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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Greta Mittman

By the time this newsletter makes it to the majority of the CSC membership, almost 60 days of 2008 will have flown by. I hope the New Year is going well for our membership. One of my New Year's resolutions is to make sure a Main Sheet newsletter is regularly generated.

Annual Meeting

There was a large turnout for the Annual Business meeting on January 17th. If you did not make the meeting, please read the CliffsNotes version of the Annual Meeting in this edition of the Main Sheet. Once again, a great Board of Directors (see <http://www.cscsailing.org/officers.html>) has been elected by the CSC membership. I would like to take a moment to say a BIG THANK YOU to Pat Manicchia, Beth Richard, Scott Mauney and Sandy Denison for their hard work and dedication during their tenures on the Board.

Membership Growth

The club has seen strong growth over the past 3 years with membership increasing from 319 to 369. This growth can be attributed to the members of our club, who make visitors feel that Corinthian Sailing Club is a great organization to be a part of. Another factor is the ongoing facility improvements. Clubs that are well maintained and have boats that are well maintained encourage people to become part of the organization.

Changing Board

As the club continues to grow, its needs will increase. We need an efficient way to handle the day to day responsibilities. Some time ago, our club's Board of Directors went from being an oversight Board to a hands-on Board. This migration has created an exuberant amount of work for individual Board members. This effort is greatly appreciated by the general membership, yet it intimidates individuals from serving on the Board. My second New Year's resolution is to challenge the Board to utilize committees to

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manage the club's activities. Utilizing committees will increase the general membership participation in the daily responsibilities of running the club and provide a way to groom future Board members. By removing the magnitude of work for an individual Board member, more members may consider being on a future Board. The club's founders planned for the club to work this way - the by-laws stipulate committees for each of the

rear commodore positions.

To accomplish this, the Board of Directors will need the general membership to shoulder some of the responsibility of managing the club's daily activities, so I challenge the general membership to volunteer for a committee. With effort from both the Board and the membership, our club will continue to improve and grow.

FROM THE TREASURER

Mike Mikeska

Entering my second term as CSC Treasurer, I would like first and foremost to announce to the membership that the financial condition of the club is good. We continue to need significant revenue to keep the club's infrastructure in working order. Once again in 2008 the majority of the budget will go towards improvement of our facilities. My number one goal as Treasurer is to make sure members are reimbursed immediately for any out-of-pocket expenses they might incur. If for any reason you believe a reimbursement request has not been handled promptly please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Planned Projects

- ❖ Rework South entry sail folding area. The project is targeted to be completed by the beginning of April.
- ❖ Rebuild Race Committee boat area.
- ❖ Rebuild walkway(s) in need of repair.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE FOR RACE

Dudley Bayne

I am pleased to be in charge of Race for 2008, after many years of handling Membership for the Club. We intend to offer several opportunities to members this year for learning more about racing: Rules of Racing, Race Management and Equipment Operation, and Chalk Board talks with ideas from the top racers for up and coming sailors.

We will also form a Race Management Committee, and would welcome volunteers from any members who would like to be involved in planning and scheduling those activities mentioned above, as well as other racing activities.

Chalk Talk Series

Once a month, the Vice Commodore for Race will sponsor a Chalk Talk series for racers. Each month a club or hot shot sailor from around the country will provide a presentation and field questions during the Chalk Talk session. Check www.cscsailing.org for scheduling.

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NEW BOARD BOAT PADS

Jim O'Connor

The new board boat pad is ready for planking. This steel piling and girder structure can be seen from the picture to be much closer to the water than the structure it replaces - a boon to those launching and recovering boats. Along with the new pads the old narrow walkway is being replaced with one that is ten feet wide, to ease moving board boats to and from their pads. This new board boat pad is longer than the old pad, in part to accommodate boats in the new V-15 fleet. Opposite the pad extension are three new davits, already occupied by Flying Scots.



The new board boat pad, looking WNW

What remains to be done is to install a new walkway of pressure-treated lumber, and plank the pad area with Ipe, a dense S. American hardwood that is extremely weather resistant.

A call will go out shortly for volunteers to join work parties to complete the project.

