

TELLTALE

COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB

MAY 1997

At the Helm

by Commodore Johnny Johnson

April was a full month for the Columbia Sailing Club members and their guests.

If you missed the Easter Regatta, you missed a barn burner. Forty-one J-24's from as far away as Canada came to Columbia Sailing Club to do battle. The participants were not disappointed, nor were any who witnessed the tight competition. Columbia Sailing Club looked beautiful and our members were characteristically hospitable as the winds built on the lake. Congratulations to all who participated and to **John Lane** and his committee for such a memorable weekend. (See results elsewhere in the *Telltale*.) A special thanks to the **Ladies Auxiliary** that never fails to meet the sailor's appetites.

The **Easter Bunny** visited Columbia Sailing Club Easter afternoon and with the help of **Cynthia Johnson, Alicia Milling, John Lane, Pat and Bill Freeman** made the annual Easter Egg Hunt a big hit with some wonderful tiny people. I will never forget it.

I received a call from **John Durst** (Columbia Sporty Committee), asking if Columbia Sailing Club would host two gentlemen from Brisbane, Australia. Brisbane is wanting to follow in the footsteps of Columbia in support of the Olympics (Sidney, Australia 2000). **James Dedmond** cooked up some of his famous Beaufort Stew and a small group of Columbia Sailing Club members made the local and foreign visitors feel very much welcomed. Thanks to the **Freemans, Robert Key, Mark Alexander, Joey Waters, Roger Dougal** and **Billy Davis** for being themselves and making our guests feel at home. (**Billy Ray** and **Roger** did try to drench one of the guests in a downpour. We dried everyone out in front of the fireplace.) The Australians left two tokens of appreciation for Columbia Sailing Club. One is a plaque that will be hung in the clubhouse for every-

one to enjoy and the other is a knit shirt that is my size and I am reporting to you that I have enjoyed it.

Friday evening, April 4, several members witnessed an event that will not recur in our lifetime. The **Millings, the Dotterers, the Dougals, the Lusks, the Olmsteads, the Van Alstynes** and numerous other members viewed the Hale Bopp Comet from various boats near Spence Island. A great time was had by all and the largest box of chicken ever produced by Hardee's was devoured. (Not to mention an abundant supply of adult beverages!)

Next up was the Past Commodores Party, or Hell Week according to Cynthia. The **Coggin's, the Whitworth's** and many ladies rallied to Cynthia's plea's and presented one of the finest buffets in recent history. Twenty-four Past Commodores attended and

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Casino Night

FRIDAY, MAY 9

STEAK DINNER

6:30-?

\$10 PER PERSON

INCLUDES MEAL, PLAY
MONEY FOR THE GAMES
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18. were recognized for their focus and foresight. **Phil McClain** (1960) was the senior Past Commodore only by a slight margin to **Ed Bailey** (1961) and **John Wrisley** (1962). Their loyalty along with the other Past Commodores is the bond that holds Columbia Sailing Club together. Thank you gentlemen!

And thanks to **Mark Alexander** for taking photographs of the Past Commodores and their wives/dates.

The Y-Flyer (and JY-15) regatta (April 12 and 13) had a blustery start with a small fleet but ended in a flurry with winds reported in the 20 mph range. **Michael Kapp** and **David Mahrer** had the courage to proceed in somewhat miserable weather and pulled it off. Quite a ride in a Y-Flyer or JY-15. Again, thanks ladies for cooking lunch for hungry sailors.

As you can see, a lot is going on around the Club so come spend some time with us!

Membership News

Application for membership

John Raymont, Jr. of 525 Windward Point Court, Columbia, SC, 29212 has applied for membership. He is Vice President of Nulcem. His phone numbers are: home—749-9568 and work—731-1588. He and his wife, Marilyn sail a JY-15. They have two children, Kacey, age 21 and Mike, age 23. He sponsored by **John Lane**.

Thursday Evening Racing

The summer is approaching and you know what that means; no wind and extreme heat EXCEPT on Thursdays starting at 6:30 P.M. when YOU should be on the starting line with your Laser, Sunfish or JY-15. Rumor has it there will be some new faces, a new Laser, a new sail on **Scooter's** boat and a delicious, inexpensive, low fat meal prepared by **Dixie Robnett** to top off the evening. (Remember, this is just rumor) We start May, 29. There will be a small registration fee for the series and dinner will cost a couple of bucks. If you need more information call **Chris Robnett** at 788-7750 (before 9:30 P.M.) or just show up.

Midlands Regatta!

It came in the mail a couple of weeks ago. You know, that bright yellow paper with 38th Annual Midlands Regatta on the top line. Dig it up. Sure, you can find it, look under those bills on your desk. Now fill it out and mail it in. We're trying to resurrect the glory days of racing here at CSC, and we need your help. Come on now, clear the bird's nest out of your mainsail, dust off the compass, and get that boat moving. Then call your friends to make sure that YOUR class registers. See you on the starting line. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18.

