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Commodore's Corner

by Mark Boulding

Events of the spring sailing season on Chatfield have demonstrated beyond a shadow of doubt what has been known since at least the turn of the century: The Colorado Sail and Yacht Club represents the best the sailing community has to offer.

The term "organizing authority" has a new and higher standard because of the talent, dedication and hard work of both new and experienced Sailors working together to pull off the most successful Leukemia Cup Regatta in terms of entries and fund raising in Colorado's history. We can't thank Joe Onofrio enough and no words can express the praise due to the dozens of people who helped make it happen under his leadership.

The spring racing series is nearing its conclusion with the best winds since prairie schooners first brought sails to Colorado. The legendary Roy Burley, his team of volunteers

and each of us taking turns as race committee just make it happen no matter what the problems from sinking the start pin, to button hook courses, to squalls that rip spinnakers into mast head streamers. We have all become better sailors. We are safer too, with guidelines for when to cancel races based on a matrix of wind speed, water temperature, air temperature, and distance of lightning. The safety plan has raised awareness of the potential for accidents and helps us all look out for each other.

The fact is Colorado Sail and Yacht club is gaining a reputation as the model for what a sailing club should be. Now that we have the attention of the news media due to an excellent public relations effort focused on our community service, let's bask in the limelight and carry the message of the sailing enthusiast to the rest of the world. Remember, "Sharp's the word and quick's the action".

The 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta was a "Great Success"!

Contributions were up almost 25%, registered boats were up by an equal amount and believe it or not...the dinner was hot!

The 9th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta was held at Chatfield this past May 19th 20th and 21st. All fleets got in four races and some were able to have five.

The winners were:

420	Laura Staments
Capri	Doug McKnight
J-22	Robin Jackson
Multi Hull	Richard Allen
PHRF A	Rich Hroda
PHRF B	Mark Bolding
U-20	Fred Rampey
Windrider	Mark Nixon

The Regatta received some much needed media attention that boosted our visibility, this year, and will really pay off next year due to increased public awareness. Both radio and television stations featured the regatta with Public Service Announcements and features on local news shows. The big HERO was

Fox 31 television who broadcast their weather reports live from our courtesy dock on Friday prior to registration.

Fox also won the Weather Anchor Challenge organized by Mark Bolding. Saturday morning, seven local weather men, (and women), competed in a one design race, courtesy of our Capri skippers. With a fresh breeze and short course the "WAC" was able to get off a good race, return to dock and enjoy a short Award Ceremony before the skippers meeting. Kudos to the Commodore for all of his hard work and the smooth execution of what look like a potential timing nightmare. Rumor has it that the venerable Mike Green enjoyed himself so much that he will likely be crewing out at Cherry Creek this summer.

While the **Weather Guys** played well on our boats, the **Weather Gods** only half cooperated. We never had steady strong winds but we didn't get prolonged periods of dead calm or unmanageable storms either. Next year we should take a serious look at

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Calendar of Events

- July 1st Picnic at the BBQ dock, 6 PM, for all Parade of Lights participants, club members and nonmembers, followed with the parade of lights at dusk
- July 5th Summer Series races begin
- July 8th Raft Up at 6pm, followed with The Fagawie Cup, dusk till dawn overnight race, come give it a try!
- June 28th Last race of Spring Series.
- July 29th CSYC will host a pig roast at the park, details later
- Aug 5-6 Dillon Open
- Sept. 6th Last race of Summer Series
- Sept. 13th Ranger Race
- Sept. 20th Match racing starts
- Oct. 7-8 Columbus Day Regatta
- Nov. 4th Commodore's Ball
- Nov. 21st Pro Wrap Demonstration, 12 noon, South East parking lot of the boat ramp area

CSYC Parade of Lights Picnic

for all parade participants!!
July 1 St at the Marina BBQ. floats, 6 PM
Contact Stan Hullett at shullett@aol.com

Wednesday Night BBQ by Mark Boulding

If you haven't discovered the BBQ pontoon after racing Wednesday night at Chatfield you are missing the best kept secret of an elite class of racers. While pretending to drink too much, what they are really doing is scoping out their completion, testing them for weaknesses in their understanding of seamanship and the rules of racing, confusing them with contradictory interpretations of rights in obscure situations so they can exploit every hesitation and befuddlement on the water next week. Any resemblance to Mark Drummond and Peter Wann in the above description is purely coincidental.

But seriously racers, the Wednesday night get together is where you find out who did what to whom and why. The rule book comes out, little boats are put on the table recreating situations and resolving disputes or not.

