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## Commodore's Comments

Your Board of Directors aims to improve the facilities at the Club in 2010 and develop plans for financial management of assets and improvements and set this agenda for club improvements:

1. We established a committee chaired by Socials Chair Jenny George to review the needs of the kitchen and determine the best plan for re-modeling. The committee will review the current equipment, meet with a designer to consider their input and obtain quotes.

2. Fleet Captain Bill Fenstermacher and Buildings and Grounds chairman Jay McGlohn are reviewing the condition of the bath house and making recommendations for remodeling that space, which was damaged during Ida.

3. We need to purchase at least two more Lasers. Fleet Captain Bill Fenstermacher is searching for boats at various clubs, schools and sellers.

4. Vice-Commodore Cleve Corlett is studying various options for indoor storage of the club sail boats.

5. Next month we will consider whether the tennis court needs resurfacing.

6. Joe Morgan, Rear-Commodore, is analyzing various financial aspects of the club to determine how to fund assets for depreciation and replacement. He is working with Larry Wilkinson on refinancing options for the club bank loan.

**If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact the chairman.**

We have a bank loan of \$86,617.83 (monthly payment of \$1,072.82) and a money market account of \$57,944.68. In order to fund these renovations, we may consider refinancing the loan and obtaining additional credit.

## Special fundraiser is announced for Junior Sailing fleet purchase

The Ware River Yacht Club in coordination with the Garden Club of Gloucester will be hosting a Garden Week Luncheon and Box Dinners To Go event on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Ware River Yacht Club.

All profits from sales will go directly to purchase boats that are sorely needed to replenish the fleet which is used not only for the Junior Sailing Program but is also available to members who want to sign them out and enjoy the river or attend Tuesday Night Sailing.

Help is needed on **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the yacht club to help prepare some food items ahead of the event. Help is also needed at the club on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** to prepare plates, serve lunches, and tend the bar on the day of the event. It would be terrific if we could have some Junior Sailing parents, grandparents and instructors who could volunteer to help. Members can also assist in this fundraiser by making monetary donations.

The reservation form for the club members **Box Dinners To Go** is available as an insert in this Tell Tale issue. Please contact Jenny George at 693 9291 or email [islandgirljg@gmail.com](mailto:islandgirljg@gmail.com) if you can help on either or both dates. Please support our sailing roots by buying your dinner to go! All reservations must be made in advance and accompanied with a check for the total cost of your purchase.

**Jenny George**

We have membership slots available. If you know anyone interested in joining the club, please direct them to the application on the website.

The annual club work day is **April 10, 2010**. Please come out and help clean up the club.

**John A. Singleton**  
*Commodore*



## ***ST. PATRICK'S SUNDAY BRUNCH***

Sunday , March 14th -- Noon to 2 P.M.

### **Fresh Corned Beef & Cabbage**

#### **Parsley Potatoes**

#### **Glazed Carrots**

and Charlie's famous

### **Fried Corned Beef & Cabbage**

#### **Irish Soda Bread**

#### **Irish Desserts**

#### **Complimentary Beverages**

Adults \$10    Children (to age 12) \$6

(Please 2 guests limit)

Winter time maximum 160 seating limit

Reservations  
by Wednesday, March 10

Call Charlie/Mary Alice Woerner  
693-5053

Hosts:  
Charlie and Mary Alice Woerner  
Melva and Buddy Burnett  
Jane and Kirby Smith



## ***Enjoy Your Club in the Off-Season***

Hopefully by the time you receive this edition of the Telltale the snows will be long gone and the early signs of spring will be evident. While you are waiting to enjoy the Woerners' delectable offerings at the St. Patrick's Day Brunch why not mosey on down to the club and take time to enjoy some of its off-season offerings.

The winter / spring sunsets can be fabulous, so why not bring your evening libation down to the club and sit and enjoy the sunset for a relaxing hour before dinner? While you are there, check out the ducks and geese floating in rafts on the river and see if you can identify them. Don't forget to look up, as the bald eagles soar over the club daily.

