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COMMODORE

What a great summer it has been for sailing and it isn't over yet! The water level has been high, the temperatures comfortable, and the winds fairly constant. Hope everyone is able to get out to our Club and enjoy the activities and the sailing in the remaining months that are left this season. Fall is a beautiful time on the reservoir.

We had a fine turnout for the Commodore Dinner Dance and everyone seemed to enjoy the Jimmy Buffett theme as Buffett's songs are the mantra for all salty dogs! **Judy** and I would like to thank the members who helped make this event a success and all the parrotheads who came out to have a good time. Special thanks to **Bob Bodish** for setting up the tiki lights and helping clean up, **Nick & Keli Mates** and **Rich & Pat Killen** for helping run the event (and cleaning up), and **Don & Judy Birt** for doing the reservations thing.

As your Commodore, I would encourage everyone, cruisers and racers, to come out and enjoy your boats and the facilities and social functions your Club has to offer. As a bonus, most of you know your ECSC membership entitles you to reciprocal attendance at other inland clubs across the country. Many of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity in their travels.

Judy and I are also quite proud of a couple of our more recent programs. Our youth activity is coming along quite nicely as well as the involvement and assistance we're receiving from the IUPUI sailors!

We have a great Club and I hope to see you on the Lake. Come out and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow sailors at the Labor Day cookout!

Max Gray, Commodore

Telltale

September

2003

HARBORMASTER

Water Level

At this writing, the water level is at 791.1 feet above sea level. Wow... September is creeping up and no one has even had to think about pulling out early due to the water being too low.

Ask Bob

Ask **Bob Bodish** about his new toy...I mean tool. Keeping up with the weeds in the gravel areas has been a huge and unhealthy task for Bob. In the past he's had to hand spray the entire lot with almost 30 gallons of chemicals for each application.

He now has a power sprayer that pulls behind his lawn tractor. This bad boy will spray 25 feet...meaning Bob won't even have to get off of his tractor to spray between boats. Charlie Brehob is supplying us with the weed killer at a much reduced rate. Thanks Charlie!!!

Also, if you've ever woken up with a strange itch and bite marks where your socks and underwear were, those are probably chiggers. They're impossible to see and they use tight clothing to help burrow under your skin and make life miserable for a few days. Getting rid of the weeds they live on should eliminate the little buggers.

Hint: The best remedy I've found for chiggers is

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sep 1 | Labor Day Cookout |
| Sep 6/7 | Governor's Cup Regatta/Highlander Challenge |
| Sep 12 | Friday Night Fun Race |
| Sep 13 | J-24 E-Cup Match Race |
| Sep 20 | Fall Bonfire & Hayride |

CLUB STATS

Members:	259
Slip waiting List:	69 (28 passed)
Water Level:	791.01 (790 normal)

fingernail polish. It relieves the itching and the airtight seal smothers 'em.

Ashpalt Drive

The asphalt drive is needing to have the cracks repaired and be sealcoated. We will contract this job out. Ideally we would like to do this in the winter when traffic is minimal, but the material plants shut down when it's cold out. So, it will be done in two phases. In one phase the hill will be barricaded. You will need to use the gravel service road. Please don't even think about moving the barricades and driving on it. It happened last time.

Bob's Shed / Air Compressor Access

In the past, a key was hidden for the general membership to have access to the air compressor in Bob's shed. Unfortunately, someone has been abusing the garage door, probably slamming it up or down. Several Mondays in a row, Bob found the door jammed and the cables off the track. We had professionals repair it only to find it broken again the next Monday.

I don't have time to teach "Garage Door 101" to every member, so I made the very unpopular decision to remove the key from its hiding place. I'm looking into installing an air compressor next to the pressure sprayer and possibly a portable tank enclosed in a box next to it.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to **Randy Beatty** for his many efforts this year and most recently cutting back brush from the roadsides. He's a pro and has what looks like a hedge trimmer on steroids that makes short work of a big job.

Also behind the scenes, **Jud Jaqua** and **Bob Bodish** have been busy replacing lumber on picnic tables and on D-dock. **Jim Hubbard** has also been jumping in by placing sticker plates on C-dock...and the "Past Commodore" plates on all docks.

D-Dock / F-Dock Cleaning

D and F-docks are in desperate need of a good cleaning. If anyone has a gas powered pressure washer and would like to earn some work credits, please give me a call.

Until next month, Happy Sailing.....

