plateau Pyramids. Our mailbox laughs at time in a way that makes the Himilayas blush.

Tip 7) Why are you still reading this? Go sailing now. Write to me later at TailerECSC@aol.com with your ideas about why I should go soak my head.

Stay tuned for more lines....

Tailer, Staff Writer

Wanna keep up with ECSC members now living in Florida? **Bryan & Amy Drew** now own and are managing a condo building in Key Largo. Heading that way for awhile and looking for a rental? Check it out at www.keycondo.com.

FOR "SAIL"

1989 Beneteau First 235 (Blown Away), wing keel, 2 mains, jib, 110 and 2-150 genoas. E-Z load trailer and 5 HP Tohatsu motor. Very good condition. Moving out of the area forces the sale. \$13,500. Call **Bob** and **Yvonne Schwartz** (317) 339-7808 or bob.schwartz@ual.com.

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. \$5900 OBO. 299-4351 **Bob Meehan** rjmeehan1@aol.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 - Price reduced just in time for sailing season!

Includes: main, jib, 130% genoa, 4hp Mariner, 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 \$2,950. Call **Jeff** or **Cindy Williams** at 290-9960 or email jefncin650@cs.com

J22 Hull #466, excellent sail inventory, very good condition, easy load trailer, would consider trade for fishing boat \$8,900. Tom Cartwright (317) 873-6737 or tcartwright@indy.rr.com.

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ONE MEMBER'S STORY

It seems ironic that my fascination with boats began in my grandparents' house in the very untropical city of Terre Haute, Indiana.

My grandfather, a long-time employee of Standard Oil Co., won a trip to Jamaica and was sharing his vacation via a slide show on the wall of their family room. We have all suffered through these mind-numbing experiences, but this night a fire was lit.

Vibrant colors and glistening natives leapt off the wall and threatened to turn the small ranch house into a limbo pit. But what really stuck with me was the color of the water and the boats that were on it. My 10-year-old mind was made up that I would someday visit this faraway land in the middle of the Caribbean Sea.

Some twenty years later the goal was reached. **Pam** and I were married and a honeymoon to Jamaica was booked. My love of the lower latitudes was established and several trips to other islands followed. But the one constant of our trips was a draw to the local harbors. The logical side of my brain would not allow me to believe that people actually traveled over oceans in sailboats, let alone actually live on them year round.

About this same time our good friend **Mark Sublett** introduced us to sailing Hoosier style in his Sunfish on the lake behind our apartment. As is usually the case with Mark, we had a good time and began to realize you didn't have to own a 40-foot sloop in St. Martin to enjoy this addictive pastime. As Mark moved up to a Catalina 22 and joined the Sailing Club, our fun factor increased to the point where we wanted a boat of our own.

About four years ago, Capt. Sublett moved to Bradenton and the Breeze Tease became ours. It has been quite a learning curve with a long way to go, but sometimes when I'm scrubbing the deck or tacking into a warm summer wind, I think about that slideshow at my late grandparents' house and where it has led. Paradise is where you find it.

Brian Norman

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2003 SOCIAL/RACING CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSONS</u>
Mother's Day Brunch	Sun. May 11th, 11:30am	Bill Harrington
Memorial Day Cookout	Mon. May 26th, 5:00pm	Jack & Karen Hale
Mayor's Cup Regatta	Sat. May 31/ Jun 1	Tim Hollingsworth
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
ECSC Regatta	Sat. Jul 12/13	Charlie Brehob
Commodore's Dinner/Dance	Sat. Aug 16th, 6:00pm	Max & Judy Gray
Highlander E-Cup	Sat. Aug 23rd	
5 for 5 Regatta	Sat. Aug 30th	
Labor Day Cookout	Mon. Sep 1st, 5:00pm	Rich & Angie White
Governor's Cup Regatta	Sat. Sep 6/7	Jack Hale
J-24 E-Cup	Sat. Sep 20th	
Hornback Regatta	Sat, Oct 11/12	Le Roy Leeman
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	