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### Commodore's Remarks

Summer's gone so quickly, only a few events left. Before the frost hits & the snow flies, check out CSYC's Columbus Day Regatta, the Pumpkin Bash, & Community Sailing's Team Races – all pretty much wind-ups to the season. Soon comes time to pull the boats & start those winter jobs to be fast next season.

This will be my last column as Commodore, I want to thank all the people who've volunteered so much effort to promote sailing in the Rockies and improve its quality. We all hope their efforts have benefitted you & our sport. We've achieved a lot together.

It's not good for SAIL to have any one person be in this job too long; 3 years seems enough. Steve Davis has kindly accepted the nomination as Commodore in 2005. I'll be there to help out as I can. He'll need all your help to make SAIL even better. If **YOU** volunteer, we could do more; there just aren't enough hours to do it all.

..... -ralph

### US SAILING Re-organization

The October meeting of US SAILING (USSA) will consider the task force proposal to fundamentally re-structure our national governing body. It will, as it gets implemented over time, dramatically change the ways in which US SAILING does business and, by extension, SAIL. The multiple purposes are

- (1) to help the sport grow by expanding the organization's focus on recreational sailing & education,
- (2) create a smaller, directly elected Board, &
- (3) decrease the influence of special interests.

Word is, few have commented. Perhaps, because most don't understand it; there are many technicalities & unforeseen implications. Here's what your representatives foresee:

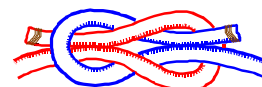
- The Board of Directors may become more focused on reversing the downward trend of sailing participation & USSA membership.
- Individual members will gain influence by directly electing the Board of Directors.
- Traditional yacht clubs, regional sailing associations & areas may lose influence, as Area Directors will no longer be on the Board.
- "Cruisers", community sailing, learn-to-sail programs will have more influence in USSA.. USSA programs may become more accessible to them. (For example, USSA instructor certification is priced out of reach for most instructors.)
- RSAs, such as SAIL, will need to expand focus beyond racing.

### Youth Sailing

The Youth Sailing Council will meet Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Creek Yacht Club after the SAIL meeting.

## Annual SAIL Meeting

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM at Cherry Creek Yacht Club will be the SAIL Annual Membership Meeting. The agenda includes election of officers for 2005, coordinating the open regatta schedule, ratification of bylaws amendments, etc.



## 2004 SAIL Calendar

### October 2004

- 2-3 Team Races, Comm'y. Sailing, Ch. Crk.,  
Boats Provided  
5th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver  
**9-10 Columbus Day Regatta**, CSYC, Chatfield, KD  
11th, Columbus Day observed  
16 Pumpkin Bash Inv., Cor. 15 Flt., Union Res., D  
31st, Halloween is on Sunday

### November 2004

- 6th (Saturday) SAIL Annual Meeting, Cherry  
Creek Yacht Club, 9:00 AM

### December 2004

- 7th SAIL Monthly Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia,  
Denver

Date: 9/30/04

## Regattas This Quarter

### COLORADO SAIL & YACHT CLUB COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA

#### NOTICE OF RACE

- 1. THE REGATTA;** the Colorado Sail & Yacht Club (CS&YC), as organizing authority, will conduct the Columbus Day Regatta at Chatfield Reservoir, Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 2004.
- 2. RULES;** Races will be governed by the racing rules of sailing, 2000-2004, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the rules of each class racing, the sailing instructions and the rules of the Colorado parks department and Chatfield state park
- 3. CLASSES;** The regatta is open to keel, dingy and multihull fleets. One design fleets with four or more entries will be recognized as a class. At least one phrf one portsmouth class is anticipated. Additional classes will be established at the discretion of the race committee.
- 4. ENTRIES;** Entry may be made by completing and signing the following form, paying the entry fee specified and mailing the form and payment to the address given. Late entry may be made at the time of registration. The organizers retain the right to reject entries.
- 5. SCHEDULE;** Registration will be at 0730-0930 hours, October 9, 2004, in the Chatfield Marina. Sailing

instructions will be distributed at that time. Competitor's meeting at 1000 hours. Warning signal for the first race on October 11th is anticipated at 1055 hours. There will be a party and chili cookoff at the marina following the races on Saturday. First race October 10th, begins at 0930 hrs. There will be no races started after 1430 hrs, October 10th.

**6. PRIZES;** Trophies awarded on the basis of number of competitors in each class.

**7. CHANGES TO THE RULES;** The race committee may, in the sailing instructions, modify the rules. Changes will be posted outside the front entrance of the marina.