Rick Sprowl, Harbormaster

RACING

Spring Series Awards were presented on August 9th. 60+ ECSC members enjoyed the party and stayed well into the night by the very LARGE Bon-Fire stoked by **Dr. Bob** under a full moon. Special thanks to the cooks: **Rick & Nancy Ahrbecker, Jack Hale**, and **Bill Harrington** and everyone who brought a dish to share and helped clean up afterwards. Awards were custom-made by the Club's

"official" race photographer and framer, **Eileen Leonard**. The big hits were the special "Great Effort" awards... thanks Eileen. Fall series awards will be presented at the Final Bash.

Wednesdays

Red Fleet

1. Tom Moore
2. Jack Hale
3. Rick Ahrbecker

Green Fleet

1. Charlie Brehob
2. Bob McCoun
3. Bruce Cameron

White Fleet

1. Kenny Lockhart
2. George Sechrist
3. Gregory McGarvey

Yellow Fleet

1. Nancy Guyott

Sundays Race 1

Red Fleet

1. Rick Ahrbecker
2. Jack Hale
3. Le Roy Leeman

White Fleet

1. Mike Gray

Green Fleet

1. Phil Tate

Sundays Race 2

Red Fleet

1. Rick Ahrbecker
2. Ralph Merriman
3. Le Roy Leeman

Green Fleet

1. Phil Tate

E-Cup Results

Bruce/Ethel Berner and **Mike/Linda Vaughn** put together ECSC's first match racing event on the 23rd of August. ?? boats participated in the ? race round robin series. Results are below. The Next E-Cup is on J-24's and is September 13th. See **Bruce** or **Charlie** for more information.

- 1)**John Schaub** 4)**Bob Hickok** 7)**Ed Ashworth**
2)**Charlie Brehob** 5)**Chris Cunningham** 8)**Bob McCoun**
3)**Wayne Myers** 6)**Craig Johnson**

Governor's Cup Regatta September 6-7th

As voted at last year's regatta, this year for the first time, the Governor's Cup will be presented to the 1st Place boat in the largest PHRF division! Red and White boats...here's your chance to get your name perpetually engraved on the Governor's Cup traveling trophy. **Ted Azbill** and **Jack Hale**, regatta co-chairs, are who to see for more details on ECSC's BIGGEST REGATTA of the year. It's also a Highlander Regatta with more than 20 boats expected to hit the line and the 3rd match in ISC-ECSC Highlander Challenge. Let's get all the Club boats out and maintain OUR LEAD in the Challenge. Registration forms are on-line and in the race bulletin board. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER so Ted and Jack can plan a good regatta.

Fun Race

The next Friday Night Fun Race is September 12th. Warning flag at 6:50pm. Five boats made the starting line in the August race that was won by **Jack Hale** and crew. Congratulations Jack!

Hornback

The Hornback Regatta is October 11-12th. Details, NOR and Registration form will be available in the next issue of the Telltales and on-line soon. This is a "FREE" regatta for all ECSC members with fabulous prizes. **Le Roy Leeman** & crew are in charge in the races where the "fastest start last" and all race together. Mark your calendar now!

There's been a "Frost-Bite" Series on the back burner since the beginning of the sailing season. If you have interest in continuing racing into November and/or December, please let me know and we'll organize something. On another note, I'm still looking for interested "parties" to become assistant race chairman next year. Many of you have suggested someone else, but no one has stepped up to the plate and said, "I wanna have some fun" and volunteer themselves. Come on guys and girls...let me know if you want to do it. It REALLY is all of fun!

Many thanks to the members who ran a race or did safety in August. Upcoming schedule: WEDNESDAY'S - 9/3 Ahrbecker/Leonard; 9/10 Argay/Braham.; 9/17 Andrews, T/Hubbard, T; 9/24 IUPUI/IUPUI; 10/1 Dolder/Sprowl. SUNDAY'S - 9/14 Hickok/Guerrero; 9/21 Hale/Banning; 9/28 Sechrist/Lay; 10/5 Schaub/Cameron. If you can't make your assignment, please trade and mark the bulletin board or call Bruce (605-6265) or Charlie (513-8698)! Thanks...

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

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

Charlie Brehob, Race Chairman
Bruce Cameron, Assistant RC

LADIES FOR SAIL

We did it! The lovely and talented skipperinas competed in their 2nd Annual Sadie Hawkin's Regatta Saturday, August 16th. The skies were clear and the wind was ideal...making for fierce competition both upwind and downwind on the three races. The gals dosey-doe'd around the course most competently with the help of their partners.

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Our lady racers included: **Annie Cameron**, **Carol Dolder**, **Shawn** (3rd Place), **Judy Breitzke** (2nd Place), **and Janet Hickok** (1st Place). The racing was followed by refreshments and tales of our travails on the water!!

Many thanks to our crews, race committee, and spectator fleet.

