

TELL TALE

Columbia Sailing Club

March 1997

At the Helm

by Commodore Johnny Johnson

The docks are back and the boats are coming home! What a beautiful sight to see things return to normal. Lots of activities are occurring around and planned for Columbia Sailing Club. Let's start with the SAYRA meeting in late January at Hilton Head. **J.C. Moore** was recognized for his efforts and leadership and is the new SAYRA Commodore Elect. Congratulations to J.C. and another feather for Columbia Sailing Club. Amid all the discussion at the SAYRA meeting, one point became increasingly evident. That is that the member clubs continue to place great importance on our youth and in junior sailing. This is great for the young people and creates a wonderful membership pool as they grow older. Offer your help to **Bill and Pat Freeman** as they work with our kids.

Years ago we had the first New Year's Eve Party at Columbia Sailing Club that became a benchmark for all great parties. Nothing has come close to it until **John Young's** 50th birthday extravaganza this month. The clubhouse was packed, the food was plentiful and delicious, and everyone wore a special 50th T-shirt. **Craig and Alicia Milling, Joey Waters** and numerous friends went all out. There were even fireworks (I remember, I participated, but Roger

wouldn't let me hold the lighter.) The DJ played until about 2:00 a.m. at which time we took away **Arthur Simmon's** dance partner and let out the air. The party was a blast!

Other events in February included the spaghetti supper to celebrate the return of the lake and boats. Thanks **Chip and Michele Lyerly!**

March will be a busy month for Columbia Sailing Club members. **Bill Davis** and **Dan Clayton** have set March 15 as our Pre-Easter Regatta work day. Give them a call to offer your services. Also this month is the annual Easter Regatta which is March 28-30. This is always a showcase regatta. Many hours go into planning, running, and supporting this beautiful and highly competitive regatta. If you wish to support this effort, please contact **John Lane** or the **Ladies Auxiliary**. It is hard work, but will make you very proud to be a member of Columbia Sailing Club. Each year the hospitality of CSC members ensures the return of first rate sailors from around the country.

James and Betty Dedmon are doing much better after the flu (James) and back problems (Betty). We wish them continued improvement.

Lastly, mark your calendar

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SAYRA Annual Meeting

by Will Haltiwanger

The annual meeting of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association was held January 24-26 at the Hilton Resort. The cocktail party Friday was held at the South Carolina Yacht Club, posh.

SAYRA consists of 41 clubs, 293 individuals, 42 junior and 10 associate members.

The Helen Hanley Fund now exceeds \$100,000. These funds are available when traveling to regional and national events. Contact **Will Haltiwanger** or SAYRA to request funds. This year's fund raising is in memory of **Art Menke**, past SAYRA Commodore, Senior Race Officer, Senior Judge and one of the first Regional Training Coordinators for US Sailing.

Discussion at this year's meeting included the use of the Lightning as the 3-man boat for training. Only one club has purchased one, call me if you have a suggestion. Also, the issue of requiring wearing of vests was brought up; inflatable PFD's got a hearty recommendation. Remember to thank sponsors for their support of sailing if you want them to support you again.

A SAYRA Judge Program has been established. Seminars are available for training judges.

Remember that individuals can become associate members of SAYRA; fees are \$10 for adults and

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for the Past Commodores' Party. It will be April 5 and is a member's only party.

Members in the News

Martin Jones' brother, Ed, wrote an article about George Sumner, the founder of the Columbia Sailing Club. The article appears in this month's *Sailing Magazine*, under the title "Spindrift". Martin is currently on a trip o Antarctica - you read right - Antarctica, and will return March 9. Maybe we can get him to give us an account of his trip when he returns.

Roger Dougal was highlighted in USC's College of Engineering *Quarterly*. The article points out that the \$8 million grant by the U.S. Navy is one of the largest research awards ever received at USC. Go Roger!