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CSC RADIO CONTROL SAILBOAT FLEET

Brig North

You may have noticed a few people at the club who have model sailboats in hand sailing them no matter the weather. Those folks are member of Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, a model sailing club operating at the pleasure of CSC. We have ten active members sailing boats of the International One Metre (IOM) class. As the name implies, IOMs around the world are built to a rather strict rule to ensure close, highly competitive racing. Yes - these little 39 inch long boats are raced, and often to a very high standard.



Craig Mackey, sighting his boat

CSC will play host to two important radio control sailboat regattas in March, those being the IOM Region 5/Blow Out Muscular Dystrophy Regatta held the weekend of March 8 and 9, and the Victoria class White Rock Cup, with proceeds donated to finding a cure for Spina Bifida. That regatta will be the following weekend of March 15 and 16.

We expect a turnout of 32 to 35 boats for the IOM regatta, with attendees from 11 different states. The IOM is the largest international model boat class, and its World Championship is held every two years. In October 2007, Brig North from TRYC and CSC attended the Worlds in Marseille, France, competing in the 76-boat fleet representing 22 countries. To attend a World Championship, one must qualify to be a representative from their country. In the US, we have a series of "points regattas" to determine our Worlds Team. The Blow Out is one of the six "points regattas" that will be used to determine who will represent the US in the 2009 World Championship, likely to be held in Croatia.

If you have any interest in trying out a boat, just start talking to one of the guys. All of us have a racing background in "people boats", but racing models is simply a blast. The boats have a wind range of 0 to 45 mph due to three rigs that may be used on the boat. It is an extremely versatile boat, and I have to tell you, not hiking is sure a plus!!! There will be a lot of activity at the club the weekend of March 8 and 9 as the 2008 Blow Out unfolds. We have a ball sailing our boats while knowing we are doing something for the greater good with our contribution to MDA. Last year we raised \$400, and hope to do more this year.

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Thanks to all of the members of CSC for allowing the models to use the wonderful facilities. One couldn't ask for a better model sailing venue, and we really appreciate having the opportunity to use it to hone our skills.

See you on the dock!

FLYING SCOT FLEET NEWS

Bowman O'Connor

The Flying Scot Fleet ended its Fall Series with Rick Tears in first place, Kelly Gough second, Richard Wade third, Tom Miller fourth, and Chris Dukeminier fifth. The Spring Series is well underway with Scott Mauney and Kelly Gough tied for first, Frank Richards third, and a three-way tie for fourth between Shane Grisham, Red Dog Jones and Trevor Fetter.

Upcoming regattas for the Scots include

The **Mid-Winter Championships** to be held March 23 – 27th at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. At this time the Mittmans, Mauneys and Goughs are planning to sail.

The **Leukemia Cup Regatta** at CSC is April 25 – 27th.

The **Wife/Husband Regatta** is being held at the Oklahoma City Boat Club June 7th – 8th.

The **SW District Regatta** is also at OCBC June 20th – 21st.

If you are interested in more information on any of these regattas email Greta Mittman, our District Governor, at Greta@FlyingScotSouth.com.

We have several new Scot owners at the club:

Terry Jewel FS 5792,

James and Lise Hymel FS 5785,

Jeff Marosz FS 5794.

Please take a minute to meet and welcome them.

We would like to warmly welcome to our club these new members, who joined after October 2007.

Steve & Amy Benenson

Rugger Burke

Shannon & Margaret Collins

Jason Cope

Dave & Cindy Crawford

John Abrams & Cynthia Ford

Lisa Halvorson

Terry Jewell

Jeff Marosz

David & Susan Skinner

James Turner

Mark & Maria Williams

Alex & Jacque Winslow

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LASER NEWS

This past week, CSC's own Doug Peckover competed in the Laser Master Worlds in Terrigal Australia. The following is taken from the ISAF website (sailing.org).

Laser Masters World Championship 2008

Event organizers and sailors were surprised when the Laser Masters Worlds entry sold out five days after the Notice of Race appeared online, but 367 sailors later, and a week into the event, clear evidence points to the reason...

Camaraderie is the drug of choice for the sailing fraternity – and it doesn't matter where you are from or whether you have met before.

Being sailed off Terrigal on the NSW Central Coast, and concluding tomorrow, various stories have emerged from the 'Plus 35 Years' sailors.