Summer Reminder

The warm days and evenings of summer are encouraging more visits to the club. Please observe the club rules in order to maximize everyone's enjoyment of our facilities. A few reminders....

We don't always have a canteen operator. If the canteen is unlocked and unattended, it's a serve yourself operation. Put your money in the glass jar or mark it down on the "charge" card in the 3x5 card file. Don't forget to pay off that "charge" card once in a while! Children are not allowed in the canteen. When there is not a canteen operator, parents should get items for their kids

Speaking of children, there will be more on the property, so please watch out for them on land and in the water. Children are defined by the rules as under 21. Their activities are to be supervised by the sponsoring member or spouse. Also, chil-


dren are not allowed on the club property after dark without a parent.

The back cove is for sailboats, not motorboats. Motorboats are not to be docked there for any extended time, though an occasional overnight in your own slip probably won't raise eyebrows. Don't forget that motorboats should use the windward side of the front docks.

Please do not block the ramps, roads, or other land parking spaces after launching your boat. Return your trailer to its parking space and park your vehicle in an appropriate place so that others can get to their boats.

Please use common sense when enjoying the beach area, since we do not have a life guard. Parents should remain with and watch their children. No motorized watercraft (including jet skis) are allowed in or adjacent to the swimming area.

End of lecture---have a fun, safe, summer.



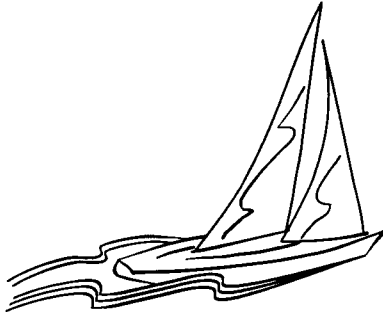
Sailing News

Y-Flyer/JY-15 Regatta

The CSC Y-Flyer regatta, held April 12-13 included a class of JY-15's this year. Organizer **Michael Kapp** pulled together a great team to put on a first class regatta. The weather looked a bit iffy on Saturday morning, but the rain cleared by the first signal.

David Parshall with crew **Bonnie Parshall** won the Y-Flyer fleet. **Zoe Dommell** placed second. In the JY-15 fleet, **Arthur Simons** with crew **Beth Simons** places first. Second place was secured by **John Raymond** who had **Marilyn Raymont** crewing for him (note: John has applied for membership).

Race committee chair, **David Mahrer** did his usual top job of setting the courses and running the races. Mark boats were manned by **Mark Alexander** and **Wayne Hale**. **Lynn Moore** and **Judy Parshall** handled the registration. Saturday night dinner was prepared by **James Dedmon** and **Billy Ray Davis**. There were many others that helped to make this a great regatta—thanks.



Youth Training Program

The CSC 1997 Youth Training Program will have two sessions this summer. Session I will be June 9-19. Session II will be August 4-14. The application for this program is included in this issue of the newsletter. The program is open to children between the ages of 8-18, and they do not have to be the child of a club member. Classes meet Monday through Thursday, 5:30-8:30 P.M.

The program uses the Club's Optimists, 420's, and Laser. The children need to provide a comfortable life vest and wear clothing that can get wet. Application deadline is June 2. Any questions should be directed to **Bill Freeman**, 736-6616.

NOD Champions

The CSC Nearly One Design series wrapped up on April 19. **Linton Lewis** took charge of the series and made sure there was race committee each race day as well as taking care of all the other details that made this a fun, successful series. Almost all of the race Saturdays had ample wind.

If it can be judge by the front porch tales, the crews' long break from sailing, due to the lowering of the lake in the fall, produced wonderful spinnaker sets and take downs, interesting mark rounding, and amazing tactical decisions. As always, the skippers' (who always performed flawlessly) maintained their legendary mild tempers.

The series winner for the 171 fleet was **Craig Milling** on his S2 7.9, *Cheap Date*. **Steve Morgan** and his S2 7.9, *Quicksilver*, came in second followed by **Tom Waters** on his J/24, *Grayfox*. This fleet had 12 boats registered for the series.

In the 222 fleet, Lake Murray Sailing Club's current commodore, **George Murray** on his Santanna 20, *Warp Speed* placed first. In second place was **Corkey Parshall** and his Santanna 20, *Batteries Not Included*. This fleet had seven boats registered for the series. Note that the Santanna 20 currently appears to be the fastest growing one design fleet on the lake. CSC has gone from none to four and a possible fifth among the membership in the past year.

Thanks to everyone that served on race committee and participated in the NOD series. The next series will begin in the fall.

Young Skippers Set Sail Sundays

Sunday afternoons find CSC youth sailing the club Optimists. If your young skipper would like to try out the Opti, show up at the swimming beach area on Sunday afternoon and put them aboard one. Don't worry if you haven had any experience with the Optimist, **Bill Freeman** is arranging the Sunday afternoon sails and there will be someone there to help you rig the boat.

