



Commonwealth Yacht Club Membership Newsletter



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From the Commodore and Board: What is a burgee? Many of you already know the answer, but for those who don't, a burgee is a small triangular flag that indicates a boat owner's yacht club. Our burgee is white with the circular CYC emblem. A common point of confusion is, "Where do I fly my CYC burgee?" If you own a powerboat you should fly it on the bow staff. If you own a sailboat, you have a choice. You may fly it from the masthead, but most don't anymore due to all the electronic equipment mounted there. Your second choice, and for most, the more practical, is to fly it from the starboard spreader flag halyard. If you don't have a burgee, ask at the front desk the next time you're at the club. Fly your CYC burgee with pride.



Events Update: COMMONWEALTH CUP - You have watched the sailboats for years on Kentucky Lake. Watched their large white sails and colorful spinnakers gently cross back and forth, but have you wondered what happens on the boat.

During a sailboat race the tension builds as the captains and their crew considers the wind direction, their competitors and the starting line. As the countdown to the start begins the boats jockey for position, timing their starts so their boats will cross the line exactly as the starting flag goes down. With the race on for the first mark, sails are trimmed and tacks are made as the captains and the crews strategize as they read the wind. With wind of ten to fifteen knots, the boats may only be traveling seven to eight knots but it is the most exciting ride of your life. As the sails are filled, capturing the wind's power the boat heels as it is driving through the waves. When the boats turn at the mark the wind that was coming over the bow of the boat is now more behind them. The change in direction starts a flurry of activity as the sails are reset and trimmed and the noise is suddenly gone and the wind blows the boat forward with the sails wing and wing.

September 23rd is the date for the first annual Commonwealth Cup Regatta. Come out and watch the race or if you're interested get on a boat as crew and see what sailing is all about, but please join us at the Yacht Club for a wonderful social event

CRUISE NUISE: On Saturday morning, September 23rd at 10 a.m. our Fleet Commander will be leading all interested non-racing CYC members to the sailing course for the first annual Commonwealth Cup Regatta. We'll raft-up, watch the race and support CYC as we get our annual sail boat race "off the ground". Come join us and watch the fun.

As of September 10th, we have a total of 11 boats and 31 people signed up for the Cruise Club's Smith Beach Seafood Boil. Watch next month's CYC newsletter for news and photos of this fun event. Things happen at Commonwealth Yacht Club. On Saturday night of Labor Day weekend, several tables on the patio were competing to see who could act the silliest. We're not sure who won, but the resulting raft-up the next day and evening was a real hoot! Several photos from the raft up are on the reverse side of this newsletter and soon will be on the CYC website



From the CYC Restaurant: Our CYC Restaurant is still going strong as the boating season winds down. We are all looking forward to Hunter's Moon Festival the second weekend in October. The crew at Commonwealth Yacht Club is constantly striving to bring new ideas to the table that will entice our members to keep us as the primary dining out option during the week and on Sundays as well. With the extension of Greater Tuna at the Badgett Playouse we will continue with Tapas on Thursday through September. With just a little encouragement we might be persuaded to continue this once a week dining offer indefinitely.

Join us on September 30 for our Meet the Management Party with entertainment by the Johnny Proffit Band and again for Hunter's Moon on October 14 with Karaoke by Amy.

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

