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From the Commodore's Deck:

We had a wonderful Change of Watch this year with about 80 in attendance. Julie and Laura did an exceptional job once again I have received lots of comments on how great the club looked. The General Membership Meeting/Chili Cook Off is coming up on 2/06/2010. Please remember to RSVP for the social dinners, so that we can continue to control costs. New dry storage contracts are available at the bar or through the office, or via e-mail. If you store a boat at the club you will need to update your lease. Please fill one out and return to Kathi. The club now has a Face book page "Face book/ The Rudder Club of Jacksonville". Please join in and help promote the club. The MUG RACE assignment sheet will be in the bar soon. Please let us know where you will help.

Thank you,
Gregg McGilloway, Commodore
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Vice-Commodore's Update:

Ditto on the great Change of Watch dinner- the food, music, and décor was fantastic! Thanks to those members who have volunteered for the Building and Grounds Committee- the changes in our club facilities are forthcoming. Please contact me if you have suggestions or comments. Some priorities- pool leakage, hoist repair/replacement, dry storage numbering and organization. Please invite your friends and neighbors to our club- new members bring enthusiasm, new ideas and assures that sailing has a friendly home in NE Florida.

Good Sailing-
Karl Hoffman, Vice Commodore
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Rear- Commodore's Update:

Well it's another year and we need to keep up with the momentum from last year. We still have lots of improvements to do, as well as regular maintenance issues. This year's board is ready to tackle those issues, but we can't do it without our members becoming actively involved. There will be a full on work day and burn-it, which has been moved to Feb. 27. We hope everyone will participate, as there's lots to do both with club grounds and boats. As it warms up we would like to see more racers out on the course, come on cat sailors, junior sailors are also welcome to sail, or come out on a committee boat to see what happens on that side of the race. Fair winds and may the tide always be on your stern.

Thanks,
Oscar de la Torre, Rear Commodore
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Treasurer's Update:

I'll continue with the Change of Watch dinner comments, it was a great evening and enjoyed by everyone!! We have been working very hard on the 2010 budget, -- thanks Donna for your help!! --. There are several financial challenges for the club in 2010. We must maintain the club and its' facilities at a level that benefits the membership while current economic conditions are decreasing membership, wet slip and dry storage revenues. Please invite your friends and neighbors to our club. The club has a lot to offer for the cost of being a member – it is a great value!! The board and officers have been discussing various ways to help spread the word about the Rudder Club. The new Face Book page is already up and running. Please visit it regularly.

Thanks,
Dave Thackery, Treasurer
Treasurer@RudderClub.com

Secretary's News:

Thoroughly enjoyed the Change of Watch dinner. Ladies you did a fantastic job again. We are preparing for a Membership Drive. Jeff Knoll acquired a booth (at no cost) for the Rudder Club, at the Boat Show, April 16, 17 and 18th. Need to promote the Club, Jr. Sailing, The Mug Race, Membership, etc. We will be able to display a boat, have boats in the water, pictures and provide handouts. We need volunteers to work those 3 days.

Thanks,
Pat Wordsman, Secretary
secretary@rudderclub.com

From the Office:

Not only did Laura and Julie do an excellent job with the Change of Watch, they did it for several hundred dollars less than last year. Martha and Rosemary also saved the club money with their bargain shopping they did for the New Year's dinner. Thanks Ladies! I would like to reiterate the fact that all dry storage members need to fill out a new contract for 2010. You can pick up a contract at the club, or request one to be e-mailed to you. Also in an effort to save time and money, we are offering electronic billing statements, in lieu of paper statements, for those who would like this service. If you would like to be set up to receive your statements electronically, please send me a note from the e-mail address you would like the statement sent to.

Best wishes,
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