



Corsica Currents

January 2025



Commodore's Corner

Mike Hollis

Renewal letters were posted 2 January 2025 renewed cards will be posted 1 March.

The Board has set a goal of recruiting 20 new members. We will be investing in a recruiting team to visit various local venues and tightening our relationship with local communities. The board is firming up the regatta and "in house" events calendar which will be published soon. A small card sized calendar will be sent along with your 2025 membership cards in early March. We are also reviewing and updating some documents including the CRYC By-Laws which will be rolled out in March in order for members to review prior to voting on the changes during the first semi-annual meeting in May. In keeping with updating things we have stood up an Information Technology Committee to look at our website for possible improvements and seek opportunities to engage the public thru Facebook and other means.

We will also be rolling out opportunities for members to purchase CRYC merchandise, serve on various committees as well as investing in updating the website to make it more usable.

We are reviewing two key documents and recommending changes that will be presented prior to the first semi-annual meeting to be held 18 May. Of Note, the membership must ratify raising of dues to \$300.00. We also note that some sections were too prescriptive for the board to accommodate and we recommend striking or altering those sections.

For some light winter reading I am including the NTSB report on the 1987 foundering of the Baltimore Clipper "Pride of Baltimore". Interesting reading as the NTSB outlines the links of the chain leading to the disaster.

As always, if you have ideas and suggestions to share, please feel free to email or call. If you would like to assist with a committee, event, or project, we have a job for you. contact@cryc.org On behalf of the Board and myself thank you for the honor of leading and serving you in the coming year.

Regards,

Mike Hollis, Commodore

Board Member Spotlight

Mike Hollis Commodore



Mike Hollis was born in 1961 on Long Island, New York. Upon graduating from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1983 he was commissioned into the Marine Corps. He served as a logistics officer with a worldwide deploying infantry battalion for 4 years. From 1987 -1989 Captain Hollis served as a Combat Cargo officer aboard the USS Blue Ridge in the Western Pacific. He left active service in 1990. He served as an intelligence officer for the Drug Enforcement Administration providing strategic and operational support in South America with a document exploitation unit until 1996. He joined the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Disaster Response Team deploying to Kosovo for nine months to coordinate logistics for the winter emergency shelter program. In 2000, Mike served as the Cargo Operations Supervisor for the United States Antarctic Program, McMurdo Station, Antarctica until he was recalled to active duty in 2001 in the wake of 9/11 attacks. Colonel Hollis was assigned to War Plans in the Pentagon retiring from the Marine Corps in 2008. He currently serves as the civilian Deputy for Marine Corps War Plans with an expected retirement of Spring 2025.

Formerly a member of Narrasketuck YC Amityville, NY; Mike currently sails Comets, Blue Jays and El Toros but also has big boat experience in Snapdragons and C&C 36. A wooden boat enthusiast, Mike is a frequent student at the Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, Me. as well as an amateur blacksmith. He enjoys teaching novice sailors during races and believes that in sailing the journey is more important than the destination.

Next month: Vice Commodore Doug Farwell



Building and Grounds

John Foster, Rear Commodore

We will be focused on abandoned boat disposal over the next few months. If your boat and /or trailer is not registered (or you're not sure) or you don't have a numbered sticker, please contact Roy Sherman or Christian Benefiel at contact@cryc.org. John Foster has trailer stickers for those who have purchased boat storage on the campus.

Lost owner

Here is a boat currently at the club and we would like to reunite it with its owner so if you know who owns it please get in touch with Roy Sherman(roy.sherman.work@gmail.com) or John Foster so we can get them back together.



Finance

Bruce Mondle, Treasurer

Total Monies on hand 1 January 2025

Operations and Maintenance: approx. \$18K with most 2024 bills paid. (Lawn care, 2070 fund contribution)

Capital Fund: \$50

2070 Fund: \$12,000 (CDs)



Schools

Doug Farwell / John Foster

Doug will meet with the YMCA to develop the summer sailing school calendar and identify opportunities for collaboration.



Communications

Shirly Boone, Secretary

For issues regarding membership renewal contact Shirley Boone contact@cryc.org
Membership cards were mailed 1 March. Of note, we will not renew our Yacht Clubs of America membership and its associated reciprocal courtesies.



Social

We have searched for an appropriate venue to host a mid winter social to no avail (due to either cost or availability)



Fleet

Art Silcox, Fleet Captain

CBYRA will be hosting a webinar on the updated rule of racing. Contact Art Silcox if you are interested in participating.



Upcoming Events

2025 Corsica River Yacht Club Calendar

April 26	Sat	Opening work party
May 10	Sat	Spring Series 1
May 17	Sat	Spring Series 2
May 18	Sun	Commissioning/ 1 st semi-annual meeting
June 7	Sat	Pavilion Rental Tim McCluskey 443 262 5729
June 8	Sun	open House** possible fun race
June 21-22	S/S	Wood Boat Heritage Regatta Comets, Penguin, Windmill
June 28	Sat	School work party
July 7	Mon	YMCA school begins
July 12-13	SS	Log Canoe

Aug 16-17	SS	CRYC Annual regatta
Aug 22	Fri	YMCA schools end
Aug 23	Sat	School closing Work Party
Sept 13	Sat	Fall Series -
Sept 20	Sat	Fall Series 2
Sept 27	Sat	Fall Series 3
Oct 18	Sat	Closing Work Party
Oct 26	Sun	De-commissioning / 2 nd Semi-annual meeting

Corsica River Days TBD Sept / Oct?***



Classified

Would you like to advertise here? Got something to sell? Are you a skipper seeking a crew or crew seeking a boat? Contact commodore@cryc.org or contact@cryc.org

For Sale Comet Barfly #2265 Owen P. Merrill built 1946 Wooden Comet

1947 & 1948 International Comet Class Champion

Beaton Mylar Sails (\$1500) - very crisp. Spare Set Dacron Sails

Updated Running Rigging

Updated Swivel Jam with Deck Mount

Trailer Included With New Hubs and Tires

Own a part of Comet history. Owen and his father Edward (1938 International Comet Class Champ) built Barfly on the third floor of their Riverton, NJ home. Previous owner purchased in 1991, stored indoors and basically never used Barfly. I purchased in 2017 and felt very undeserving to own a vessel of this pedigree. Sailing her has been fun. She really makes even the most seasoned salt turn their head. I have always had her under covered storage too.

Asking \$3,000

Eric Fee

757-876-5148

efeecat30@yahoo.com

Norfolk, VA



FOR SALE: Windmill 5255, \$5,000

1988 McLaughlin; Sheldon Mast and Boom; Litton Board and Rudder

GNAV

Tacktick

2 sets North sails, one set used exclusively for racing

Sailors Tailor cover with skirt

Dolly

Trailer - bearings replaced and new tires 2023, spare tire

Selling due to retirement from sailing

Contact: Lansing Williams, slansing@proton.net or 443-480-9465 and leave message