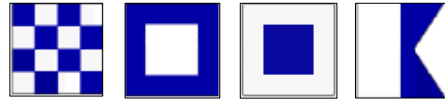

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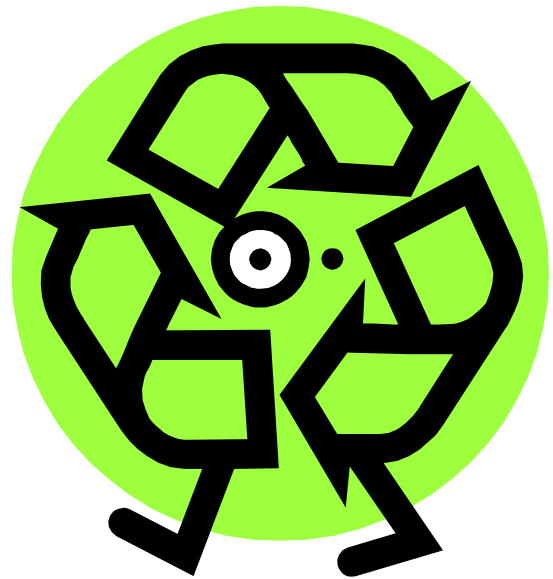
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The Newsletter Is Back!!

...and Going Green

With the prodigal return of the NPSA newsletter editor, we are now back in print—ePrint that is! At the 2009 Officers' meeting, a decision was reached that NPSA do its part to reduce our global impact (not to mention club expenses) and convert to an electronic newsletter. Please be sure to update your e-mail address, as well as all of your contact information, when you pay your dues for 2009. As always, PLEASE send submissions to LZellefrow@comcast.net. Stories, tips, questions, ponderings...I would love to have enough content to warrant a monthly newsletter. This is YOUR club and YOUR newsletter...the more you participate, the greater you make it!

Editor



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Commodore's Corner

Charlie Rouse

Welcome aboard the 2009 sailing season! It won't be long before the sound of sanders and the smell of bottom paint hovers over Edgemere, signaling the start of another season. It will be a season 'of concern' and the more we work together, the better we will be.

The first concern is the LGN plant going in at Sparrow's Point. The surveying will be done this spring and construction begins this fall. The new regulations are relaxed a bit, but there has been no definite laws enacted as to a safety zone around ships coming up the bay to dock at the LNG plant. This will affect Bear Creek more than Jones Creek, but not sure if or how it may impact our racing.

The second concern is the state of the economy and what that will mean to boaters. We have a number of boats for sale (Captain Lee Allers' boats and Moo Cal to name a few.) I trust our racing boaters will be back, but we will have to wait and see who shows up on the start line throughout the summer. Finally, Wednesday night we will see if we continue to race with Rock Creek for another season.

While it will be a season of concern, let's be optimistic and look forward to 24 clear, star-filled nights with 10-12 knots of wind at our back.

Charlie



Member of a Lifetime

We were all thrilled to see Captain Lee at the 2008 awards banquet. He was recognized as one of the original members of NPSA. Captain Lee is currently living at Heart Homes Assisted Living in Lutherville. Captain Bob (*Dolce*) and Captain Will (*Wind Lassie*) report that Captain Lee loves to see his fellow NPSA club members. His address is:

Lee Allers
1420 Front Ave
Lutherville, MD 21093

Take some time to let him know that we are all thinking about him



Award banquet, 11/07/08--Will Burton is presented with NPSA jacket for his dauntless service as treasurer. This is election year...is there a red jacket in YOUR future?!?

Membership Dues

Membership Dues for 2009 are coming up. The dues remain at \$30 for racing skippers, \$20 for crew, and \$25 per boat racing fee. Please make checks payable to NPSA. Dues can be paid at the club meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, or mailed to Charlie Rouse, 2405 Lodge Farm Road, Edgemere, MD 21219. Please pay prior to the first race. Thank you.

View from the Foredeck "There's No Place Like Home"

Most of you have probably noticed the lapse in publication of the NPSA newsletter. My fellow crew-mates on *Dolce* certainly noticed a lapse in participation with my absence of a year or more. Some of you have heard bits and pieces of my story, and I'm happy to share it with anyone that might be interested. But, in this forum, I'll simply say that I found myself in a place so dark and powerful that I gave up some of the things in life that mean the most to me. I put aside my passions as easily as tossing a feather into the wind. When I pulled myself back into the light, my *Dolce* family was there waiting for me...although it took the rest of the season to convince them that I was really back. And, all of you, my fellow officers and NPSA family, also welcomed me back as if I was never gone. So, thank you all from the bottom of my heart. It feels great to be "home."

The days are getting longer, soon (!!!) the temperatures will be getting warmer, and before we know it, I'll be seeing you all from my view from *Dolce's* foredeck!

Lori Zellefrow
Editor

Boats For Sale

Looking for a new boat? There are some for sale in the area. If you are interested, please talk to Phil Young, Charlie Rouse or Will Burton.

A Message From Your Treasurer (a.k.a. Words from Will) (as interpreted by the Editor)

We have some money. Pay your dues and encourage your crew to do so as well. See you at the meetings, then on the water!

Will Burton
Treasurer





Announcement from the Officers

It was unanimously decided at the Officers' Meeting in January that ALL bad weather (including but not limited to thunder storms and lack of wind) for the 2009 season will be on Tuesdays. No club vote will be permitted in this matter. ☺



Myth "on ice" January 19, 2008

Calendar of NPSA Events Spring 2009

	<p>4th – Club meeting at St. Luke’s, Edgemere 7:00pm—2009 Schedule of Events; RCRA participation vote; free beer, free ticket for the March meeting raffle! 14th – Valentine’s Day 16th – President’s Day</p>
	<p>4th – Club meeting at St. Luke’s, Edgemere 7:00pm—Spring prep, speaker from Petit Paints (raffle for a gallon of bottom paint!) 17th—St. Patrick’s Day 20th—Burn the socks...Spring begins!</p>
	<p>1st – Club meeting at St. Luke’s, Edgemere 7:00pm—Rules (mandatory for skippers to attend) 18th – Kick-off BBQ 22nd – First race of the season!!</p>
	<p>2nd—Greenspring Valley Orchestra concert, Gordon Center in Owings Mills (roughly 1/3 of <i>Dolce’s</i> crew will be performing!) 10th—Mothers’ Day 25th—Memorial Day 30th—Single-handed (or maybe double-handed?) Race</p>

2009 Race Schedule

Spring Series

April 22nd – 1st race
 April 29th – 2nd race
 May 6th – 3rd race
 May 13th – 4th race
 May 20th – 5th race
 May 27th – 6th race

Early Summer Series

June 3rd – 1st race, 1st Wednesday BBQ
 June 10th – 2nd race
 June 17th – 3rd race
 June 24th – 4th race
 July 1st – 5th race, 1st Wednesday BBQ
 July 8th – 6th race

Late Summer Series

July 15th – 1st race
 July 22nd – 2nd race
 July 29th – 3rd race, 1st Wednesday BBQ
 August 5th – 4th race
 August 12th – 5th race
 August 19th – 6th race

Fall Series

August 26th – 1st race
 September 2nd – 2nd race, 1st Wednesday BBQ
 September 9th – 3rd race
 September 16th – 4th race
 September 23rd – 5th race
 September 30th – last race ☹