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Venture Sailing Club



The Commodore Speaks

The Venture family started off 2008 with its **Annual Banquet** - and what a banquet it was. Not only did we have our present members, we also had several past members. It was great seeing Faye & Elder, Luis & Myra, Gary & Laura, MaryJo and Dana as well as Marie & Francois. Seemed like old times. But most of all, we want to thank Bob & Terry for opening their house to us. They sure are great hosts. And talking of great - the food - mouth watering hors d'oeuvres, followed by pork, rice & beans, yucca, chicken and ending with scrumptious desserts. Let's not forget that keg of beer and the wine. We sure know how to throw a party.

Your Board for 2008 is looking to make a few changes to it more fun and enjoyable. Our first outing (Sat., Feb.

9th) will be at No Name Harbor. It will be our chili cook-off. Yes we are going to judge those who will be bringing their homemade chili. Your calling committee will give you further details. We plan on having a race Sunday (Feb. 10th) - so let us know if you are interested in racing.

Note the auction date change! Start saving your STUFF. It's our means to raise money for the club and it's a fun time as well.

Our schedule ahead - The next meeting will be Feb. 27th, 7:30PM at the Miami Yacht Club. (Note - At the gate, use the callbox to call into the bar and ask to have the gate open.) Our March outing will be on the 8th and 9th at Elliott. Your calling committee will give you the details. And the March meeting will be on the 26th.

Let's make 2008 a fun time for all.

Events Schedule

All events are subject to change due to weather and turnout.

2/9 & 10 No Name Harbor Chili Cook-off

3/8 & 9 Elliott Harbor Hot Dogs

4/ 12 & 13 Elliot Harbor Bahama Mama drinks

5/3 (race 5/4) No Name Harbor Terry's Mother's Day Breakfast

6/7/8/ Restaurants

8/13 & 14 TBA

10/ 11 & 12 Coons Points - Columbus Day Regatta

11 8 & 9 TBA

12/6 No Name Harbor Steak Outing

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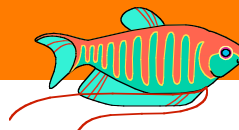
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Fleet Captain's Report – John Bonetti

Club racing in 2007 was disappointing with only 3 races and 3 boats participating in each race. And we struggled to get 3 races in!! But each race proved exciting with wind and a competitive spirit. The goal for 2008 is to sign new members with sailboats and willingness to race.

Race results for 2007: Intuition finished 1st; Heartset and Ruthie tied for 2nd and Harmony and La Nena tied for 3rd. Although with only 3 races we did not give annual awards for racing this year we did present awards to the most

improved sailors in two categories.

The first award to the most improved boat owner went to Fred Knapp. The second award for most improved crew was presented to William Wang.

Congratulations to all.

In 2008 the racing rules will change to make the races more competitive with an emphasis on family racing. Rules as follows: no spinnakers allowed; races will finish in 2 1/2 hours; we plan to mix and match races between Saturday and Sunday whichever is more convenient for the racers and we plan to use the standard PHRF ratings for 2008.

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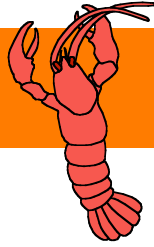


**CHANGE OF
AUCTION DATE:
APRIL – DETAILS TO
BE FOLLOW**

For those that didn't make it to the Banquet - sorry you missed it!
For those that made it over to Bob & Terry's on January 26th, I hope you enjoyed it as much as the Nugents did. It looked like everyone was having a good time and I'm glad the weather cooperated. Much thanks to our host & hostess with the mostest. We are putting a new spin on a traditional February theme on Saturday, February 9th at No Name Harbor. There will be chili, but it will be provided by the club members participating in the "Chili Cook Off". There will be chili chefs and judges (club members) and of course prize ribbons for the best batches. Please respond when

Notes from the Vice

your Phone Committee person calls you, so we have an idea of just how many participants we can plan on at this event. BYOB and if putting together chili is not exactly your cup of tea ---- we need sides to go with the chili and perhaps a salad, veggie or dessert. We'd like to start at 1:30 p.m. so we can be judging by 2 p.m. and have a few hours to enjoy each other's company before the park officials give us the bum's rush at sunset. Also let us know if you are planning to race on Sunday, February 10th. We're thinking about Elliott Key for the March outing on the 8th & 9th. More info on that by the meeting on Feb 27th.



February Meeting - Monkey Fists!

Come and join us for a monkey fist workshop. We will learn to make monkey fists under the direction of CAPT Fred Edwards, Venture member, who learned marlinspike seamanship in his few idle hours with the US Coast Guard.

by Feb 20. Each participant will need to bring a ball (about 2" or smaller - racquetball is good) and 8 feet of 1/4" or 5/16" soft flexible line, either 3-strand or double-braid line.

If you plan to participate, please let Fred know at wingsailor@earthlink.net



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MEETING DATES

- FEB 27
- MAR 26
- AP 30
- MAY 28
- JUNE 25
- JULY 30
- AUG 27
- SEPT 24
- OCT 29
- NOV 19
- DEC 17



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