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A DamSailors gathering Saturday, December 12, 2009.

DamSailors' Club Coffee Group

Meets monthly on 2nd Saturday at 9 a.m.
Stephanie's 4th Street Cafe, 106 South Fourth Street

DamSailors' Club Coffee Group is an unofficial group of BVYC members and other sailors who meet on the second Saturday of the winter months to tell tall tales of past sailing seasons.

The name DamSailors comes from our habit of sailing out of Tuttle Cove and beating against the prevailing southerly winds towards the dam and then turning around for an easy run home, or having a Dam Sail. Members are called Barnacles. – contributed by Henry Otto

Message from the Commodore

As I write this, February is fast approaching. It won't be long before the more intrepid members of the club may attempt an early season sail, and just a little longer for the more rational of us to get back on the water as well. Don't get me wrong, the cove is pretty when it is all frozen over, but I much prefer to see the moored boats out bobbing around instead of trailered and covered with snow.

If you can't tell, I'm excited to get back out there sailing, but I'm equally as excited about our board of directors and the plans that they have for the club this year.

Your elected board of directors is comprised of Jim Crespino – Commodore, Jeff Hancock – Vice Commodore, Matt Loyd – Rear Commodore, Jonathon Mahorney – Treasurer, Allison Loyd – Secretary, Daryl Strouts – Race Director, and Jane Mullen – Social Director.

In Daryl's new role as Race Director, he is eager to update some of our race equipment and is planning to schedule several races this year. We typically have big races on Memorial Day and Labor Day

weekends, but watch your email as Daryl may announce races at any time during the sailing season. Also, Jane Mullen rejoins the board this year as Social Director. At the January board of directors meeting, Jane had an amazing list of potential social events that could take place this year. So check the website calendar and watch your email for announcements of social events. The rest of us will be working to keep the grounds, harbor, and website maintained, and the club running efficiently.

To follow-up last year's rebuild of the dock and the purchase of a new tractor, this year we must have the electrical wiring on the club grounds inspected, and we plan to replace the antiquated generator. Having easily accessible power at the club will facilitate those times when members need to power tools to maintain their boats and trailers as well as allow us to power lights and accessories at the pavilion for social events.

So there you have it, racing, partying, and electricity. Throw in a little casual sailing, and we have a great 2010 sailing season to look forward to.

Jim Crespino, Commodore

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All members of the Club are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion to the newsletter.

33rd America's Cup Begins



Any doubt that the America's Cup is not a designer's race was put to rest last week after BMW Oracle opened the best-of-three series with a crushing win over the Swiss champions. The American challenger's radical technology — most notably its wing sail — took the 159-year-old sailing competition by storm.

For 'Sail'

BVYC t-shirts and hats are available in many sizes.
Hats are \$10. Shirts are \$13.00.
Contact Bob Mullen at 539-4759.

Social Events . . .

This is a message from your BVYC Social Director. Here are some plans and ideas with more information to follow.

We will start the season with a celebration of the Vernal Equinox on March 20 at 5:44PM! Then spring work day will be April 24th, a Saturday morning, with coffee, rolls, fruit, etc. Our Annual Spring Launch (dinner and program) will be held this year on a Tuesday evening. We'll see how that works; it will be a little different than usual. We will ask someone from membership to tell us how they heard about the BVYC and what enticed them to join. If anyone has pictures to share there will be a place for displaying them. Also, the scrapbook, which has been entirely redone (because it was very old and falling apart) will be on display for everyone to enjoy.

We hope to have at least one big event every month during the summer and another one more impromptu and possibly hosted by some of the members. There will be a breakfast, which Henry Otto will host and send more information as the time nears. We plan to have a Pirate Party again this year with costumes and decorations.

Other ideas are a Jimmy Buffet party with cheeseburgers and Margaritas, a boat launching and naming, a raft up with snacks to share followed by a sunset sail. How about a music night with talented members supplying the entertainment?

Would anyone be interested in having a Sale and Sail event? We could have our nautical theme "yard" sale with everyone bringing something they would like to sell, or swap. Snacks to share would be nice and a sail later.

Would anyone like to help organize or host any of these events? Do you have any other ideas for fun at the lake? How about a BYO picnic on the 4th of July followed by a sail to watch the fireworks from the lake? Fireworks from about four different groups can be seen as well as some lakeside residents who put on a good show too. Then we end the year in November with our Annual Banquet and election of officers but we'll talk about that in the future.

Of course many events depend on the weather but sometimes rain doesn't keep us from having a good time in the shelter anyway.

I would love to hear from you for other ideas or for saying you'd like to be a part of some of the events. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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