Janet Hockok, Leading Lady

SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Junior Sailing Report

Wow, what a busy and exciting time for the Junior Sailors at Eagle Creek. The end of July and August merited many firsts for our Club. It's the first time any ECSC Junior has won the Junior Bay Week competition Smyhte Cup quarterfinals! And, after that qualifier, placed 2nd in the Area E Eliminations! That earned him a spot vying for the U.S. Sailing's Junior Singlehanded Championship consisting of the top 20 National Junior sailors.

Congratulations **Tyler Andrews**, you've accomplished great feats this year. You're an inspiration to us all. Don't let up...hard work and skill development eventually pays off! Also, a Team Indy Partners following the same track and representing the Indianapolis Sailing Club: **Jason Hubbard**. He was 2nd at Junior Bay Week, 1st at Area E Elims and even scored a bullet in the 7th race at the Championship Regatta! Congrats!

Back to Junior Bay Week. Also sailing for Eagle Creek, **Ki Hickok**. Janet and I could hardly keep quiet while watching him tackle 4- and 5-foot swells and hike with all his might to keep that Laser flat. 20 or so races, 6 to 8 hours a day in some pretty intense wind and conditions. I think he learned a lot about big water racing and also what happens at a protest hearing. I hope he keeps up the training and hits the water with a renewed determination. Great job!

Also at the Junior Bay Week from ISC was **Jennifer Eastridge** (3rd in the Radial division) and **Jared Spaans** (3rd in the Commodore division). What a great regatta for both Indianapolis clubs! It was great getting to know all the juniors; pooling our efforts and helping with the regatta.

Thanks, **Tony & Joyce Hubbard** for teaching us the ropes and bringing the Integrity (their 38' Yawl) for sailing and spectating.

The next first for Eagle Creek was the Junior Regatta held on August 9th. Both ISC and ECSC participated. On typical Indiana day with little wind, then no wind,

then a storm, we got off a couple races. We had **Bill Townsend** and **Cam Borkowski** tying for 1st, **Ki Hickok** 2nd, **Jennifer Eastridge** 3rd, **RJ Graef** 4th, and **Drew Philbrick** 5th place. When you see these kids, tell them “good job!” Keep it up! They’re our future.

Thanks to our Race Committee and Safety helpers, couldn’t have done it without you: **Wayne Myers**, **Chris Murry**, **Rick Graef**, **Therese Waechter**, and **Janet Hickok**.

I want everyone who contributed to the Junior Program with money, time, coaching, a kind word, to know: **It’s Working!** We’re training and encouraging kids in the art and skill and fun of Sailing. Don’t stop now. Keep giving.

Bob Hickok, Safety/Education

have a Club member who is also an “asthmatic accordion player” and has agreed to add a little ambiance to the evening. The Club will be providing beverages and hot dogs. We ask that you bring a covered dish and join us at the lower shelter house.

It is that time of year when we are again looking for new board members to fill the open seats. Be sure to let one of the current board members know you are interested so we can get your name on the list of nominees to be voted on at the Final Bash.

Cheryl Roberts, Social

Editor’s Note: Conversely, if you do not want to be on the Board, you might want to let that be known also. You might end up being nominated in absentia!

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Shipmates,

Good news! This month we have four new members.:

Wayne Mayo with an O’Day 22 and children **Andy & Sarah**.

Chris Renner with his Hunter 19.

Bob & Helen Small with a Victoria 18 and a Laser 14 and children **Terry & Carolyn Bradbury**.

Sean & Diana O’Brien with no boat yet.

Let’s give ‘em a good welcome aboard! And, we’re are now up to 259 members strong.

Up Periscope.....

George Alyea, Membership

SOCIAL

For those of you who were out of town and/or missed the Commodore’s Dinner/Dance, the food and music were excellent. Thank you **Max & Judy** for such a nice evening.

Please come out to the Labor Day Cookout, hosted by **Rich & Angie White** on Monday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m. The Club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Please bring a covered dish large enough to serve at least six people.

Also, don’t forget the new social event - the Fall Bonfire and Hayride on Saturday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m. We will be having hourly hayrides around the Club. We

TAILER’S TIPS & TALES

Hello Eagle Creek! You may remember me from the last time you read this article. Then again, you may have missed out. I have a tale for you. There I was minding my own business on a cool wet windy day bobbing around EC reservoir, when much to my surprise this guy on another boat started yelling at me to get out of his way. Taken by surprise, I tried to move my boat away from his mouth and the flock of boats following this obviously upset-on-a-nice-day individual.

