

## Welcome to the First Edition of Tradewinds Dock Lines

What do you get with a new yacht club? A newsletter, of course! Welcome to the very first edition of the Tradewinds Yacht Club, Tradewinds Dock Lines newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide club members and patrons of Tradewinds Marina, club, marina, event and boating news and information for their general benefit and enjoyment. To that end, this newsletter will strive to include those items of interest submitted from several sources, not the least of

which will be you, the readers! I am grateful for the opportunity to serve TYC as the "Charter Editor" of the club's newsletter and hope that I can exceed your expectations while always striving for improvement. I welcome any and all comments, suggestions, news and information about and for this newsletter.

Thank you!

Lee Högman, Editor  
Tradewinds Dock Lines

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### View From the Top

What a busy year we all have had. It has gone by way too fast and was way too much fun. This past year has been about building new friendships, a new yacht club, and new club house. The 2005 season promises to be even better as we will be able to get out on the lake and use those floating condos for what they were built for. No more tool belts or power saws in the early am, just a cup of coffee and the local rooster doing his job as he should. It will sound more like the BVI's than a non union construction site that serves beer and brats at any time of day. It has truly amazed me that so many different people can combine efforts in any task and make it look and happen as if it was planned and executed by true professionals. I guess when one puts their heart and sole into something it can only turn into the perfect pearl.

Where do we go from here? Forward, with a well executed schedule. Social dates are set as well as a fantastic race program. Your Board of Direc-



A year ago...  
Tradewinds Harbor #2 in February 2004  
(photo courtesy of Tony DiMecurio or Eric Smith)

tors and Elected Officers are here for you and working hard to insure the absolute very best. With help from the members we are assured a very successful new season. Toss us a line, give us a hand, and the 05 season will be sitting in her slip as secure as ever!

See you on the water, your Commodore,  
**David Isom**



### Your Vice Commodore

First, I want to thank you for the confidence in me to serve as Vice Commodore for the 2005 season. From the start, we hit the ground running, stopping only long enough to throw some really awesome parties! TYC has already gained a reputation for hosting the best events - 2005 looks to be even better. Since we never need a reason to throw a party, we've added some themes just give some of the parties a direction... The great potluck cook-outs that we tossed together last year will be joined by some theme events this season.

Events like a "Run for the Boarder," "Las Vegas Night," and a "Murder Mystery" have been added this season, just to name a few. Work and more work has kept many of us busy, both away from the lake and sometimes right at the marina, but enough! I invite everyone to put down the tools, change into some comfy clothes and join-in the fun at Tradewinds whether you're a club member or not. I'll see the current members at the Regatta Gala and can't wait to meet new members all season long! ...Your Vice Commodore,  
**Marianne Moore**

### Don't Miss This!!!

**Regatta Gala:  
January 15th  
Strictly Sail Show:  
February 3rd  
Welcome Back  
Party: April 23rd**

### Captain Curmudgeon

**An old Russian proverb says: "Pray to God, but keep rowing to shore."**

**The trick to becoming a big fish is not getting caught.- The Witch in Big Fish**

## V Across the Board

### News from the TYC Board of Directors

The Board of Directors and the Commodore held a meeting in St. Louis in December. Stephen Hollingsworth was elected Chairman and David Grimes was elected Secretary. The BOD then approved the purchase of new signal flags and a Racing PHRF numbers book by the Race Chair. They also suggested that a reserve fund be put aside for Non-profit taxes and Organizational costs. The BOD and Commodore are making plans to have a meeting with the Marina Management after the first of the year. Any subject you want brought up please contact the Commodore

or any of the Directors. For 2005, the Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Hollingsworth will be giving out a "New Member" packet to all new TYC members. The Board has also requested Eric Smith to produce a large Bulletin Board that we can hang in the clubhouse for posting of TYC events and Racing Activities.

The Club is a new member of the Yachting Association and all members have reciprocity status for a majority of U.S. yachts clubs.

The Club will also be filing for membership to US Sailing and the Midwest Sailing Association for 2005.



Terry and I want to thank all of you for a successful 2004 boating season. As many of you are aware, we started 2004 with a trailer on the parking lot and 35 covered slips in the water.