Later in the spring, wild asparagus sprouts in the club's marshes and is available to intrepid gatherers. And on the odd balmy spring day, consider launching your kayak or canoe at the club and doing a little early season paddling.

Our club has a beautiful setting to be enjoyed all year long, so come on down and enjoy your club!

**Cheryl Davis**  
*Your club manager*

### **Let There Be Light and Clean Floors!**

A special thanks goes out to Cynthia Hastings for spending a cold winter morning helping me to re-align the lights in the clubhouse. Cynthia was a master ladder holder, spotlight aligner, and dance floor lighting consultant.

We made an effort to eliminate dark tables and floor areas by redirecting many of the lights. Hopefully you'll notice the improved lighting and remember to thank Cynthia for volunteering her time.

Another thanks goes out to Ann Williams, niece of Betty White, and Shot Tabb both of whom responded to our appeal for a used vacuum cleaner. Ann donated a canister vacuum to the club and Shot donated an upright vacuum. Thank you both for responding to our request for help!

Cheryl

## Valentine's Dinner/Dance Cancelled

Due to a lack of reservations, the Valentine's Dinner / Dance had to be cancelled. However, I would like to thank **Kim Hensley and Carolyn Corr** who both spent countless hours preparing for the event. All those who had made reservations were also disappointed as they too had anticipated a fun-filled evening.

As of right now there are no members who have signed up to host either the Memorial Day Social or the Labor Day Social. These events will also have to be cancelled if no one is willing to volunteer to host them. Hosting an event can mean it is catered. However, we need members who are willing to be in charge of the organization and preparation prior to the event.

In fact no one has signed up to do anything for the Memorial Day event. I am also lacking help in the way of bartending, door and trash detail, and co-hosting for the following events:

**Memorial Day Social** -- May 29  
**Governor's Cup Social** – August 7  
**Labor Day Social** – September 4  
**Octoberfest Social** – October 2  
**Halloween Party Social** – October 30  
**Oyster Roast Social** – November 13

I will have the sign up sheet available for you to volunteer at least for one event at the St. Patrick's Day Social. You can also contact me directly about helping out at 693- 9291 or email me at [islandgirljij@gmail.com](mailto:islandgirljij@gmail.com)

I would be interested in any feedback about socials at our club. We all need to pitch in and help in order to run all of these events.

**Jenny George**  
*Socials Chair*

## Dues statements mailed

Members should have received their annual dues notices for 2010. Please pay by March 1st.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ware River Yacht Club, we are accepting applications.

**Carolyn. Corr**  
*Treasurer*



## NEWS FROM THE FLEET

The club is in need of gently used Lasers to replace some that have exceeded their useful lives. If any members have or know of any gently used Lasers that only get moved to cut the grass, the club may like to purchase them. These boats will be club boats. They will be used by Junior Sailing, Tuesday Night sailing and, if not in conflict with organized club activities, the general membership.

Questions or leads please contact Bill Fenstermacher ([wfenster@cox.net](mailto:wfenster@cox.net)) or Cleve Corlett ([ccorlett@brandplanning.com](mailto:ccorlett@brandplanning.com)).

## Buildings & Grounds

I will be striving to continue the good work that Robert Johnson and Robert Bowles did on behalf of the WRYC for the past several years. The board is looking into repairs to the bathhouse/apartment building, replacing the sound system and remodeling of the kitchen facilities in the club building.

We are also discussing long & short term capital improvements. If any members have thoughts or ideas on building or grounds needs please feel free to contact me. Also, I will be walking through both buildings and around the grounds to determine what we can do on our work day on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and participate on the work day, it will be an opportunity to fellowship as we work.

See you there.

**Jay McGlohn**  
*Buildings & Grounds Chair*

## Early Reminder



**Club Work Day April 10**