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Summer is here!

In this issue, we'll hear from the commodore about the May regattas, an update on the water project and the pool, and some upcoming events.

The vice commodore will provide an update on some projects and other important information about the club.

Then he'll share some highlights from the Board of Governors Meeting.

We'll hear from Ed Henkel about summer youth sailing, and learn about the patio and pool furniture from Jim Hankins.

Also in this issue, some advice from past commodore Randall Massey.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Hailer is accepting submissions for articles, photographs, announcements, and classifieds. If you have something you would like to be included in the Hailer, send it to thehailerdcyc@gmail.com by the 15th of each month. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

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FROM THE COMMODORE

JOHN PHERSON
COMMODORE DCYC 2022



REGATTAS

Well, we made it through both regattas last month in spite of the challenges we had with water issues. The feedback on both regattas was overwhelmingly positive. A great time was had by all. None of this would have been possible without the leadership of Tonja Sanchez-Holmes and Michele Ditmer. Congratulations to them for a fine job planning and executing the J/24 Nationals. Thanks for all their efforts to make this a success.

Our thanks and congratulations also go out

to Paul Bell and Bill Haworth for their leadership in bringing together the Heritage Cup Regatta. The usual crew of Michele Ditmer, Kim Dickey and Teresa Meek fed everyone as they always do. They are the unsung heroes of most of the events we hold at the club, so let me offer thanks to them on behalf of the entire membership. Other members, such as Bob Johnson, Dave Patterson, Babs Hogan, Marc Couch, John Lusk, Adam Steczko, Randall Massey and countless others helped make these events the successes they were. They deserve the gratitude of the membership and the racers who benefitted from these efforts on their behalf. Also, thanks to Paul

Bell's company, PBITPro, for their sponsorship.

We have lots of pictures and videos of the races, so check out the DCYC Facebook page, the DCYC website, this edition of the Hailer and Dave Lorenat's "18th Hour Sailing" channel on YouTube for video.

WATER

The water project continues. We have run a new waterline directly from the wellhouse to the clubhouse, with no T's or taps of any kind to permit contamination. We plan to do the same thing for the residence. We are also adding a chlorinator to eliminate this problem in the future and are evaluating some other repairs



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to the water treatment of the well and the irrigation system to enhance the safety and integrity of the water supply.

THE POOL

We are also in the process of replacing the filtration system for the pool. We received several complaints about how the pool was dirty and the water cloudy. This is occurring because we had a complete failure of one of the two pump filter motors, and degraded service from the other pump. The very low pressure from the pumps is insufficient to properly filter the suspended dirt in the pool water, so it just falls to the bottom. This does not affect the safety of the pool as the chemicals are being precisely maintained. We have a committee composed of Chris Dickey, Mark Puccio and Adam Steczko who have sourced the equipment needed for the project and are now working on contracting the labor for the installation. We are very mindful of the fact that we are entering prime pool season, so we are trying to do this with minimal downtime for the pool. We estimate that this work should not take more than a day or two, during which time the pool can still be used.



YOUTH SAILING CAMPS

We are in the middle of our second summer sailing camp this week. These sessions, under the guidance of Ed Henkel, have been a rousing success. We have completed the Spring weekend sessions and the first 5-day summer camp, and will be finishing up the second camp at the end of this week. We will also be offering another weekend program in the fall for those youth sailors who wish to participate in the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta in October. Thanks to Ed, Matt Hardin and all the members who have given a portion of their time to help out

with the kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For information on upcoming events at the club check out the events page on the DCYC website. We will be having a July 4th celebration for the whole family and will have additional events posting to the website soon.

CHECK YOUR BOAT

Finally, I have been asked to share with you the following message from Randall Massey about boats in the harbor. During this time of year, and again in the fall, we have the storms with high winds, high water and high drama. These



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storms toss boats around in the harbor and they frequently slip their lines, especially if they are not regularly checked.

“Be advised that John Lusk and I are putting together a number of Dock Lines to use when we (Adam, John, myself and others) see a member’s boat in dire need. There will be a colored strip, probably RED, on the lines to advise the member to replace their lines or be charged. The fee schedule for this is \$25 for 1st line, \$50 for 2nd line, \$100 for 3rd line, and \$200 for the 4th line. OF COURSE, we will give the member approximately 30 days to replace the club line

and return before any charges. Thanks”

The way to avoid these situations is to check on your boat. Be weather aware, especially during the spring and fall storm season and check your lines whenever the forecast calls for high winds.