Suddenly, I was surrounded by boats of all sizes. Most people were pleasant enough, but several were wrapped just a little to tight. It turned out, I had unknowingly sailed into some part of a racing course on the Lake.

Many stories like this have erupted from the mouths of the offended and the offenders over the years. It would seem that the sailor above would have been in the wrong to get in the way of so many people, but he may have had rights on every racer out there. Just because there is a race on the Lake doesn’t mean the participants have special right of way on any vessel.

On the other hand, just bobbing around doesn’t give you cart blanche to break the basic rules of boating. If there is an accident or damage to boats in a collision, then the rights of either boats will be determined in a court of law. Unfortunately some racers don’t know the rules well enough and some cruisers are in the same boat so to say. If you aren’t sure, educate yourself. Either way, try and be polite to people on the Lake and if you see that someone isn’t heeding a fare early warning, try and hold your temper and get around them. Or, if you are on the other end of the stick and you do see a gaggle of boats headed after you, make sure you know what position you are going to be bobbing in as they come near.

Get your Tips right here:

Tip 1) If you don't know, ask somebody.

Tip 2) If you brought your problems to the Club and you are in a bad mood and generally being nasty to everyone, get someone to slap you as hard as they can. It may not solve your problems but it will make me feel better.

THE CLUB IS NOT YOUR MOTHER!!!

Tip 3) DO NOT FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME.. Just ask anyone what happens to your world if you do forget. Then have them slap you.

Tip 4) Empty your port-a-pottie in the big gray rectangular plastic slightly stinky tank by the portable toilet by the seawall. Slap yourself if you mess this one up.

Tip 5) Lock the gate at the entrance at night when you leave (except when there is a regatta). Slap anyone that forgot to bring their extra key.

Tip 6) Get out there and sail and smile at everyone you meet and maybe they won't slap you.

Tailer, Slap Happy Staff Writer

It Was a Great Day

It was a sunny Monday afternoon, 80 degrees, and good wind. School was starting in two days, so we were taking that last family sail of the summer break. That would be with my soon-to-be 5th grader, 7th grader, and **Katie**, my wife.

Everything was going great. While Katie motored out, I went onto the deck to raise the sails...our usual procedure. This time, however, the spirits in Eagle Ocean decided it was time for a little fun...just when the main sail was almost to the top of the mast, the main halyard shackle gave out. It's my guess that it came loose and, of course, I didn't check that before the hoist! Or, it could have been sabotaged by some "friend" since our slip is soooo temptingly close to the liar's table.

Anyway, there I stood gazing up at the main shackle dangling a couple inches from the top of our "extra tall" mast...wondering if we should just turn around then and go back to the cul-de-sac so the kids can play with their new electric scooter...and then call **Bruce** to fix it when he gets back from some regatta somewhere.

OK OK....How could I possibly pride myself as a competent sailor by motoring back with my tail between my legs? And the ridicule from the racers? Nah.....there had to be a fix.

Well....fortunately cruise boats are equipped with gadgets that can hook shackles. I grabbed one of my wire drink holders, tied it to the head halyard, and pulled it up to the top of the mast. After about five minutes of jiggling and praying, the shackle got hooked and Katie got her good

sail in after all. The kids even got in a quick dip while the shackle rescue took place.

Tip: Always keep a drink holder (or two) on your boat!

Evan Williams, Cruiser

Doc Cameron

A few weeks ago, my mate and I were walking on the docks and he got his foot caught on a cleat - ouch! No, he didn't spill his beer...but his toe was bleeding. All we had was a dirty old towel in the van and Eagle Creek water for cleansing (our first aid kit never made it to the boat).

But, out hobbled **Doc Cameron** with his first-aid kit which was impressively stocked. He patched things up like he did this for a living. I say hobbled, because Doc Bruce had knocked up his toe quite brutally earlier in the day. Seems Bruce (like many sailors) is somewhat accident prone and knows to keep supplies nearby.

The moral of the story is make sure you have a first-aid kit on your boat (or car) or hope Doc Cameron is nearby.

Swabie

Editor's Note: This first-aid kit should be in addition to the drink holders....not in place of!

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2003 SOCIAL/RACING CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSONS</u>
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 Match Race	Sat. Sep 13th	Bruce Cameron
Fall Bonfire & Hayride	Sat. Sep 20th, 5:30pm	
Hornback Regatta	Sat, Oct 11/12	Le Roy Leeman
Chili Cookoff	Sat. Oct 11th, 5:30pm	Roger & Michelle Knapp
Final Bash\Annual Members Meeting	Sat. Nov 1st, 6:00pm	Bruce & Cheryl Roberts
Thanksgiving Regatta	Fri. Nov 28th	

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