The point is, there is a lot of talk about how to be a better racer from discussions of situations at the start line to mark rounding, to tactics to sail trim and rig tuning. The BBQ is the best class room racing seminar you will ever attend, if you keep your ears open and engage your fellow competitors.

Don't miss it.

2006 Regatta continued

times to better accommodate wind patterns. If anyone has suggestions for shore based activities during the afternoon lull ...speak-up.

The Saturday banquet was well attended and everybody enjoyed steak fajitas served hot. The silent auction provided much needed funds for the society and some entertaining goodies for the bidders. And...as a grand finale after the last award was presented we were treated to an exhibition of powered parasailing by members of the Colorado PPG Flock.

At the close of the Regatta over \$37,000 had been raised. The Top Individual Fundraiser was Joe Onofrio who unseated Carrie Pfister winner of the Leukemia Cup the last five years. Due to the success of this year's regatta the future of the Rocky Mountain Leukemia Cup is no longer in question. Next years race looks to be even better, a national restaurant chain is has made an offer to be the title sponsor and all the media sponsors who helped this year have already promised to be onboard for 2007. Volunteers are needed for the organizing committee which will begin meeting next fall. If you are able to help, contact the 2006 chair, Joe Onofrio.

The First Annual CSYC Pig Roast

Ok Gang, here's the deal, we do not have enough people signed up to have this event! If you have been procrastinating, Please we need to know now, as we will have to cancel with the roasters! We will have chicken for the non-pork eaters. If a later severing time would be better, let me know, I'm sure we can move this back to later in the afternoon.

I'm setting a cut-off date of June 30,2006, 10 days away, let me know ASAP at, shullett@aol.com or 303-973-4124.

2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta Photos

Available online at www.themasterswork.com are numerous photos of the boats sailing in the 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta. Take a moment and take a look. Maybe not every boat was captured by the camera but odds are good that among the large selection, you'll spot yours. Online viewing allows you to peruse in leisure. Online purchasing through PayPal provides security. 80% of net proceeds are dedicated to the Leukemia Society. So enjoy a fresh boat portrait and continue to contribute in the fight against cancer.

Beulah Messick
TheMaster'sWork Photography

3rd Annual Chatfield Fagawie Challenge

July 8th & 9th, 2006 Sunset till Sunrise

Named after the Hawaiian God of Navigational Aids. How far can you accurately sail in the dark for 12 hours on smooth water? It is a test of endurance, patience, and tolerance of the absurd.

Here is how it works:

We will meet in the early evening by mark 6 for a raft-up (non racers are welcome to attend). Skipper and crew are encouraged to attend.

KNOW YOUR COMPETITION.

Before sunset there will be a skippers meeting and at exactly sunset, the race will begin. The start and finish line will be the red and green nuns at the entrance to the marina. The competitors will follow the course described in the S.I.'s, logging each lap until sunrise and at that time the lead boat will proceed to the Finish line and note his time. Following boats will Finish their lap and proceed to the Finish also marking their time.

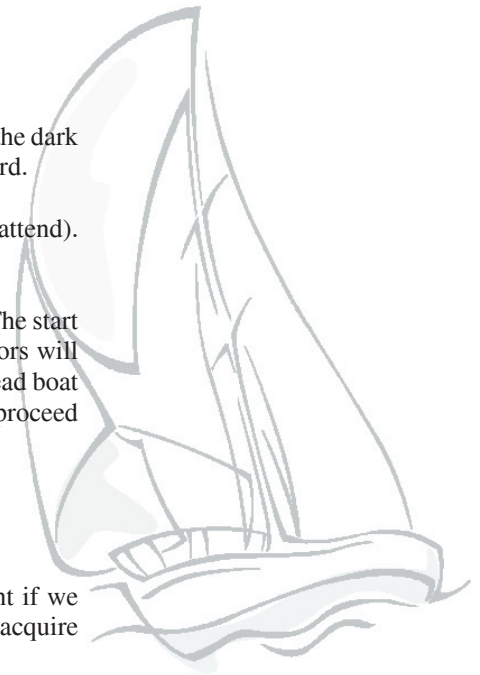
The method of scoring has been determined by

PAST COMMODORE: "The Well Respected" Bill Edwards,

whom all know to be a fair and honest man.

Entry fee: is \$20 dollars / boat

A downloadable GPS unit is required ensure accurate times and to mark your waypoint if we have a "pause in the action". Loaners will be made available to those who do not wish to acquire one. Any boats grounded will remain till dawn.



NOTICE OF RACE

1. **THE REGATTA:** The Colorado Sail & Yacht Club (Csync), As Organizing Authority, Will Conduct The Chatfield Challenge All Night Regatta Saturday, July 8th & Sunday, July 9th, 2006.

