



# Dragontails

## Commodore's Message

Greetings everyone,

It saddens me to have to report the death of Carl Pecht. Carl and his wife Gerree have been social members since 1994. They were always ready to give a helping hand around the club. I have always known them to be warm and friendly. Carl will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gerree and the Pecht family.

A few weeks ago we received a letter from Edgewater Park. The purpose of the letter was to bring our attention to the fallen branches on the club property and our need to pick them up. If you find yourself around the club please pick up some branches and put them beside the road on Edgewater or Cottage Ave.

At the St. Patty's Day party a grand old time was had by all. The corned beef and cabbage was excellent and the Irish coffee was the perfect ending. Mother nature cooperated this year for the Spring brunch. A huge thank you to Kep Bohlen and Joanne Magen who did an exceptional job on the omelets this year. The egg hunt, guessing games and egg toss were a fun time for kids of all ages. Everyone had a great time and will be back for next year.

At the Memorial Day picnic we will crown our new Princess for this year. She is Lauren Bick the daughter of June Felicioni. Let us all give her our support as our princess this year.

We are still in need of a Harbor Master this year. This is a great way to get to know the guys in the club while playing on the river. You can get your feet wet and your mother can't say anything about it.

See you at the shad dinner.

**Bob Medeiros**  
*Commodore*

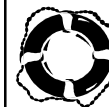
## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/9 Private Party
- 4/10 Private Party
- 4/16 Float Launch-All Hands Day
- 4/16 Private Party (evening)
- 4/17 Delaware Valley Steamship Historical Society meeting
- 4/23 Mooring Set- all Hands Day
- 4/27 Executive Meeting
- 4/30 Shad Dinner
- 5/4 General Membership Meeting
- 5/28 Memorial Day Regatta and Picnic

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## NAUTI Q & A



One method to "refloat" your boat after running aground is to set a "\_\_\_\_\_ " anchor and "\_\_\_\_\_ " her over to reduce her draft.

the Answer inside...

The Annual Mess had 51 members and friends attend the soiree. I am happy to report that the event “broke even” for this year. The Club celebrated a Grand Old St. Patty’s Day feast with corned beef, cabbage and traditional Irish foods. **Jennifer and Mark Cavanaugh**, with help from the **Norton Family**, presented an evening of delicious Irish treats. The Irish Coffee was voted the favorite beverage for the evening. Thanks to **Jennifer, Mark** and their helpers for a successful party.

The Annual Spring Brunch was celebrated on Saturday, March 26th. Delicious omelets were prepared by **Kep Bohlen** and **Joanne Magen**. Again, **Jennifer Cavanaugh** and **Georgie Norton** manned the kitchen along with help from **Barbara Bohlen, Ron Magen** and “dishpan” **Dave Gilbert**. The highlight of the event was the egg hunt which brought a gaggle of kids looking high and low for the Easter egg treasures. This is a fun event for the kids and the food is fabulous. Mark your calendar to attend the 2006 Brunch and Egg Hunt.

### Upcoming Events

June 25-26 MAYRA Race – Let’s have the RDCC represented in the Sunfish Class and bring the trophies home!

For the MAYRA Regatta we need people for the race committee, food/beverage volunteers and general waterfront help. Contact Randy Breingan to help out.

The Labor Day Picnic and Regatta stills needs a host and helpers, please contact me if you want to host the picnic.

**For more upcoming events see the calendars for April and May on page 5**

Jim Puckett  
*Vice Commodore*

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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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Nauti answer: kedge anchor, heel her over. From “The Skipper’s Challenge” Dale R. Lydigsen. (or wait for the tide if you are the Commodore and it’s the 4th of July Regatta)

A number of members have been working pretty hard to get the waterfront ready for the sailing season. **Rich Vishton** and **Harry Moore** muscled the up river rails back into position in preparation for welding them back together. **Mark Cavanaugh** has been busy maintaining the Whaler and work boat motors as well as getting a new winch for the mooring puller. **Tom Gilman, Pete Carter** and **Tom Hopley** have been busy getting the docks ready. We still have work to do before the float launch on All Hands Day which will be April 16, Just two weeks away but if the weather holds out and the usual suspects are available we should be ready. This year high tide will be about 0900hrs so the waterfront work party will have to be on deck at 0800hrs in order to prepare for the crane.

