

February 5, 2002

Commodores Corner

Race Management Seminar Date/Location Change

Due to the number of conflicts with the February date the Race Management Seminar has been changed to April 14 and the location changed to the Fellowship Hall at the Oriental Methodist Church. The updated announcement is available on the ODC web site, and has been emailed to all ODC members.

New Committee Boat?

The ODC Board is looking in to replacement possibilities for our ageing committee boat. It is in need of engine repairs, and no one is sure how long the old engine will last. Ed Bliss is chairing an ad hoc committee that is reviewing/testing replacement possibilities. Ed will present the committee's recommendations to the ODC Board on February 16. At that time the Board will be asked to make a decision as to how to proceed.

Sunfish fleet

Jerry Dason is organizing a Sunfish fleet to race on One Design race days. We are hopeful that we can put out a number of Sunfish to constitute a nice sized fleet.

Junior Sailing

Jim Edwards of the Bow to Stern Sailing School will now serve as the chair of our Junior Sailing Committee. The Board approved a lower dues rate of \$10 for Junior sailors. This was done for two reasons: 1) To encourage local youth to participate in sailing and 2) To augment the new Sunfish fleet with youth who participate in the Bow to Stern Youth Sailing Program. Bow to Stern will join as a regular member and will pay an additional \$10 per youth who participates. Jim will allow only those youths who are experienced racers to participate. Bow to Stern also has a PHRF boat and may race with the PHRF fleet from time to time. We also encourage our adult crews to provide opportunities for our young members to crew with them.

PHRF Prop Rule

The NC PHRF changed the ratings of a number of boats last year based on prop type. If you have any feelings on these changes we encourage you to let them know. Bill Kirsch sent you contact information last month.

Race Marks

ODC purchased new marks, rodes, chain, and anchors to replace what we lost to Irene.

Bob Miller
ODC Commodore