Since then we have put 75 sailboat slips in the harbor along with electricity and water to each slip. With the help of many people in the harbor, we have designed and built a clubhouse and have contracted to finish the inside this winter. Thanks to the Corps of Engineers, the Tiki Hut was completed in June and was the site of many a good time. Our 50,000 pound Travel Lift was finally operational in late December and approximately 15 boats were removed from the harbor just as the lake froze solid for a 10 day period. We look forward in 2005 to another successful season with improvements being made to the clubhouse and parking lot ...**Greg**

## Marina News

**Power boaters  
interested in  
finding out about  
TYC can contact:  
Robert Lippert,  
TYC Power  
Squadron  
Commander!**



### More Power

The Power Squadron is open to all power boat owners that wish to join whether you keep your boat at Tradewinds or not. All TYC activities are open to both power and sail fleets alike, with special and combined events scheduled throughout the season. Support for the Power Squadron is growing and 2005 should be an excellent year for TYC!

Come out, tie up and join in the fun and festivities!  
For a real adventure, ask to crew on a sailboat race!  
See what a thrill 10 mph can be! ...**Rob**

### Power Squadron News



Rob's Boat "Hokie\*"   
Find Rob in Harbor #1  
\*soon to be "seaMLIEUX I"



## Race Deck



### Tradewinds Yacht Club Race Report

Welcome to the TYC Race Program! The first and foremost reason for our race program at Tradewinds Yacht Club is to foster camaraderie and have lots of fun while improving our sailing skills to sail better, faster and safer! If you have never raced in your life, Tradewinds Yacht Club is the place to give it a try. To get started you can crew on one of the boats and check out what racing is all about. You are welcome! Come to the skippers meeting at 9 AM on race

days and mention that you want to crew - we will find you a boat for you to give TYC-style racing a try.

For 2005, we have 7 races that count for points over the year and 3 fun races. You only need to enter and finish 3 races through the season to qualify for the Championship, with a maximum of your 5 best race results added together to determine your standing for the truly best boat and crew of the Tradewinds Yacht Club.

We welcome other boats from the lake to participate in our events, and they can indeed win individual trophies for our fun and lake wide events. We race following the US Sailing Rules and standard Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicap system (similar to a handicap in golf), which means that a slow boat can still win (as they sometimes do), even being the last boat to cross the finish line! So, lets get out there

and race! You will gain more experience in boat handling, make new friends, and you will be able to sail your boat faster and safer in no time flat.

In our first year we managed to pull off almost the impossible. Our races had an average of 7 entries each race, with over 16 different boats participating in the whole series. The percentage of "race boats" in our marina is unheard of. AWESOME!

I am very proud of all the folks who have participated for the first time in a race. Congrats and I hope we will see you back in 2005.

### The inaugural 2004 Tradewinds Champions are :

- 1st. Thor
- 2nd. Trouble Doll
- 3rd. Brigadoon
- 4th. La Vie Da Loca
- 5th. Annie's Song
- 6th. Summerwind
- 7th. Geez Whiz
- 8th. Miss Behavin
- 9th. Wind Riff
- 10th. Cool Change



**TYC Racers Trouble Doll and THOR neck & neck near the mark**  
(photo by & courtesy of Bruce Cowin)

The biggest news for 2005 is that TYC is hosting a lake wide event called the Tradewinds Cup. On July 16<sup>th</sup> we will host all other Carlyle "racers" to have fun on our side of the lake. The starting line will be located in front of our Tradewinds Marina and the rounding mark will be placed somewhere around Cove 4 – racers make 1 trip around the mark and back to finish. We will have two groups: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats will fight for 6 beautiful trophies. For the 2005 season, we have a full program lined up. This year we will have the club races counting towards the championship with a couple of fun races thrown in. The fun races will not count towards championship standings.