Yesterday American [Doug Peckover](#) wheeled his boat down to the beach ready to set sail. "I was one of the last to launch and a wave picked the boat up and dumped it back on the trolley. Someone heard a loud crack and suggested I check my boat – I did, and found a crack," says the 2005 Standard Grand Master World Champion.

Before Peckover could think about it, he was offered a replacement hull. [Brendan Casey](#), a Queensland Laser sailor of note, had the replacement hull wheeled out, and along with others, including David Slingsby and his daughter [Alana Slingsby](#), the boat was re-rigged and ready to sail in a minute.

"I felt lucky; it's all about the camaraderie. The team work was amazing. I didn't ask for a replacement boat, it was offered to me, just like that! All these people came and helped me. I feel very thankful, not hapless as was said yesterday," the USA sailor said.

This morning Peckover reported the minor crack had been fixed and his boat returned. "I didn't want to risk sailing it with the crack – it could have leaked. You don't want to take that chance," he said.

For the complete article and event information see www.sailing.org or <http://aus08.laserinternational.org/index.html>.



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CORINTHIAN FLEET NEWS

Jill Perez

The 2008 Corinthian Fleet 1 sailing season is upon us. We will be running three regattas this year: Single Hand, Hired Gun and Captains Challenge. The nominal entry fee covers food and beverages. You are welcome to team up with a Corinthian Owner for a sail, or volunteer to participate in committee duty and the festivities. Just come down to the Very Important Persons Lounge "VIP" and visit with us about the upcoming spring and summer regattas.

We are proud owners of a new all-steel Keelboat Maintenance Davit, which replaced the old KMD in January.

Election of new officers:

Captain	Bill Wilson
Race	David
Chairman	Knoblock
Secretary	Jill Perez
Treasurer	Max Hibbs
Social	Lauri Block



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VANGUARD 15 FLEET NEWS

Anderson Jones, Fleet Captain

The Vanguard 15 fleet is growing fast and strong! We have eleven boats right now in the fleet and we have room to grow.

We have just finished putting the V15 Southwest Circuit calendar together for 2008. The circuit will have four stops. We will be stopping in:

- ❖ New Orleans April 5-6,
- ❖ Dallas April 26-27,
- ❖ Houston in September, and
- ❖ Wursthfest in New Braunfels in November.



V-15s Tuning Up at New Orleans Southern Yacht Club

As a fleet, we are doing our part to help out in the construction of the new flat pad being built over by the north gazebo. I know when summer comes around we will be racing Wednesday nights and Sundays at White Rock.

We would like to thank the board and all members of CSC for helping us out and supporting our new fleet.



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BUTTERFLY FLEET 20 NEWS

Megan Doren

We've had 10-15 boats on the line every Saturday—and that's been in the WINTER! We're sure the warmer weather will bring out even more racers this Spring! We've had some Laser sailors join us in borrowed Butterflies in the colder weather and we look forward to the warmer weather bringing out the Laser and Sunfish fleets to sail with us on Saturdays as well.

The Butterfly Fleet has two boats that can be reserved to come race with us. Almost all of our new members have borrowed the fleet boats until they have purchased their own boat. Because we've had so many guests join us on the line this winter, some of our members have been kind enough to loan their boats to accommodate everyone coming out to sail with us. One of the boats loaned to our guests belongs to Paul Denison, who has been racing with us since he was about 10 years old and who is now away at Oberlin College in Ohio. He has been back a few times on his winter vacation and definitely hasn't lost any of his racing skills living up there!

Speaking of racing skills—congratulations to Burton Shepherd for winning the 2007 Butterflyer of the Year award! Burton sails the Butterfly on Saturdays and the Flying Scot on Sundays and clearly all that time on the water has paid off! Burton was also one of the people who began sailing with the Butterfly fleet a couple of years ago in one of the fleet loaner boats.

Our fleet is growing by leaps and bounds! In the past few months, Laurie Berger, Megan Doren, Shaun Hoffmann, Martin Mollat, Pam Newton, Bowman O'Connor, and Mike Seay have all joined our fleet. New fleet member Shaun Hoffmann created a new website for our fleet at www.butterflyfleet20.org. It's in a blog format and we've been adding pictures every week as several of us have been taking pictures of the Saturday races.



