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Commodore's Message

Greetings everyone

At last month's general meeting, **Ned Brownlee** was voted in as an honorable member. Ned has been an active member since 1988 and has been a solid supporter of The Red Dragon. As a young man Ned worked on sailing ships carrying cargo up and down the New Jersey Coast. After 3 trips and 2 severe storms Ned decided a career change was in order. Ned became a Naval architect and designed tug boats that travel up and down the Delaware River. Ned has not been in the best of health for the past few years and has not been around the club as often as he'd like.

I want to give a warm welcome to **Andrea** and **Andrew Brennan** who came on board this month as Paddling/Rowing members. They live within walking distance of the club on Cottage Ave in Edgewater Park. The Red Dragon is an ideal place for the Brennans to enjoy their sport. They currently keep a 23' Kittiwake in Virginia and have been interested in sailing for many years.

I also want to welcome **Linda Puckett** as a social member. Linda is the sister-in-law of **Jim Puckett**, and has been to many activities at the club and was put to work in helping out at these social functions. Linda liked us so much she decided to join the club. Glad to have you aboard Andrea, Andrew and Linda!

Tom Gillman's father passed away January 17 after a long illness. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.

Mother nature has been up to her tricks again, a combination of ice and a 20 inch round tree took out the up river rails. Repairs will have to wait until the ice melts. The harbormaster will keep everyone posted on work parties at the waterfront.

Bob Medeiros
Commodore

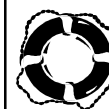
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/26 Spring Brunch
- 3/30 Executive Meeting
- 4/5 DRYL Delegates Meeting
- 4/6 General Membership Meeting
- 4/16 Float Launch-All Hands Day
- 4/23 Mooring Set- all Hands Day
- 4/30 Shad Dinner

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NAUTI Q & A



Before rendering assistance to another vessel, bear in mind: your first priority is to ensure your vessel does not _____ or _____ to the other vessel's problems.
Answer inside

Vice Commodore Report

On February 12 th, The RDCC had its 118th Annual Mess. The event was a huge success with 51 members in attendance. We were pleased and honored to have our very own Astra Haldeman the 2005 DRYL Queen at the affair. The dinner, music, awards ceremony and dancing went on till 10 pm. And as planned, the 2nd annual post mess snowfall took place for the drive home.

A beautiful original watercolor painting was presented to the club by Mary Schatz. *The Watchful Gaze depicts* the bust in the upstairs window of the clubhouse. The watercolor is hanging over the mantel in the wheel room, Be sure to check it out next time you are at the club.

The upcoming events are:

March 12 th St. Patty's Day party,

March 26 th Spring Brunch,

March 27 th club rental,

April 5 th DRYL Meeting at the RDCC,

April 16 th Float Launch (All Hands Day)

April 16 th club rental,

April 17 th Delaware Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society Meeting.

April 23 rd Mooring Set {All Hands Day}

April 30 th The Shad Dinner.

J.Puckett

Vice Commodore

Harbormaster – Tom Norton

Again, like last month, the weather has prevented most activity on the waterfront. Red Dragon activity, that is. Mother nature unfortunately has been up to a few tricks. I don't know which came first, the large tree or the ice, but whichever they both conspired to snap the upriver-rails just outboard of the sea wall. Since the rails are needed well before All Hands Day, repairing them has moved way up on the priority list. Any assistance any of you can give will be much appreciated.

As you probably know by now the Executive Board will actively pursue enforcement of the work hour rule for those active members having boats stored at the club or in the mooring field. To help you decide where to apply your efforts a list of waterfront projects will be posted on the club bulletin board shortly. Give me a call to discuss anything you want to work on.

Very shortly members requesting yard storage will be getting a copy of the club yard storage rules. We expect that these rules will be followed so that we can keep the place neat and organized. This should go a long way toward keeping the peace with our neighbors.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Brunch

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!

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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

Nauti answer: join or add-to. From "The Skipper's Challenge" Dale R. Lydigsen

This Old House Report

I'm pleased to say the first "Third Saturday" workshop was a success. Tom Hopely, Don Wood, Don Stokes, Ursula Redgrave, Dave Gilbert, and myself got a lot of needed work done. The second floor walls and ceiling now only need light sanding of the patched cracks before painting at the February "Third Saturday" get-together. The sink faucet in the men's room has been replaced, some of the windows were recaulked, new towel racks are in the apartment bathroom and the painting there is done. Some of the main house woodwork was cleaned and oiled and as a surprise only half of the donuts were eaten.

There are still a multitude of tasks that need doing, replace a doorsill, sand and varnish some woodwork, screen door repair, painting, plaster repairs in some of the rooms, so if you want to share in revitalizing the club house, dig out your work clothes and plan on joining us on March 19th, our next 'Third Saturday.'

