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## Commodore's Comments

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the new Commodore for 2011. First, I wish to thank John Singleton for his tireless efforts as Commodore in 2010. Under his leadership the club has accomplished a great many things, not the least of which is a close examination of the club's financial matters to ensure our long term financial health. Also, a big tip-of-the-hat to the other departing Board members who worked just as hard in each of their areas of responsibilities: Linda Batcha, Jenny George, Joe Morgan and Rachel Strawn.

I am very excited by the enthusiasm expressed by our new Board members: Chris Hutson, Breck Montague, Steve Sadler, Nina Watkins and Peter Wilcox. The new lineup of officers is as follows:

Vice Commodore:	Ginger James
Fleet Captain:	Bill Fenstermacher
Treasurer:	Steve Sadler
Secretary:	Jane Wilson

Ginger James will continue to do her excellent job of riding herd on our Junior Sailing Program while also holding the reins of Vice Commodore. Bill Fenstermacher will continue in his role of overseeing "all things boat related." As the new Treasurer, Steve Sadler will have assistance from Carolyn Corr (2010 Treasurer) and Breck Montague – all with a keen mind for things financial. Jane Wilson is our new secretary and overseer of the club's tennis activities, with Peter Wilcox providing assistance.

The new Social Chairperson is Nina Watkins, so please step up to the plate and let her know that you would like to help at one or more social events (804-642-2826). Buildings & Grounds responsibilities continue to rest on the able shoulders of Jay McGlohn.....this time with assistance from Chris Hutson. Tiffany Backer returns as our webmaster, email communicator and overseer of "all things virtual." I will be working with Tiffany in the next few months to issue a membership "time and talent" survey to help us identify the volunteer activities in which each member is most interested.



Newly elected WRYC Commodore, Cleve Corlett, left, receives congratulations from John Singleton, who served during 2010.

In addition to these able Board members, I have recruited an informal "sounding board" of long-time WRYC members that I can turn to for advice and recommendations as we navigate the waters in 2011. These consist of, in alphabetical order, Cordon Davis, Hugh Dischinger and Betty Barr Ould.

The WRYC Board exists for the sole purpose of serving the membership of WRYC in a fiscally responsible manner. In recent months, we have moved toward delivery of the Telltale via email (e-newsletter) to members with email addresses and via US mail to others. This has the potential to save the club roughly \$1,500 annually, but we want to make sure that everyone receives this vital tool of communication in the mode that is best suited to their needs. So if you wish to receive the Telltale in a different mode, please phone the club (693-4175).

We also want to make sure that everyone who wishes to attend a WRYC event is able to. If you or someone you know is unable to attend an event due to a lack of transportation or a reluctance to drive at night, please let me know and we will arrange a carpool.

I thank you in advance for your confidence in your new Board and for your volunteer efforts in 2011. I encourage you to make [www.wareriveryachtclub.com](http://www.wareriveryachtclub.com) the homepage on your computer, as it is routinely updated with important information on WRYC activities and member resources. See you on the water!

**Cleve Corlett, Commodore**



Maynard Nichols, right, 2010 Founders Cup winner for his contributions to sailing on the Bay, accepts the trophy from Clayton James, the past year's winner



Dr. Robert T. Davis, right, accepts one of two 2010 Boosters Cup awards from Commodore John Singleton. The second recipient, Laurence E. Wilkinson, Jr. was not present at the awards presentation.

**Awards presented at the annual meeting included:**

**James V. Morgan Memorial trophy** in recognition of community & club service was presented to **Elizabeth McCormick**.

The award was established in 1999 in memory of James V. Morgan a prominent local pharmacist, civic leader and a past Club commodore.

**The Founder's Cup**, established 1999 in memory of Wesley C .Morck, Club benefactor and the Club's first commodore, in recognition of contributions to sailing on the Bay.

Presented to **Maynard Nichols**

**Booster of the Year** --- Recognizing Club support. Presented to **Dr. Robert T. Davis** and **Laurence E. Wilkinson, Jr.**

**Junior Sailor of the year**—**Logan Hutson**

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**VALENTINE'S SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday, February 13**

Noon to 2 p.m.



BUFFET:

**France - Creme Brulee French Toast**

**Spain- Spanish Egg Casserole**

**Greece - Tuna w/ Carmelized Onions and Parmesan**

**Italy - Pasta w/Ham, Peas, & Mushrooms In a cream sauce**

**Hungary - Beef Paprika with Potatoes and Carrots**

**Selection of Valentine Desserts**

**Complimentary Champagne, Bloody Marys and Mimosas**

Adults \$15 --- Children (to age 12) \$10

Reservations by Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
(please 2 guests limit) (checks preferred)

Charlie and Mary Alice 693-5053

Hosts: Charlie and Mary Alice Woerner  
Buddy and Melva Burnett

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**Annual Reports Available**

If you did not make it to the club's Annual Dinner on January 8 you missed an informative event. The Annual Reports were distributed at the meeting as well as the new club rosters.

