

LE CLUB DUCK



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first issue of **LE CLUB DUCK**. Thanks to the Littells, George Roberts, Al Brancifort, Debbie Ballou and others this issue has become a reality. Its purpose is to share and bring together club members through the written word. For anyone who has anything to say and wants to be heard, the next issue will be coming out in May. Articles will be accepted until the very last possible second!

Contact: Roz Weinstein,
Deep River, CT 06417 (203)

It is with great sorrow, that we announce the passing of Charlie Workinger, from a heart attack on December 29, 1989. An active member of DIYC for many years, and a newly elected member of the Board of Directors, Charlie's presence, spirit and dedication will be missed by all of us. We send our sincerest sympathy to his wife Judy, daughter Kim and son Ken and dedicate the first issue of **LE CLUB DUCK** to Charlie in fond memory of his contributions to the Duck Island Yacht Club.

FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Welcome to the 90's. As one person who joined DIYC in the 80's, I was always impressed by the club's spirit of comradery, diversity in activity, and overall Corinthian spirit. Program expansion, facility development, and membership growth flowed from the energetic efforts of involved and dedicated members. Now as we face the 90's, these same virtues and energies are needed to carry us forward. I invite you to evaluate the benefits your club has provided you and sincerely consider how you will contribute to its future.

One member family who has given much to DIYC is The Mason's. As retiring commodore of '89, Scott Mason, assisted by his wife Bernice, has worked actively for more than seven years in every aspect of club activities. As Scott moves on to the Board of Governors, we want to thank him and his family for their special contribution on land and sea. We wish you and your up-and-coming sailor sons continued joy at DIYC.

To bring us forward into the new year, your Board of Governors and Officers have begun meeting and planning this January. We will address the 1990 Budget,

and Schedule. Included in the plans will be the purchase of a new committee boat and strategies for increased membership. Your committee chairs will soon be asking for your help when the schedule is complete. I want to thank those members who already have offered their ideas and commitment to serve.

In closing, I wish to express the sympathy of all our members to the family of Charlie Workinger who died unexpectedly in late December. Charlie was just elected to our Board of Governors and was looking forward to serve. Your support at his Memorial Service was especially moving and appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations are in order to:

Ricky Baldwin and John Mount who are getting married at the end of January.

John Mount again for his new boat 'Catamount' a Catalina 30. "Class D canvas boats, beware on Wednesday nights!", says John.

Joyce Runion and Al Brancifort on their engagement.

Tom and Doffy Teasdale on the birth of their new grandson!

REQUESTS:

Change of personal or boat information for the yearbook should be sent to: Bill Littell, P.O. Box , Madison, CT 06443 before March 30.

We are out of dishtowels....All

kind souls who brought home dishtowels to launder, please return them to the Clubhouse.

SKI WEEKENDS

Al Brancifort is putting together a ski weekend. There are eight slots available for President's weekend, February 16, 17 and 18. Cost \$40.00 per person. There are bunk beds in the co-ed rooms. Breakfast is included. Al needs your check by February 1. Space is also available on January 26, 27 and 28. The Lodge is in Ludlow, VT, Okemo ski area. Have a great time.

CARIBBEAN CRUISING

George and Sue Roberts returned home the day before the Awards Banquet from an eight day Caribbean cruise with BOAT/US located in St. Lucia. The Mooring's Charter took them from Marigot Bay to the Tobago Cays in St. Vincent with stops at Soufriere and the Pitons in St. Lucia and Cumberland Bay, Bequia and Salt Whistle Bay in St. Vincent. The passage between St. Lucia and St. Vincent was opposite of the norm with the reach down being difficult because of violent and frequent rain squalls, and the beat back a piece of cake with only light winds and an occasional squall.

One of the high points of the trip was a school of dolphins that fully entertained them. Admiralty Bay, Bequia, where they cleared Customs, was the only populated area visited. The area is a favorite spot of yachtsman from all over the globe as can be seen by the boats anchored in the harbor.

The local people made the big difference. Salt Whistle Bay, Mayreau, where they had lunch, is still probably one of the world's most beautiful spots.