**8. COURSES TO BE SAILED;** Courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

**9. SCORING SYSTEM;** The regatta will be scored using the low point system in appendix a of the racing rules of sailing. The Colorado Cup will be awarded at the annual S.A.I.L. meeting according to the guidelines determined by S.A.I.L.

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## By- Laws

These proposed amendments will be voted on at the Annual Meeting & require a majority vote of those present to pass. Ordinary type indicates present language. **Boldface** type indicates added words; ~~strikeout~~ = deleted words.

### Proposed By-Laws amendment to add Junior and Honorary Memberships:

#### ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1 CATEGORIES: SAIL shall have ~~two~~ **four** categories of membership, family, ~~and~~ organizations, **junior, and honorary**. All memberships shall be for one year from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Each family membership shall consist of **a maximum of** two adults and all children under the age of 18 who live in the same household. Each individual will be considered a member of SAIL but there shall be only one vote for the membership. Each family membership shall have the right to vote for SAIL officers and for the removal of same, and on any other matters the Officers may designate for their approval.

**Section 3 ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Organizational memberships are sailing clubs or organizations and corporations for profit or not for profit. Each sailing club, organization or corporation shall be allowed one representative who shall have the right to vote for SAIL officers and for the removal of same, and on any other matters the Officers may designate for their approval.

**Section 4 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Persons under eighteen years of age on any day of the year of membership shall be entitled to junior membership for that year. Junior members shall pay no dues and may not vote, but are entitled to all other rights & privileges of membership.**

**Section 5 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The Officers, sitting as the Board of Directors, may designate a maximum of twelve (12) honorary memberships for individuals and or organizations for service to the sport of sailing in the Rocky Mountain region. Honorary members shall pay no dues and may not vote, but are entitled to all other rights & privileges of membership.**

**Section 4 6 DUES: Dues for all family and organization memberships shall be determined by the Officers and shall be paid annually. Dues become payable on January 1st and are delinquent on March 31st. Dues paid prior to October 31st shall be applied to the current year. All dues paid after that date shall be applied to the new year. No refund of dues shall be made to any member leaving SAIL for any reason. Dues to SAIL for any family or organization can be waived by a majority vote of the Officers.**

*Proposed By-Law amendment to specify the means of amending the By-Laws:*

*ARTICLE VII: Ratification and Amendments to These By-laws*

**Section 1 RATIFICATION: The By-laws shall be ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership attending a meeting designated by the Commodore for such a purpose. The Officers shall sign an official copy.**

**Section 2 AMENDMENTS: These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Officers following presentation for consideration at least four weeks prior to the vote AND a subsequent majority vote of the membership at an annual general meeting or special meeting.**

**The membership shall be notified of proposed By-Laws amendments at least 30 days prior to such vote.** Amendments to the By-laws shall be signed by the Officers and attached to the official copy.

**Section 3 OFFICIAL COPY: The Secretary shall maintain the official copy of the By-laws. A copy of the By-laws shall be published in the Yearbook/Directory.**

### ARGUMENTS PRO & CON

*Arguments for Junior Members:*

Many juniors' parents are not sailors & do not see the benefits of SAIL membership. Encouraging them to join & continue in the sailing community benefits SAIL & sailing. Though not authorized by the By-Laws, this has been SAIL's practice for many years. It's time to make it legal.

*Arguments against Junior Members:*

The exemption from dues will cost SAIL dues income and lead to more costs of servicing junior members.

*Arguments for Honorary Members:*

Recognizing service to sailing by granting honorary memberships to selected people, based on their service, helps promote sailing in the Rockies. It can gain prestige for our region & build relationships needed for public & political relations.

*Arguments against Honorary Members:*

The Board should not have the power to forgive dues; it could be abused.

*Arguments for By-Laws Amendment Procedure:*

The By-Laws are the basic rules under which SAIL operates. The current By-Laws do not contain a provision for amending them, leading to violations when needs change. We need a process to allow members to change the By-Laws after consideration by the Board.

*Arguments against By-Laws Amendment Procedure:*

(1) The procedure is cumbersome. We've never had to vote on amendments before, why now? (2) It allows the Board to "veto" an amendment.

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2004 Officers & Committee Chairs**

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To join SAIL, send a check for \$15.00 to Treasurer Todd Brophy, P.O. Box 460363, Aurora, CO 80046. For PHRF certification, add \$5.00 per boat.& complete application at [www.rmsail.org](http://www.rmsail.org).



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**Annual Meeting: 6 Nov 2004**  
9 AM, Cherry Creek YC



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