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## Commodore's Comments

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Kent Martin  
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Well, the dues increase scheduled for a vote at the April quarterly meeting was deferred. The Board will undertake an effort to better identify the need for any increase.

It is the Board's intention to provide more information such as the five-year history of expenses and income that was handed out at the quarterly meeting. At the present rate, expenditures will deplete our reserve fund. Discretionary items such as quality and number of newsletters, support of regattas, paper products kept on hand, support of junior sailing, utilizing outside help for cleaning of clubhouse and care of the grounds are items that I believe most of the membership want to continue.

As suggested at the meeting, another means of increasing our income is to have more members. We, as the Board, want to encourage recruitment of new members via personal contact, which we believe most members are already doing.

**Harbor Master** - Tom Allen  
**House** - Dianne Bronner  
**Grounds** - Kent Martin  
**Youth Sailing** - Bill Killebrew  
**New Members** - Gary Markham  
**Cruising Fleet** - Al Bronner  
**Race Committee** - Chuck Konesky

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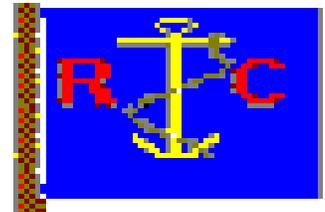
Photo from the Tennessean by Richard Rust

On a happier note, one our own "Ross Bryan", will be honored as one of Tennessee's Distinguished Engineers and Builders. I got to know Ross initially through my work on the seawall and subsequently, through race committee and other club activities. For those of you who do not know Ross is one of three active original club members. The others are Cully Cobb and Johnny Dortch.

## ROSS H. BRYAN

Ross will be recognized as one of Tennessee's Distinguished Engineers and Builders at the Tennessee Engineering Center's Recognition Dinner on July 9, 2002. Ross is one of twenty-six initial honorees. Ross's contribution to engineering has been through structural design where he stayed on the leading edge. Ross's old firm is still a strong force and is currently operating as Ross Bryan and Associates.

### HARBOR ISLAND RACE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SUMMER SERIES FOR CRUISERS



RACE #1: *Mentor Regatta*; Saturday  
May 11, 2002; Chuck Konesky; Regatta Chair

RACE #2: *Lady Luck Regatta*: Saturday June 8,  
2002; Joy Kimbrell; Regatta Chair and PRO.

Race #3: *Double Handed Regatta*: Saturday July  
13, 2002; Joe Ballard; Regatta Chair and PRO.

Race #4: *End of the Summer Regatta*:  
Saturday August 10, 2002; Cully Ward;  
Regatta Chair and PRO.

*Questions? Contact the Regatta Chair for the race.*

# LADY LUCK REGATTA

*(Second Race of the Summer Series)  
Hosted by Harbor Island Yacht Club*

*Harbor Island Yacht club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the Lady Luck Regatta for lady skippers on June 8, 2002.*

**TIME:** *Skippers meeting 9:00 am; Warning signal for first race: 10:30 am.*

*Following the race, there will be an awards presentation with beverages, and food.*



*The only requirement is that all boats participating must be steered by a female at all times (no penalties for male crew).*

If you have questions, please contact Joy Kimbrell, Regatta Chair and PRO. 754-7121 or email:

*[joykimbrell@RNEonline.com](mailto:joykimbrell@RNEonline.com)*

If you need help finding crew, call Joy.

**ENTRY FEE: \$20.00**

# SEA SCOUT NEWS

Andy and Cathy Griswold

April 20th and 21st at HIYC was busy with the Tennessean Open. And, as usual, the Sea Scouts were there to do lunches. Cathy got there Saturday morning around 7:00 to help with registration and the purchase of lunches. In the back of her car was a whole lot of food. I arrived a little while later with the remainder of the food and other needed supplies. As I recall the scouts were to be there by 8:30 but upon my arrival at 8:00 I found several of them already there and busy unloading Cathy's car. In fact I was quite impressed the whole weekend with their organization. After the racers headed out on the course, Cathy and I started finishing up some of the paper work. I then headed to the kitchen to get the kids started making lunches. What I found when I got there was a factory scene of lunches being made. They had covered the tables with aluminum foil, placed all the needed supplies out and gotten a production line underway. (And not an adult in sight.) Cathy and Brandi babysat all afternoon as well. Mike Osborn had called Saturday night and asked us to clean the Opti's for the junior regatta on Sunday. This was done as well. As soon as the lunches were delivered and the kitchen cleaned, the kids were found swimming for much of the remainder of the afternoon. What a way to make memories. That night we had been asked to clean up the club house. The kids were to be there between 8:00 and 8:30. At 7:45 I called Phillip, our boatswain, and asked him to call everyone to make sure they remembered to come out. Cathy and I arrived at 8:00. What we found was the club house full of busy scouts. Not only did they clean the inside of the house but they also cleaned the porch. (Guess you can tell we're popping with pride.) Sunday there was a good breeze. After cleaning up from the lunches the scouts rigged a couple of lasers and spent the remainder of the afternoon on the water.