### 2005 Race Dates:

<b>April 30th TYC Race # 1</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Brigadoon</b>
<b>May 14th TYC Race # 2</b>	<b>Committee Boat: La Vida Loca</b>
<b>June 11th TYC Race # 3</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Annie's Song</b>
<b>July 16th TYC Race # 4</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Thor</b>
<b>Aug. 13th TYC Race # 5</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Miss Behavin</b>
<b>Aug. 27th TYC Race # 6</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Summer Wind</b>
<b>Oct. 22nd TYC Race # 7</b>	<b>Committee Boat: Trouble Doll</b>

Skipper's Meetings  
held ~ 9:00 a.m. each  
race day for rules &  
race course  
explanation... Get  
there in time to play!

### Fun Events Race Listing:

June 25th TYC Bikini Cup Fun Race - Event Organizer: GeezWhizz

July 30th TYC GPS Hunt Fun Race - Event Organizer: Brigadoon

Sept. 3rd TYC Inverted PHRF Fun Race - Event Organizer: Thor

Stay tuned for a "rules day" and practice starts in mid-April. As an extra bonus, the St Louis Power Squadron folks will be visiting as guests for our first race of the season (April 30<sup>th</sup>). They will do safety checks of all interested boats in the marina and hold a safety symposium in the afternoon.

Cu at the races!

Your Sail Fleet  
Commander,

**Thorsten**

***Fun Race Dates: June 25th,  
July 30th & September 3rd!!!  
Stay tooned for other event  
dates!***



**Captain Kay and Trouble Doll by a bow over  
Captain Bonnie and Miss-B-Haven  
Ladies Race 2004**  
(Photo courtesy of Thorsten Schaeette)



## Why Boats Sink

Seaworthy Magazine : <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/sinking/default.asp>

The cost of repairing a boat that has been underwater, even briefly, is usually about 40% of its value. Besides having to pay the deductible, the skipper typically loses the use of

the boat for several weeks while it is being repaired. What's the best defense against a dockside sinking? Visit your boat and at least twice a season, inspect any fittings above or below the waterline that could be letting water into the boat. All too often, skippers rely on bilge pumps to bail them out when they can't visit their boats. The pump fails and the boat sinks. If you can't visit your boat regularly, consider using a buddy system with other boat owners to watch each other's boats.

Modern boats sink for a variety of reasons. According to the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance claim files, for every boat that sinks underway, four boats sink in their slips. There are two reasons for this discrepancy. One reason is

whenever a boat leaves the dock, someone is aboard, which leaves open the possibility that the leak will be discovered and the problem corrected before it sinks the boat. And, reason # 2, boats tend to spend a majority of their time at the dock.

### Why Boats Sink at the Dock

The handsome sport fishing boat had been an impressive floating beauty when the owner left

the marina on Monday afternoon, barely 13 hours earlier, which is why he was having so much trouble believing that it was his boat that was on the bottom when the call came from the marina manager. There were five bilge pumps aboard, all of which were working. How could his boat have sunk so quickly?

The answer was traced to a cracked generator intake hose, which, according to the surveyor's report, may have been

*"...for every boat that sinks underway, four boats sink in their slips."*

leaking steadily for weeks or even months. The bilge pumps kept the water out until the batteries (and the pumps) died and the boat filled with water. When a boat sinks at the dock, the question most likely to be asked is: "What happened to the bilge pump?"

That's the wrong question,

however. By dutifully emptying the bilge periodically, a bilge pump can actually hide a problem--until the pump clogs or the battery goes dead. Water, not bilge pumps, sinks boats. The correct question

should be:

Where did the water come from? For an answer, BoatU.S. Marine Insurance examined 100 claim files of boats that sank in their slips.

### Visiting Your Boat: The First Line of Defense Against a Dockside Sinking

If you need a reason to visit your

#### Where the Water Came From

Reason	Percentage
<b>Underwater Fittings:</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Rain and Snow:</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Fittings Above the Waterline:</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Poor Docking Arrangements:</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Other:</b>	<b>1%</b>

boat more often, consider that the cost of repairing a boat that has been underwater, even briefly, is usually about 40% of its value. Besides having to pay the deductible, the skipper typi-



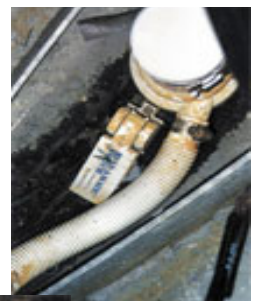
Plastic thru-hulls turn brittle and eventually crack from ultraviolet (UV) sunlight. Failures usually occur inside the thru-hull opening. If the thru-hull is only an inch or two above the waterline, rainwater or snow accumulations can force it underwater and sink the boat.

cally loses the use of the boat for several weeks while it is being repaired.