The infamous "boat boys", including the taxi boys on Bequia, were really a study of contrasts. They were extremely aggressive in hawking their services or wares when they happened upon them, but turned out to be very industrious and polite once things settled down and got sorted out.

The charter called for split provisioning with the group eating aboard four nights. Provisions were excellent for the main meals, but left a lot to be desired for lunches. While they did eat ashore in Soufriere and twice in Bequia, Sue claims that with a little planning it would have been possible to eat out every evening!

George and Sue chartered a Moorings 432 which was designed to accommodate the five persons they had on board. They claimed the boat was too small mainly because of insufficient storage for food and liquor for five and also lacked a separate shower for the fifth person. On their layover in Marigot Bay, they examined the Moorings 43 and 51 and report both boats are superior to the 432 with the 43 easily accommodating 2 couples and the 51 accommodating 3 couples. Both had plenty of ventilation and were rigged better.

While the weather was less than ideal with frequent rain squalls occurring daily, the trip was deemed a success and an experience to remember.

George and Sue would like to put together a cruise in either St. Martin or The Kingdom of Tonga sometime next year. If you are interested give them a call at (203) .

FEATURE INTEREST WRITER OF LE CLUB DUCK - by Daryl Weinstein, Junior at Smith College - during school year ... Magic Button-during summer.

The past semester I took time away from Smith College to participate in a program called "Sea Semester". Sea Semester allows students to study Oceanography first hand on a 125 foot two-masted sailing schooner. After six weeks of classes in Woods Hole, MA, we set off for a 3,000 mile journey and six weeks of scientific experiments while sailing aboard the "Westward". Our cruise track took us 500 miles east of Bermuda; a position of 56° 17'W longitude. Our science labs consisted of net tows, temperature and salinity readings, and organism identification, among other experiments. Each student had his or her own project which was researched throughout the voyage. For my project I identified two thermal fronts, one in the Sargasso Sea and the other across the New England Continental Shelf/Slope Break. A thermal front is generally a 3-5° temperature change within a distance of about 10-25 Km.

While on board, we were split into three watches of eight students each. There were three four-hour watches at night and two six-hour watches in the daytime. We had stations on lab, deck, engine room and the galley. By the last two weeks, we were in control of the ship,

both on deck and in the lab. We were expected to keep track of the ship's position using celestial navigation and dead reckoning positions. The captain, chief scientists, and mates were there in case of emergency only.

After 23 days of relatively smooth sailing and no land in sight, a student in the crow's nest called "land ho: Antiqua". We spent the last two weeks closing down our science experiments while island hopping to Bequia, Union Island, St. John and our final destination - St. Thomas. We toured the islands, swam, tanned, snorkeled and went scuba diving.

All in all, it was a wonderful learning experience and just about the best six weeks of my life!

AND WE'RE STILL A RACING CLUB!

Yes, we may have a new building, more cruises and social events (and we will have even more in '90) but we also had more racing in '89 than ever before....and in spite of an impossible committee boat. It happened because of a dedicated race committee consisting of Ann Dixon, Rick Kirpas, Bob Connell, Paul Von Maffei, Joe Salustro and Glen Ballou, and an exceptional committee boat crew consisting of Ona Nejdil, Sharon Grana, Marie Beatini, Lea Whidden and Rick Carwick.

1989 saw more than 300 cans of Fosters given to deserving captains. We also awarded 18 ECYRA trophies and 139 1st, 2nd and 3rd place glasses and cups and 27 overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd

place trays. And we can't forget the 11 perpetual trophies including the infamous "Golden Ducks" and "The Rock". Not too bad for a club with only 114 families!

With the start of a new decade, Duck Island Yacht Club must see more and better races and most importantly...

MORE HELP FROM EVERYONE.

The race program can't sail without **YOU!** Won't you help by doing your part when called on?

NEW COMMITTEE BOAT ON THE WAY FOR SPRING SAILING

As you know, at the annual meeting in August, the voting members present authorized the establishment of a group to find a new Committee Boat to replace the present fiberglass "hole in the water". The committee was authorized to spend a maximum of \$20,000.

