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## Commodore's Comments

In the June Board meeting we discussed the proposed budget for 2010, renovations to the kitchen, bathhouse, public address system (PA) and a 420 boat rack, funding an account to replace items as they reach their expected life (also known as an account for depreciation or replacement account) and the mortgage and money market account.

Our income is derived from member dues (\$400 per year per family membership, \$200 per year for ancient mariners and junior members), Junior Sailing, club rentals, apartment rental and merchandise sales. Our projected income is about \$154,000. Our projected expenses are about \$146,000, which includes the monthly interest and principle payment on our mortgage (\$84,469.09). There is little room for error if we are to maintain ongoing operations in a fiscally responsible manner.

At the same time, looking toward the long-term viability of the Club, the Board has this year undertaken a study and determined that going forward and at today's costs we need \$147,300 to fund all replacement items as shown in the following schedule:

2011	\$49,800
2012	\$31,900
2013	\$20,000
2014	\$45,600

Currently there are three projects being considered by the Board. First, the kitchen committee has worked diligently to find a middle ground in the renovation of the kitchen. At present consideration is given to replacing all the cabinets, adding more cabinets, installing stainless steel countertops, replacing the deep sink and its' fixtures, replacing the tile floor, removing the wall paper, painting the walls and redoing the pantry. Jay McGlohn is contacting vendors about the cost to purchase these items and then scheduling work days for members to do the remodeling. The Board is considering a \$20,000 budget.

Likewise, Cleve Corlett and Bill Fenstermacher recommend changes to the bath house to improve water drainage and ventilation: floor repair/replacement, removal

of some partition walls, adding rear ventilation, and possibly replacing fixtures, lighting and paint. The Board is considering a \$20,000 budget.

As previously reported, the estimate to replace the PA system is \$2,000 and the 420 rack is \$1,000 (club members to build the rack).

Our money market account (MMA) holds about \$45,000. We need to refinance our mortgage because it is at a very high interest rate. In order to fund the renovations and start saving some cash from a lower interest rate, we can:

1. Use the MMA to pay for the renovations, refinance the note but not borrow any more money.
2. Use some of the MMA to pay for part of the renovations, refinance the note and borrow more money to pay for part of the renovations.
3. Save the MMA, refinance the note and borrow more money to pay for the renovations.
4. Use some, all or none of the MMA, refinance and borrow more money and pay for the renovations and begin funding the account for depreciation.

The Board believes it prudent to begin to build cash, not only to fund future capital expenditures, but to have operating reserves in case of any unexpected expenses or loss of revenues. To do so, however, will likely necessitate a dues increase or a special assessment.

The Board did not have a quorum at the June 7, 2010 meeting so no motions on these issues were made and no votes were cast. However, the Board still wants to make this overall presentation to the membership at large during the July board meeting at the Club. **The meeting is moved to July 12, 2010 beginning at 6 pm.** Please attend to ask questions and present your opinion of the budget process. We will have copies of the projected budget and depreciation schedule and a good idea of our borrowing capacity.

Tuesday night sailing is up and running. Come out to sail for fun or to race. The water is warm and the weather is great.

**John A. Singleton**  
Commodore

**Independence Day is BYOB Event**

This year's Independence Day Social (on July 3) will be a "Flashback to the Days of Old" at WRYC. In an effort to keep prices down, **no beer or wine will be provided.**

The club has not always provided these beverages, and some members have asked that we go back to the good old days. Soft drinks, setups, lemons and limes, and cups will be provided as usual. So make sure to bring your own beverage if you would like something other than soft drinks. By the way, the price is also a flashback -- 17.6% less than last year's social!

**Planning for the future**

As the Commodore writes, your Board has been working hard on getting WRYC's financial house in order so that the club is operating on a fiscally conservative, long-term budget that takes into account the life span of equipment and facilities. Past budgets have not taken these future expenses into account and, as a result, the club has largely reacted to expenses as they arise rather than planning ahead for them.

Last year, the club's Long Range Planning Committee identified the need for a budget that recognizes future expenses as a critical step in ensuring the long-term health of WRYC. I invite you to attend our July meeting if you wish to learn more and provide your point of view on the budget-balancing decisions that face us -- setting our course for smooth sailing in the years ahead.

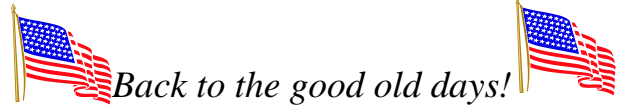
Cleve Corlett, *Vice Commodore*

**Good Club Manners**

I am happy to report that members have been taking advantage of our Sunday **Open Club Days**. This is just a gentle reminder to be considerate when you are at the club. Sign in so we know the club has been used. Remember that you must bring your own refreshments and not prey upon others who have brought a picnic. All hands are expected to contribute to the clean up effort when you are done, and please make sure to supervise your children when they are using the playground or recreational equipment. Teach them how to use the equipment properly and do not allow it to be misused. Members are responsible for damage done to any equipment and will be billed for damage. If you have questions or want to access the recreational equipment call Cheryl at 815-2366. Thanks for being responsible members.

**New at the Club.** Thanks to some generous donations, the club has some "new" items. A 2-year-old laser printer was donated to the club's office by member Adrienne Ryder-Cook. The printer will be of great use to our manager, the junior sailing team, and the Governor's Cup Regatta.

