



Tides & Currents

The Newsletter of the Oasis Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Whitney



What a relief!!

Hey, I just passed my bi-annual skipper test! What a relief.

I wonder if many of our members realize the effort, commitment and responsibility our skippers take on. Besides the bi-annual on-the-water exam (which is administered by a professional) which encourages us to keep our skills current, we also act as the Club's Board of Directors. Every time one of our boats leaves it's slip there is a skipper on board who accept the responsibility for that cruise.

Maybe we should declare a "thank your skipper day"

From the Editor

Greg Roosevelt

Vice Commodore



Fast Track your Sailing Skills

For thousands of years the only way to become an accomplished sailor was to gain knowledge and skills from experienced sailors; an effective and time consuming process. In recent years national associations and professional sailing schools have teamed together to offer aspiring sailors the ability to vastly accelerate their learnings.

US Sailing and American Sailing Assoc. have developed similar standards with certifications ranging from basic keel-boat sailing to advanced cruising, navigation, and even ocean crossings. These classes are taught by accredited professionals and certifications are recognized by charter companies and other sailing organizations. Many of our members have taken advantage of these opportunities and there are many schools in our area; Orange Coast College, Newport Sailing School, and Marina Sailing to name a few.

Of course there is no substitute for experience and that's where the Oasis Sailing Club comes in. We offer the ability to practice and refine those learned skills on the water almost every day. Check it out.

Mates and Mate Candidate Event

A barbeque and meeting complete with burgers and beer was conducted at the American Legion, Newport Post on March 29th. We



conduct these events several times per year to increase communication among Mates and Mate Candidates, develop better methods and plans to support them, and to increase interest for other members to become a Mate.

Over twenty OSC members attended the event and a good time was had by all.

March Meeting

Presentation

An interesting presentation complete with a slide show was presented by Bill Ippolito. Bill provided informative insight to sailing in waters far different than our typical experience; far north sailing in arctic waters. Hope you didn't miss it.



Bill and OSC member Virginia Towne

Save these dates:

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| Friday 4/13 | Opening Day |
| Monday 4/16 | Skippers/Mates On Line Sign Ups |
| Wednesday 4/18 | Crew On-line Sign-Ups |
| Wednesday 4/25 | Monthly Meeting |
| Thursday 5/3 | Cinco de Mayo Party |

Nominations for Officers now open

During the March meeting, nominations for Officers for our upcoming new fiscal year beginning July 1st were opened. Nominations will remain open until the close of our April 25th General Meeting. Voting will take place during the May meeting and our new officers will be announced at that time.