2. **RULES:** Races will be governed by the racing rules of sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, The Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, The Rules of Each Class Racing, The Sailing Instructions and The Rules of the Colorado Parks Department and Chatfield State Park.

3. **CLASSES:** All boats will sail in the same fleet.

4. **ENTRIES:** Entry may be made by completing and signing the form below, paying the entry fee specified and delivering it to the race committee at the raft-up prior to the race. Organizers retain the right to reject entries.

5. **SCHEDULE:** Registration will be at 1700 to 1800 hours, july 8th, 2006, at the csyc raft-up. Sailing instructions will be distributed at that time. Competitor's meeting at 1830 hours.

6. **PRIZES:** Trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winner only.

7. **CHANGES TO THE RULES:** The race committee may, in the sailing instructions, modify the rules.

8. **COURSES TO BE SAILED:** Courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

9. **SCORING SYSTEM:** phrf.. Fastest boat will be used to calculate times for all. GPS with ability to download track is required to trophy.

Entry Form for Fagawie Challenge

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Boat Type _____ Length _____ Spinnaker Y____ N ____

Sail # _____ PHRF _____

\$20 Due by 1800 hours July 8th

For Questions and information contact:

Colorado Sail and Yacht Club

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Wednesday Night Racing - after 6 races by Roy Burley, Race Director

We have a total of 33 boats registered to race for our Wednesday night series. More often than not we have 25 plus out each week.

A fleet has 10 boats registered including multi-hulls, a U20 and fast keel boats. The Klines are ahead on their J-22 with Marty Christensen second on his U20 and the Malouffs in third on their Santana 525. All these boats fly spinnakers.

B fleet has the hottest competition among the 7 boats registered. All the boats in this fleet are Catalina/Capri 22's, but with varying PHRFs. The Drummond/Wann, Shelton and Burley/Tully boats are all within a few points of each other. These are all spinnaker boats also.

C fleet has 12 boats ranging in PHRF from 242 to 197. These are all 25, 26 or 27 foot boats that have a history of spirited competition. None of these boats fly spinnakers. Commodore Boulding is in the lead on his Catalina 250. In second is the Ostrander Catalina 250 and coming up in 3rd is the Onofrio Hunter 26.5.

D fleet has 4 boat with PHRFs ranging from 321 to 257.

None of these boats fly spinnakers. The Briggs Santana 21 has a commanding lead with the Durham Lancer 25 in second. There is currently a hot race for third between the Simpson Cape Dori and the Anthony/Blackwell Capri 18.

Each week Jack Lowe heads up a cook-out with volunteers who fire up the charcoal burners and throw on some hamburgers with trimmings. We get a high turnout each week and the first little picnic dock looks like a boat about to sink with lots of laughter, sailor talk and good fun

Competition has been keen with a variety of wind conditions ranging from too much to too little.....it's Chatfield Lake.

Crew Memberships

We are offering a "crew membership" that will give you access to data, a membership card recognized around the world and opportunities to join in on the organized festivities. These memberships will be available for \$20 per year and are designed for people crewing on boats whose skippers are members and are racing on Wednesday nights. They are non-voting memberships. Look for information on our web-site.

On-Line Registration & New Website

The club is in the process of creating a new website. On this website there is a registration area for providing the most up to date information concerning our club membership. The website is www.cosyc.org. To provide on-line membership information click the Apply Online button in the lower left margin, and register. This creates an entry in the member database that is very important for proper administration of the Club.

After you have registered, you may apply for a Members Log-in and have access to the member information for contacting your friends and fellow sailors within the club.

Colorado Sail & Yacht Club Registration

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse Name _____ No. Children under 18 _____

Phone Home () _____ - _____ Work () _____ - _____ Cell Phone () _____ - _____

Email Address _____ Boat Owner: Yes / No

Boat Name _____

Registration No. _____

Sail Number _____

Make (manufacture) _____ Model _____

Type power () sail () Chatfield slip no. _____

Are you interested in racing? Yes / No PHRF _____ Fleet _____

FEES

_____	General Annual Family Membership	\$60.00
_____	Wednesday Night Racing Fees (General Membership required)	
_____	Spring Series (April-June)	\$40.00
_____	Summer Series (July-September)	\$40.00
_____	Full Season Discount (Both Series)	\$70.00
_____	Tuesday Night Dinghy Series (June - August)	\$30.00

Total Fees: _____

Please make checks payable to: Colorado Sail & Yacht Club (CS&YC)

Mail registration and check to: Brooke Moreland 24 Mountain Pine Drive, Littleton, CO 80127