

Commodore's Message

Thank you. I had a blast this past year as your Commodore and very much look



forward to supporting our 2011 Board. In my mind, this past year went by way too fast. (When will spring arrive)?

In all seriousness, I think my high point for this year was picking our award winners. Throughout the process I not only learned more about the ultimate winners, but also about many of our members who have been instrumental in moving our Club forward...mostly behind the scenes. I tried hard to pick winners who are not on our Board or committee chairs, as it is part of our duty in these roles to take the lead in making our programs happen.

Having said that, I did ultimately chose one committee chair for our most prestigious award, the Frank H. Norton award. Grant Brandon made the choice way too easy. I have talked about our racing program throughout the year in many of my Blooper articles and many of you have enjoyed the fruits of Grant's leadership.

I also had the privilege of recognized Liz Richmond for the Corinthian Spirit award and Dave Pickering for the Meredith A. Scott award. Both worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make our year so successful and it was a privilege to be able to recognize them for their efforts.

I have been waiting for three years to be able to recognize this year's recipients for our Club's Lifetime Achievement awards. All four have worked years for our club in various capacities and epitomize what our club is all about. There are several others who also deserve this honor, but I recognized Will will need to be able to choose a few next year. Therefore, I limited this year's recognition to Jo-Ann Grima, Phyllis Geisser, Ken Thorson and Stew Stewart.

I would also like to congratulate Steve Kapitany as our Cruising award recipient and for Bob Laforge as our Most Improved Sailor award. You can read about each and every one of these deserving members in our yearbook.

As I look toward spring, I am looking forward to our Cruise Planning Social to be held on January 15. This is always a great way to start planning for next summer. There is a rumor afoot that a long dormant club cruising race to Block Island may be resurrected. So whether you are a cruiser or racer, come to the club for this event. You won't be disappointed.

To close my final Blooper as (Past) Commodore, I would once again like to thank my entire Board for such a tremendous job this past year. Your efforts and enthusiasm all contributed to making such a successful and rich program for our entire membership and my job extremely easy.

I wish each one of you a very happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Tom Stocker
Past Commodore