At least twice a season, inspect any fittings above or below the waterline that could be letting water into the boat. All too often, skippers rely on bilge pumps to bail them out when they can't visit their boats. The pump fails and the boat sinks. If you can't visit your boat regularly, consider using a buddy system with other boat owners to watch each other's boats. Another alternative is to ask your marina manager to keep an eye on the boat. Many marinas offer routine inspections, but usually at an extra cost.



A plastic thru-hull that was an inch or two above the waterline cracked and the weight of the snow lowered the damaged fitting to just below the surface. The boat on the left gradually filled with water and sank.



It doesn't take much to hold a float switch down. Switches should be oriented so that they are clear from interference and secured to the bilge floor. This boat sank when its bilge pump switch was blocked by the hose.



# What's Happening

## Here's Your TYC Social Event Calendar for the year!!!

### January-June 2005



Terry & Greg hosting the 1st ever Tradewinds Customer Appreciation Day (photo courtesy of Stephen Hollingsworth)

Sign-up to host or help with  
any event!  
Check with any TYC  
Officer for details...

January	February	March	April	May	June
15th	3-6th		23rd	14th 28th	4th 18th 25th

#### Regatta Gala - Saturday, January 15, 2005

The date and time for the Regatta Gala is set in Stone from 6:30-11:30ish

#### Strictly Sail Chicago - Thursday, February 3, 2005

Join Tradewinds Yacht Club at Strictly Sail Chicago.

#### Welcome Back Party - Saturday, April 23, 2005

Join us for our Welcome Back pot luck dinner following Fun Race.

#### Karaoke Night - Saturday, May 14, 2005

Enjoy an evening of fine singing (lol) and drinking.

#### Leukemia Cup - Saturday, May 28, 2005

More Info to come

#### Run for the Border - Saturday, June 4, 2005

Put on your sombrero's, bring on the mariachi band and enjoy us in a Mexican fiesta.

#### Boat Show - Saturday, June 18, 2005

No tickets required here but break out the soap and get that boat ready for show.

#### Las Vegas Night - Saturday, June 25, 2005

Yeah Baby! Maybe everyone will get lucky tonight.

### July - December 2005

July	August	September	October	November	December
2nd 16th 30th	6th 27th	3rd	1st 22nd	30th	

#### Light of the Sky - Saturday, July 2, 2005

Join us when we raft up and enjoy the fireworks.

#### Tradewinds Cup - Saturday, July 16, 2005

Clean off that bottom and get ready to race in the First Annual TYC Cup!

#### Karaoke Night - Saturday, July 30, 2005

You have another chance to prove that you have what it takes to be a TYC singer!

#### Island Fever - Saturday, August 6, 2005

Break out the grass skirts and coconut bras because I hear Buffett playing and the blend-ers singing. So come out and join us, it's going to get hot in TYC tonight.

#### Texas Hold'm - Saturday, August 27, 2005

Can you pull an Ace?

#### Murder Mystery - Saturday, September 3, 2005

Tony did it, on Sir Veyor II, with a wet noodle.

#### Chili Cook-Off - Saturday, October 1, 2005

It's going to get hot.

#### Halloween Party - Saturday, October 22, 2005

Don't forget to dress up!

#### Last Day of the "Official" 2005 Season - Wednesday, November 30, 2005

Donations of charcoal,  
lighter fluid & paper  
products for our parties are  
always welcomed!



Our Vice Commodore Marianne grilling  
up a feast, TYC Style!!!  
(photo courtesy of Thorsten Schaeffe)

Carlyle Lake, the largest manmade lake in Illinois, offers diverse recreational opportunities for everyone such as boating, swimming, picnicking, camping, fishing or hunting.

