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COMMODORE'S CORNER

I trust everyone had a good transition into the new year. It has been a cold one for sure. We cancelled this years Hangover Regatta primarily for the ice in the river channel. Remember, this race is intended to be a fair weather race. My boat "Iris" was frozen solid in the ice. With continued freezing temperatures in the single digits it was not likely to get any better for participating boats. The next race in the Titanic Series will be race #2, which will be held on Saturday, January 20th. The Skipper's meeting will be held on the after-deck behind the Triple Craft Café and Marina Store at 11:00 am.

This past Saturday the newly Elected Officers held a meeting to discuss this years sailing program. The Officers covered all topics to make this year's program the best

it can be, I am sure you will enjoy many enhancements and improvements planned to make this year's racing program fun and enjoyable for everyone! Race participation will be the primary focus. I encourage and challenge all boat owner-members to get their boats ready as soon as possible, get your crews ready and get out racing. The same programs you love, the Spring Ahead Weekend Series, Cherry Blossom Regatta, Geico Cup, Leukemia Cup Regatta and of course our Kiss Series races on Tuesday nights are back. In addition we have some surprises which I am excited about. A new race I am thrilled to let you know about, is the "Mount Vernon Chase". This year the race will be a pursuit style race held on Cinco de Mayo, (Saturday, May

5th). This will be an exciting race and gives us more opportunity to sail down river along some of the most beautiful stretch of the Potomac River.

This year communication is going to be a primary focus for our club. Emphasis on getting the word out to members early and broadening our reach to your crews and the public, will generate more interest in our programs. This newsletter is a first step and will be published frequently and distributed to keep you up to date on club activities.

I look forward to seeing all of you and can't wait to get out sailing and enjoying all of your company.



Bob Brady
Commodore

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DISC introduces Carolyn Guy to a newly created position. Carolyn has been appointed to become the DISC Membership Coordinator. She will be assisting the club with membership activities. Carolyn has been active in the club and is a crewmember on Pete Fanta's new

boat, the J24 Black Squirrel. Please welcome Carolyn into her new role as Membership Coordinator.

Now is a good time to become a 2018 DISC Member, if you have not already done so. You can join by going to the DISC website at

www.discsailing.org and clicking on the Racing Resources tab and selecting the online membership form .

Early registration is always encouraged.

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Special points of interest:

- Memberships
- Mandatory Skipper's Meeting
- New Racing
- New Officers
- New Appointments
- Message from PHRF

MEET THE RACE DIRECTOR

Pete Fanta was appointed as Race Director for 2018.

Pete grew up on the shores of Lake Michigan and sailed small boats on the Wisconsin lakes. In high school he built a 25 foot sailboat in the family garage having constructed the mold and hand laid the fiberglass.

Pete attended the US Naval Academy and sailed on their Varsity Offshore Team in the late 70's and early 80's. Since then he has sailed ships and boats in every ocean except the Antarctic. He continued to sail dinghies and keelboats at every duty station on all coasts. He has sailed and competed in, from small to large, Sunfish, Lasers, Finns, Coronado 15s, Snipes, Rhodes 19s, Lightnings, Ensigns, J24s, Shields, and Tartan 10s. Besides one designs, he has raced a vast variety of offshore yachts from 40 through 55+ feet to include competing in most of the ocean races and race weeks on the East Coast. Pete coached a prep school sailing team to wins at the national championships and he was part of the winning crew in the US National Offshore Championships (way back when).

Between ships and boats, Pete has logged hundreds of thousand of sea miles under his keel. He joined DISC and sailed his O'Day 23 "Happy" with friends from work in the non-spin fleet. This last year, the "Happy crew" moved to the spin fleet with the J24 "Black Squirrel,".

He enjoys bringing on crew new to keelboat racing and introducing them to the fun. Pete currently owns 11 sailboats from small to large...so if you need one....



Pete Fanta, DISC Race Director

Please Update Your Calendar

MANDATORY Skipper's Meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Location and Time: Will be announced.

- Get us ready for the season.
- Discuss how we are trying to streamline the processes.
- Smooth out issues.
- We will have new score sheets so if you want to have easy scoring register for racing early!
- Talk through protest procedures.
- Warning: Race Committee sign ups will be held. If you don't sign up we will put your name in a hat and draw for open dates.

Check your PHRF!

We will be using the Chesapeake Bay PHRF changes implemented the last two years. We will score by the Circular Random (RC) column in the PHRF ratings. This rating was designed for use by clubs who use government marks vice windward-leeward courses.

Check and see if you are using the right PHRF. Did you get a new carbon fiber, titanium, super-long, self-setting spin pole for Christmas? Are you sailing with one design sails or the PHRF 155% headsails? Now is the time to check. We have a PHRF Chesapeake Rep so bring up issues early! Questions contact the Race Director!

