

From the Commodore



Greetings and Happy Holidays. Hopefully you had a blessed Thanksgiving and spent some quality time with family and friends. Christmas is quickly approaching and the end of 2019 will be here in the blink of an eye.

A lot has happened over the past year as I look back. We gained some new members and sadly lost some dear friends at our club. I realized how special our club is and how close and supportive our members are. I considered each and everyone of you friends and part of my sailing family. While I do not know everyone yet, I am looking forward to meeting and gathering ideas from everyone. This is your club and I am proud and honored to lead us in a direction that best uses the club's resources and people and ideas.

In 2019 we started the year off right with the Commodore's Ball in Rome at the civic center. This is a great event to meet people (some we may not see all year at the sail club). If you have never been to one, I encourage you to make plans to attend. The next one is on January 25, 2020. I look forward to seeing everyone there and hope you come over and introduce yourself. March we celebrated St Patrick's day and potluck of the Irish. In April

we did the Blessing of the fleet and I was In town this year for it. April also starts our Spring Regatta racing followed by club racing and summer series and long distance races throughout the summer and early fall. Plan to attend as many as you can and race your boat or crew with someone. I am seeing some more dinghies around the lake and think we should put together a dinghy race of smaller boats and tenders. Every year Debbie and I make it a point to go to B.E.E.R. Cruise in early June. This is some of the finest sailing and one of the most beautiful destinations in the Gulf Coast. If you can trailer your boat and get the time off, I think you will agree it is time well spent. This year will be June 5-9th 2020. If you want more info see Malcomb or myself. Sometime in September or early October we plan a trip of trailerable sailboats and campers and do our club version of the BEER cruise but call it the "Cheer" cruise. In the past we have been to Guntersville state park and several trips to Pensacola. 2020 for the most part will be a repeat of 2019's events.

Our biggest project of 2019, and one we can be proud of, is our updating of "A" dock. We are working hard to complete the ramp and power and water connections. If we have the funds our next project is to tackle "B and C" docks this upcoming year.

Speaking of projects, I was really encouraged to

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see so many of you show up and volunteer your time to make the club look nice for the summer Regatta and other work projects. I actually had fun working along side of and getting to know some of you better. Thanks for your time and efforts and I assure you it makes a difference and is much appreciated. It might even help reduce some of your club dues, so don't forget to sign in at scheduled work parties.

What makes our club special and different is not necessarily the building, the docks or where it is located. I believe it is each one of you and what we have in common, our past memories and our future experiences in which I look forward to sharing with you next year.

With that I wish you each of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Your Commodore,
Bill Hold

From the Vice Commodore



I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

This months Club meeting will be on December 14th. We will be planning the calendar for the clubs next years events. Please plan to attend and give us input on next years events as well as any other ideas for events.

We are so lucky to live in the south where the weather gets nasty at times, but just wait a few minutes and it usually will change. Do not give up on the sailing season yet. Just a few weeks ago the weather cleared and we had 2 days of sailing and fellowship with a group of Birmingham Outdoor Adventurist (Mark I hope I got it right). The air was good and the temperature in the mid 60's, and fun was had by all. So, Spring is just around the corner, but again don't count out winter sailing. Hope to see you soon.

Nautical Quote:

"At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much."

— Robin Lee Graham, Sailor

Your Vice Commodore,
Malcolm Newbold

From the Dockmaster



Have you checked your dock lines lately? Are they still in good shape? Is your boat full of water? If you haven't checked them lately, now is a good time to do so. And we would love to see you at the club. Cold weather is upon us and ice is great in a cooler, but not in the bilge.

A Dock repairs are underway. Electricity should be restored soon. A few extra work parties are being put together to help rebuild the pier section of A Dock. While you are there checking on you boat, consider lending a hand on the repairs.

The Board has approved Taylor Made Dock Pro

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(tm) Vinyl Dock Edging in Black only. The estimated amount of edging required to edge one entire slip is three ten foot strips. The estimated cost, if purchased will be \$100 per slip. This will include the approved hardware for attaching the dock edging. Once installed it becomes club property and is kept in that slip in order to prevent moving edging and putting more holes in the dock.

The club is to cover the corners of each slip, at the end of the fingers, in a matching corner edging. No other edging has been approved to be added to A Dock at this time. The other option that exists at this time is to hang extra bumpers from your boat to protect your boat and the dock.

The board wants to get all requests for strips and monies paid in advance. So, please be prepared to pay for your slip's vinyl edging when we are ready to order

May life be kind.