Steve George donated a commercial quality windsock for our dock, and a renter donated a dozen Tiki Torches. A member renter, Merrily Messina, donated 4 cases of bottled water after her rental. We found 2 captain's chair frames at a yard sale so we now have 2 additional chairs, and ever thoughtful Ben Garrett donated some firewood for our fall Oyster Roast. **Thank you to all for your gifts!** --- Cheryl Davis, *Club Manager*

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC**

Saturday, July 3, 2010

Social begins at 5:30 -- Dinner at 6:30

Games on the Lawn  
After Dark Festivities

**DINNER MENU**

Custom grilled 1/3 lb. **Angus Beef Hamburgers**  
Veggie Burgers available on request

*Take me out to the ballgame* **Ballpark Hot Dogs**  
(with fixings galore)

**Shelly's Potato Salad**

**Woerner's Baked Beans**

**Watermelon**

**Ice Cream Bars**

**BYOB**

(setups provided)

Adults: \$10---Children (under 10) \$5  
(checks preferred)



**Reservations: NO LATER THAN JUNE 30!**

**Call Bob and Cheryl Davis at (804) 693-6892**  
or email [cheryldavis50@gmail.com](mailto:cheryldavis50@gmail.com)

**Hosts:** Bob & Cheryl Davis, Bill & Ruth Fenstermacher, Cordon & Pat Davis, John & Cynthia Hastings, Buzz & Sandy Geiger

**Bartenders:** Tony & Suzanne Villani, George & Louise Harrison, Buddy & Mary Ann Griffith

**Door:** Betty White, Dennis and Luann Knuteson

**Merchandise Sales:** Betty Barr Ould, & Pearl Kuemmerle

**Buildings & Grounds Report**

The azaleas have been pruned and shaped to provide a very nice, groomed look as you drive up to the clubhouse. The receptacles in the shed are now operational. The electrical feed to the tennis courts, which is damaged, was included on this circuit causing the whole circuit to be grounded. The electrical feed to the tennis courts has been disconnected and a new cable will have to be run if it is determined that power to the tennis courts is necessary. We are still working on cost estimates for the kitchen.

--Jay McGlohn, *B & G Chairman*

## **Junior Sailing Camp Season opens with Opti Classes**



Teamwork ashore

As anticipated, the season has arrived and so have the campers! Opti 1 camp started on June 14<sup>th</sup> with 6 of our seven instructors on hand and 15 campers enrolled. The boats were made ready for camp by Bill Fenstermacher and RT Davis- *thank you guys!*

Many of our campers were repeat campers looking for one more year of Opti instruction under their belts while we several were from far away. Tennessee, Kentucky and Florida were all represented in our camper attendance and from the sound of things I feel it is safe to say that many people were *very* happy to be in the country and learning to sail on the Ware River. I even heard one city folk declare “ I just saw a grasshopper!” I wonder what else she will encounter while she stays in Ware Neck? Another week long, half day Opti camp began June 21 with the regular full day, two- week sessions beginning after that.

Feel free to join us at the club to hear the giggles and laughter- it is good for the soul!

**Ginger James, Jr.** Sailing Chair

## **Recreation**

Come play at the club! When you are visiting with your family (maybe on an open club Sunday) be sure to check out the newly purchased shuffleboard and volleyball equipment and horseshoe pit. To use any of the equipment, just visit the screened porch cabinet where equipment is located. Call (804)815-2366 (the number is on the cabinet) to get the combination for the lock. Please sign out the equipment and return it when you are finished. Remember, you are responsible for any broken or damaged equipment. Have fun!

### **Ladies Tennis**

Ladies tennis is moving to Friday mornings during the month of July to accommodate children's tennis lessons. Email Rachel at [ralmstrawn@aol.com](mailto:ralmstrawn@aol.com) for weekly reminders.

**Rachel Strawn, Recreation Chair**



Learning to steer

## **Marsh Cleaning Thank You**

A big thanks goes to Steve Malise and his son, Coles, who said “YES” to the call for volunteers to help clean the marsh behind the club. Steve, Coles, and Cheryl Davis spent an hour in the marsh on June 12.

*“After an initial wet and unsuccessful attempt to work on foot, we moved to kayak and canoe and picked up a half barrel of broken glass of every imaginable shape and size as we floated through the marsh. We made a major dent in the amount of trash and hope the marsh is a cleaner and safer place for our efforts.” -- Cheryl*

### **== July Club Calendar ==**

June 28 to July 1....Junior Sailing Camp  
July 3.....Independence Day Social  
July 4.....**Open Club Day**  
July 5 - 8....Junior Sailing Camp  
July 6....Tuesday Night Sail  
July 11.....**Open Club Day**  
July 12 - 15.....Tennis Camp  
July 12 - 15.....Junior Sailing Camp  
July 13.....Tuesday Night Sail  
July 18.....**Open Club Day**  
July 19 - 22.....Tennis Camp  
July 19 - 22.....Junior Sailing Camp  
July 20..... Tuesday Night Sail  
July 25.....**Open Club Day**  
July 26 - 29.....Junior Sailing Camp  
July 27.....Tuesday Night Sail