For the boating enthusiast, Carlyle Lake is a great place to cruise for pleasure, water ski, or spend the day fishing. The wide-open waters make Carlyle Lake a sailor's paradise.

This fifteen by three and a half mile body of water is

one of the top inland sailing lakes in the nation. All major developed recreation areas have boat ramps with courtesy docks. Small boat access ramps can be found in hunting /fishing parking lots scattered around the lake.

Located just fifty miles east of St. Louis, Carlyle Lake is the largest manmade lake in Illinois with more than 26,000 acres of water and 11,000 acres of land. For more information, visit the Carlyle Lake website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Carlyle/> or contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or Eldon Hazlet State Park at (618) 594-3015.

Email may be directed to [carlylelake@mvs02.usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@mvs02.usace.army.mil)



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ST. LOUIS DISTRICT  
Water Control

**Carlyle Lake** Maps | Wildlife | Recreation | Events | Reservations  
Education | Volunteering | Attractions  
Site Navigation

*Something for Everyone!*

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Fax: (618) 594-8569  
Lake Level  
Fishing Information  
Weather

## Coming Attractions @ Carlyle Lake:

### March 5 – Polar Plunge

All adventurous souls are invited to collect pledges and plunge into Carlyle Lake to help raise money to support Special Olympics. You'll be freezin' for a reason! For information contact Michele Renspurger at (618) 654-6680.

### June 11 – Summer Beach Blast

A fun filled event for the whole family. The day's events include safety demonstrations, exhibits, games, clowns, volleyball, a sandcastle building contest, music and much more.

### June 11 – Visitor's Day

The Carlyle Sailing Association offers a free day of sailing, a tour of the facility, and individual help and instruction to those wishing to get into the sport of sailing.



THE  
LEUKEMIA  
CUP  
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*The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*  
Fighting Blood Cancers

This year the LCR will be the weekend of May 27, 28 & 29. This is Memorial Day Weekend. It will begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. Please think dry thoughts.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta is scheduled for May 27-29, 2005 at the Carlyle Sailing Association, Eldon Hazlet State Park. See the TYC web site for more information about how to register and participate in this annual event. This is one of the premier racing events on the lake! Both sailors and power boaters alike are highly encouraged to get involved in this extremely worthy cause!

cause of flooding. Then it was hotter than \*\*\*\*!

Any of you who have participated in the past 4 years will receive a packet of information from the LLS to help you get started with fundraising. We need to make an impression with the participation of our yacht club. So please start your fundraising now. It's much easier to do this far in advance of the event. You have more time and are not under so much pressure. And there are some very nice individual fundraising prizes. It's really not very hard to meet the goal to win one of these prizes. With a little creative thinking, anyone can fundraise. This year we will have incentives for certain dollar amounts of fundraising. So get going!!!! You don't want to miss out on the goodies.

We will again have a T-shirt logo design contest. So get your ideas going. Please limit your entry(ies) to two or three colors. It becomes too costly when making a full color logo. I will

give you more details as they become available.

We will also again have a Kick-Off party and a Fleet Day at West Marine's St Charles store. The dates are not definite yet. However, if any of you follow the America's Cup, you will know the name Russell Coutts. If you don't know the name, he was the winning Skipper for the New Zealand America's Cup boat. And then he went to Switzerland and skippered the winning boat for them. He is certainly one of the Who's Who in the America's Cup sailing world. There is a very good chance we will have him as our speaker for this Kick-Off event and also a private cocktail party with him. No details on what it will take for you to be an attendee at this event yet. I will keep you posted with any new details.

The committee for this event would welcome any volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact me by email, [bdimercurio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdimercurio@sbcglobal.net) or phone (636) 296-1059. This group always comes through when needed. So I'm thanking you in advance for your continued support in this event.

Bonnie DiMercurio



# WIN NEW DAHON HELIOS all Alloy 8 speed folding Bike and help to find the cure for Leukemia

For every dollar you will be entered into the drawing for the bike, helmet, and lock !

The drawing for the bike with helmet and lock and FREE shipping ( 48 states ) will be May 15th 2005. The winner will be notified and the bike will be sent to him/her the following week. The collected money will be presented to the Leukemia Society the following week after.

