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Commodore's Corner

Howdy Guys and Gals

I think we've seen the last of the ice and snow so it's safe to come out of my cave and give you an update and some highlights of what's on the calendar for the coming year.

This year's membership list is attached for those of you with Excel. Mary will bring print outs to the Sock Burning and Kickoff Dinner for those that want a printed version. We are saving money by not printing it as a booklet. Use of the list is restricted to club activities, folks.

The **Annual Wine and Cheese was held on Feb 20th** and I have to say it was by far the best one yet, I hope that all who attended share that opinion. Those of you that didn't make it missed out on some seriously good times. Kudos and thanks to our Secretary extraordinaire Mary, Susan Bonner and Cheryl Molesky for all the obvious planning, ideas and most of all hard work that went into bringing us this event. **A very special thank** you goes to **Cheryl** and Giolitti Delicatessen (www.giolittideli.com) for their support and sponsorship, as well as **Amy** Juras (www.househuntress.com) for sponsoring our flyer in the Caper.

We still have a quantity of **wine glasses with the YCCSC logo on them for sale**. Email me or Mary to inquire. We'd like to get these sold so we can free up money for other Ship Store items.

I'm happy to say that the YC gained 6 new member families this year at the Wine and Cheese. Please welcome:

- John Bragaw
- Don and Betsy Jackson
- Ronald and Kari Maltz
- Mark and Laura Seebeck
- Daniel and Deanna Tobin
- Dave and Jen Williams

Many of you have paid your membership dues for this year but a few of our **current members have not been heard from yet** (you know who you are!) Please contact our Treasurer, Jim Klemstine and take care of it soonest, as we'd love to see everyone back and participating.

Coming up this year:

Next up is the **Annual Sock Burning party on March 21st**, hosted again by Gary Arrington and Diane Dunaway at their home. Be on the lookout for the post card reminder in the mail. This is a pot luck appetizer type event. Be sure to bring the kids, family etc – and don't forget those crusty socks; you won't need them anymore.

As I've mentioned before we are changing up the format for our **April Cruising Kickoff Dinner** this year. Our Cruise Chair Ron McKie and his wife Collette are hosting the event at their house on **April 18th**; it's also pot luck. Ron has some **very good plans** for our cruising and raft up's this year. I seriously hope you attend and participate to the maximum possible. Look for post card reminders the first week of April and save the date.

Sail boat racing season is rapidly approaching. I just met with Craig Harbauer, one of our RC folks. He and the RC team have some good ideas on how to use the internet to communicate results and RC boat scheduling. Be on the lookout for more on that in the near future from him.

One of the things we are sadly underrepresented in is powerboat based events, I've asked our Vice Commodore Mike Juras to do some brain storming and canvassing and see what he can come up with. Those of you with ideas feel free to provide input.

Youth sailing registration is ongoing. See the link at our website www.yccsc.org or at the CSCIA website www.cscia.org. We (YCCSC) and Youth sailing are separate organizations so I can't answer any questions for them other than saying it's fun, it's good training, and while not exactly youthful (or flexible) I enjoyed my time last summer getting wet in a 420.

We still have a empty Social Chair to fill folks, so step up and volunteer to spend someone else's money throwing parties! Email me if interested.

See you on the water

Chuck
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