Butterflyer of the Year Burton Shepherd

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If you've glanced down the lake lately, you'll notice the White Rock Boat Club has no clubhouse. It's been torn down and a new one is being constructed, along with the new dinghy pads we've already built. We'll have something in place by the time of our Wrangle Regatta in June, so stay tuned for more details about our annual regatta!

For more information, or to reserve a Butterfly loaner boat, call Tom Charland at 214-368-5797. Join us for racing on Saturdays!



CLUB WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORK

A wireless router in the clubhouse provides Internet access for suitably configured laptops and other WiFi-equipped devices. Coverage extends beyond the South gate. Access is restricted, so in addition to the network name (the SSID) you will need to select the security type on your device and enter the shared key as a password, (not a hex number)

Wireless LAN Settings

Network Name:	CSC-Wireless
Security:	PSK2 Personal
Shared Key:	CSC080702007

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THE LIGHTNING FLEET

Clarke D. Newman

The Lightning Fleet has begun to prepare for the 2008 season. In two weeks, we will have the first brand new boat in the fleet in years. We continue to improve the quality of the equipment. We will have a fleet meeting on Saturday, **March 22nd**. Bring your trailer! We will haul out the boats and work on them to get them ready for the year, tuning each boat to maximize performance.

Our Spring Series will begin the first weekend in April. In May, we will host a "Lightning Lab" on **May 10-11**. This event is an International Lightning Class Association sponsored event that will bring a class champion to Corinthian Sailing Club to evaluate our sailing skills and our boat handling. Our District Championship will be held **May 31- June 1**. We look forward to seeing you on the water!

Race Committee & Rescue Boat Usage Seminars

Seminars for Race Committee and Rescue boats usage will be held monthly at the club. Members will learn how to correctly operate the club-owned power boats. Hands-on demonstrations include connecting/disconnecting gas, starting, radio operation, anchor deployment/retrieval and docking. What to do when the boat is not operating correctly will also be covered. The first seminar will be held March 22 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Space is limited to 10 people per seminar, so everyone can actually go through the procedures and have hands-on experience. Contact commadore@cscsailing.org for more info

NEW RACE COMMITTEE BOAT

On Saturday, Feb 16 CSC acquired a brand new 2007 committee boat. The new pontoon boat is 20 feet long, the same length as our old boat. It will be powered by the 60 hp four stroke 2006 Mercury



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engine from our old boat. It will shortly enter service after being customized for race use. Among the customizations are a hardtop to replace the fabric top the boat came with; flag holders; and a horn/timer system.

If this boat performs like its predecessor, it will do well - the boat it replaces, which is battered but unbowed, has been going strong since 1983.

NEW COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Greta Mittman

The table below lists opportunities for members to become more involved in the club by helping with club activities. If you're interested, please contact the board member responsible:

pier@cscsailing.org, entertainment@cscsailing.org, race@cscsailing.org or education@cscsailing.org

Committees for Rear Commodore of Pier	Committee for Rear Commodore of Entertainment & Publicity	Committee for Vice Commodore of Race	Committee for Rear Commodore of Sailing Education
<u>Long Term Facility Plan Committee</u> ♦ Committee Head: Frank Richards ♦ Objective: create a long-term plan for the CSC facility	<u>Social Committee</u> ♦ Committee members to host First Friday & CSC sponsored social events	<u>Race Management Committee</u> ♦ Organize entry-level Race Management seminars for membership ♦ Organize Chalk Talk seminars for membership	<u>Sailing Education Committee</u> ♦ Adult Sailing Classes ♦ The Junior Program ♦ Special Olympics Training
<u>Facility Construction Committee</u> ♦ Oversee current construction projects			
<u>Facility Maintenance Committee</u> ♦ Oversee maintenance of Water & Electrical			

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SAILING EDUCATION

Steve and Renee Comen

We are very excited to be taking over sailing education this year and will do our best to continue the excellent work that has been done by Bob Harrington and Sandy Denison for many years. We already have a lot of interest in the adult education classes, and are looking for someone to help coordinate the classes. Plans are also coming together for the junior sailing camps this summer. Michael Gent will be rejoining us this summer as coach, along with Paul Denison. We are currently looking for housing for Michael for the summer; if you are able to help out please contact us.