Every donated dollar represents one chance to win the bike, helmet, and lock.

You do NOT have to be present to win. The bike, helmet, and lock are brand-new and carry full factory warranty.



Sug. retail for  
the whole  
package :  
Bike + Helmet  
+ Lock is well  
over \$ 750.00 !



Please make check payable to :

**The Leukemia &  
Lymphoma Society**

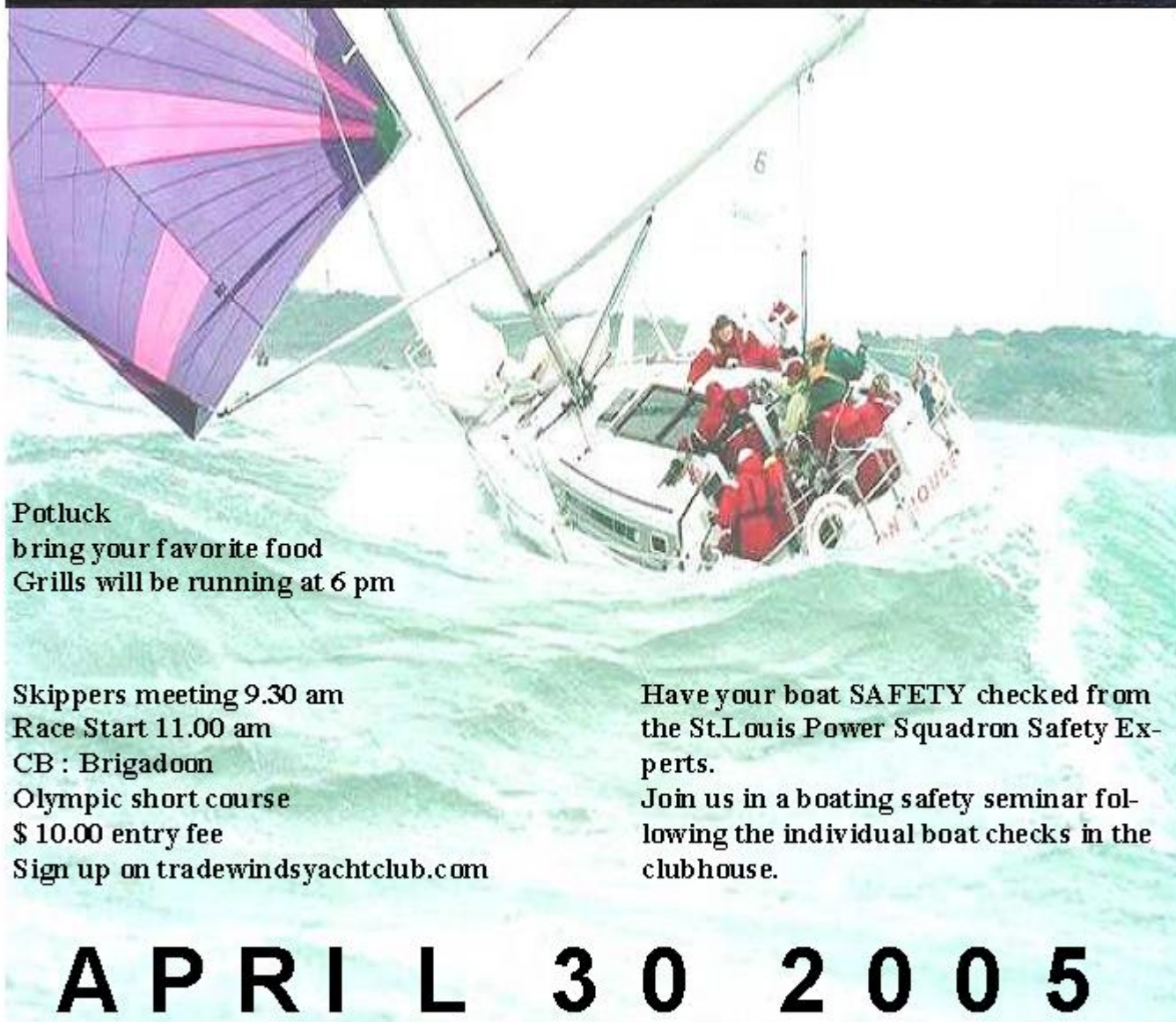
Please mail check to :