Membership News

Resigned in good standing:

Sam Roberts
David Loring

Status changed to Residential Membership:

David Parshall

Application for Membership:

Michael D. Smith of 4424 Cricket Drive, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29118, has applied for membership. He is a investment representative with Edward Jones & Company. His phone numbers are: home—803-534-6881 and work—803-534-5247. He and his wife, **Dale Henslee-Smith**, sail a Catalina 25. They have a daughter, **Claudia Henslee** who is 13 years old. He is sponsored by **Linton Lewis**.

Attention:
CSC Children & Friends
Commodore E. Bunny
will make his annual visit
Sunday, March 30
4 PM
BYOB
(Bring your own basket)

SAYRA Report

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\$5 for juniors under 18. You will receive a copy of the sailing schedule, the SAYRA directory and a quarterly newsletter; and don't forget to join US Sailing.

Junior Items: The Optimist program is alive and well at many area clubs, we need to work on our program. The Olympic Path Program has been established by US Sailing to identify and develop talented youth. High school sailing programs are doing well in many areas, let's consider sponsoring one or more teams; **Jerry Zimmerman** in Charleston is involved in the National Interscholastic Sailing Association and is available to assist with this. US Sailing maintains an Instructor Job Bank, it can be used to list people seeking employment and positions available; cost is \$15. Optimist, Sunfish and Lasers will have five regatta championship circuits. Contact US Sailing to be placed on the mailing list for the *Learning Curve*. **Kelly Oetgen** has taken over junior sailing and several committees are working to establish a junior database and yearbook.

Please call me for information about anything related to SAYRA. Note that a Portsmouth division, and possibly a PHRF division, will be included in the SAYRA Inshores this year, so you won't have to have a class to race.

J.C. Moore is Commodore-Elect of SAYRA, congratulations. Let's plan for a big turn out at next year's meeting to support J.C. Next year's annual meeting will probably be held at the Hilton Resort. Maybe J.C. can get them to keep the hot tub open later.

Up coming events include: Race Management Seminar at Charleston Yacht Club on April 12 and Small Boat Instructor Certification at the Savannah Yacht Club June 7-10. Check the bulletin board for the racing calendar.

CSC Juniors
Come to the next Junior Club
Meeting
Sunday, March 16th
3 PM
at the Clubhouse

Meet The Commodore

by Jessie Helms



CSC's new Commodore, **John Peter Johnson**, is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, the first of his family to be born an American citizen. He is the only son of an improbable, romantic meeting and marriage in London during World War II. His father, who hailed from the Greek island of Cyprus, was in business in London. His mother's family had fled to London from their home in war-ravaged Hungary. The couple did not speak each other's language, but love, as they say, knows no barriers. Their first child, a daughter, was born at the height of a London blitz.

When the war ended, Johnny's dad, who disliked London's cold, damp weather, determined to bring his family to the United States and thence to the agreeable climate of South Carolina. His parents began to learn English, southern style. Like all our forebears, the family was American by choice, bringing with them their own cultural legacies and an enduring faith in their adopted country. They instilled in their three children the virtues of education and hard work.

Johnny graduated from Dreher High School in Columbia. He says his dad, now 91 and in a nursing home, "never fully understood the American game of football," but he attended every game, enthusiastically cheering on his son and the Blue Devils. His mother remains in the family home in Columbia. Johnny earned a degree in Civil Engineering from USC and began work with Santee Cooper. He and his bride, the former **Cynthia Bell**, a Winthrop grad who grew up on a dairy farm in Hartsville, South Carolina, lived in Monck's Corner.

Johnny later established his own business, Power Engineering Co., of which he is President. A multi-state clientele requires frequent travel from his Lake Murray home and the fishing he enjoys. Johnny says he has always been drawn to the water and has a keen interest in the responsible enjoyment of our abundant water resources.

Johnny always admired sailboats. He acquired his first when he and another ninth grader stumbled upon a battered, abandoned wooden hull. The boys cut a limber pine for a mast; rigged a purple bedspread for a sail; strapped a board to the side for a keel and steered with an oar. "She didn't go upwind too well," Johnny recalled with a grin. He has since upgraded to a Catalina 25, a Sunfish and a Jonboat.

