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SWAP & SHOP
GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
MARCH 10TH
7:30 PM
@ MSYC



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Commodore

Dean Doty, *Bits N Pieces*

Our annual Swap and Shop will be held at the club meeting Monday March the 10th @ 7:30 P.M. This is a wonderful time to clear out the attic and garage of all your unwanted marine items and turn it into cash! We all know how expensive sailboat related equipment costs. I'm sure a bargain item can be found at this social event. In the years past I have purchased a pump head, battens and a headsail. A special thank you goes out to Joanie Gallo and all the members who helped out at our Valentines dinner last month. The food was delicious. It was great to sit down, break bread and socialize. All had a good time.

I thought we were going to miss a year with a significant snowfall. The snow fell quickly on Friday the 22nd. The frostbite race set for the 24th had to be cancelled. The weather was clear but the small sailboats were frozen solid down at the harbor. Fran Nilsen did a great job as always coordinating this years frostbite series. Congratulations to all the racers who braved the weather to come down and race. There is some good pictures on the website of this series. Just click on the top of the page under photo album. The pictures will prove that our Vice Commodore can fit on a sunfish.

With any kind of luck March will bring warmer temperatures and we can start working on our boats. It seems a long time ago since haul out. Does anyone know were to get a throttle cable for a Islander with a Atomic Four give me a buzz. Mine snapped right at the end by the lever. Luckily I was at idle approaching my mooring. With a vice grip at the end of the cable I was able to get a couple more late season sails. Hope to see you at the meeting in March.

Vice Commodore

Ted Turner, *Anomaly*

We are governed by the rules of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). These "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) are our responsibility to know and I encourage all racers to get familiar. We strongly urge you to attend the upcoming Rules and Tactics seminars from the YRA on March 16 and/or the MSSA Rules and Starting Strategies seminar on March 20. The MSSA seminar is free. Contact Don Romard (dromard@optonline.net) to RSVP for the MSSA seminar or to get the details and discount to the YRA seminar.

With our final race committee meeting behind us we are diving hard into our yearbook updates, of which there is a lot. The MSSA yearbook is officially our "race instructions" and is a "must have" for you racers. Yearbooks will be available at our general meeting on May 12th (The Commodore's Reception) and will be on line just before the first race on May 10th. The schedule is already posted on the website (mssa.org) and those of you who have not signed up for committee boat duty should check that schedule, pick an open date and contact me to sign up.

I need any new boat information you have to make sure your handicap and division is correct. * You must declare your jib size for the season. We are enforcing the "annual declaration of LP" as prescribed by the YRA.

At our first race committee meeting we addressed our Cox Sprague scoring system for high point. We felt it was somewhat unfair to the occasional two boat races. I suggested modifying the two-boat column of the chart to give us the balance we are seeking. My idea was met with an overwhelming

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Rear Commodore



Joanie Gallo

Thanks to all who came out on a very chilly, windy night to attend our February Meeting/Social. After conducting some business and asking the trivia question of the night (Brian Watson was the winner of a bottle of wine), 50/50 (Congrats, Jeff Leiman), a dinner of spaghetti with meatballs and sausage as well as salad and bread were served. Ice cream sundaes were the "happy ending" dessert and a good time enjoyed by all. Much thanks also to the MSYC. The Commodore was good enough to let us use their premises to accommodate our plan. It was nice to decorate the tables and make a festive atmosphere for this Valentine's celebration. I really appreciate all those helping hands – couldn't do it without you!!!!

"As we sail through life, don't avoid rough waters, sail

on because calm waters won't make a skillful sailor."

Unknown

The busy bees of our Bridge have been working hard on finalizing our master schedule. Get those renewals in with your updated information, so to get it right in our 2008 yearbook. The season is getting closer - longer, warmer days are on the horizon.

***DON'T FORGET.....take some time and go through your "stuff of a nautical nature" and bring it for our annual Swap and Shop to be held at our next General Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10th @ 7:30 at the MSYC. Come on down.....see what little treasures you may find!! Looking forward to a great season.....

Fleet Captain



Lonnie Cardinuto, Celer

Hello MSSA Members, Thanks to all who attended the Cruising meeting at the MSYC on Jan.28. The meeting was well attended by 27 members representing 19 boats. Everyone participated and collectively we put together a 2008 Cruising schedule. The Cruising Schedule is as followed:

May 17 / 18	Milford 1	Chris Antipas / Skywalker
May 31 / Jun 1	Mattituck	Ted Turner / Anomaly
June 21 / 22	Northport	D&P Imhoff / Excalibur III
July 19 / 20	Norwalk Islands	G. Sintchak / Anniversary
Aug 8 / 9 / 10	Hamburg Cove	Lonnie Cardinuto / Celer
Aug 10 / ??	Start Long Cruise	Cruise Captain Needed
Aug 30/31/Sept 01	City Island	Cruise Captain Needed

Sept 13 / 14	Milford 2	Cruise Captain Needed
Oct 18 / 19 / 20	CT. River Fall Cruise	Cruise Captain Needed
Oct 25 / 26 / 27	CT. River alt Date	Cruise Captain Needed

If you go to the Club Web Site The Cruising Schedule should be up and running.

One of my projects this year was to pull my fuel injectors out and have them checked. I had a slight smoking problem until the motor would warm up. I figured lets try process of elimination. I know I have good fuel so the next easiest thing to do was to pull my fuel

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Secretary



Miriam Garcia

Kudos to Joanie for a job well done on the February spaghetti dinner! On March 10 we will have the annual Swap & Shop meeting...so do some searching & purging and bring your stuff to the March meeting. As the saying goes, "someones' junk is always someones' treasure."(something like that anyway!).

