



Commonwealth Yacht Club Membership Newsletter

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From the Commodore and Board: The Cumberland Fleet - That's what we call the boats that cruise to Nashville every August, but actually the original Cumberland Fleet predates the Commonwealth Yacht Club by 218 years. The Cumberland Fleet, the fourth oldest yacht club in the world, was founded by the Duke of Cumberland in 1775 for sailboat racing on the Thames River in England. Our yacht club was founded over two centuries later in 1993. The original Cumberland Fleet is history, but the Cumberland Fleet of the Commonwealth Yacht Club continues the tradition

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Events Update: COMMONWEALTH CUP - The first annual Commonwealth Cup was scheduled for September 23, 2006. After months of planning, the day finally arrived; we even had a plan for no wind. Who could have anticipated a record storm on that day with wind, rain and lightening? The skipper's meeting was held at 9:00 AM. As we watched the weather, it was decided to postpone the race until 1:00 PM. As the storm passed a little after noon it was thought that the dangerous part of the storm had passed and the go ahead was given to set the marks for the race. Everyone quickly dressed into his or her foul weather gear to be protected from the rain. Some were on the lake when the first crack of lightening was heard. Rain is one thing, lightening is another; the race was called off until Sunday. Sunday morning brought light winds that gradually built all day. We were able to run five races for 3 fleets that produced some of the best competition I have ever seen. It truly was a great race day. Check the website for pictures taken during the race!

The social events were well attended and a good time was had by all. The trophy ceremony was moved to Sunday after the race. From all of the positive comments we received, the first annual Commonwealth Cup was a big success. Plans are already being made for next year. As with any event we are looking forward to improving on what we started.

We had hoped for 20 boats our first year, 19 registered for the race on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Several motorboats planned to watch the race but unfortunately, there was a break in the communication between the motor boaters and the sailors. We do extend our sincere apologies for the inadequate communication with the motor boaters. Next year we plan to have better communication between the sailing fleet and the motor fleet so they can better understand what is happening on the course and be informed of any changes. All things considered our first year was a successful fun event that will only grow. Thanks again to all of our sponsors and special thank you to the Gary family and the staff of the Commonwealth Yacht Club. We hope to see you next year at the Commonwealth Cup Regatta!

CRUISE NUISE: - Smith Bay Seafood Boil: Wow! 58 people showed up for this fantastic event on the beach at Smith Bay. Maryland blue crab, shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes were on the menu. As many as 18 boats brought CYC club members and their guests to one of the few natural sand beaches on the lake. The weather was perfect, the food was great and everyone had a great time.



From the CYC Restaurant: The CYC crew is busy winding down from Summer and gearing up for Fall. We are continuing with our themed Thursdays. Our Oktoberfest Thursday's featuring German cuisine is a great success. Thursdays in November will have a "Latin Lover" theme. This will include Spanish, Mexican, and South American food with samplings offered on Friday. Nite Flyte will be here on November 11th and the CYC Birthday party will be on the 18th with Karaoke. So for a good time call 362 - 4444 for reservations.



We hope to see you soon at the Club, in the Marina, or just on the water.....

