



Dragontails

Commodore's Message

Greetings everyone,

After the float launch and mooring set on the 16th and the 23rd all the moorings that have been paid for are set. All we need are some boats on the moorings and then another sailing season at the Red Dragon will begin. Join us at the waterfront on Wednesday evenings for the Spring Tune-up series. Bring dinner and get in some sailing or just catch up with old friends.

In the month of April the shad return to the river of their birth, this year they brought company, a Beluga whale. Helis, as we found out his name, didn't stay for the shad dinner, but he entertained folks in the Burlington area for over a week. The shad dinner was a huge success with excellent food and fellowship. Even though it rained on the day of the Shad dinner it did not dampen the enthusiasm. We all had a great time.

Also this April **Bert Redgrave** had gallbladder surgery. As a memento the doctor gave Bert a stone the size of a meatball! OUCH! Bert is now on the mend. The Redgrave's are planning to go to Europe for a few weeks, they leave Monday next. **Joel Hanes** had a hip replacement and while he was under the knife he had a stroke. Joel lost peripheral vision on the right side, and he is not able to drive. The doctor said he may get his peripheral vision back or it may be permanent, time will tell. We need to keep Bert and Joel in our prayers.

Now that the cold weather is past it is time to work on our boats and get them ready for this sailing season. That is what I'll be doing. See you all at the Memorial day picnic.

Bob Medeiros
Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/18 Spring tune-up series
- 5/25 Spring tune-up series
- 5/25 Executive Meeting
- 5/28 Memorial Day Regatta and Picnic
- 6/1 General Membership Meeting
- 6/9 & 12 Private Parties
- 6/18 & 19 Private Parties
- 6/25 & 26 MAYRA Regatta
- 6/29 Executive Meeting
- 7/2 Independence Day Picnic & Regatta

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NAUTI Q & A



How much time before the sun sets (middle latitudes) Hold out your hand horizontally at arm's length, determine how many fingers the sun is above the horizon...each finger equals approximately _____ minutes.

Answer inside.....

April/May 2005

April was a very busy month at the RDCC. I want to thank Fran Morrison and all her helpers for running a great DRYL Banquet for the club.

On April ,16th and 23rd the RDCC had its floating dock set and mooring set, All Hands Day work party days .A lot of work was done around the club and down by the boat house. I want to thank our Chefs , **Barbara and Kep Bohlen, Pat Medeiros, and Georgie Norton** for all the food and hard work for the events. April 30th was the Annual Shad Dinner hosted by **John and Shel Stevens**. Many thanks to our hosts and all the unnamed helpers for a job well done.

May 28th is the Red Dragon Memorial Day Regatta and Picnic to be hosted by **David and Nancy Mirfin**.

June 25th and 26th is the MAYRA Regatta hosted at the RDCC by **Randy Breingan**. Come on out and enjoy a day with the race committee.

July 2nd we will celebrate a Regatta and Independence Day Picnic to be hosted by **Donna Agin**.

The Club needs a HOST for the Labor Day PICNIC , see the Vice Commodore for more information.

For UPCOMING EVENTS see the calendar on page 4

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

There was good work by all hands present for the float launch, especially Peter Bishop and his float crew. Peters method of handling float mooring chains was excellent. The crane was in and out in less than an hour. All floats now have support blocks installed so they may be stored on shore in any order without fear of stones puncturing a float drum. Work still needs to be done to fit the center hinge on floats one through four. New steps have been made to replace the ones washed away during the last big storm. And the wayward A-frame float is back among us!

Again, good work was done by all hands present for mooring set. As of today, May 3, twenty two of the field of twenty four moorings have been set. Of the two not set, one has yet to be paid for and insurance papers are lacking for both. A list of the latitude and longitude for each mooring location in our licensed field has been made. Efforts were made to set each mooring by its coordinates however, using my 1995 era GPS without WAAS receiver accuracy was less than fruitful. We have already had to relocate a few and some fine tuning may still be required as the field is filled with boats.

