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ANNUAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19th

Commodore **Michael Gahan** called the 101st Annual Meeting to order at 8 pm, Wed Feb 19, 2003 following a beef stew in bread bowl dinner served by the frostbite sailors. 156 members were in attendance. After Secretary **Hubbard** read the call of the meeting, Commodore **Gahan** requested a moment of silence for the members who passed away this past year: **Robert Johnson, Terrance Nugent, and Donald Ford**. The order of the agenda was altered to enable vote counting for the three items requiring paper ballot.

Again this year, it was voted to waive the initiation fee for 2003. Commodore **Gahan**, Vice Commodore **Condon**, Rear Commodore **Mullane** and Secretary **Hubbard** were reelected to office. **Norman Hyett** was elected Treasurer; and **Leo Vannoni, John Economides, and Philip Marks** were elected to the Audit Committee. Directors for the



L. to R. New Board of Directors: Nancy Loubier, Barry Lawton, and Matt Honan; New Treasurer: Norman Hyett

coming year will be **Barry Lawton, Matthew Honan, and Nancy Loubier**. Congratulations to all. Outgoing Board Members, **Stephen Carr and Ralph Bagley**, and Treasurer **Ernest Hardy** were recognized for service.

Past Commodore and 40 year member **Richard Lawton** was elected to life membership in recognition for all the years of outstanding service to CPYC. The disciplinary action did not attain the required 3/4's vote to pass.

Secretary **Hubbard** reported membership statistics for 2002. There were 463 members within the 8 categories of member-

ship. Membership increased this past year with 62% residing in Winthrop; 37% owning boats; 148 individuals participating in bowling; and 30 are pool players.

Treasurer **Hardy** reviewed the financial statements ending 12/31/02 and reported positive balances for the operating, marina, and capital improvement funds. He did however remind the membership that there will be significant future expenses due to planned and essential repairs.

The audit committee certified the financial statements.

Representing the Finance Committee, **David Aloise** made a detailed presentation on the financial condition at FYE 2002, the Operating Budget for 2003, and possible Capital Improvement projections for 2003 and 2004, thus establishing a path for the future.

Lastly, the officers awards were announced. The Rear Commodore Award will be given to **Kathleen Doherty** for her years of service to Youth Sailing and for her efforts in the Make a Wish Regattas and CPYC store. **Elaine Marks** will receive the Vice Commodore's Award for her Make A Wish Regatta Chairmanship and efforts. The Commodore's Award this year will be given to **Sue Hardy** for all her centennial year work. The meeting ended following the awards announcement.

Dick Lawton Elected Life Member



Richard J. Lawton joined CPYC in 1962 and is currently, member #31. During his 40 years as a member he served the youth sailing program for 5 years as regatta chairman, Vice President, and President. In the 1990's he was a director, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Commodore. Due to **Dick's** professional background he has been on the Capital Improvement Committee for 20 years involved in a great many projects from shingles to pilings to heating facilities to seawalls. (**Dick** loves cement.)

The son of a CPYC member, **Dick** raced Thistles here, and was a launch driver. **Dick** and **Marie** have 3 children, **Barry** (also a member), **Andrea**, and **Michelle**.

Andy Lagorio Will Always Watch Over Pool At CPYC



Andy's Pool Cue and Case



Picture on Right: Pool Committee L to R Steve Merola, Joe Grasso, Matt Wilson, Bob Smith, Sean Cassidy and Norm Hyett with Alida Lagorio



Joe Presents Alida with a beautiful bouquet and gives a long time and special friend a big kiss

On February 14th, the CPYC Pool Players unveiled **Andy Lagorio's** Pool cue and case where it is newly mounted overlooking the pool tables as **Alida Lagorio**, family and friends looked on. **Andy** is a legend in CPYC Pool. An excellent player, he loved the game. **Steve Merola** summed up Andy's love of the pool. "**Andy** taught pool unselfishly. He couldn't tell you enough about the game, sometimes he told you too much. Other clubs we play against still ask about **Andy**. He was loved everywhere." Now **Andy** will always be able to watch over CPYC Pool, and CPYC players can always look up and remember him when they look for guidance. Following the dedication, the pool players served dinner to those attending the ceremony.

