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Commodore's Remarks

Happy New Year. We're looking to a great sailing season in 2004.

I'm grateful to all the hard-working volunteers at SAIL (too many to name in this small space) who achieved so much in 2003 and just keep coming back to do more.

With luck, the drought is fading. SAIL will be doing its part to encourage sailing and promote excellence of racing in the Rocky Mountain region. We start off with our presence at the Denver Boat Show, continue with the racing seminars on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and will be putting on race management and rules seminars. All before the first warning flag goes up.

We're updating and improving our website, www.rmsail.org. Keep dropping in from time to time to check our progress. The new calendar should be up soon.

Junior sailing, especially racing, is building momentum, thanks to many volunteers and talented juniors.

..... -ralph

New/Old Officers

Elections for 2004 officers were held at the general meeting at the new Cherry creek Yacht Club on Saturday, November 1:

- Commodore – Ralph Taylor
- Vice-Commodore – Steve Davis
- Secretary – Joe Beierl
- Treasurer – Todd Brophy
- Area F Representative - Paul Kresge
- Rear Commodore - Tom Downing

We're soliciting volunteers for the appointed positions of Newsletter and Yearbook editors.

SAIL's Website

Webmaster Tim Dunton is updating and improving SAIL's website, www.rmsail.org. Many of the improvements are up now and more will come. Drop in from time to time to look at it and give us your opinion.

Area F Meeting

The Area F Council of Sailing Associations will hold its annual business meeting at Houston Yacht Club on Jan 17, 2004 from 8:30 to 12:00. . Area F of US SAILING consists of Central States Sailing Association (Kansas, Oklahoma, & Nebraska) and Texas Sailing Association, along with SAIL.

Junior Sailing

The Colorado Junior Sailing Council, formed to enhance communication between junior sailing programs and to promote racing for junior sailors got off to a successful start in 2003 with "kids-only" regattas at Carter Lake & Cherry Creek and is planning a fuller schedule in 2004. It's also working to assure continued instructor training & certification in the Rockies.

For more information, contact Steve Frank, thesc@mindspring.com, or Ivan Andrade, ivemoe@aol.com.

Winter Racing Seminars

SAIL will again conduct its annual winter series to refresh & improve racing techniques on Wednesdays in January, February, March & April. The seminars cover sail trim, rules, boat preparation, strategy & tactics, psychology, and other go-fast stuff. They're also an excellent way to socialize with other racing sailors.

The seminars are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, but the January seminar will be on the 14th at Brooklyn's in order to have **Jim Young** give us another of his great talks on sailing to Olympic standards.

2004 SAIL Proposed Calendar

This proposed calendar was made by extending dates from 2003 to nearest comparable 2004 dates, trying to eliminate conflicts, and discussions at the General Meeting in November.

January 2004

1st - New Year's Day is on a Thursday
6th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
14th SAIL Racing Seminar
15-18 Denver Boat Show
17-18 Area F Meeting & Program, Houston YC, TX
19th Martin Luther King Day is on Monday

February 2004

3rd SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
14th Valentine's Day is on Saturday
16th Presidents' Day is on Monday
18th SAIL Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's, Denver

March 2004

2nd SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
17th SAIL Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's, Denver
20th Race Management Seminar, Place TBD

April 2004

4th Daylight Savings Time
6th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
10-11 ??? Area F O'Days, Easter Regatta, Austin YC, TX, Lasers
11th Easter Sunday
21st SAIL Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's, Denver
24-25 USC Collegiate Regatta, USC SC, Pueblo Res.

May 2004

1-2 Rocky Mountain Shootout, Ch. Crk. Res, K
4th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
8th Team Racing, Comm Sailing, Ch. Crk., Boats Provided
9th is Mother's Day
15? Hornblower, DSA, Ch. Crk., D M
22-23 Prairie Winds, Boyd Lake, CO, M
29-30 Mem'l Day Reg., New Mexico SC, Heron Lake, K,M
31st is Memorial Day

June 2004

1st SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
5-6 Carter Open, Carter Lake SC, Carter Lk, KD
12 Opti Regatta, Ch. Crk., DSA, Boats Provided, J
19-20 WY Gov. Cup, Casper Bt. Club, Alcova, KD
26-27 Hawaiian Dreams, Lake McConaughy, NE, M

July 2004

4th Independence Day is on Sun., observed Mon.
3rd Firecracker, DSA, Union Res., D
3-4 4th of July Reg. & Long Race, New Mex. SC, Heron Lake
3-4 4th of July Open, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
6th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
10 Junior Regatta, Bowmar, DSA, J
17-18 Aspen Open, Aspen YC, Ruedi Res., KD
24th Carter Lake Junior Open, CLSC, J
24-25 That Particular Regatta, Glendo Res. WY, M
24-25 Leukemia Cup, CSYC, Chatfield Res.

