



Dear CCV Members,

While it may be unseasonably cold right now, we are thinking hard and planning for the warmer months that will soon follow. Your CCV Board of Directors is working behind the scenes to provide a variety of programs, races, and special events for the coming year. This group of volunteers is donating countless hours of their valuable spare time to give the membership the quality programs that you expect from CCV. If you see one of the CCV Board members on the dock or at the bar, take a minute to say thanks for their hard work.

The 2010 big boat schedule is locked in and should deliver the kind of challenging and exciting racing program expected from the premier racing organization of the Southern Bay. For 2010 CCV will offer an excellent mix of around the buoys racing during the Spring and Fall Series, as well as middle distance and overnight racing opportunities. Minor tweaks to the sailing instructions and the administration of the CCV High Point Awards should provide fair opportunities for all racers. Our spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes continue to be strong and competitive. The Cruising Fleet will continue in 2010 with the hopes of drawing additional sailors to the starting line. The Tune-up races begin on April 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Spring Series beginning on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Make sure that you've scheduled your Spring boat work and launch date or you'll miss the action.

CCV will sponsor a Race Management Seminar at the Hampton Yacht Club this Spring. Race management is important to all racers. Without the organization and coordination of a race committee, chaos might be the order of the day on the water. We need knowledgeable, trained people to man our race committee and mark boats. These people are also volunteering their time to run races and we should be eternally grateful for their efforts.

The CCV Crew Training Class will also continue in 2010. This is an excellent source for skippers to pick up new crew, as well as get some additional training for some of their existing folks. Volunteering your time or boat to help out this class will reap dividends in the long run by bringing new sailors into the sport and eventually more boats to the starting line.

Earlier this year I commissioned a survey of our membership, which provided valuable input to the Awards Party planning committee. We need feedback from our members like this, only more often. Look for more opportunities like this in the future. The Awards Party planning committee has already met several times to prepare for and improve the 2010 CCV Awards Party. It's going to be different and better this year. You won't find out unless you go, so don't miss out on some great fun. Stay tuned for more party details to be announced later this Spring.

The CCV web site is currently undergoing a major refit. In this electronic age, it is our face to the world. As a "paper club" we don't have a club house to advertise our presence and welcome the public. Our web site needs to be more inviting and informative. Right now we're cleaning the bilges out, refastening some loose planks, and getting ready to paint the topsides. Look for more updates and features to appear on the web site soon.

We're looking forward to a great season in 2010. As always, I appreciate your CCV membership and continued support for racing in the Southern Bay.

See you on the starting line in April.



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