The Commodore says his "most awesome" sailing experience was witnessing the 1983 America's Cup Races, along with Al Whitworth and other CSC members.

Our new skipper joined the Club in 1982 and set right to work. He has been Dock Chairman, on the Membership Committee and has worked through the Flag ranks to Commodore. He hopes to see a renewed and expanded interest in sailing in our area as well as increased use and enjoyment of the Club by the membership. He advocates improving our facilities for present and future sailors.

The Johnson's have two grown children: **Jenny**, a physical therapist, a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, and newly employed with Lexington 5 School District. Son, Warren, is a Civil Engineering Senior at The Citadel, with hopes of pursuing a graduate degree from USC.

Best wishes, Johnny, as you lead us this year. You are special at CSC!

Columbia Sailing Club
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted and Trust Funds	Total All Funds
Receipts:			
Dues	83500	0	83500
Slip Rentals	26750	0	26750
Initiation & slip entry fees	6000	0	6000
Other	9530	1472	11002
Total receipts	125780	1472	127252
Disbursements:			
Mortgage payments	39045	0	39045
Property taxes	22498	0	22498
Insurance	17976	0	17976
Docks, ramps & back cove entrance	4434	9839	14273
House, other structures & grounds	11743	0	11743
Utilities	9085	0	9085
Club Resident	5426	0	5426
Telltale & Yearbook	3238	0	3238
Entertainment	2757	0	2757
Sailing	1742	0	1742
Inter fund transfers	6250	-6250	0
Other	3108	0	3108
Total disbursements	127302	3589	130891
Excess (-deficiency) of receipts over disbursements			
Current year	-1522	-2117	-3639
Cash at beginning of year	28555	27166	55721
Cash at end of year	27033	25049	52082

Outstanding balance on mortgage note payable at year end is \$103,289

Work Day

Saturday, March 15, 9 AM

Spring clean up on grounds and house.

Call Bill Davis (771-2099)
or Dan Clayton (732-5959)

For more information.

Junior News

by Bill Freeman

The Juniors are off to a great start. In attendance at the first meeting on February 11 were **Keller Ann Bumgardner, Katie King, Hampton Freeman, Yates Monteith, Sarah Lusk, and Stephanie and Carrie Lyerly**. We discussed what we liked about last year and what we could do this year to improve attendance.

Some of the ideas brought up were another car wash, water balloon races, boat camping, cookouts, and a trip to Charleston to get used to racing in the "Big Puddle." We are open to any other ideas you might have. This is your Club!

The meetings have been changed to Sunday afternoons. The next one will be March 16th at 3 PM. We will demonstrate a race using models and a video. We will also stuff eggs in preparation for the Easter Bunny's visit. We hope to be on the water soon. If you have questions concerning the Junior Club, please call **Bill Freeman** at 736-3616

Commodore E. Bunny to Visit

CSC will have a very special visitor on Sunday, March 30. **Commodore E. Bunny** will be stopping by around 4 PM to visit with all the boys and girls of CSC as well as their friends. There will be a special story time followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Drinks and treats will follow. Be sure to bring your own basket!!

CSCLA News

The next meeting of the CSCLA will be on Sunday, March 2, at 2:30 PM. All ladies are invited—you don't have to hold an office to participate!

Another Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at Ava D's in Ashland Park on St. Andrews Road. We'll gather at 6:30 PM for food, fellowship and fun! To join us, please call **Pat Freeman** at 736-6616 (home) or 782-1421 (work), or you can sign up on one of the posters at the club. Join us!

From the Boatmaster

Boatmaster sez—thanks to **George Selkinghaus** for his work on the Committee Boat. To **Leeton Davis** and **Frank Pierce** for the carburetor on the winch.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

80 plus revelers celebrated the rising lake levels on Friday, February 21st. **Michele and Chip Lyerly** organized a great group to prepare spaghetti and had lined up a DJ to complete the party. A special song was dedicated to **Janus DeHamer** who will celebrate his 89th birthday on March 3rd.