Youth Sailing Fashion Show to Be May 2nd

Save Friday May 2nd for the Youth Sailing Fashion Show. Chairperson **Phyllis McKinnon** reports that plans are well under way. Once again they will be looking for CPYC adults and children to model. *Fiandaca* will be featured for formal wear. While as yet unconfirmed, Phyllis is hoping to secure *Talbots* and *Talbot's Kids*. Youth sailing will be looking for basket donations as in the past for the raffle. The show rehearsal will be May 1st for the models. For further information, please contact **Phyllis** at 617-846-1945 or <phyllismckinnon@aol.com>

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TUESDAY 6, 2003

7:30—8:30 PM IN MAIN HALL

The youth sailing program will be holding registration for the upcoming season. Children must be 8 years old and parents/guardians must be members of Cottage Park Yacht Club.

Tuition for the 2003 sailing season is \$225 with a \$75 boat user fee for non-boat owners. A \$50 deposit is required at registration. The balance is due on or before the first day of classes: Monday June 23, 2003.

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Any questions, Please call Connie Goll at 617-846-7113

*Lessons offered in these sailboat classifications only. No powerboat instruction.

BOOM TO BRIXHAM

By John Zisa

Ed. Note: John Zisa had the following unusual experience with the international sailing community that is worth reading.

Midway across the Atlantic during the first leg of the 2002-2003 Around Alone Ocean Race from Newport, R.I. to Brixham, England, the yacht *Ocean Planet*, an Open 60 owned and skippered by Bruce Schwab snapped it's 34' carbon fiber boom requiring a replacement to be able to continue on the next leg of the race. Bruce called Ted Van Dusen of Composite Engineering in Concord, MA, the "go to" people of custom carbon fiber work. Composite Engineering dropped everything and went to work on building the boom under extremely



John with Boom Loaded to Go

tight time constraints. Since *Ocean Planet* had no principle sponsors, Schwab was able to handle the \$ 25,000.00 expense of the boom, but shipping from Boston to Brixham, through British customs all within one week was a problem. I caught wind of the dilemma through the online sailing community. I learned that they had been quoted \$250,000 to charter a 747 as transport. A quote from the official Around Alone shipping company was more reasonable at \$25,000. However, being familiar with international shipping, it was clear to me that the boom could be shipped at a more reasonable cost. Through contacts I was able to get a quote of \$2,280, which I forwarded to *Ocean Planet's* Shore Team Manager, Ashley Perrin. I immediately received a 'GO' response. Quoting the transport was the easy part, executing it was the challenge. The plan was to pick up the 34' spar at the factory in Concord MA at 8:30 Sat morning Oct 5 with my trailer (designed for a 20 foot boat), and take it to Logan Airport by 12:00 Noon. From there it would be trucked to JFK airport, flown to Preswick, Scotland, and trucked to Heathrow.



The Boom Pays a Quick Visit to Stonehenge

From Heathrow the *Ocean Planet* Volunteer network would clear customs and transport it to Brixham. Simple? NO?? When I arrived at Composite Engineering, the boom was not ready. They were still grinding, sanding and fitting hardware. I was told it would be just a couple of hours. At 11:30 AM, I pulled Ted VanDusen aside and let him know that it was time to go. We loaded the boom plus a carbon fiber batten on my trailer and departed with no time to spare. Committing several traffic violations, things were looking good as we sped toward Logan Airport, aaaaand tthheennn STOP!!!! Welcome to Boston traffic. The noon deadline came and went as we idled in bumper to bumper traffic. Maxing out my cell phone minutes, I arranged for the spar to be picked up later in the day in time to make the flight from JFK. The delivery was made successfully and we enjoyed a sense of accomplishment. But.....