Happy Sailing and be careful out there!

John Pherson

DCYC Commodore 2022

COMING EVENTS

WEDS NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

When: June 29, 2022

Location: DCYC

4TH OF JULY BBQ & RAFT UP

When: July 4, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: DCYC

LADIES POOL NIGHT

When: July 5, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: DCYC

JULY BOG MEETING

When: July 28 2022

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: DCYC Clubhouse

AUG BOG MEETING

When: Aug 25 2022

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: DCYC Clubhouse



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

BY CHANCE BECK
VICE COMMODORE



Welcome to summer from your Vice Commodore

I am finishing this as the first day of summer 2022 is four hours old. Why does it feel like we are in the second month of summer already – forecast indicates we may be in for over fifty days over one hundred degrees.

The month of May saw some great sailing, thanks to all that supported the Heritage Cup and J-24 Regattas. Also, special thanks to Ed Hinkel for the well-attended junior sailing camps. Many of our junior members enjoyed their time on the water and learned a lot about sailboats and the art of sailing.

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Last year General Membership Meeting approved a couple large projects. Key among them is weather protection of the clubhouse and progress on a breakwater addition/improvement.

These are planned to begin after the Spring regattas, so you will be hearing of participations opportunities on these projects in the near future.

There are two emergency projects that have required our focused attention recently. The largest, most visible is the water contamination issue. Our system remains in a “Boil Water” state but Water Treatment Consultants has reviewed our work to date, making recommendations as we look to alleviate the issues.

We have just issued a contract for them to upgrade the filter and treatment system in the well house. In addition to new filtration, a chlorine injector system is being installed to insure clean water in the piping at times of low or no use.

The second large project is the upgrade and improvement of the pool filter system. If you have frequented the pool in the last couple months you know there were leaks in the main drain and other plumbing systems. Additionally, half of the pumping/filters have not been functioning. One of the sand filters has been leaking its sand into the pool. Thanks to Adam Steczko for all his work on keeping the pool safe for our use.



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As Summer activities increase in both the outdoor kitchen and pool areas, I request that if you host a lunch or dinner event, please take your trash to the dumpster not just fill up the closest trash can. We are a volunteer organization and have hired trash service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If trash cans are filled, especially on the weekend, it may be one of the board members that empties the can to keep the areas clean. Your board are not paid help so please help out to keep our facilities clean.

We have had a past article from Doug Thrift on new Fire

Extinguishers requirements. There are other changes that we all need to review to be safe on the water this year

The Gowrie Group marine team has put together an overview of the most important new regulations and safety topics to help boat owners prepare for a safe and fun 2022 season on the water.

Engine Cutoff Switches & NEW Usage Requirements. As of April 1, 2021, a new federal regulation went into effect that requires the operator of a boat with an installed Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to use the ECOS link. The law applies on all "Navigable Waters of

the US" and to any motorized boat less than 26 feet in length with 3 or more horsepower.

The main exceptions are if the main helm station is within an enclosed cabin, if the vessel is not required to have an ECOS by state boating law, and when the boat is traveling at slow harbor speeds or docking. An engine cut-off switch (ECOS) works by cutting power to the engine when the captain goes overboard. The primary options are a wireless system, or a classic lanyard as pictured here. Many marine retailers sell classic lanyards that have multiple clip types so that they can work on most any vessel. Learn more about Engine Cutoff Switches.

Wear Your Life Jacket. The most important life jacket safety rule is to wear it! Each year, you should check your life jackets to ensure they float, have no rips or tears, and fit well.

Most new 2022 life jackets have improved labeling. The icons on the new labels indicate performance level, turnability, important warnings, and also U.S. Coast Guard approval. These icons help users select and wear the right life jacket based on the intended water and boating activity. Learn more about the new life jacket labels.