Entertainment Chairman, Chip, is pulling from the local talent at CSC to plan future events for each month. March 15 is the date of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration planned by **Alan Zwart**. Plan to grill burgers and dance to your favorite songs as the DJ spins the tunes. This is a LMYRA race date, so all of you racers be sure to invite your crew. At five bucks a head, it a great, (cheap) way to say thanks for all of their hard work!!!

George Selkinghaus is planning a Casino night for May. **Len and Kim Ross** are planning a New Orleans Blues Festival in June. There are still lots of months without planned events, contact Chip if you would like to help.

Members Reconnect Docks

In an undertaking reminiscent of the raising of the great pyramids of Egypt, 50 club members managed to re-install more than 1,350 linear feet of dockage on Feb 1st. Following countless setbacks with mechanized accessories, the team used nothing but elbow grease and wrenches (and an acetylene torch here and there) to reconstruct the club's docking system. Our great friend **Carl Bauguess** attempted to speed things along by sacrificing himself to Poseidon, but his many friends dissuaded him from the act and pulled him from the water.

Others who weren't quite so self-sacrificing but deserve mention nonetheless include **Mark McKaughan** who provided the necessary underwater services to reconnect dock lines, **Mace Coleman** who supplied welding equipment (and *some* degree of expertise), and **Frank Pierce** who spent two days reconnecting the electric utilities after the electric lines mysteriously shrank. Of course the day wouldn't have been such a success without the breakfast crew who showed up early to make breakfast for the whole team. Much thanks to all. If you helped on February 1, 1997 and your name is not below, please call Roger at 781-5011.

Ricky, the docks are all yours now. -- Roger

Bauguess, Carl	Guigliano, Andy	Morath, Rich
Baxter, Donnie	Hamer, Bud	Murdaugh, Vick
Blease, Mike	Hammill, Tommy	Perry, George
Blundy, Bob	Heyward, Albert	Pierce, Frank
Bond, Bob	Howard, David	Rhodes, Curtis
Boylston, Jim	Johnson, Johnny	Robnett, Chis
Brazell, Benjie	Jones, Martin	Schlafer, Ed
Brockington, Rhett	King, George (Sr.)	Scoff, George
Brockington, Richard	Lewis, Linton	Selkinghaus, George
Bumbardner, Charles	Lyerly, Chip	Smith, Leroy
Cipriano, Rich	Majors, Bill	Tapp, Tommy
Coleman, Mace	McArthur, Palmer	Whitworth, Al
Coonrod, Ben	McClain, Tom	Williams, Tuck
Edwards, Hugh	McKaughan, Mark	Willoughby, Bill
Freeman, Bill	Milling, Craig	Wood, Dean
Freeman, Chris	Moore, Meyer	Zwart, Alan

Come to CSC's
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday, March 15, 1997

Happy Hour—6 PM

Dinner—7 PM

DJ to play all night

Dancing after Dinner

Bring your crew

Bring your friends

A thrifty treat at only

\$5

Dinner includes: Hamburgers, trimmings, cole slaw, beans, dessert, tea—BYOB

Check out these Web Sites!

<http://indy.cs.sc.edu/easter>

<http://gpu.srv.ualberta.ca/~sjones/index.html>

<http://www.goals.com/index.htm>




<http://sailing.org>

Have a favorite web site? Send the location to me at:

75674.2237@compuserve.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					28 LMYRA Skip- per Meeting	1 LMYRA
2 CSCLA Meeting 2:30	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6 Ladies Night Out- Ava D's	7 Happy Hour	8 CSC NOD
9	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Hour	15 Work Day LMYRA St. Pat. Party
16 Junior Meet- ing 3 PM	17 	18	19	20	21 Happy Hour	22 CSC NOD
23	24	25	26	27	28 Happy Hour Easter Regatta	29 Easter Regatta
30 Easter Regatta C. E. Bunny visits 	31	April 1 	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5 CSC NOD Past Commodore Party 6:30

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