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RACE

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CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



Potluck  
bring your favorite food  
Grills will be running at 6 pm

Skippers meeting 9.30 am  
Race Start 11.00 am  
CB : Brigadoon  
Olympic short course  
\$ 10.00 entry fee  
Sign up on [tradewindsyachtclub.com](http://tradewindsyachtclub.com)

Have your boat SAFETY checked from  
the St.Louis Power Squadron Safety Ex-  
perts.  
Join us in a boating safety seminar fol-  
lowing the individual boat checks in the  
clubhouse.

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Tradewinds  
Yacht Club





# TRADEWINDS CUP

# JULY 16 2005

**Skippers meeting at 11.00 am**

**Start at 12.00 pm in front of marina**

**2 legs: cove 4 and back to Tradewinds**

**2 Divisions: Spi and NON SPI, 3 trophies ea.**

**\$ 20.00 per boat, more detailed info at our website:**



**[tradewindsyachtclub.com](http://tradewindsyachtclub.com)**

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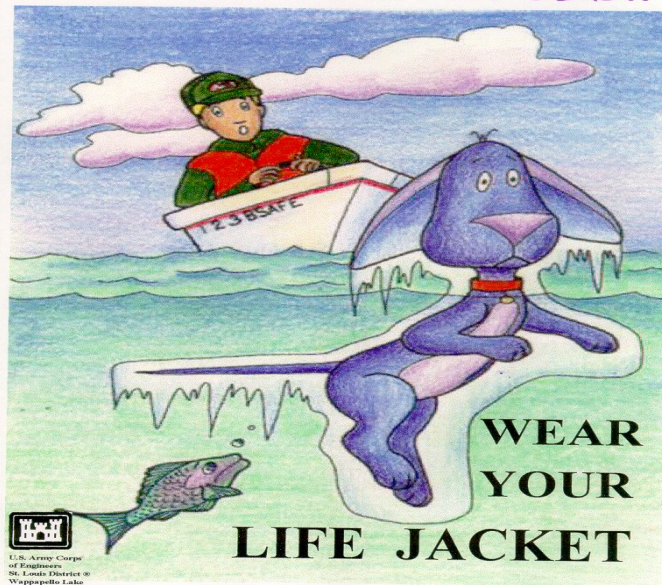
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# DON'T GET THE HYPOTHERMIA BLUES!!



## Shore News

### Strictly Sail—Chicago!!!

Celebrating 10 years at Chicago's famous **Navy Pier**, the 2005 show promises to be unlike any other! The festivities begin Thursday, February 3, 2005 and will not end until the final bell sounds on Sunday, February 6, 2005. This four-day show fea-

tures the newest and best the sailing industry has to offer. Don't miss the latest boat designs, the newest sailing gear, accessories and most up to date charter information from more than 250 exhibiting companies from around the globe. Many members of TYC are attending this year's show. Contact a club officer or see the postings on

the club's bulletin board for more information!

### Web Sites of Interest:

Strictly Sail : <http://www.strictlysail.com/shows/chicago.asp?show=Chicago>

Amtrak: <http://www.amtrak.com/>



**Navy Pier, Chicago, IL**  
 February 3-6, 2005



A whole lot of progress in only 1 season! Clubhouse and Harbor #2 as of Fall 2004  
 (photos courtesy of Stephen & Thorsten, I think...)



*Visit DJ's Cove Restaurant  
 Now, just a walk down the street!*



### **51st St. Louis Boat & Sports Show America's Center and Edward Jones Dome**

February 22 - 27, 2005

Tuesday: 5pm - 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 2pm - 10pm

Friday: noon - 10:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00am - 5pm <http://www.discoverboating.com/stlouis/>



*"...there is nothing -- absolutely nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats... or with boats...  
 In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter. Nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it." -- Kenneth Grahame*