We will run 3 two-week classes this summer, and will also have a separate race team practice and hope to send a big crew down to Texas Youth Race Week in July. In the meantime the CSC juniors are already out on the youth circuit- Collin and Jamie Weston sailed the Port Arthur regatta early this month and CSC juniors will also be in Austin the first weekend in March and Lake Canyon in the middle of March. CSC will host the "Rock the Rock" junior regatta April 12-13; if you are available to help with race committee please contact Steve at education@cscsailing.org.

We would like to run the sailing education program as a committee so more people can have the fun of helping out. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please let us know.

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VC

Bill and Gina Wilson

We have teamed up to handle membership for 2008. When we are not at the computer scratching our heads over what needs to happen next, we are sailing the *Union Maid* (Corinthian #2). We ask for patience with our learning curve and promptness with your checks.

As a supplement to our existing payment methods, CSC will be accepting online payment of dues via PayPal this year!

Spruce Up Day

Spruce Up Day will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 until 5:00. Breakfast, lunch and beverages will be provided by CSC. Bring your tools and lend a hand at the annual CSC Spruce Up Day. Projects include:

- ❖ Clean & organize tack room
- ❖ Clean heads
- ❖ Clean clubhouse
- ❖ Replace decking as need around clubhouse area
- ❖ Install decking on 10' walkway in front of board pad area
- ❖ Install decking on board pad
- ❖ Install attic fan in clubhouse copula

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

This, the first board meeting of 2008, was a joint meeting of the 2007 and 2008 boards. The main tasks of each February meeting are to establish a budget and set 2008 dues.

The board decided to leave regular and associate member annual fees unchanged. Board boat pad rental will increase from \$80 to \$120. Davit fees increase from \$30 to \$50. Dinghy rack fees increase from \$40 to \$50. All numbers are exclusive of tax.

Major items from the 2008 budget, which was adopted unanimously, are shown below. Together with items not shown the total comes to about \$166k, up from about \$154k last year.

Pier	\$80k
Social & Entertainment	\$25k
Sailing Education	\$12k
Equipment	\$23k
Race	\$5k
Membership	\$3k
Davit	\$1k
Utilities	\$9k
Miscellaneous	\$3k

In other business, one member was expelled and the board voted to allow online payment of dues via PayPal.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This annual event was held at the Royal Oaks Country Club on January 17th. The board of directors reported on the state of the club and Renee Comen described planning for the upcoming Leukemia Cup Regatta.

A highlight of the evening was the awards presentation. The recipient of the 2008 Old Salts Trophy was **Bob Harrington**. The recipient of the Norman B. Watkins Award was **Anderson Jones**.

Club Race Duty Seminars

CSC will be offering several 1.5 hour seminars for Club Race Duty. These seminars are for members and sailors who participate in racing and/or race duty. The first race management seminar will be hosted during the morning of March 22nd from 10:00 to 11:30.

Topics covered in each seminar will include:

- ❖ Race Committee & Rescue boats preparation
 - ❖ What goes on which boat
 - ❖ Safety requirements
- ❖ What to do during the race
 - ❖ Before the Start
 - ❖ Starting sequence
 - ❖ How to use the Starting Timer
 - ❖ Flags – Which one, When, Where & Why
- ❖ After the Start
 - ❖ Abandon Race
 - ❖ Change of Course
 - ❖ At the Finish
- ❖ What to do after the races
 - ❖ Return race equipment to correct place
 - ❖ Post scores

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THE MAIN SHEET - YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Main Sheet belongs to each member of the club. This is an invitation to all members to submit articles about the club, regattas, meetings, fleets, awards, members, family and community. The deadline for submission is the 15th of the month. Please submit articles to secretary@cscsailing.org. If you prefer, call Jim O'Connor at 214-369-9037 and simply leave your thoughts in a voice mail message. An article draft will shortly waft its way to you for proof-reading. Any suggestions concerning improvements to the newsletter are welcome. If you have experienced problems with the newsletter, please contact me at secretary@cscsailing.org.

Membership in the Corinthian Sailing Club is open to anyone with an interest in sailing. Club facilities are located at 441 E. Lawther Drive on the East side of beautiful White Rock Lake. Phone 214-320-0841. Our web address is <http://www.cscsailing.org> ; a general email address is info@cscsailing.org. Our mailing address is Corinthian Sailing Club, PO Box 180087, Dallas, TX 75218.

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