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July 2003

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Commodore's Message

This summer season has had it's highs and not so highs. Sun, fog and rain have led to an adventurous season locally. Everyone who was around had a great time at the Club on the 4th of July. Fireworks, barbeque and socializing was certainly reported as a fun time.

Our next big sailing event is the Volvo Leukemia Regatta. We need volunteers for the committee boat and the social event. If you're able to volunteer, please contact me at bridgelec@comcast.net.

The Bridge two week cruise downeast was really beautiful. The high point of our cruise was a Lobsterbake on Hell's Half Acre, Deer Island Thoroughfare. We celebrated with Lynn and Jim Crowell and other local cruisers.

For all local cruisers, KPYC now has 3 moorings in Gosport Harbor, one is on the Maine side by Smuttynose and 2 are on the NH side in front of Star Island. I have just received information that Star Island is accepting reservations for lunch and dinner. The price is \$15.00 and it is all you can eat. Reservations are necessary, call Star Island - 603-964-7252. In my opinion this is a step back in yachtmen's history and something that we should avail ourselves of.

Soon we will be forming a search committee to select candidates for next year's Directors. If you have an interest in serving in this capacity, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Commodore Keith Bridge

Thank You

The Sailing School would like to thank Jim Ritzo for donating the moorings needed to move the dock to it's new location in the back channel. Thanks to Jim we'll be moving to our new location by the end of the Summer.

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Hello to everyone at Kittery Point Yacht Club,

Paula and I are writing this update from Coecles Harbor, Shelter Island, Long Island today is Friday 6/13. We have been trapped here for three days with high winds, thunderstorms, rain and fog. We hope the weather will break tomorrow so we can head to Block Island.

Our travels North continue from our last report at the Fredricka River just over the Florida line in Georgia. We departed on Thursday 4/25/03 at 6:45am. With light east winds and clear skies we had a great day and traveled 66 s/m anchoring at Cane Patch Creek at 4:00 pm. This is a favorite spot for us in Georgia. It's about 1 1/2 miles off the ICW protected by several Islands from E/SE to W winds. There is great holding and it shallows near the Islands to 9 feet. We decided to spend an extra day as there was a severe weather warning for all of the next day. Several fronts passed over with 35 kt winds, heavy rain with thunder and lightning. On Saturday 4/26 we departed at 7:00 am for Skull Creek, Hilton Head, 59 s/m. Next day we traveled 68 s/m to the South Santee River anchoring at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday 4/29 we woke to heavy fog which finally burned off by 8:30 am. About an hour after departing we saw a 5 foot alligator and right after that a huge bald eagle. Our destination was the Waccamaw River. We stopped at the Wacca Mache Marina for fuel and water, then continued into the Waccamaw to the "Oxbow" near Enterprise Landing. A beautiful secluded spot on this most beautiful part of the ICW. Next day Wednesday 4/30 we made a short 20 s/m run to Barefoot Landing. There we spent 3 days on the free dock at the Mall. We shopped in the mall, took a bus to the super wal-mart, went to a couple of attractions (Alligator Safari and the Wild Animal Exhibit) and tried to find the best happy hour bar in the area each night. We had a great time and met many other cruisers heading North. When we left Barefoot Landing we also left any trace of good weather. From this point on we started dodging all sorts of severe weather. Saturday 5/3/03 we made a 58 s/m run to Carolina Beach. We made great time catching the current and were 2 hours ahead of the tide change at the Cape Fear River. This is a very large river with over 2 kts of current. We bucked the current for 15 miles as the winds built to 25 kts off the beam. A real soaker! We arrived at 4:00 pm. Listening to the local weather, there was a severe thunderstorm and tornado warning for that night. Around mid-night it hit the fan with cloud to cloud lightning and heavy rain. Although we were spared the real heavy winds, we had HAIL for about 1/2 an hour. We thought we might loose the bimini top, but we made it through. Next day we headed for Wrightsville Beach where we needed to do laundry, provision the boat and do some shopping. On the second day another severe weather warning was posted. The anchorage is wide open to a long Southerly fetch and, you guessed it, that's where the front came in from. Between the heavy winds and the current, we spent a sleepless night at anchor. The next morning we woke up to a tornado watch affective right then and now. We decided that we had enough of the anchorage and moved to a marina for the day. Again it blew like stink and rained all night, but thank God, no tornados. On Wednesday 5/03 we traveled 40 s/m to Mile Hammock an anchorage in a basin at Camp LeJuene. Next day we were off to Moorehead City 41 s/m and tied up at the Sanitary Restaurant (\$10.00) for the night. We had favorable current at Beaufort Inlet the next morning so we left early and anchored in Cedar Creek on Adams Creek. That night another front came thru with heavy rain and moderate winds (we just missed the real severe stuff). Next morning we got up late