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Fire Extinguisher Expiration Dates & NEW Requirements. Beginning April 20, 2022, new U.S. Coast Guard regulations change the extinguisher expiration dates and the minimum classification of fire extinguishers to be carried aboard newer boats. The new regulation puts a 12-year expiration on all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguishers. A boater should look for the manufacture date on the bottom of the fire extinguisher container or near the URL label. It may appear as two or four digits (e.g., 08 or 2008). The 12-year expiration date puts the U.S. Coast Guard regulations in line with

the National Fire Protection Association's recommendations. The U.S. Coast Guard also sets the requirements for number and type of fire extinguishers required on each boat/yacht. Learn more about the new 2022 U.S. Coast Guard regulation. Learn more about USCG Fire Extinguisher Requirements.

I hope to see you all at the club for the Fourth of July Celebration. Remember fireworks are not allowed in Oak Point, on the Corps Of Engineers Lease Property or on DCYC grounds.

As always get on the water and be safe boating.

The Board of Governors

are nearing the half way point in 2022. We will soon be discussing plans for the coming year.

Carry over of projects not completed for a number of reasons, ideas for what is needed in the future to make your club meet your needs and expectations. Plan for growth, added membership, slips and dry storage and project that we have not even thought about.

DCYC needs your help and input. We need to expand participation on the Board, helping make plans, set goals and take ownership of approved projects.

If you care about the future and direction of DCYC, get involved.

We are looking for members interested in board positions, interested in serving with Committee Heads for Social, House, Grounds and other positions. Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club can only survive if we have members learn what it takes to keep our door open, what each committee's charge is to add value for each of us and then, be willing to move to higher positions in the management of your club.

Come to the Board of Governor's Meetings. They are

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open to all. Learn more about your club and help us keep growing.

Your help and input are important and welcome.

Volunteer to keep DCYC a club we are all proud of and happy we belong to this great group of people with a great facility.

I look forward to seeing you around the club and at a future Board Meeting

Chance Beck, Vice Commodore



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 23, 2022

Item: Discussion of liability protection for DCYC from contractor/vendor work and personal injuries while providing services on or for the benefit of the club and membership.

Club council, Mike Betz is reviewing the current proposal and options to insure DCYC is appropriately covered from accidents and injuries to non-members engaged in activities and/or providing services to DCYC and membership on property.

Item: Water System upgrade. A Chlorine injector system is being installed in the well water system to mitigate the growth of Coliform and other bacteria in the domestic water system. The filter system is also being replaced to a new, easier to maintain system.

Water and Ice are expected to be back to normal for the July 4 events.

Item: Pool update. The non-functioning sand filter has been removed. New pool pumps and filter system are available and scheduled for installation.

Pool system has redundant pump and filter. Pool is open

and safe to use during the filter/pump replacement.

Item: Social: July 4th. Lots of activities are planned for the 4th. Food and games, culminating in a raft up to watch fireworks at dusk.

Weekly Blast Emails are sent through the summer to keep us informed of events, if you do not receive the emails, check and update your information on the new website.

Item: Wednesday evening Sailing and Social. Wednesday racing is growing, come out and ride with someone if you do not to untie your boat from the dock. If you cannot make the 6:00PM start, come out for the after race social. Information on the racing is available on the App – Discord. Contact Webmaster or Fleet Captain for Discord log on information.

Item: New Members. Four new members have been welcomed to the club:

SCOTT WITHERELL #1230

CARY AND LISA SPRAGGINS #1231

YANCY GRAVES #1232

ASSOCIATE

AGUSTIN MIRANDA #1229

If you see someone you do not recognize, introduce yourself and welcome them to DCYC.

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SUMMER YOUTH SAILING CAMPS

BY ED HENKEL

SummerSummer Youth
Sailing Camps

DCYC Youth Sailing has completed its 2022 Youth Summer Sailing Camps programs. The two sold-out camps had a fine mix of enthusiastic young girls and boys ages 7-13 and a 15-year-old. Many campers were first-time sailors and experienced the thrill of solo sailing in our kid-friendly Optimist sailboats. Several campers in each camp were intermediate skilled sailors and enjoyed sailing our more advanced O'Pen Skiff (Bic) board boats and our RS Tera advanced trainers. This year represented a significant increase in the number of DCYC member's children and grandchildren participating in camp. A select group of invited sailors joined. The programs were not open to the public in 2022. Tuition fees paid to DCYC cover all the camp expenses and return a net income for the Youth Program's future activities.