The Executive Board has decided not to go forward with repairing the boat that was originally the cruising fleet tender. So the boat is up for grabs for anyone who wants to take title to it and repair it for their own use. Be aware however, that it can not be stored or used at the Club due to our agreement with the township. The 9.9 HP Johnson motor that was on the tender is for sale. Anyone needing a short shaft electric start 9.9 let the Executive Board know by the June meeting. If there are no takers within the Club it will go on Ebay.

As most of you know I agreed to continue as Harbor Master only until the moorings were set. Since the vast majority of moorings are now set, therefore, this is my last Harbor Masters Report. It's been my honor serve the Club. The job has not always been fun but I have learned a lot and have been privileged to work with a great bunch of people. My hope is that whoever takes the job next will find it as rewarding as I have.

Tom Norton

Nauti answer: 15 minutes. From “Nauti-Benders Email Calendar” website

American Shad

- * The American shad is the largest member of the herring family. Adults commonly reach four to eight pounds.
- * Shad are among the strongest and hardest-fighting of all fish found in freshwater.
- * American shad begin their lives in freshwater, like the Delaware River. After hatching in the spring, the young shad (called "fry") grow rapidly, feeding on freshwater plankton and aquatic insects. Decreasing water temperatures and cool fall rains trigger a mass downriver migration to the ocean. Once in the ocean, where they live most of their lives, shad will migrate up and down the coast, from their winter range off the mid-Atlantic to their summer range in the Bay of Fundy, off Nova Scotia.
- * After three-to-five years at sea, American shad will return in the spring to the river of their birth to reproduce, or spawn.
- * Fish that follow this migration pattern are called "anadromous." Fish like eels that live in rivers most of their lives and spawn in the ocean are "catadromous."
- * An American shad may migrate 12,000 or more miles during an average life span!
- * Unlike Pacific salmon, not all shad die after spawning. However, many do die because it is a long and hard journey for shad to return to the river of their birth and high energy is exerted during their migration. After living in the ocean, American shad are adapted to eat larger saltwater plankton and they feed heavily there in preparation for spawning. They do not eat during their upstream spawning run, relying on stored energy to sustain themselves. As a result, some starve to death.
- * Female shad are called "roes;" males "bucks." Often referred to as the "Poor Man's Salmon," the full-flavored meat of the shad is reflected in its Latin name, *sapidissima*, meaning savory. Shad roe, or eggs from the female, likewise are considered a delicacy.



DID YOU KNOW?

- * The number of American shad in the Delaware River has increased dramatically due in large part to pollution control programs conducted by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and other environmental agencies. There was a time not long ago when pollution robbed stretches of the river of all its oxygen, making it impossible for shad and other fish to breathe. Communities, like Lambertville, New Jersey and Easton, Pennsylvania, now hold annual shad festivals in the spring to celebrate the shad's return to their local waters.
- * George Washington and his troops feasted on shad caught from the Schuylkill River (the largest tributary to the Delaware) in the spring of 1778 following their bitter winter encampment at Valley Forge. The early spring run of American shad that year has been credited with helping to save the Continental Army from starvation.

American Shad from Delaware River Basin's Ed. Web
<http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/edweb/shad.htm>

Website of the month

www.goodoldboat.com still sailing after all these years Result of *Google.com* search

Chinese Auction Update

We spent a few hours in early April sorting donations into groups. Wow! We've got a lot of items already. Just ask the Commodore, his office is getting crowded. But.....September will be here before we know it and donations are being accepted year round. Last month a wonderful birdhouse was donated. (I have my eye on this prize. ~ed)

Pat Medeiros & Donna Agin

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Sign up for email notification

<http://www.reddragoncanooclub.org/>

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 General Membership Meeting	5	6	7 Private Party
8	9	10	11 Spring Tune-up	12	13	14
15 Delaware Valley Steamship Historical Society Meeting	16	17	18 Spring Tune-up	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Executive meeting Spring Tune-up	26	27	28 Memorial Day Regatta & Picnic
29 Private Party	30	31				