The committee consisting of: Don Dyson, Chairman, Bill Littell, Bob Weinstein, Dave Henderson, Scott Mason and Paul Later, spent a considerable amount of time reading, calling, investigating, and driving around. They looked at over 25 boats within a 75 mile radius of Westbrook and called for information on scores more. They even made a few reasonable offers on boats they felt met the criteria established by the Club and the Race Committee.

The good news: Subject to survey, we have the "perfect boat". It is a 1980 Sisu lobster boat. The boat was used strictly for pleasure by an ex-sailor who had to get out of sailing for health reasons. The boat measures 25'6" x 9'8" x

3'0", has a 225 hp FWC V-8 Chrysler Inboard with 310 hours, standup enclosed head, full canvas, full keel with hydraulic steering, full electronics including constavolt and AC/DC fridge.

We paid \$16,500 for the boat in the water in Greenwich, CT. When finished with the survey, sales tax, delivery and incidentals the total delivered price will approach \$19,000. The boat is a very good buy, built like a battleship, and should be our last committee boat for many, many year. You will hear more on financing in the days to come.

FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY- by Vicki Littell

The First Annual DIYC Halloween Party occurred Saturday, Oct. 28 - just like this. Ruth and Peter Connal and Vicki and Bill Littell were lamenting the end of the sailing season and for all intense purposes, the end of the DIYC social scene until 1990. We were wishing to see our friends all year! The Connals suggested we have a Halloween Party. Vicki checked with the Governors, Bill designed the flier and everybody came. The costumes were outrageous! First prize went to Al and Joyce who came as a Nun and a Can. Patti and Brook came all the way from N.Y. We had a bash, and hope to see you all next year.

USYRU NEEDS YOU!

The United States Yacht Racing Union needs all of our support. The Union depends on membership dues to stay afloat.

You may ask "what does the USYRU do for me?" It is the provider for the basis for each and every race held. The most obvious is the Rule Book which is revised every couple of years to keep up with the real world and sent free to members. It is the arbitrator of disagreements at the local protest committee level and keeps a book of these decisions up to date, which can be purchased by members.

USYRU provides guidelines for all aspects of race management, judges for major events, and guidance for most all of the one-design classes. USYRU is the clearing house for the US Olympic sailing teams and provides a sail training center facility in Florida.

As you can see, USYRU is all pervasive in the sailing scene. The annual family dues are \$50 per year and individual dues are \$40. USYRU offers a special price to new members of \$25. Please send to USYRU, P.O. Box 209, Newport, RI 02840-9958
Attn: Membership Dept.

THE PHANTOM

The Club needs help from Phantoms - from all of the Club's Phantoms. Just paying our dues is not enough unless we want those dues to triple, or more! Phantoms must appear and turn into indians. A lot of people, each doing a little bit (plus some organization) will go a long way toward: Keeping our clubhouse neat, sound and in good repair; getting and keeping a Bluejay fleet in shape; keeping our committee boat in good repair; getting a youth sailing program going, and who

knows what other worthwhile projects. It takes indians to make a club "go". Can't our Phantoms be indians now and then?

CLUB CRUISE

by Arlene and Ken Tunwell

The Cruise Director(s) report that the DIYC cruise will depart July 28 for 2 weeks, returning August 11. This year we will "do" Buzzards Bay, (next year, the moon). All this is predicated on the erstwhile cruise Director(s) not getting lost, managing to get organized by departure date and managing to remember the cruise date! We will have definite word on the cruise by mid August.

FOR SALE:

30' C & C, 1972 A-1 condition, good PHRF racer/cruiser-Displacement 7700, ballast 3650, PHRF 174. Power; Universal Atomic 4 (30 HP), folding prop. Sails: (3) 160% jibs (1 Mylar), (1) Blade, (2) Mains, (1) Spinnaker (by Sobstad & Shore). VHF, Loran, Depth, Speed, AWS & Direction, AM/FM Stereo, new interior. Stove w/oven, enclosed head, sleeps 6, shore power, cradle and cover. Many extras. Asking \$25,000. Contact Bill or Vicki Littell at (home) or (office).