(9:00 am) as we had just a short distance to go, over to Oriental. There we met Bill and Mary White friends we had met over in the Bahamas. We had a great time there. In a North wind the water drains out leaving not a lot of water in the Oriental Marina which we found out the morning we left as we were aground in the slip. I had rigged a line to a post several slips away and we were able to winch and motor out into enough water. We had a shot at a good weather window for the Albermale Sound which was 3 traveling days away. Leaving Oriental we went across the Pamlico River with 35 kts off the port quarter. Quite a ride! and we anchored in Pungo Creek that night. Next morning, 5/13 we left for Deep Point on the Alligator River. It was a 35 s/m day and we got to the anchorage early. This was our staging point for the Albermale so we dropped the hook and relaxed the rest of the day. We pulled the hook at 5:30 and as luck would have it the Albermale Sound was calm and pleasant. We arrived in Coinjock at 1:00 pm and tied off at Midway Marina. We took a lay day there as the weather was bad for the next day. On Thursday 5/16 we crossed Currituck Sound and tied up at the free dock at Great Bridge. We met friends there and because the weather was as usual, not good, we stayed a couple of days. My freshwater pump on the Yanmar started to leak so I had to order a pump which took several days to come in. (This was the first problem with the engine in over 2,500 hours!) While there our friends Bob and Ches on Cygnet caught up to us. Finally after another rainy day we left Great Bridge on Saturday, 5/24 and traveled the last 21 s/m of the ICW to Norfolk and anchored in Old Port Comfort. The total distance from Palm Beach Florida to Norfolk, Virginia was 1,018 s/m. Next month we will continue our trip up the Chesapeake and out thru the Delaware, up the New Jersey Coast to New York City.

Best regards, Steve and Paula-S/V Adios

Social Committee Report

Finally our weather has improved and I hope you are all having a wonderful summer out on the water. We have had two successful Dollar Nights so far and have two more before race season is over; Tuesday July 29 and Tuesday August 26. I will need a volunteer to run the grill on August 26 if anyone is interested. Remember, Dollar Night is not just for those who race. All members and their guests are welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

On Saturday, September 6 we will be having a Lobster Bake in conjunction with the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Reservations are required and you will soon receive a flyer with all of the details.

Finally, I am still looking for a motivated member who enjoys planning parties to take my position as Social Chair. If you're interested, please call 436-3715.

Chris Culver

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Attention Club Members:

We plan to run the "Blindfolded Rowboat Race" this year on the afternoon of docks out and Fall Clean up. This is weather permitting of course. More Info to come!

Racing Report

The Doublehanded and John Paul Jones fun races were sailed in June, Breakaway was the only boat reporting a time in the J.P.Jones and all boats were DNF in the Doublehanded due to low winds and a long course.

We hosted a very successful Dollar Night, which was confused by an impromptu PSA meeting to cover sailing safety. This prevented the timely cleaning of the club, and led to much frustration on my part.

Due to a total lack of response on weekend sailing, and both Chris and I having some family issues, Fun day has been cancelled. There will be a weekend "Whaleback" Fun race starting at Noon.

PSA has been in contact about the Leukemia cup, and if there is sufficient interest we will plan the LaborDay regatta.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Haynie



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