At 4:30 AM Monday, October 7th, I received a panic call from England. The boom was on its way to Paris! Since tracking options are limited at that hour of the morning, I told England I would get back to them later that morning. I learned that the original flight had been cancelled due to mechanical problems and the shipment was placed on a later departure that would go through Paris before arriving at Heathrow. The boom finally arrived in London at 1:30 AM Wednesday October 9th, a mere 20 hours behind schedule. Believe me, it could have been a lot worse. However, the story does not end here. Wednesday I received another call from Ashley in England. Apparently there was a communication breakdown somewhere and two battens were supposed to be shipped instead of the one that went. Schwab was adamant the second batten was required. After checking with my usual shipping contacts I was advised that there was no way that the batten could be shipped by the Friday deadline. The problem was that the shipping service's next day service limits the

size to 48 linear inches. The batten was 10 feet in length. In addition it can take 24 hours to clear customs. I explained to Ashley that it could not happen. Now what? Then it occurred to me.

"Did you pack your own bags?" "Did anyone give you items to carry for them?" "Have you been in control of your bags since packing them?" "Passport, please." "Gate 21, sir." "Enjoy your flight."

After 10 long hours via Zurich, Switzerland, I was met at London City airport, and was easily identified as I exited customs with only a carry on and a ten foot bag. After a five hour drive, I met Bruce Schwab and Ashley Perrin in person for the first time as I handed to them the most expensive battens known to man. I was now ready for something warm and amber colored from a local pub and some rest.

Little did I realize that what I thought was my free weekend in England would turn into 12 hour work days of hard manual labor in horizontal rainstorms. I learned just how high it feels to work at 85 feet up the mast and how hard it is to transport a 350 pound main sail by way of inflatable power boat. I became one of



Volunteers, including John, work to ready Ocean Planet

the shore team volunteers preparing *Ocean Planet* for its next leg to Cape Town, South Africa.

I watched the start of the next race leg and departed for home. This was an awesome adventure. A number of people who had never met worked toward accomplishing a complicated common goal and succeeded. It was team work at its finest. To date I still support Schwab and the *Ocean Planet* team with logistical and occasional public relations work. This was an experience that I will never forget.

Currently *Ocean Planet* is in the fourth dangerous leg around Cape Horn. You can follow *Ocean Planet's* racing progress at www.everyocean.com/oceanplanet

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JANUARY 2003— DEEP FREEZE AT CPYC



Looking Westward January 27th —a Composite

The Westerly Finger Piers Sink From the Weight of the Ice That Built Up After Days of Westerlies and Frigid Temperatures



Below: The ice was solid to the waters edge



Above: Solid, Thick Ice Between a Center Main And the First Westerly Main



Above: The Ducks Used the Ice as a Cold Resting Place



Right: The Brave Frostbiters Persisted As They Launched In between the Ice Chunks.
Racing Took on a New Dimension Called Ice Dodgem

Left: Caroline Ross and Zach Orlov Find it Challenging to Get Their Rudder Attached in the Ice

Pictures by Ray Schmit



WINTER CONTINUES AT CPYC—SNOW



After 11 inches of snow on February 7th, the inevitable thaw came with its usual snow melt. The roof over the exercise room started to leak. With typical CPYC ingenuity some members rigged an invention to catch the snow melt drips in a tea pot and drain the water from the pot's valve through some tubing and out window. Quite a contraption, but it worked until the roof got shoveled.



FEBRUARY ICE—ROUND 2

Over the holiday weekend, temperatures plummeted once again. The frostbite sailors could not even attempt to race as there was solid ice from the club pier to the airport shore. The hut was ice locked. They could not even get to the hut to chop away excess ice.