August 2004

3rd SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
7-8 Dillon Open 2nd day, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, KDJ
(Juniors on separate course)
7-8? Hobie Div'n 5 Championship, Angostura, SD, M
14-15 Wild Bill Thrill, Flaming Gorge, WY, M
14-15 Colorado Laser Champs, Grand Lake YC, Grand Lake, CO
21st Cherry Creek Junior Open, DSA, Ch. Crk., J
28-29 Mac Attack, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy, KDM
28-29? TransMac, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy,

September 2004

4-6 Neb. Gov. Cup, Ogallala YC, Lake McCon'hy, KD
4-5 Dillon Labor Day, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
4-5 Labor Day Regatta, New Mexico SC, Heron Lake 6th is Labor Day
7th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
18-19 Frostbite, DSA, Ch. Crk. Res., K D

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September (continued)

18-19 CO Gov. Cup?, DSA, Ch. Crk., KD

25-26? Sunrise Regatta, Rio Grande SC, Truth or Consequences, NM

October 2004

2-3 Team Races, Comm'y. Sailing, Ch. Crk., Boats Provided

5th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver

9-10 Columbus Day Regatta, CSYC, Chatfield., K
11 Columbus Day observed

16? Pumpkin Bash Inv., Cor. 15 Flt., Union Res., D
31 Halloween is on Sunday

November 2004

7th SAIL Annual Meeting, Place TBD, Saturday

December 2004

7th SAIL Monthly Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver

Legend: Regattas in **boldface/green** are open to other than members of host organization and counted in the SAIL Championship tours. A question mark by the date means it may be subject to change.

K = Keelboats, D = Dinghies, M = Multi-Hulls,

J = Juniors

Date: 11/10/03

Race Management Workshops

Area F's distinguished faculty of experts in race management will be conducting a basic race management seminar at Houston Yacht Club the weekend of January 17-18, 2004.

The seminar meets requirements for being certified or re-certified as a US SAILING Club Race Officer. Those interested in certification can also take the test to be given January 18.

An Advanced Race Management Seminar will be held at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Texas on February 28-29, 2004. This seminar meets requirements for certification as a Club, Regional, or National Race Officer.

SAIL will also conduct a race management seminar in the Denver area in March 2004. . For more information, contact Ralph Taylor, ralpht@rmsail.org (phone 303-771-3271).

Throw Out the Throw-outs?

"Drop races", discarded scores, throw-outs -- No matter what you call them the subject has occupied much of the sailing news recently. As sailors know, the default scoring in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing says, "Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score." In other words, one throw-out., unless the sailing instructions say something different.

But then, the international sailing federation, ISAF, took up an emergency petition to eliminate throw-outs in the Olympics. The rationale was to keep everyone sailing the last race -- even those who could otherwise use it as their discarded score. Some thought the final race was anti-climactic without the best sailors.

"Protest!" hailed the commentators; "It's too late in the game to be changing the rules now." And, "If it isn't good for the rest of sailing, why is it good for the Olympics?" It was argued that it's a different game without throw-outs than with -- taking away the ability to "camp on" the nearest competitor in the scores and overly penalizing a gear failure or bad race.

ISAF reversed itself and put the drop race back into the 2004 Olympics, promising to take it up again.

So here we are in the present, looking at the future of the throw-out. The 2004-2007 rules will come out soon. Will the throw-out still be in them? Should it be?

Stand by for the next episode.

North U. in Denver

Rocky Mountain Boatworks is sponsoring a North U. Class on Tactics & Strategy on February 22 at Brooklyn's. Fees for the course are \$135 for skipper or 1st person & \$115 for each additional crew.

For more information, visit www.NorthU.com, call 800-347-2457, or e-mail fran@northu.northsails.com

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