Off the water we had plenty of action in the club pool, during ping pong, corn-hole



bean bag toss, and ring toss games. A relaxing lunchtime break was available each day for the campers to enjoy their home-packed lunches. Some sailors ate in the airconditioned clubhouse whilst others chose to have a picnic poolside. The choice was theirs except on the hottest days when we all had lunch inside.

The campers were taught to rig the boats, how to steer with a tiller, sail away from the dock, and return safely. On-the-water coaches guide the young sailors through various maneuvers such as tacking, gybing, capsizing drill, and sail trim. We frequently sailed in

our spacious, protected harbor; on several days we ventured out to the main lake under gentle breezes. Basic sailing knots were demonstrated to the campers and each child had opportunities to practice knot tying. During each camp, under the supervision of the Youth Coach aboard, the young sailors crewed and steered aboard the 15-foot day-sailor "Mr. Myles". During the first camp we had a two-hour fun sail aboard two large keelboats. Paul Bell was the captain of one vessel and Tim Kraft, substituting for David Patterson, was the other captain. The coaches, staff, parents, and the campers sailed and crewed on



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the respective keelboat. It was a hot, light wind Friday afternoon sail; afterwards, a dip in our refreshing pool satisfied the need for some cooling.

The Youth program supplied abundant quantities of ice-cold Gatorade and Ozarka Spring Water to complement the refillable water bottles each camper brought from home. Sun-protection clothing was encouraged, and regular reapplication of sunscreen was required. Each afternoon the children enjoyed ice pops in a variety of flavors and on the final day of each camp we had an ice cream, cookies & cupcakes party.

Each Youth Sailing Camp had two full-time, compensated, camp-counsellors of high school or college age. These young adults, Jason, Jessica [2 camps], and Lauren, are children or grandchildren of DCYC members and had been with us in last year's camps. The core volunteer coaches were Matt Harden and Ed Henkel. DCYC members, such as Charles Hoffman, volunteered for many days and contributed meaningfully. John Pherson conducted the always kid-favorite mini-sailboat regatta in the pool. Some parents

or grandparents of enrolled campers generously assisted with many camp tasks. Some parents voluntarily worked hard to help manage the boat rigging, launching, and recovery.

Youth Sailing at DCYC will be on hiatus for the hot Texas summer of July-August 2022 (with perhaps some brief exceptions). We expect to return to sailing in September 2022 with our Regatta Preparation/Racing classes to train for the major youth event, Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta, at DCYC in October 2022. For information about Youth Sailing at DCYC check out the youth web pages at www.dcy.org/youth-sailing-program or contact Youth Sailing Coach Ed at kw1720cc@gmail.com.

ANATOMY OF A CAPSIZE

BY ADAM STRECZKO

Recently there was a DCYC crew capsized. They were uninjured. This could have turned out quite differently. Let's look at it in detail. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.

The incident occurred during the day, under clear skies, and a warm, brisk, southerly winds (20 gusting 30). The sailors were very experienced, and did not expect anything unusual. The boat was well equipped, and in good shape. What could go wrong?

The sailors were enjoying a comfortable sail on the northern part of the lake, and were south



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bound, about to round the red / green buoys adjacent to the club. Then it happened! The boat capsized, and both sailors were tossed into the water. The boat turned turtle, and the centerboard dropped back into the centerboard well. This and other factors made it impossible to right the boat from in the water.

Once the capsized boat was observed, people on shore immediately started rescue efforts. Calls were made on the VHF radio to request assistance from active boats, and people on shore hailed boats leaving the club to assist, and the "queen" was manned and dispatched to assist.

Getting the 2 people out of the water was not easy, even with the low freeboard of the Queen. It took two people to assist the victims on board. Had they been weaker from exposure, it may have been impossible.

What was done right:

Life jacket were being worn.

A portable VHF radio was on board.

Belongings were secured to the boat in bags.

What was done wrong:

While experienced in keel

boats, their experience in dinghies was a lot less.

A bad decision was made to sail an unfamiliar boat in such high winds.

The VHF radio was not secured to the sailors or the boat. It was floating under the boat.

There was no noise signaling devices (whistles) on the vests.

Items were secured in bags that were not waterproof.