Bert Redgrave
Quartermaster



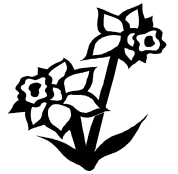
Spring brings changes, spring brings thoughts of sailing but March brings the launch of the Delaware River Sailing School Website

A big thank you to our webmaster and resident programmer, Paul Agin for building a great looking website with all the information prospective DRSS campers need. Check it out!

www.drss.us

Spring is Coming

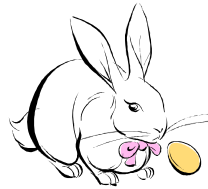
Celebrate at the Red Dragon at the 7th annual Spring Brunch and Egg Hunt March 26



10:30am Breakfast

12:30 Egg hunt and games

Contact the Norton's



Chinese Auction Update

Thanks to great clearance sales, the auction has 2 bikes, numerous toys and we're stocked with Christmas and Valentines themed items.

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

We're accepting any new item 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 help,
Pat & Donna

From the Webmaster

Read your Dragontails online Save a tree, cut down on landfill, save the club money and join the information age.

The future is here, Dragontails on line.....

Sign up for email notification

<http://www.reddragoncanoecclub.org/dtails.php>



Notice of required work hours by active members and proposed change to the By-Laws

It is the Executive Board's intention that Active Member work hours, as specified in Article 8 Section 6 of the By-Laws to the Constitution, be enforced now and in the future. To that end the following mechanism and procedures will be implemented:

1. Each committee such as House, Grounds and Waterfront or officers such as Quartermaster or Harbor Master shall post a list of projects that need doing on the Club Bulletin Board (located on the front wall of the meeting room). These lists will be updated at each Executive board meeting.
2. After selecting a project the member will contact the chairman or officer in charge to discuss the project details before starting work. This discussion should include the timing for the project and any tools or materials that may be needed.
3. After completing a project, the member will fill out a Work Hours Chit and give it to the chairman or officer in charge for his/her approval. It should be noted that chairing a committee, social function or serving on the Executive Board will fulfill a member's 10-hour work obligation.
4. After a Work Hours Chit has been approved it will be delivered to the Financial Secretary who will log the information and retain the Chit for the record.
5. At each Executive Board meeting the Financial Secretary will present a copy of the Work Hour Log to the Commodore who will report on the logs contents and post it on the Bulletin Board, at his discretion.
6. At the first Executive Board meeting following the last All Hands day of the year, the Work Hour Log will be reviewed and any member who has not fulfilled his/her obligation will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss the situation.
7. A member may be excused from the requirements of Article 8 Section 6 of the By-Laws for medical or other extenuating circumstances with the approval of the Executive Board.
8. The entire membership is encouraged to participate as much as possible in all the activities of the Club, including work projects and social events, and their efforts will be suitably recognized by the Club and the Executive Board.

Move that Article 8 of the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Red Dragon Canoe Club be amended by the addition of Sections 7 and 8 which shall read as follows:

Section 7. Penalties to be assessed against members who violate Club rules shall be proposed by the Executive Board and approved by vote of the membership. Penalties shall be assessed by that Club Officer or Committee Chairman having control over the Club activity in which the violation occurred in accordance with the rules pertaining to that activity.

Section 8. A schedule of Dues Fees and Penalties shall be posted on the Club Bulletin Board.



RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB



YARD STORAGE RULES

1. All active members requesting yard storage, winter or summer, must first be assigned a storage location upon written application to the Harbormaster. Assignment shall be based upon seniority. No boat will be moved into the storage yard until a location has been assigned.
2. Yard storage is limited to boats having an overall length of less than 26 feet and mounted on suitable trailers. Each trailer shall have the owners name or other suitable and agreed upon identification affixed to the right side of the frame near the towing coupler. Each trailer shall be locked and the owner shall provide a key or combination to the Harbormaster in case the trailer must be moved.
3. All boats shall have their masts unstepped and shall be covered with an appropriately sized green tarp. All tarps shall be maintained in good condition and shall be properly fastened either to the boat or its trailer. During the sailing season, and when waterfront storage space is unavailable, boats that are sailed on a regular basis are exempt from this rule.
4. All boats shall be maintained free of accumulated water, whether in the boat or in pockets in the tarp. This is especially important in the summer to prevent breeding mosquitoes.
5. The area under and around each boat and trailer shall be maintained free of weeds and debris by the boat owner.
6. Work on stored boats and trailers shall be conducted in such a manner as to cause the least disturbance to other Club members and Club neighbors. Current state and federal laws require proper disposal of toxic materials. Drop cloths must be placed under boats when sanding, painting or stripping when, as a result of such work, toxic materials may drop on the ground and seep into the water table. All paint chips, sanding residue and other hazardous substances must be collected and disposed of properly.
7. Any member failing to abide by these rules will be notified, in writing, and given two weeks to correct the condition. Continued failure to correct the condition will result in bi-weekly notifications and the Financial Secretary will be instructed to levy the appropriate notification penalty. If the condition persists for six weeks after the initial notification, the Club will, if possible, correct the condition and the member will be billed for the resulting costs in addition to the notification penalties.
8. Owners shall notify the Harbormaster or the Waterfront Committee when a boat is removed from the storage area.
9. Owners are solely responsible for the security of their stored boats, accordingly, neither the Red Dragon Canoe Club, its officers nor members shall accept responsibility for the safety of member owned boats and equipment stored on Club property.

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