

From the Commodore

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As of February 1st, only 48 days left until Spring!

February is the month to start planning boat projects and thinking about all of the new upgrades that could improve your summer sailing experiences. As soon as Spring arrives, there's always that promise of seeing a break in the weather that will allow an opportunity to start on some of those projects.

The WVSC BOG met in January and had a full agenda. Plans are on the way with an expectation to have them finalized between February & the end of March. Much to do & much to get accomplished.

This is the year to focus on adding new membership! WVSC has a lot to offer and we have a great opportunity to show off what we have. I've always been impressed with hospitality given by WVSC members when prospective or new members are at the club. Certainly Julie & myself was a recipient of that hospitality over & over. That hospitality along with mentoring and educational opportunities will only make the club stronger for all of us. Racing is just one great activity to consider extending an invitation to the new faces to help crew. For newbies, racing increases their knowledge and builds confidence, especially during those days with challenging conditions. Let's make this the year that we use as a starting point to benchmark our growth as we tack into the future!

We are getting closer to bringing the 'The WindWord' back to its more familiar format. Looking to add a couple of member contributed sections, be it monthly or periodically.

- One section being dedicated to educational articles. Articles can range from safety to basic fundamentals to the more advanced topics. Many WVSC Members have a wealth of knowledge that could be shared.
- And the second section would be dedicated to "A Blast from the Past", reliving some of the clubs past history, pictures and old tales of yore.
- If you are interested in being a contributor to either section, please drop me a note: rnjbarth@hotmail.com.

During this last week, I was able to get out to the club during a couple of unseasonably warmer days. It was a refreshing reminder as to why it's so enjoyable to be out on the docks. It is truly an amazing, relaxing place to spend some down time. Hope to see you soon!

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