The report is available on the club's website, but, for privacy reasons, the rosters are not on the website. If you would like to have a copy of either or both of these contact Cheryl Davis (693-4175 at the club). They can be emailed to you or a hard copy can be provided

## **BYO Confusion**

### **Welcome to our new Commodore**

Cleve Corlett, new Commodore for 2011, and his wife, Debby, have been members of WRYC since 1998. His two children, Bryce and Emily, were active in the Jr. Sailing Program and still love to “hang out” at the club when home from college.

Cleve’s business, Brand Planning, LLC, conducts marketing research for a variety of clients and advertising agencies. Growing up in Southern California, he learned how to sail on a Skipjack – a boat design with roots here at WRYC.

### **2010 Annual Social Report**

Editor’s note: *The following was missing from the WRYC Annual Report distributed at the Annual Meeting in January*

2010 was a busy social year at the Ware River Yacht Club. We hosted a total of 9 socials during the year. Unfortunately two events had to be cancelled either due to insufficient attendance or weather related factors. However, these events will still be on the calendar for next year. The events, which had to be cancelled, were the Valentine’s Dinner/Dance and the Labor Day socials.

The Woerners have graciously agreed to host the Valentine’s Brunch again for 2011 with the famous Crème Brulee French Toast, yum! The Corrs and the Hensleys will again host the Family Halloween social, which brought our younger members and their parents to the yacht club. A big “Thank You” goes out to the hosts for introducing events that cater to members with young children.

I would like to thank the more than 1,400 members and guests who did attend our socials this year, and an even bigger “Thank You” to our 130 volunteers who made the events possible through their seamless, hard work. These volunteers found a sense of teamwork, and volunteerism by manning the door, bar, grills, kitchen, oyster roasters, shrimp steamers, popping champagne corks, cleaning up/trash detail, and fun-filled games for the Independence Day and Halloween socials. In addition, a team of volunteers hosted the first ever Garden Club Luncheon to benefit the Junior Sailing Fleet. This year we have been able to raise approximately \$1,300 not only through the fundraiser, but also through donations mailed in or donated at the door during other socials.

What has the club done for you this year? The club provided a catered dinner for the annual meeting and fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank everyone that I have had the pleasure of working with this year and last. I have met and made some great friends as social chair for 2009 and 2010. I know that this sense of volunteerism will continue for Nina Watkins, who takes over this position for 2011.

**Jenny George, Socials**

The club’s attempt to return to the BYOB policy of the past for club socials seems to have resulted in some BYOConfusion. In attempt to dispel any confusion in the ranks, the following explanation is offered:

For its first 25 years or more the Ware River Yacht Club socials were always BYOB. Gradually the club began to provide beer and wine to its members at socials, and, for a while, this was well received. More recently that policy has had mixed reviews for several reasons:

-Everyone has different preferences about what beer and wine they drink (ie: there were, gasp!, complaints about the beverages provided).

-The cost of the beer and wine was included in the adult price even though youngsters between 10 and 21 pay that price but can not drink the beer and wine.

-Not all adults consume beer or wine but all have to pay the increased dinner fee.

For these reasons, the Board voted, in 2010, to return to the BYOB policy for the 2011 socials WITH THE EXCEPTION of the VALENTINE’S DAY AND ST. PATRICK’S DAY events. At those two events, special beverages are prepared and served by the hosts. The meal price will reflect the cost of these beverages.

At all other socials, soft drinks, ice, and setups will be provided and members are welcome to bring the beverages of their choice. The dinner price at the BYOB socials will be lower since the club will not be purchasing beer and wine for them.

**Cheryl Davis, Club Manager**

### **Required Boater Safety Course**

On April 30, 2011, the club will once again be hosting the state mandated Boater Safety Course. This course is being provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary free of charge. If you would like to take the all day course or if you have questions about it call Cheryl Davis at the club (693-4175) or email her at [cheryldavis50@gmail.com](mailto:cheryldavis50@gmail.com). If you have not had the course it is worthwhile putting this date on your calendar.

### **Club Work Day March 19**

A club work day is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to place this date on your calendar. Last year we had a very low turnout which was rather disappointing. We have several projects we as members can do to save the club money. This is a great time to support the club while enjoying some good old fashion camaraderie. Food & beverages will be provided. Look forward to seeing you then.

**Jay McGlohn, Buildings & Grounds**