Easter Regatta Report

By John Lane

Once again, sailors from across the eastern United States came to Lake Murray on Easter weekend to partake in the J24 Easter Regatta.

During the three day event, 41 boats battled on the race course enjoying both the great competition within the fleet as well as the fantastic South Carolina weather. Many of the sailors travelled from the Michigan, New York, Maryland, and Ohio to escape the cold northern winter that is still going on up there. This regatta was a huge success and one of the main reason for that success is the collective effort that the Columbia Sailing Club puts forth to make this event happen. Overall, a great job was done by so many people that it is no surprise that this regatta is as good as it is.

Let's first mention the racing. The overall winner of the regatta was **Chris Larson** of Annapolis, Maryland. Going into the last race tied for first with another Annapolis boat, Larson finished three boats ahead of his main competition in the last race to claim victory in this year's regatta. Our own **Craig Milling** crewed on the Larson boat this year and enjoyed the taste of victory. **Mark Alexander** sailing *Oyster Pie* was the top sailor among the boats from the local J24 fleet.

Ernst Swletelsky of Miami was the top finisher within the local district boats with an overall third place finish and qualifies for the J24 Worlds. Congratulations to these skippers and crew members for finishing at the top of their divisions.

The Easter Regatta is one of CSC's largest racing events and this year's event was even bigger with it being a World Qualifier and District Championship. **Roger Dougal** and **John Dotterer** handled all the duties of organizing the racing side of the regatta. On the race course, **John Dotterer**, who was also Race Committee Chairman, assembled his crew of faithfuls to serve on Race Committee. Running six fine races over the three days under typical unpredictable SC weather conditions was no easy task but John and his team pulled it off.

Handling the sailors through the registration process were **Jane Key** and **Lynn Moore**. With 41 boats additional boats, the back cove would have become a zoo if it weren't for the work done by **George Selkinghaus**, **Leeton Davis**, **Joe Sinnett**, **Bill Van Alstyne**, and **Tom McClain** who assisted throughout the

weekend to organize docking of boats and the crane operations.

Many thanks go out to these people who made things run so smoothly.

Working the sidelines this Easter, I fully realized that this regatta is much more than three days of competitive sailing. This regatta is a four day social event. It starts weeks ahead of time planning the parties and dinners, lining people up to help, order enough boiled peanuts and beer (which we still ran out of!!), and praying that no high pressure cell would sit on top of the southeast. Running the cocktail parties were **Dan Clayton**, **Hugh Edwards**, and **Art and Susie Coggins**. The cocktail parties were hosted by Bacardi Rum who provided the special ingredients that gave the punch its punch. **Pat Freeman** and the Ladies Auxillary lit up the grill to prepare their traditional lunches for the hungry sailors on Friday and Sunday. **James Dedmon** and **Billy Ray Davis** served Beaufort stew to over 225 people on Friday night with the help of **Jim and Barbara Akers**, **Frank Godfrey**, and **Betty Dedmon**.

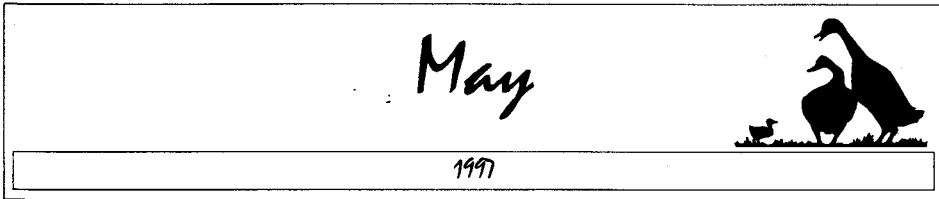
Friday's serving line was handled by the crews the boats of **Robert Key** and **Mark Alexander**. And working before most of the sailors were even out of bed was **Sue Dougal** who handled the morning breakfast duties and kept the participants well fueled with doughnuts and coffee.

There were a number of sponsors that need to be recognized for their contributions. **Bacardi Rum** hosted two fantastic cocktail parties. Koozies were provided by **SouthTrust Bank** while the infamous rolls of duct tape were donated by **Anchor Tape**. **AAA Signs** provided the bow numbers at a remarkable price. **Quantum Sails**, **Layline**, **North**, **Douglas Gill**, and the **J24 Class Office** also provided some great doorprizes that were given away during the evening meals.

There were so many people involved with the regatta that I am not able to recognize everyone, but I am thankful for all the help that went into making this year's regatta successful. Throughout the weekend, I received so many compliments acknowledging the hard work that the club puts forth and the warmth and hospitality that we show people visiting our lake.

Thank you again.





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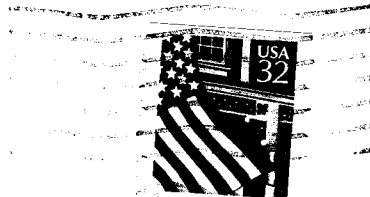
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