The cruising and racing schedules are almost finalized. I ask that cruise captains please write a blurb about your proposed cruise to be included in the yearbook. If you do not wish to write your own, the existing blurb in the 2007 yearbook can be revised and utilized

instead. Please let Lonnie know what your intentions are.

As you well know, membership information is a large part of the yearbook. As I am busily updating and revising the yearbook, it would be very helpful to have membership updates and revisions readily available to ensure a timely completion of the revisions prior to the printing deadline which is in mid April. Please note if you forgot to make any revisions on your

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Vice Commodore (cont.)

negative response to the idea of changing something that was bigger than us. A committee was formed to research alternative scoring methods and it was found that other scoring methods were not as good as what we are using, and there were other fleets that modified the "Cox Sprague" scoring methods. I'm glad to hear I'm not so crazy and we are adopting the "Modified Cox Sprague". We also determined that the PHRF split between A and B divisions would be at 100, and we would extend a couple of the popular courses for our *fast* "A" division.

Our commodore, Dean, and I recently went to a YRA meeting at the Larchmont Yacht Club with questions and concerns, looking for guidance and clarifications on procedures, handicapping and etc.. Some of the things we came home with are: if you have a cruising credit for a roller furler, the furler must be operational with the jib tacked above the drum. They told us that for Non-spinnaker fleets the whisker pole length cannot exceed the

"LP" dimension. Also if you add a bowsprit for tacking an asymmetrical spinnaker, it cannot exceed 1.15 x J. We pledged to them to continue encouraging racers to join the YRA and that we would continue our policy of not giving cruising credits, unless granted by the YRA.

I want to personally thank our Rear Commodore, Joanie, who home cooked sauce and meatballs for our Valentine dinner meeting. It was great to see such a good turnout. I'm looking forward to our next meeting on March 10th, where we have our annual "Swap-n-Shop". Dig deep in your basements and garages to bring your "stuff" to sell. One man's junk is another mans gold! Anything goes and the proceeds go in your own pocket! See you then.

Fleet Captain (cont.)

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Injectors. I found a small company called Diesel Injector Services located at 960 East Jericho Tpk. Huntington Sta. their phone is 631-412-5689. I pulled my injectors out and for \$12.00 ea. they check the spray pattern and the pressure settings. Well it turned out my injectors were spraying the fuel not atomizing the fuel. My nozzles were in bad shape and needed to be replaced. Well all four injectors completely rebuilt with new nozzles, cleaned and pressure set and tested to factory specs. The bill was \$96.00 complete that includes the testing fee. Now if you own a boat you know \$96.00 is not much. Needless to say I had a smile on my face after paying that bill and hopefully my smoking problem is gone. If not at least I now know my injectors are cleaned, having new nozzles and pressure tested. I can't wait to start my motor this spring and well see if my problem goes away. Quick Tip You know water and diesel fuel don't mix. I figured out years ago one thing to check that is probably overlooked is the O-ring gasket on your fuel tank deck fill cap. Rain water and water from washing down your deck could easily enter your fuel tank if the O-ring is in bad condition. You can get a new O-ring in most marine stores. Also lubricate the O-ring each season with Vaseline or some kind of lubricant to keep it from drying out and prolong its life. It won't be long now, Spring is around the corner.

Secretary (cont.)

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renewal forms, which you would like to have in the yearbook, feel free to e mail them to me at, miriam473@yahoo.com . March 15 is quickly approaching...so please renew your membership and make revisions on your applications as needed. Karen Athanasiades, Kyrenia II, has graciously volunteered to assist with coordinating membership/renewals. Thank God for Karen...and thank you Karen! Any bridge member and/or Karen will be happy to accept your renewals in person or by mail.

I would now like to take this opportunity to welcome Martin & Irene Wolfson, Ranger's Charlie, as the newest members of the MSSA family...Welcome aboard!!!

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Lenny Holter, s/v Dreamer

I am down here in the "Redneck Riviera" otherwise known as the Florida keys, specifically, I am sending this from Boot Key Harbor (about 20 miles from Key West). I got some emails from friends who tried to cross to the Bahamas and they had a really tough time of it so maybe I'll try it on the return trip. I was told by several cruisers that the good time to go is before Thanksgiving so I'll keep that in mind. Anyway, Boot key harbor really goes out of their way to make a cruiser feel welcome. A mooring cost \$250 for a month and includes: dingy dockage, showers, trash and water, laundry, huge captain's lounge tv's games etc, weekly pump-out and a welcome package that will be delivered to my boat today (can't wait). Every morning there is a "cruisers net" on the vhf and they welcome the newbies discuss issues, announce and organize activities and give away a free lunch if you can answer the trivia question of the day. About 200 moorings and you have to get on a waiting list and anchor-out till you are called. I will use this as a base to go exploring the other keys. They even have a buddy boat board in the lounge so you can see who is going where and when, what size boat they have and their cruising speed, kewl. Tomorrow is a "mix and meet" pot luck cocktail party with chili cook-off and dingy races (I'll see if my 2hp honda is up to the task) if you leave a wake you are disqualified so I may have a chance. Gonna do some laundry and meet friends for happy hour tonight. The manager gave me a lift to the library on his Road Star how embarrassing , sorry Ted. Be well my friends

All who wander are not lost