

Dear Fellow CCV Sailor,

Enclosed is an application to renew your membership in the Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) for the 2012 sailing season. The CCV Board is excited about the events planned for the coming year and we hope that you will continue your CCV membership. As in the past, we have two levels of membership. Racing Membership is intended for skippers who race frequently, while Club Membership is intended for skippers who wish to pay-by-race and for crew members. Racing members and Club members are required to have proof of an up to date PHRF certificate prior to racing in a CCV sanctioned race. (Cruising class entries in CCV races do not require a PHRF certificate, but submitting one precludes the Race Committee from having to assign a rating). This may be accomplished by submitting a copy of their 2012 Certificate to CCV or insuring that their boat is listed on the PHRF valid List, which becomes available on the PHRF website (<http://www.phrfchesbay.com/>) around April 1st. The Racing membership includes two admissions to the End of Year Awards Party. Dues are remaining the same as last year, but the Awards Party price has been raised. Please return your renewal by February 28th to be included in the Racing Guide.

CCV and HYC are sponsoring a Race Management Clinic at the Hampton Yacht Club on the morning of Saturday March 24th. I encourage all sailors who are interested in race management to consider attending this clinic. Race management is important to all racers.

Also we are planning a Racing Rules Seminar conducted by Rob Overton on Tuesday March 27th at the Hampton Yacht Club where the 2012 CCV Racing Guides will be distributed. Check the CCV web site WWW.CCVRACING.ORG

On Saturday March 31st the SpinSheet Sock Burning and Sailboat Crew Listing Party – South will occur at Marker 20 from 5 to 7 pm.

CCV will be conducting several sailing events during 2012. The Tune-up races will be on April 15th. 12 races over 8 weekends (consisting of the Spring & Fall Series, Founders' Day, and the Moonlight Triangle), and the third day of Southern Bay Race Week (please remember that your dues cover every CCV race and post-race party, excluding Southern Bay Race Week). We are also offering the Oktoberfest Wednesday Night Races in October.

The Post-race Activities have been modified. The hot dogs and chips have been eliminated instead of increasing dues. A keg of beer and soft drinks will be provided on the club porch. The awards will be handed out in the club. HYC will be offering a limited menu in the bar similar to the Frost Bite menu.

The Awards Party will be on Saturday November 10th at the Hampton Yacht Club. The admission prices have been increased slightly this year to reduce the slight deficit we have been incurring (\$35 if bought by Feb. 28, \$40 if bought by Oct. 14 and \$50 at the door). The Racing member's dues include two admissions to the Awards Party this year. We encourage folks to not wait until the last minute since we must commit to a number of participants (and hence the amount of food and drink) several days prior to the party.

Your membership dues cover all of these expenses along with the daily race and high point trophies. In addition, each member receives a copy of the CCV Racing Guide, which includes race circulars, points of contact, forms, sailing instructions and more vital information for racing in lower bay.

The CCV Crew Training Class will continue in 2012. 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.

Please take a few minutes to renew your membership now, and don't forget to pass this information on to your crew. Payment must be received NLT 28 Feb 2012 for inclusion in the CCV Racing Guide Directory. Application forms, racing schedules and past race results are also posted on your website: WWW.CCVRACING.ORG. Check it out!!!

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CCV Commodore 2012