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From the Commodore's Deck:

February started off with our famous chili cook-off. Jen Lyman took first place with her traditional chili and Julie Runnfeltdt was first in non-traditional. I want to again thank all those who showed up and brought chili with them. The first burn it will follow on the 21st. We are asking all members to please RSVP for all socials this year. This will help keep our food cost and waste to a minimum. Please contact the office if you can make it. Kathi has been sending e-mails to the membership reminding all of up coming events. If you are not receiving these please see Kathi so she can update your e-mail address. Just a reminder to the skippers and crews of socials events. Leftovers should stay through Sunday for use in the bar the following day.

March is loaded with racing at the club. The first one over the line is the River City regatta on the 7th & 8th: two days of one design racing followed by a PHRF on Sunday the 8th. Just off the stern and closing is the Catalina 22 St.Patty's Day regatta. This year we will be hosting the Region 3 championship as part of this regatta. Region 3 is comprised of Florida and the four surrounding states. We could have a fleet of up to 50 C22's mixing it up for two days of one design racing on the mighty St. Johns. We will need lots of volunteers to help pull this off. A sign up sheet will be posted in the bar.

Gregg McGilloway, Commodore
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Vice-Commodore's Updates:

I would like to have a work party Saturday, February the 21st, before the burn it, cleaning up the grounds and building maintenance before river city regatta & Catalina 22 regatta. We don't have to start early, let's say around noon. Contact me or the office to rsvp (we would like a head count for the burn it). Thanks in advance for your participation.

As Rob and Gregg have already stated, thank you for the great job everyone has been doing with their assigned tasks and volunteer help.

Oscar de la Torre, Vice Commodore

Treasurer's 2-cents:

It is pretty quiet on the Treasurer front. We continue to amass material requested by our auditor, CPA Sarah Snead (she has been doing our taxes for a while). Kathi and I have worked together to try to implement the dues increase. If you have a question, please email or call the office and we will track down an answer as quickly as possible.

As for last year's books, we ended up with a \$14k deficit in our operating budget - precisely the amount of the unexpected increase in property taxes. It looks like the dues increase will cover that almost exactly, provided we keep our membership up. So keep sailing, keep inviting others to sail, and stay active!

Donna Mohr, Treasurer
Treasurer@RudderClub.com

View from the Rear (Commodore):

On The Waterfront & Race Course:

I am very pleased to say we're batting 1,000 with race committee participation. All hands scheduled turned out for the Hangover Regatta and the first three series races. Thank you Dick Allsopp, Mike Brost, Chris Cordes, Mike Baker, Dave Strickland, Jim McCain, John Hirsch and Brian Golumbeck! Our last Frost Bite series race is Feb. 22nd. I also wish to give credit to Tony Delagrange for working so hard on our website and promptly posting our race notices and to Dick Allsopp for making sure my NOR's and SI's are fully "legal." Thanks guys!

The racing season is gearing up and help is still needed to make the Catalina 22 Region 3 Championship Regatta a success. Please sign-up (or send me an e-mail) to lend a hand on one of the various committees.

The Mug Race is just around the bend and help is needed as well. Please keep a look-out for the soon to be announced next planning meeting.

Slip & Hoist Waiting List:

If you want to keep your PHRF boat at the least expensive place on the St. John's River please contact me. The wet slip list is short and openings are available on the hoist slips! Remember, you must complete an application before a slip is offered to you. A hoist slip requires a \$1,000.00 deposit.

Work Projects:

The next work party will be on February 28th to fix the floating dock. Hands are needed to get it fully floating - skilled labor not required so come on out! Also needed is someone willing, able-bodied and with scuba gear to set the float under the dock. Please contact me to sign-up.

Many thanks to the members that participated in the build-out of the finger pier over Super Bowl weekend: Oscar de la Torre & Jon Hamilton attended both days; Mike Brost, Tim Burton, Gregg McGilloway, Hoss Thomas, Barney Salzberg & John Winslow.

Chat, Rum & Fun:

I am very pleased to announce that our club by the river will be hosting a Mount Gay Speaker Series event on April 18th - the day of our Mug Race pre-registration "party." Gary Jobson, arguably one of the most distinguished sailors of our time, will be the featured speaker.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$30.00 on the day of the event. Seating space is limited. This link: <http://tinyurl.com/d9b3gw> will take you to the Regatta Network to obtain your ticket.

Fair Winds & Blue Skies!

Robert M. Smith, Rear Commodore
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Upcoming Events: Feb 21 - Burn-it Skipper: Carl Geyer / Crew: Jake Hunter