*Dockmaster,
Glenn Segrest*

From the Race Comm. Chair



No article submitted this month.

Committee Chair,

From the Purser



RSC 2020 Budget	
Annual Income & Expenses	
Income	Budget 2020
Membership Dues	\$12,000.00
Auction	\$500.00
Slip Rental	\$20,000.00
Dry Dock & Trailers	\$3,600.00
Initiation Fees	\$800.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
John Garner Memorial Fund	\$0.00
Weiss Lake Regatta	\$0.00
Late Penalty Fees	\$0.00
Total receivables	\$36,900.00
Cash Carry over	\$23,823.82
	\$60,723.82
Expenses	
Youth Sailing	\$3,375.00
Commodores Ball	\$2,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$500.00
Club House Cleaning Service	\$1,200.00
"A" Dock Restauration	\$8,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$300.00
" B" Dock Restauration	\$16,468.22
Garbage Disposal	\$500.00
Household Items	\$500.00
Liability Insurance Chubb	\$7,500.00
Miscellaneous, Club Tags	\$0.00
Lawn Maintenance	\$1,300.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00
Postage & Delivery	\$300.00
Property Improvements	\$2,000.00
Property Taxes	\$3,330.60
Racing Trophies and Supplies	\$1,000.00
Repairs, Restauration	\$750.00
Furnitures	\$1,000.00
Electric Power	\$3,500.00
Gas	\$700.00
Water	\$400.00
Website & WIFI	\$1,200.00
Work Credits	\$900.00
Club Sponsored events	\$2,000.00
Satellite TV	\$1,200.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$60,723.82

*Purser,
Norbert Falk*

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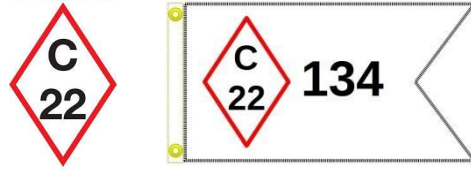
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From the Parliamentarian



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Parliamentarian,
Tom Long

From the C-22 fleet



No article submitted this month.

From the Member at Large



*Jan 26, 2020
Commodores Ball
Rome, Ga.*

Member at Large,
Marvin Czentnar

From the Yeoman



Stay up to date with the RSC Newsletter! This is our attempt to keep you informed of what's going on with your club. Let me know if you have any news or articles you would like shared with club members and I will be glad to include it in the newsletter. Please send it to rsc.telltales@gmail.com.

Yeoman,
Alicia Henson

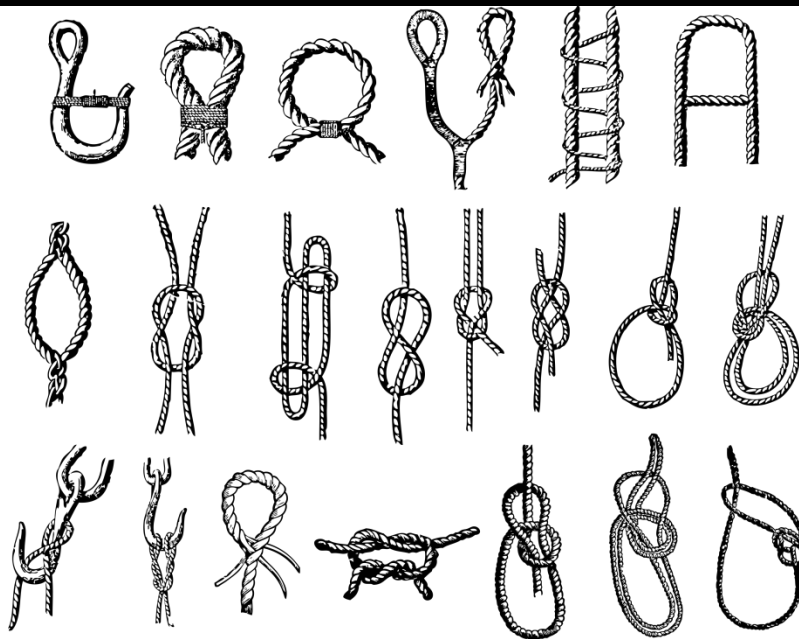
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Calendar



December

12/14/19 (Sat)

10:00 am Club Meeting *2019 Calendar*

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Alabama: The Legal Requirements of Boating