The rescue boat departed with an almost empty gas tank/

Where were they lucky:

Occurred during weekend sailing.

The "Queen" had just enough fuel to get to the rescue area and return. (Fuel tank

almost empty).

People and boats were readily available to assist.

Occurred where incident was visible from club area.

Occurred where incident was within audible range.

Water was warming from winter lows. Hypothermia not an immediate actor.

How everyone may increase safety while on the water:

Each boat (power & sail) should have at least one VHF portable radio turned to channel 68 while on the water.

Solo boaters should wear a life vest at all times, complete with VHF radio, and whistle firmly attached.

Solo boaters should have a boating plan filed with someone on shore.

Boaters needs to examine the equipment available on their boats and evaluate how it would be used to lift someone out of the water. We get too secure in our habits - right and wrong. It takes an incident to cause us to examine our procedures.

On your next launch, practice a crew overboard drill. You never know when you might need it.



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POOL & PATIO FURNITURE

BY JAMES HANKINS

PAST COMMODORE 2017



I do hope you're enjoying the new Patio and Furniture .It's a wonderful improvement to our club .As a reminder the club purchased the pool furniture back in 2016 with an investment of nearly \$13,000 and recently the patio furniture an investment of nearly \$16,000 which included 2 additional loungers for the pool . We are exploring adding a few more tables & Chairs with remaining budgeted funds.

The point of this article is to remind our membership like all furniture, it needs your love and attention and maintenance to insure its longevity and

continued enjoyment .From time to time I've noticed tables and chairs are a mess after the weekend or club events with food debris and sticky drink stains so I would like to make a few request .

1. Clean the Tables and Chairs after your use with simple dawn soap and water and then rinse with water. I've requested a few spray bottles be placed here and there.

This is actually out of the manual:

Painted finishes are used on aluminum seating, tables and umbrellas. Clean the finish with a sponge or soft bristle brush using a cleaning solution with 1/4 cup (2 oz.) mild biodegradable liquid soap in a gallon of lukewarm water (100° F / 38° C). Rinse thoroughly. Avoid using abrasive cleaners.

2. If your body is lathered with sun screen, note that certain suntan and sun block products contain ingredients are harmful to vinyl and can permanently discolor it, so please place a towel down before use.

3. If you feel the need to re arrange the furniture, then pick them up rather than dragging them to protect the bottom tabs . Then please put them back

in the arrangement you found them .

And remember this!

"The overall enjoyment and fun that happens at DCYC occurs when you become involved, meeting new people and contributing to the ownership and camaraderie of our club. DCYC is a MEMBER OWNED ALL VOLUNTEER OPERATED club. It takes each and every one of us contributing in some way (beyond monthly dues payments) to keep the yacht club fun, inviting, cared for and fully operational."

Have a great summer.

James Hankins





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PIRATE SAYS!



BY RANDALL MASSEY
PAST COMMODORE
DIRTY DOBBERS 102

We have all raised the main sail and a rain of Dirt Dobber nest come tumbling down on us and all over the boat. You can't walk anywhere without squashing the nest and everything in it. YUCK!

Many years ago We got Mariner Sails to sew net pouches, see pictures, into the under side of the main sail cover that closed with Velcro. We filled the pouches with moth balls, kind of stinks, and zero to few Dirt Dobber nest from that day forward. Of course, you need to leave the main sail cover on the dock when you go Sailing, dirt Dobber free I may add!!

YELLOW JACKET/ RED WASP 101

You seem to never see the pest until you reach under the dock on into the shore power (they love that area). Then OUCH. Benadryl helps and We keep a cheap cigar to wet a



pinch and place it on the sting/ stings. The tobacco seems to draw the soreness out a bit to a lot.

If you discover them before the sting and don't have a spray, put a drop of dish wash detergent/ soap in a cup of water and throw it on the wasp. Soap makes the water stick to their wings and the usually fall to the ground. Man do I love the crunch sound when I step on them!

Enough already, Cheers





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ABOUT DCYC

Established in 1956 by a group of twelve families, Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club was born a member-owned, volunteer-driven club devoted to competition and camaraderie on the water.

Today, we honor the legacy of our founders; their incredible foresight continues to inspire us as we build on their cornerstone.

