

## **2007 CRAW General Membership Winter Meeting**

February 25, 2008

The CRAW 2007 season awards banquet and winter meeting was held on February 2, 2008.

The hosts of our meeting this year were Dave and Gina Reese who agreed to have CRAW sailors and families in to their home to discuss last year's season, plan for the upcoming year and elect new officers for 2008.

This year's officers meet prior to the general meeting to go over the proposed agenda and to plan the business meeting. The officers went over a number of items and recommendations were approved to bring forward to the general members.

Vice Commodore Brent Carlson called the meeting to order and started the ball rolling.

Brett announced that CRAW maintains a healthy balance in the check book and is financially sound.

A number of business items were covered this year

Equipment needs were discussed. Dave Repyak advised the group that CRAW was pretty well set however it was recommended that we look in to purchase of two additional radios. Members approved the request and Dave will purchase two additional radios. It was also suggested that an instruction sheet be prepared on how to operate the radios and synchronize the channels. Dave stated that he will put something together.

Dave also advised the group that he was changing trailers and would no longer be able to carry the CRAW equipment. Dave Reese volunteered to take on the responsibility to get the equipment to the regattas.

The CRAW regatta schedule was discussed in detail. Due to commitments that CRAW made to the Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club it was decided that the first regatta of the year would be Kool Kats and that it would replace the Flashlight regatta at least for this year. In addition we have also replaced the Payton Cup regatta with a Catamaran only regatta that will be held on Lake Mendota. The 2007 CRAW schedule is as follows:

May 17-18*	<a href="#">Kool Kats</a> on Lake Kegonsa Stoughton, WI	Wes Wilcox, 608-628-9590 <a href="mailto:wes_wilcox@trekbike.com">wes_wilcox@trekbike.com</a>
June 7-8*	<a href="#">Barnum Bay YC</a> on Lake Petenwell Monroe Center, WI	Dave Reese, (608) 513-5879 <a href="mailto:dave@xreese.com">dave@xreese.com</a>
June 21-22*	Lake Mendota Madison, WI Details Soon	Wes Wilcox (608) 628-9590 <a href="mailto:wes_wilcox@trekbike.com">wes_wilcox@trekbike.com</a>
July 19-20*	Windjammers Multihull Regatta on Green Bay Little Suamico, WI	Guy Selsmeyer, (920) 434-8199 <a href="mailto:selsmeyer@aol.com">selsmeyer@aol.com</a>
July 26-27*	Broken Rudder on Shell Lake Shell Lake, WI	Kurt Korte <a href="mailto:kurt@automaticfiresystems.com">kurt@automaticfiresystems.com</a> Brent Carlson <a href="mailto:f18impulse@yahoo.com">f18impulse@yahoo.com</a>
August 9-10*	Lighthouse Regatta on Lake Michigan <a href="#">Racine Yacht Club</a> Racine, WI	Chris Blake, 414-531-4525 <a href="mailto:audry84@execpc.com">audry84@execpc.com</a>
Sept. 6-7	Border Raid 120 Distance Race from Little Suamico, WI to JW Wells State Park, MI	Mark Thomson, (847) 208-3391 <a href="mailto:mark.thomson@ieec.org">mark.thomson@ieec.org</a>
Sept. 13-14*	Rock and Roll Regatta on Rock Lake <a href="#">Lake Mills, WI</a>	"JJ" Johnson, 920-222-3141 <a href="mailto:hobienut@charter.net">hobienut@charter.net</a>
Sept. 27-28	Open Weekend	

Performance Nationals is also in Michigan this year and will be the week of August 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition the F18 Nationals are in Pensacola this year in October.

As with last year anybody who wished to attend a regatta will have the ability to pre-register thru the CRAW website. Pre-registration allows the regatta organizers better plan the event and determine needs. It was felt that the system of pre-registration worked well and that to encourage pre-registration there will be a \$5.00 up charge to any participants that register on-site. (This can be modified by each regattas organizer)

Next a discussion followed to determine the dues for CRAW membership. Several CRAW members noted that they were to receive a subscription to Catsailor Magazine as part of dues and that it did not appear that the subscription had been renewed. The treasurer was not aware that this was part of his duties and advised that help was needed to ensure

this task was complete. **Dave Reese** volunteered to assist JJ and take care of catching up on the missed subscriptions.

Additional discussion continued on what the membership dues should be and what the fee "gets" the member. It was also proposed that as a CRAW member an individual will receive a one year subscription/renewal to Catsailor Magazine. In addition a paid member this year will receive a vinyl decal that can be placed on the main sail. The decal will be similar to the ones used by Brett and Jen and Daniel at the F18 Nationals last year and will be the CRAW web page address (CRAWSAILING.ORG). It was proposed that the fee for a CRAW member remain at \$60.00.

A proposal was also made to reestablish an associate member. An associate member would not receive Catsailor magazine or receive the decal but would have voting rights on CRAW issues. It was suggested that the fee for an associate member would be \$20.00.

Members agreed on the proposals and approved the fee for a 2008 CRAW member at \$60.00 and an associate member at \$20.00.

Last year Ethan proposed that each regatta must present a written report of the weekend for publication on the web site and to forward to Catsailor Magazine. The experiment was a great success and it was decided to continue with the method to determine who will submit the reports. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of each regatta will be responsible for writing the report. A member will have to do a maximum of two reports. If the second place winner has done two reports the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be responsible. The reports must be turned into CRAW web master prior to the next regatta or the **responsible person will not be scored.**

## **New Business**

It was suggested that CRAW look into holding a race clinic this year. JJ, Daniel and the Carlson's suggested that we try to get Mischa Heemskerk and crew Carrie Howe to run the clinic.

The group thought it was a great idea and put JJ in charge of tying down a date and place to hold the clinic.

Next up were officer elections.

The following were motioned and seconded by voice vote and were elected as CRAW officers for 2008.

Commodore	Bret Carlson
Vice Commodore	Dale Eigenberger
Treasurer	John Johnson
Secretary/Scoring	Ed Winders
Web page	Mark Thomson
Equipment	Dave Repyak/ Dave Reese

Protest	Chris Blake/ Dave Reese
Trophy	Dave Harkness
Social Chairperson	Kris DeFelice, Gina Reese, Penny Korte

Season and special awards were last on the agenda

Most improved Award. The traveling trophy for the most improved sailor from each year. This year's winner was Dale Eigenberger.

Youth Sportsman of the Year. A trophy presented to a young CRAW sailor to recognize the sailor for good sportsmanship and helpfulness. This year the winner was Morgan Hearn.

The top four finishers received the traveling trophies that were established eight years ago.

All but the 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy made it to the party. **If you have the trophy please get to this years winner.**

1st place      Catamaran sailing through a porthole.

2nd place      Ceramic set of sails in a solid base of stone.

3rd place      Stained glass representation of a catamaran flying a hull.

4th place      Coil of blue and white mainsheet with a wood block and base.

The winners of the awards this year were:

1st.	Kurt Korte and Brad Winqest
2nd.	Bret and Jen Carlson
3rd.	Chris Blake and crew
4th.	Ethan Brown and crew

Congratulations to the winners from the rest of CRAW.

Thanks to all that made it to the party. The new season starts May 17. Hope to see you there.