Racing Rules/Sail Trim Clinic

We are discussing a Racing Rules Clinic combined with a Sail Trim Seminar. This would be a great time to bring crew, trimmers, tacticians, Seeing Eye dogs, and anyone who helps you get around the course.

Stay tuned for date, time, and place.



WELCOME TO 2018 RACING

WELCOME TO THE 2018 DISC RACING SEASON! It is cold out and the Potomac is iced over, but Spring Sailing is only 2 months away. It is not too early to start planning! We have New, Resurrected, and Improved races in the schedule. Come to the Skippers meeting on the 3rd of April to hear all, but for the highlights

HAPPY HOUR FRIDAYS ARE BACK

Resurrected: HAPPY HOUR FRIDAYS!

We had them, then they sort of fizzled, now we want them back!

What: A Chase Series. Start at your designated time and finish at the designated finish line. Dates will be on the calendar.

A couple of the skippers have volunteered to jump on your boats and help with sail trim, crew work, local knowledge training...up to you!

"Why? ...a good reason to have the winner buy beer after the race, and a reason to brag!"

Where: Middle Course, but the start will likely be with sails up at between the first two day markers (1&2).

Why: Train some new crew, it's a relaxed race. Practice with steady crew.

MOUNT VERNON CHASE

A NEW RACE!

The Mount Vernon Chase!

A chase race. Start at your given time next to the designated buoy. Sail to the buoy (s) for the provided course and finish next to the start buoy. The first boat back to the buoy wins. No shouting on the starting line...you have your personal start time. No PHRF math at

the end...it is all done for you at the beginning. No guessing if you are doing well...if you are ahead of the other boat you are winning!

When: Cinco de Mayo (Saturday, 5th of May)

Where: From Woodrow Wilson Bridge to George Washington's House and back! Start at designated mark to the south of the Wilson

Bridge. Sail to a buoy close to Mt. Vernon and come back to the start buoy. Simple.

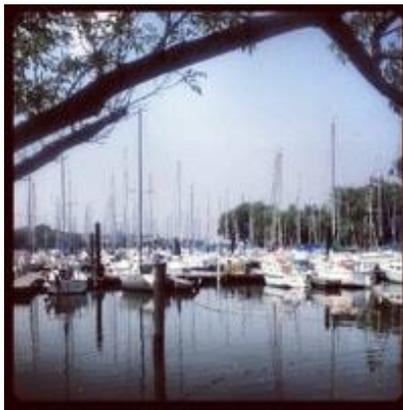
Why: Early season low key racing to get your crew motivated! Down river is a beautiful stretch of the Potomac River!

Prizes? To be determined! Possibly a six pack of Corona?

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The DISC 2017 sailing program sure brings back some good memories. Early spring brought good weather which paved the way for a nice Cherry Blossom Regatta. Late spring brought some big wind and weather. Although we tried to run north course races for the KISS series, weather did not coop-

erate and resulted in cancelled races. We had fun sailing a robust racing schedule. One of our main highlights was the Leukemia Cup Regatta which brought boats from all over and raised a record amount in donations, exceeding a record of \$215,000. Great job all!

2018 will be another good year of racing and just as fun!



2018 OFFICERS & APPOINTMENTS

Commodore—Bob Brady
Vice Commodore—Nelson Pemberton
Secretary—Greg Dupier
Treasurer—Anna Brammer
Race Director—Pete Fanta
Spinnaker Fleet Captain—Craig Ekman
Non-Spinnaker Fleet Captain—Henry Cheng
Past Commodore—Karl Hobart

Protest Chairman—Nelson Pemberton
Alternate Protest Chairman—John McPherson
Race Scoring Official—John Tucker
Website and Social Media—Scott Moore
Social Coordinator—Bruce Baker
Membership Coordinator—Carolyn Guy

Coming Soon

Look forward to the February Newsletter Edition.

Membership and Race Fees:

You can use the online membership and race form on the website to submit your payments.

If you wish to mail payments, please mail them to Anna Brammer, DISC Treasurer, at:

Anna Brammer, DISC Treasurer
820 N Cleveland Street
Arlington, VA 22201

PHRF Racers: Don't let your PHRF rating expire on you! A number of racers have rating certificates that will expire on March 31, 2018. Connect the dots. . . this rating is no good for the coming season. Best to get your request for renewal in to PHRF of the Chesapeake *NOW*.

And, the same applies for boats new to the area without a PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. Here's the link http://www2.phrfchesbay.org/page/ratings/apply_online

Check your certificate expiration date if you have doubts.