GENERATOR - Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. Robin-R600. Output- 500 watt, 60Hz, 110/120/220VAC /12VDC 8.3A. Input - forced air cooled, 4-stroke, 78cc gasoline engine. Purchased 1986, ran twice. Asking \$275. Owner: Ben and Dotty Polayas (contact

Weinstein's if interested).

CAL 25...designed by the naval architect that gave us the first light displacement hull and fin keel back in the 60's, and still a winner 25 years later (overall winner of the '88 Transpac). This 1970 Cal 25 has the same underwater lines as that Cal 40. A good PHRF racer with Hood sails -170% genoa, 110% #3, spinnaker and two mains (one used only six times), Honda 9.8 hp outboard, stove, VHF, knot meter and wind speed, plus much more. Asking \$6,900 or best offer. - Contact Glen or Debbie Ballou at (home) or (office).

25 ODAY, 1979 in excellent condition, with many extras. Call Al Brancifort at .

PARTS FROM THE BOAT THAT WON THE GOLDEN DUCK AWARD - PAUL VON MAFFEI'S PEARSON 37

Contact Paul at (days) or (evenings).

SAILS - Mainsails: Eggers kevlar \$200, full batten dacron \$300. Haarstick full batten kevlar /mylar \$800. Jibs: (2) Eggers 150% mylar \$200 each. Haarstick 150% mylar \$400. #2 kev/mylar, new, \$1,000. Dacron #3, #4 Storm jib, storm trysail \$200 each. Genoa staysail \$100. 150% Mylar jib \$400. Spinnaker: 3/4 oz. slight tear and soiled \$100. 3/4 oz. good condition \$300, 1/2- oz. \$200. Blooper, \$200 (all Eggers).

SPARS - Hall Spar double spreader mast, boom, (Furlex) headstay, call for dimensions and prices. Spinnaker pole. Furlex alone \$500.00.

WINCHES - (2) ENKE #36ST self tailing 2-speed winches, \$800

each. (4) smaller winches \$150 each.

MISCELLANEOUS - Bomar hatches, opening aluminum windows, 1 1/4" tracks, cars, Edson steering pedestal with compass (no wheel) \$100. Boat cushions cheap!

BOOM VANGS - New Isomat boom vang NGII with stainless steel attachment kit. 40' range boat size - \$340 or best offer. Isomat boom vang 002311 - 30' range boat size - \$149.00. Propane bin with cover - \$150. Contact Bob Brann.

RECIPE CORNER

Hot Buttered Rum

Pat Ermler - SPIRIT

1/2 lb. margarine
1 lb. brown sugar
2 whole eggs
1 tsp. nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon

Mix and let sit at least 15-30 minutes. One drink is one cup boiling water, 1 Tbsp. above "recipe" and one jigger dark rum. Warms you clear to your toes!

Pattie's Bacon Roll Ups

Joanne Sinisi - JODY

1 (8 oz pkg) cream cheese softened
1 lb. bacon, cut in half horizontally
1 loaf thin sliced bread crusts, trimmed
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 400°. Blend cream cheese and onion soup, mix until easily spreadable. Take 1 slice of bread and spread with cream cheese mixture. Cut bread slices into

3 equal pieces. Roll each piece into a tiny roll. Wrap 1 piece of bacon tightly around bread. Secure with toothpick. Bake on rack at 400° for 15-20 minutes. Serve hot.

Jane's Meat Loaf

Bill West - ZEPHYR

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef (could be 1 lb beef plus 1/2 lb pork)
1 egg - beat with fork
1 cup milk
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp dry mustard; pepper, celery salt, garlic salt
3 slices bread, broken up
1 small onion

Mix ingredients and put in baking dish. Bake at 350° for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 4-6

Butterscotch Brownies

Bill Littell - SEA FEVER

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt 1 bag butterscotch (1 cup) morsels and 1/4 cup butter over hot (not boiling) water. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup light brown sugar, packed. Cool five minutes. Blend in 2 eggs, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Sift together and stir in 1 cup sifted flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 3/4 tsp. salt. Stir in 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts (optional), spread in greased and lightly floured 13" x 9" x 2" pan. Bake 25 minutes. Cool and cut in 24 squares. Serves 24.