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General membership meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Private Party	10	11
12 Private Party	13	14	15	16	17	18 BCAG&WAA Private Party
19 Private Party	20	21	22	23	24	25 MAYRA Regatta
26 MAYRA Regatta	27	28	29 Executive meeting	30		July 2 Independence day Picnic and Regatta

Notice of Race

Red Dragon Canoe Club - 221 Edgewater Ave., Edgewater Park, NJ Announces The 2005 Ingo Stephan Memorial Day Invitational DRSS and DRYL Regatta To Be Held On May 28th 2005

For more information on **the Red Dragon Canoe Club** visit our home page at: www.reddragoncanoeclub.org

General Information: The Red Dragon Canoe Club hereby issues a special invitation to the member clubs of the Delaware River Yachtsmen's League, and the Delaware River Sailings School, to join us and participate in the Red Dragon's Annual Ingo Stephan Memorial Day Regatta. An annual special public wreath ceremony will follow the race conclusion at the Club's waterfront at 3:00pm to honor and remember our nation's war casualties. Race participants, friends, and the public are invited to attend this ceremony and honor our deceased countrymen and women.

- 1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, The US SAILING prescription, except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions. Copies of these prescriptions will be available at the waterfront registration table, at the club website, or by e-mail at: olds66f85@juno.com
- 2. Advertising:** The regatta is designated **Category A** in accordance with **Appendix G** of the **RDCC Racing Rules of Sailing**.
- 3. Eligibility and Entry:** The 2005 Ingo Stephan Memorial Day Invitational Regatta shall be and **OPEN EVENT**, and invitations to all Clubs and members organizations of the Delaware River Yachtsman's League (DRYL), and the Delaware River Sailing School (DRSS), and Club member's vessels, helmsman, or Crew do not need to be members of the red dragon canoe club. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee charged for each boat entered in this regatta. This fee covers the cost of the event, and trophies. An invitation is made to all racers and their families and crew to join the Red Dragon's annual Memorial Day Picnic, which begins at 3:00pm, but requires advanced registration to help the picnic planners. The first place overall winners of the regatta's name will be engraved on the Ingo Stephan Wall Plaque on permanent display in the fleet room of the RDCC clubhouse. Individual class trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at the conclusion of the regatta.
- 4. Schedule of Events:** Race registration will take place at the waterfront of the RDCC on May 28, 2005 from 0900 hours until 1000 hours. The regatta will begin on May 28, 2005 and 1030 hours and no race shall start after 3:00pm. The race committee shall attempt to complete three races in each class for the regatta; however, it shall be the sole discretion of the race committee to determine the number of races and classes comprising the regatta. A ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day will be held after the regatta at the waterfront at 3:00pm. A picnic for advance registered guests and members will start at 3:00pm and the clubhouse. A separate announcement details the picnic reservation procedure.
- 5. Advance Registration:** There will be no advanced Regatta registration, however, participants are encouraged to contact the Rear Commodore / Race Committee Captain, Mark Cavanaugh, 215-288-7603, e-mail olds66f85@juno.com and indicate their desire to participate. Picnic reservations do require advance registration.
- 6. Regatta Site:** Waterfront of the RDCC, 221 Edgewater Ave. Edgewater Park, NJ
- 7. Measurement:** Measurements will not be required as this event will be handicapped.
- 8. Sailing Instructions:** Sailing instructions will be provided during the Skippers meeting at the George Rhawn Boathouse at the waterfront at 1000 hours on the day of the regatta.
- 9. Courses:** The courses will be outlined in the sailing instructions.
- 10. Scoring:** Scoring will be Low Point in Accordance with Appendix A2 of the Racing Rules.
- 11. Decisions of the Jury:** Decisions of the Jury shall be final in accordance with Rule 70.4(a) of the racing Rules.
- 12. Further Information:** For further information, Please contact Mark Cavanaugh at 215-288-7603 or olds66f85@juno.com

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