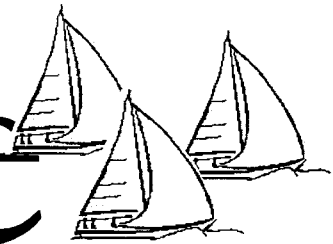


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At the Helm by Commodore Chip Lyerly

October has just concluded another busy month at CSC. The Lake is drawing down in its usual way and we are finding more and more weed spreading throughout our end of Lake Murray. With the cooler weather, winds are picking up more out of the north which makes late fall the perfect

time to be on the Lake sailing. The LMYRA Fall Series is well underway, but participation on their racing Saturdays is down somewhat, probably due to the success of the USC football program this year. Regardless of whether you are into racing, this is one of the best times of the year to be on the Lake.

Thanksgiving will also be here and gone before you know it. Friday night Happy Hour is still going strong when many evenings the crowd stays past 9:00. There is plenty of firewood stacked up, thanks to Marc Coleman and Dan Clayton, so the clubhouse promises to be toasty on these cold and breezy evenings.

Last Sunday, Holcombe Smith (Entertainment Chairman), Harriet Zwart, Alecia Milling and members of the CSCLA put on the annual Halloween party for the little hobgoblins and munchkins. Thank you to all of the parents who brought your little devils out to this event, as I know they had a great time. And, thank you to all of the members who helped organize this special party.

As we go to press, Holcombe Smith is in the final stages of preparation for our Annual CSC Oyster Roast this Saturday, November 3rd. This is the largest party we hold at the Club and is a great opportunity to bring your guest to introduce them to the CSC family. It is not unreal for us to have 150-200 people turn out for this event. Holcombe needs lots of volunteer help so please answer his call if he taps you.

In conjunction with the Annual Oyster Roast, CSC will sponsor the JY-15/McScow Regatta this weekend (Saturday and Sunday). I know we will be having a number of out-of-towners coming to USC, but I hope that we can turn out all of our members in these fleets as well. Participation from the CSC JY-15 fleet was down last year and I hope that this reverses itself this year. Mark Alexander has worked hard organizing this vent and the ladies of CSCLA will be cooking hamburgers on Sunday before the awards.

I want to remind everyone of our Annual Meeting on November 9th at 7:00. We will elect the new officers which will lead our club for 2002. I want to remind all Standing Committee Chairmen to have your written reports to me by Wednesday, November 7 at the regular monthly board meeting. These reports, made available for inspections at the Annual Meeting, become a part of the official archives of CSC.

I also want to remind everyone to go ahead and mark your holiday calendar for our annual Christmas party on December 14, 2001 at the Forest Lake Club. Michele has been very busy planning this event the last number of months and invitations will be going out in early November. This is one of our formal events and is for members and their spouses (or significant other) only. Just to give everyone a "heads up", the price has had to go up to compensate for our increase in price. Last year, the cost was \$40 per person (\$80 per couple). The actual cost to the Club was over \$63 (\$126 per couple). We have encountered a similar increase again this year with food, beverage, band, etc. The reason I am telling you all of this early is for you to budget your holiday spending in order to attend this wonderful event. This year the cost will be \$45 per person (\$90 per couple). It may seem like a lot of money, and it is, but if you eat out at very nice restaurants, have an open bar, wine served with a gourmet dinner, plus have a live band, you would easily spend well in excess of \$100. Remember, the Club regularly subsidizes \$20-\$25 per person for our Christmas party in order to hold the cost down to a minimum for our members. I hope that we will have a high turn out as we take this opportunity to honor those members who have made significant contributions to the Club over the last year.

In closing, I hope to see everyone at the Oyster Roast this weekend. Remember to bring your own oyster knife and appetite. Until then, see you at the Club. **Chip**

SAILING NEWS

What a month of sailing. Several CSC boats made the trip to Augusta for the Halloween Regatta, and Team Hugo with Alecia and Craig Milling along with John Young crewing for Nikki and Chris Freeman finishing 2nd in the J24 fleet in the breezy conditions, and Roger Dougal and crew 3rd. The LMYRA Fall series is in high gear, and the JY15 and MC Scow will be held this weekend, sharing the weekend with our Oyster Roast.

More than 25 CSC sailors competed in the Hospice Regatta at the Western Carolina Sailing Club in Anderson. It seemed as if there were more CSC members there than WCSC members, and at the awards presentation CSC was very well represented.

In very light and non-existent wind, Stanton Bost and Park Tupper won the 420 class for the 3rd straight year with 3 bullets. Congratulations Stanton and Park. Linton Lewis won the PHRF cruising fleet, with Frank Pierce 2nd. Roger Dougal and crew won the J24 class, and CSC members Nikki and Chris Freeman, Alecia Milling and Mark Alexander crewed with Matt and Mike Lague on Michael's PHRF winning J80 Flash, with Joe Waters 2nd on the Melges.

Our sailing year is winding down, but LMYRA is still going on, and I hope everyone gets a chance to sail at least once more this fall. I still need some more help with Race Committee this weekend, and I'm looking for some more nominations for the CSC Annual Awards. See you this weekend. **Mark**



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CSCLA NEWS

By: Kay Smith

The CSCLA members enjoyed a well-deserved break at a Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, October 23. I was not able to attend, but reliable sources tell me the gourmet food and fine wine at the Bush River Bistro were a big hit! The CSCLA also played a key role in pulling off the Halloween Festival on Sunday, October 28. Kids of all ages enjoyed the festivities. Thanks, ladies!

The Oyster Roast will be this weekend. Our Ship's Store will open from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for early Christmas shoppers. Stop by and browse the new Fall/Winter items.

I still need 3 or 4 volunteers to help with the burger lunch on Sunday, November 4. If you can help out, please call me at 732-7193. Ladies, it's that special time of year when we celebrate our accomplishments for this year and elect officers for next year. It's our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 11, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Our traditional champagne punch is on the menu, along with a delightful variety of hors d'oeuvres.

At the last meeting of the CSCLA, it was decided to establish a perpetual trophy to honor a member of the CSCLA for outstanding service. This award will be presented each year at the Christmas Party. Please take a few moments to nominate one of our many deserving ladies for this important award. Please include contributions, accomplishments, etc. in your nomination and mail or e-mail to me by November 10.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Provisional Member

Mark Joseph of 4824 Smallwood Road in Columbia, SC 29223. He is an Engineer at Dupont and has recently moved here from Florida. He currently has a Super Cat 17 but is actively looking for a J-22. Mark is interested in race committee, boat maintenance, grounds and entertainment. He can be reached at 462-0594 (H), 803/425-3589 (W) or e-mail: scat17@prodegy.net.

Welcome to Regular Membership
Mitchell Smith

SAYRA ANNUAL MEETING

January 25-27

Holiday Inn

Wrightsville Beach, NC

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\$79 & \$99 (oceanview)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Hour	3 JY 15 MC Fall Regatta Oyster Roast
4 JY 15 MC Snow Fall Regatta	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9 CSC Annual Meeting 7pm	10 LMYRA Fall Series 5-7
11 CSCLA 4pm	12	13	14	15 Tell Tale Deadline	16 Happy Hour	17 LMYRA Fall Series 6-7
18	19	20 CSCLA Night Out	21	22	23 Happy Hour	24
25 CSC Halloween	26	27	28	29	30 Happy Hour	

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