

January 2005
Every mile is
two in winter.

Red Dragon Canoe Club
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Commodore's Message

Happy New Year

Greetings everyone, I want to wish you all a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous new year.

Last year, mother nature showed us who was in charge, she lets us use the river when she wants. Hopefully all of her nasty weather is out of the way and this year the sailing weather will be better.

Let's gear up for the 2005 sailing year, Strictly Sail will be at the Philadelphia Convention Center January 20th to 23rd. Jim Puckett is planning a group trip to the show for the 22nd, call Jim for details.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report the death of Peter Bishops mother. Peter flew to London to be with his mother and family at this critical time. The club is sending our condolences and keep Peter and his family in your prayers

There are some changes in the club this year, Jeanne Nooney is our new correspondent. Welcome Jeanne, I look forward to a great year. Donna Agin is our new editor the Dragontails. Stories, articles or even tall tales you would like to share with the club need to be sent to Donna, email is the quickest way. donna@dpagin.net A big thank you to Sue French for her work as our Editor these last few years, great job Sue and thank for all your hard work and dedication. MAYRA has a new rear commodore, the Dragon's Randy Breinigan! Congratulations Randy and we look forward to the MAYRA Regatta in June. Lastly, we're looking to make a change, we are still in need of a harbor master, I'm sure Tom Norton will help with a guiding hand to anyone who takes on the task. Any active member can hold this position.

Remember those who are sick and have problems in your prayers. Especially remember those who are in desperate need because of the tsunami. Pray for the success of the club as well.

God Bless America

Bob Medeiros
Commodore

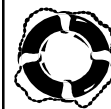
UPCOMING EVENTS

1/20-1/23	Strictly Sail Philadelphia Convention Center
1/26	Executive Meeting
2/2	General Membership Meeting
2/12	118th Annual Mess
2/26	DRYL Banquet
3/12	St. Patrick's Day Party
3/26	Spring Brunch

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NAUTI Q & A



Cruising at night you observe a flashing amber light (three-second intervals) indicating the presence of a _____?

the Answer inside...

Vice Commodore Report

December was a great month for club parties. Thanks go out to the Stokes and Medeiros's for a great holiday party. It was a huge success, making \$491.52 profit! The DRSS camper's dinner on December 12th had a big turnout.

Many thanks to everyone who came to remove the holiday decorations. The Dragon is back to her old self and ready for the Saturday TLC sessions with the Quartermaster.

Even though sailing seasons is 3+ months away, the Dragon has events to help the winter pass. Join RDCC members on **January 22nd** to attend the Strictly Sail Show at the convention center in Philly. **February 12** is the 118th RDCC Annual Mess at Cater 2 U in Mt. Laurel, NJ. Starting at 6:00 pm with dinner and dancing until 10:00 pm. Dress to impress, tickets are \$45.00 per person.

DRYL Banquet is being held on **February 26** at Cannstatter-Volksfest, see Tom Hopely for tickets and details.

I wish to thank our outgoing officers for a job well done. To all the new officers and trustees I wish a very productive year.

Hosts still needed for the Upcoming events :

The **Shad** Dinner in April, The **Memorial Day** Picnic, The **Labor Day** Picnic, and The **Holiday** Party in December. Let's see some new faces in the kitchen and behind the grills this year, hosting an event is a great way for new members to get to know everybody.

Please get in touch with the Vice Commodore to help with the CLUB EVENTS.

J.Puckett
Vice Commodore

Nauti answer: a submarine. From "The Skipper's Challenge" Dale R. Lydigsen

Harbormaster - Tom Norton

What with the holidays, the weather and illness there has been little activity on the waterfront in the past month, however there are lots and lots of fun things in the planning stages. Stay tuned, we will be calling to give you the opportunity to share in all the fun and games!

Mark your calendars! The float launch will be April 16th and the mooring set April 23rd. High tide will occur about 0900hrs on the 16th so we will have to get an early start. More about that later.

I know this is getting to sound like a broken record (for those of you who remember LPs and such) but I have to say once again that the yard storage area is looking pretty shabby. You boat owners must make it your business to take care of your boats. The masts **must** be unstepped, the boats must be on trailers, the trailers must be identified, and the boats must be covered with a green tarp in good condition. Again I remind you these things are required by our agreement with the township and I don't know how much longer the present situation will be tolerated by our neighbors.

But enough of the soap box, Georgie and I wish you all the best for the coming year and hope your holidays were delightful and fulfilling.

Don't forget to check out the RDCC web page.

Details on Club events
as well as other useful information
is available at your fingertips. Check it out!

Coming soon DRSS webpage

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Have you ever dreamed of being 'published'? Here's your chance! Submit your ideas, sailing tips, adventures or even 'tall tales' to the editor

THIS OLD HOUSE NEEDS WORK

Do you want to work on an old house that needs some TLC? Perhaps you are not ready to work outside getting that boat in shape, or maybe it is just too cold or wet, but you have that "where is spring - I wanna get busy feeling?"

Starting the third Saturday in January we will begin a Third Saturday get together of members and friends who would like to do a little painting, a little sanding, learn how to plaster, polish and just maintain our home away from home, The Red Dragon Clubhouse. Starting at 9 a.m. and going till midday, inside if the weather is bad and inside and outside if not we should be able to get a lot of the little but important things done on the club that will make it sparkle before April when boating season begins.

Those dates will be February 19th and March 19th, 2005, from 9 - noon, come join us, share some coffee, enjoy a donut, maybe split a hoagie or pizza if the job runs long.

I hope to see you in February;

Bert Redgrave
Quartermaster

Happy New Year!

Did you get something for the Holidays that you don't want or can't use? The **Chinese Auction** needs your donations.

It's that time of the year again, time to get the great bargains as the stores clear their shelves for spring merchandise. The **Chinese Auction** needs your donations.

We're accepting any new items for the auction, help support the largest fund raising event of the year.

Items for the auction can be left outside the commodore's office on the second floor or contact Pat Medeiros

Thanks for your cooperation,
Pat & Donna

Preview the 2005 Sailing Season

You are invited to the biggest mid-winter rendezvous for sailors held on the east coast in the last decade. Introducing Strictly Sail Philadelphia.....an all new event designed by the sailing industry offering something for every type of sailor.

With the holidays fading into memory and still 3 months of winter ahead, just when you seemingly can't go another minute without a sailing fix, along comes **Strictly Sail Philadelphia, January 20-23, 2005** as the newest and most diverse sailing event on the East Coast.

Thursday, 1/20: 11am-7pm
Friday, 1/21: 11am-7pm
Saturday, 1/22: 10am-7pm
Sunday, 1/23: 10am-7pm

Once again the members of the Red Dragon come through! Thank you for your generous donations for the food drive. The club gave 11 bags of food and 2 turkeys to the food bank this holiday season.

Pat Medeiros



From the Webmaster

Using two-way radios we would expect to be heard by anyone in the area. While using cordless phones we might not even consider, or care, that someone could be eavesdropping intentionally or by chance. When running a wireless computer network, however, there are good reasons to be concerned about security. Not taking basic steps to secure your network will allow anyone to connect to your network, monitor your traffic, and even access your computer.

There is only enough room here to mention one important security feature: encryption. When buying wireless network equipment, look for components that support Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA). WPA provides a simple way to encrypt your information before it is broadcast hundreds of feet from your computer. Older components support an alternative encryption method known as WEP. Please, follow the included instructions and enable one of these important features. ^_^

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