Most members who will have boats on moorings have inspected their equipment and the required hardware they need has been purchased and is now available, just give me a call to pick yours up. This year we ordered a few extra items which will be available should anyone have missed something. The mooring set will be on April 23. All hands should be on deck at 0900hrs.

I know we are all looking forward to a great sailing season so come on out on April 16 and 23 and help kick the season off right!

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### Featured Website of the Month

RDCC is a member of the Yachting Club of America. RDCC members can logon to the "Members Only" section of the YCA website to download the official newsletter.

Website address: [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com)

User Id: club1040

Password: \* Contact Jeanne Nooney for the password

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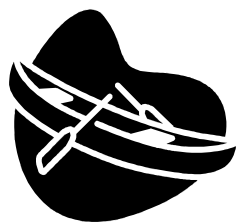
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Have you ever dreamed of being ‘published’? Here’s your chance! Submit your ideas, sailing tips, adventures or even ‘tall tales’ to the editor

## Kayaking and Paddling News



Your ideas are requested for the 2005 kayaking and paddling season. In the past few years we've paddled the Basto, Crosswicks, the Delaware Water gap and Tuckers Estuary.

Send you ideas to John Steven either by email [johnstevens8@comcast.net](mailto:johnstevens8@comcast.net) or give John a call at 856-829-1916. All ideas are welcome

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### From the Rear Commodore

Hello everyone. It looks like winter is finally behind us. Its time to start thinking about SAILING! Our Wednesday night sailing starts May 4th at 6pm. I hope to see you there.

Please look for the 2005 racing schedule on the bulletin board at the boat house, in the meeting room on the table, or on the RDCC website. Thanks and I will see you all on the water.

Mark Cavanaugh  
*Rear Commodore*

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### Chinese Auction Update

First off we'd like to thank everyone that has donated items for the Chinese Auction. We couldn't do this without everyone's help.

With spring here the Chinese Auction will be here before we know it. Donations are being accepted year round. Some of the most popular items are hand made items. If you have a special talent, this is a great chance to showcase your talent and to help raise funds for the Red Dragon. Get out those quilting squares, paintbrushes, power saws and cameras and any other medium you work in and show us 'your stuff'.

Pat Medeiros & Donna Agin

## Taking Your Dinghy Lightly: The Theft Problem

Dinghies are lightweight, compact, and expensive, which make them an ideal target for theft. Unfortunately, most dinghies are not well protected. A skipper who would never leave a \$5 bill on the dashboard of an unlocked car will have no qualms about leaving a dink worth hundreds of dollars unsecured on a storage rack. and according to the Borate's. Marine Insurance claim files, thieves will swipe just about any dinghy-wood, fiberglass, or inflatable-that is an easy target.

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### Exploring the Criminal Mind

Criminologists advise that the best way to protect your valuables, including dinghies, is to look at it through the eyes of a would-be thief.

QUESTION: If you were a dinghy thief staring at a rack full of dinghies, which one would you swipe?

ANSWER: The one that looks easiest.

QUESTION: Why?

ANSWER: Because I don't want to get caught.

Now that you understand the dark machinations of the criminal mind, you will also understand why the best way to protect your stored dinghy is with a chain and lock. While not fool-proof, a chain and lock will make stealing your dinghy more difficult than stealing other dinghies on the rack.

As an additional safeguard, you can also paint the dinghy's name in big, bright letters and/or add a bright stripe on the hull so that the dinghy can be easily identified at a distance. This will also discourage a would-be thief. (and the bright colors will also make it easier to locate the boat if, heaven forbid, the painter should ever part while the boat is being towed.) Finally, just in case your dinghy is stolen anyway, record its HIN number (usually located on the transom) so that the dinghy can be positively identified.

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# April 2005

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Private party
10 Private party	11	12	13	14	15	16 All Hands Day - Floating dock set at high tide, Spring clean Private party (evening)
17 Delaware Valley Steamship Historical Society	18	19	20	21	22	23 All Hands Day - Mooring Set, Spring clean-up
24	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29	30 Shad Dinner

# May 2005

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