

COMMODORE'S LETTER – MAY 2009

Congratulations are certainly in order for those who worked so hard on the production, display and performance of the 2009 Cardboard Boat – Bond Lotus Submarine. Al Phelps deserves a special commendation in his role as project coordinator. The large enthusiast support of our membership attests to our dominance in this undertaking. Good job to all who took part.

A positive change in the weather has aided The Merry Mariners as we cruised to Woody's and Matanzas as well as enjoying a great picnic at Bowditch Point Park. Bob Purrone did a great job in planning this picnic, Again the support from the membership was outstanding in food, effort and attendance.

Our April planning meeting was highlighted by good pizza (Good job Marty and crew) and a successful auction thanks to the last minute entries and the soft sell of auctioneer Purrone.

Unfortunately the overnight cruise to Burnt Store Marina was cancelled due to lack of participation. As a club we need to decide if we want to continue this activity in the future or give up and schedule a second May lunch cruise. As a side note, Cean and I recently completed an overnight with another group and had a great time even though we had to sleep on land. The group activities can provide an opportunity for fun and a chance to get to know other members better.

As we look to our future events, I am concerned that we have lost something in our seating procedures for planning meetings. It has been difficult to seat members at assigned tables and to follow procedures for serving. This was partially due to my neglect to remind greeters and to provide appropriate paperwork. I will correct that for future meetings. I request your cooperation in setting at assigned tables and going up for food one table at a time as called. This allows everyone the opportunity to meet your fellow members and makes everyone feel welcome.

We still have a couple of Burgees available @ \$18.00. Remember a boat without a Burgee is not fully dressed. We have a lot to be proud of. Display your colors. Help attract new members.

Our Next cruise is May 21st to Gramma Dots and our next general meeting is June 2, 2009.

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