The Presidents Day Storm brought officially 27 1/2 inches of snow to Logan Airport and to CPYC. It also brought higher tides than normal. After the noon high tide on the 17th and the ice caused the hut's mooring to come loose from the harbor floor. The hut began to drift and eventually the mooring settled on the airport flats. Two of CPYC's finest rushed to the rescue. They detached the mooring and marker ball leaving them on the airport flats for later rescue. They then attempted to tow the hut back to the mooring area.

However, the weight of the hut, the strength of the tidal current, and insufficient engine power got the best of them as they kept drifting to sea.



A coast guard ice breaker showed up and tried to assist. Their draft must have been too deep to be effective. They stood by until a smaller coast guard boat arrived. After chopping some ice from the hut, they were able to get along side the hut and maneuver it SLOWLY back to the mooring area where it was secured just before darkness descended.

As the coast guard departed, two very cold CPYCers returned to shore in their small craft after an approximate 3 hour adventure.



**CAN WINTER HAVE ANY MORE
FOR US?
SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER**

A letter from John MacRae

"In October 2002 at the Snipe Frigid Digit/Atlantic Coast Championships in Annapolis, Barb Evans and I qualified for the Snipe Worlds, to be held next August in Landskrona, Sweden. The sailing waters will be on the Oresund, a large but enclosed body of water east of Copenhagen which connects the Baltic and the Atlantic. Challenging conditions, with plenty of wind and current, are expected, along with a field of some 80 of the best Snipe teams from Europe, the Western Hemisphere, and Japan. Barb and I will be one of 10 US teams competing."

"This is the culmination of a life-long dream to qualify for and sail in a significant international championship, and we are very proud to have done so and to represent our class, Cottage Park YC, and our country. However, because of the great expenses involved with training for and traveling to this major regatta, we have established a tax-exempt account with the US Sailing Foundation for our campaign, in order to provide an attractive option for our friends and families to provide financial assistance. All individual donations will be deductible to the full extent of the law."

"For more information about how to give to our fund, go to the US Sailing web site at: www.ussailing.org, click on 'Olympics', and then click on "US Sailing Foundation". From there, you can click on "Designated Accounts" for information about making a gift earmarked for our campaign. One may also send a check, made out to "US Sailing Foundation" and referencing "MacRae/Evans Snipe account" in the memo field, and mail it to US Sailing or directly to me at: 21 Brookside Ave, Winchester, MA 01890. "I can safely say that sailing at CPYC will continue to be great practice for the Snipe Worlds, because of the similar conditions and great racing. As such, I am grateful to all of you at Cottage Park for helping me to prepare, and for any financial support you may be able to give towards our campaign. I would be happy to provide any additional information about the regatta and our campaign upon request."



As a part of their training program for the Snipe World Championships, John MacRae and Barb Evans raced the Comodoro Rasco Regatta in Coconut Grove, FL in early February. They won this event by turning in consistently good finishes and acing the final race in a very competitive field. Congratulations Jocko and Barb. Keep up the good work.

Member Spotlight

Joining CPYC in 1955, **Fredrick C. Flynn** is currently member #11. A Pilothead, **Fred** enjoyed bowling and boating. Over the years he served on many committees; entertainment, bowling, house and nominating, each several times. He helped rebuild the marina after the Blizzard of '78, and in prepping the original launch, an old Lyman lap strake, for the water. **Fred** retired from Eastern Airlines in 1983. In 1986, he moved to Florida with his wife of almost 57 years. **Fred** and **Kay** have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Even though they reside in Florida, **Fred** and **Kay** keep in touch with their Winthrop friends and keep abreast of CPYC happenings.

REMINDER SIGN IN ALL GUESTS

DEADLINE FOR MAY WINDJAMMER

April 30, 2003

**Please send any copy,
pictures,
or information to
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or
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Dance Lessons A Hit

The May dance lessons filled to capacity quickly. However, there is a waiting list in event of cancellation. To get on the waiting list contact Nancy Loubier at (617-846-6853) or by email nloubier@sandw.com As the classes seem quite popular, the Albert's are considering doing this again in the fall or next spring.