Your Vessel's Certificate of Number and Decals

- ◆ Requirements for vessel registration vary from state to state. In Alabama, you must have an Alabama Certificate of Number and validation decals to legally operate your vessel on public waters. Exceptions include:
 - Non-motorized vessels (excluding sailboats or rental vessels)
 - Vessels registered in other states using Alabama waters for 90 days or less
 - Vessels operating under a valid temporary Certificate of Number
- ◆ The Certificate of Number and validation decals are obtained by submitting the application and fee to the office of Judge of Probate or License Commissioner in your county.
- ◆ *The Certificate of Number (registration certificate) must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.*
- ◆ The registration number and validation decals must be displayed as follows.
 - Number must be painted, applied as a decal, or otherwise affixed to both sides of the bow and placed where it can be easily read.
 - Number must read from left to right on both sides of the bow.
 - Number must be in at least three-inch-high **BLOCK** letters (not slanted).
 - Number's color must sharply contrast with its background.
 - Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space or hyphen; for example: **AL 3717 ZW** or **AL-3717-ZW**.
 - No other numbers may be displayed on either side of the bow.
 - Decals must be affixed on each side of the vessel. They should be placed within six inches before or after, and in line with, the registration number.
- ◆ If your vessel requires registration, it is illegal to operate it or allow others to operate your vessel unless it is registered and numbered as described above or unless you have a valid temporary registration on board.

Other Facts About Registering Your Vessel

- ◆ Registrations are issued on a staggered basis each year. The first letter of the owner's last name determines the renewal month.
- ◆ If you change address, you must notify the Alabama Marine Police Division (AMPD) within 15 days of the change.
- ◆ If a numbered vessel is destroyed, stolen, abandoned, or lost, the owner should report it to the AMPD within 15 days of the event.
- ◆ If you lose or destroy your Certificate of Number, you must apply to the issuing office for a duplicate and submit a processing fee.
- ◆ Larger recreational vessels owned by U.S. citizens may (at the option of the owner) be documented by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Call the USCG at **1-800-799-8362** for more information. Recreational vessels which are documented must also be registered in Alabama.
- ◆ Alabama law does not require registration of boat trailers or titling of vessels.



Certificate of Number

The Certificate of Number (registration certificate) must be signed and carried on board the vessel whenever the vessel is operated.



Spaces or hyphens should appear here.



Validation Decal



PWCs also are required to display the certificate's number and validation decals.



Registration Questions?

Call the Alabama Marine Police Division at 1-800-272-7930. Also, you can visit the office of Judge of Probate or License Commissioner in your county.

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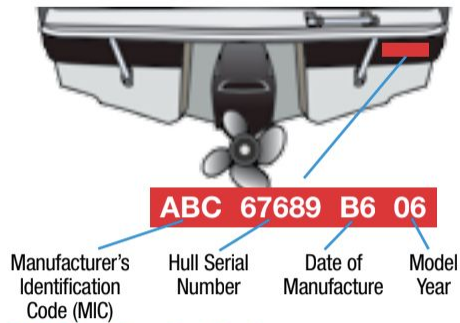
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Hull Identification Number



Hull Identification Number

- The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique, 12-digit number assigned by the manufacturer to vessels built after 1972.
- Hull Identification Numbers:
 - Distinguish one vessel from another—the same as serial numbers distinguish one car from another.
 - Are engraved in the fiberglass or on a metal plate permanently attached to the transom.
- You should write down your HIN and put it in a place separate from your vessel in case warranty problems arise or your vessel is stolen.
- A Hull Identification Number is required before a vessel built or manufactured after 1972 may be registered in Alabama. You may apply to the Alabama Marine Police Division for a HIN for a homemade vessel.



Stay up-to-date on new boating laws!

Be sure to stay abreast of new boating laws and requirements.

For state boating law information, call the Alabama Marine Police Division

- 334-242-3673

For federal boating laws, visit the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating safety website:

- www.uscgboating.org

Information in this manual does not replace what is specifically legal for boating in Alabama, which is found in the State of Alabama Code and federal laws.

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Classifieds

□ Want to replace your old dock lines?

I have old life safety rope for sale. \$2 for 10 meter / 33 foot length. This rope has reached the end of its lifespan as a life safety rope, but still has life left. Two types available, 11mm (7/16") Nylon and Polyester. Not good for a line, sheet, or halyard on a boat, but would make a great dockline.



Contact:
Glenn 423-838-4377

□ Many boats are for sale at the marina, take a walk down the docks to see which ones are available

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The Bitter End

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