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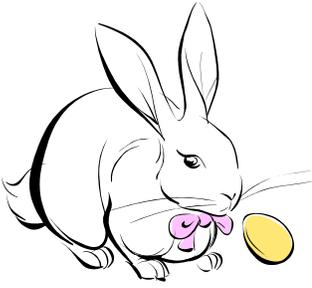
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**First
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CPYC**

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for CPYC children, ages 0 to 12 years of age, Sunday April 20th from 11:15 AM until 12:15 PM. The Easter Bunny will probably be there to visit with the children and it may be possible for pictures with Mr. Bunny. There will be coffee and donuts for the parents while they watch the egg scramble. Since this activity was just formulated at press time, there will be more details later.

**Jim Marcotte
Named Make a Wish
Chairman**

Jim Marcotte has agreed to take on the chairmanship of this year's Make-a-Wish Regatta. This regatta is always a highlight of the CPYC summer season. Plans are underway for another wonderful event. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with this year's Make-a-Wish event please contact **Jim**. Participating in this event in some capacity, be it large or small, is a great way to share in the unbelievable generosity that is a part of the CPYC spirit.

**NAVIGATION SEMINAR
HELD MARCH 1**



Seminar students working hard

The first of two winter seminars for the Catalina Fleet, CPYC members and guests was held Saturday March 1st. This seminar focused on basic navigation skills using Buzzard Bay as a cruising ground. The seminar covered chart reading, point to point navigation, tides and currents and safety among others, using a hypothetical trip as a model. Thank you to **Marilyn** and **Jon Van Tassell** for organizing these valuable seminars. The second seminar will be March 9th and will deal with GPS's.



**Happy St. Patrick's Day
Happy Easter and Happy Passover
to all.**

Congratulations to **Jody** and **Dave Williams** on the New Year's Eve birth of their grandchild.

Rumor has it there was a migration by some members to Foxwoods. But were there any winners?

Condolences to **Teddy Clifford** on his mother's passing.

The Frosbiters finished the new trophy case. It looks terrific.

Our sympathy to past member **Randall Wood** on the passing of his wife **Louise Wood**. **Louise** was also **Carol Wiley's** and **Dianne Salvesson's** mother.

Congratulations to **Matt** and **Eileen Fobert** on the birth of their son Jack. Congratulations to grandparents **Charlotte** and **Ernie Fobert**; **Jane** and **Tom Carrideo**.

It is with sadness that we report that the **Marks'** "Kringle" has gone to doggie heaven.

Congratulations to **Libby** and **Bob Dowling** on their 35th wedding anniversary.

We are sad to report that past member **Bob Barnard** passed away.

The Windjammer and CPYC send best wishes and blessings to all our extended CPYC family that have been called to active duty to protect our country, especially member **James De Feo**.

IF ANYONE holds any CPYC historical materials that should be archived, please get them to either Sue Hardy or Norm Hyett as they are in the process of properly archiving all our wonderful historical materials.



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March 9	Navigation Seminars	May 5	1st Dance Class	June 18	Youth Sailing
March 8	St. Pat's Party	May 6	Youth Sailing Registration		Parents Information night
March 14	Seminar for Youth Sailors	May 7	Ladies' Bowling Banquet	June 23	Youth Sailing BBQ and classes begin
April 20	Easter Egg Hunt	May 14, 21, 28	Dance Classes	June 21	Blessing of the Fleet
April 26&27	Marina Weekend	May 23	Family Friday Night Dinners	June 21 & 22	Snipe District's 4th of July Party
April 30	Ladies' Bowling Roll Off		Begin	July 3	Make a Wish Regatta
May 2	Youth Sailing Fashion Show	May 31 & June 1	JFK Regatta		
May 3	Men's Bowling Roll Off	June 7	Commodore's Ball	Aug 2 & 3	

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