(Note: Matt Allen's red PFD came up missing. It has his name on it. If you or any of your kids were at the club on Sunday April 21st please look to see if you ended up with Matt's PFD.)

Many thanks to Diane Belcher (Brittany and Brandi's mom) for helping to get food donated or at cost and to Jennifer and Holly (Bradley's mom and sister) for working both days. The next weekend Cathy and I (and Matt and his family) attended the Friday evening safety seminar. There was a great turnout for seminar and Joy Kimbrell's wonderful dinner. As a result of that seminar we should be taking a barge trip sometime this summer. Ingram Barge company has offered to let the scouts, and any other interested small groups, travel for a morning or afternoon on one of their tugs. It should be an eye opening experience for us all.

Saturday April 27th was the Cully Cobb 50k. According to our rating we should have been the first boat in our fleet to finish. But Cully pulled one over us all and took first over the line for our fleet and took the regatta. I continue to say "Just how does he do it?". But also I want to say congratulations.

Sunday the 28th the scouts did a donut/bake presale at Hermitage United Methodist church. Delivery was to be done the following Sunday. I really figured it was a waste of time but found out differently. In fact we just about got into more than we could handle. Needless to say it was successful. Most of the kids had several hours of baking involved (would you believe that Erin and Hailey made about 14 loaves of homemade white and wheat bread? Yum! Cathy started baking Friday afternoon and then on Saturday she turned on the oven at 9:00 AM and did not turn it off until around 8:30 that evening. The next morning my car was filled with baked goods and boy did it smell good. Delivery went well and most of the extra stuff Cathy baked was also sold.

We're still washing boats but things have slowed down a little. We're just about finished with our fund raising for this trip and are now starting to work on skills. At a recent meeting we worked on docking concepts using spring lines. Hopefully we will get to practice these concepts before heading up north. We'd love to have some of you volunteer to teach various skills, so if you have a gift in an area (Mark E.: radio usage; Mandy and Bill H. sailing in big water; Joy and Fred K: long cruises just to name a few of you who have skills to pass on to the next generation) we would love to schedule a Wednesday night or Saturday morning class with you! The kids also loved the navigation class they had with Scott Howard, and are looking forward to a second session. Please say yes when one of the kids calls you to do a session or two.

Andy and Cathy Griswold

## TOP OF THE HILL CLEAN-UP FIRST NOTICE

All items stored on top of the hill must be identified by its owner. The owner must tag, paint or otherwise clearly label the item with their name. Any items not so identified by September 30, 2002 will be subject to disposal at the Board's discretion.

Please contact any board member, if you have questions.

### *Results of the Mentor Regatta*

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Boat</u>
Payton Howard	Heavy "A"	1st	S-2, 9.1
Kern Spencer	Light	1st	J-24
Glen Sherwin	Heavy "B"	1st	Catalina 22
Don Zimmerman	Heavy "B"	2nd	Hunter 30
Ken Todd	Heavy "B"	3rd	Catalina 30
Al Bronner	Heavy "B"	4th	Pearson 28

Winners of the "2" practice starts Payton Howard and Al Bronner

*Thanks to all the participants of this new regatta. This was an exciting and very competitive regatta. Everyone had a great time both on the water and off.*

Special thanks to the race committee for a well managed Regatta

**Results**  
**2001 Cully Cobb 50 K Regatta**  
**April 27, 2002**  
**Regatta Chairman: Al Bronner**

<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	<b>TCF(M)</b>	<b>Elapsed</b>	<b>Corrected</b>	<b>Place</b>
Light	Chan Owen	171	0.9709	18973	18421	1
Heavy "A"	Brock Short	123	1.0401	17577	18282	1
	Bob Cotton	123	1.0401	17640	18347	2
	Scott Howard	135	1.0219	19022	19439	3
	Anne Beesley	123	1.0401	18758	19510	4
	Fred Kimbrell	135	1.0219	19538	19966	5
Heavy "B"	Cully Cobb	198	0.9358	19227	17993	1
	Marty Weingartner	186	0.9511	20286	19294	2
	Andy Griswold	174	0.9669	20300	19628	3
	Joe Ballard	216	0.9138	22021	20123	4
	Al Bronner	192	0.9434	23475	22146	5
Cruiser	Richard Smith	300	0.8235	27384	22552	1

**2002 Tennessean Open Regatta**  
**April 20-21, 2002**  
**Regatta Chair: Patti Miller**  
**PRO: Chuck Konesky**  
**Lightnings**

SKIPPER	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Points	Place
Hofmeister, Wm	1	4	1	2	1	9	1
Flack, Ryan	5	3	2	1	3	14	2
Kennon, Batton	6	6	4	5	2	23	3
Killebrew, Bill	3	7	6	3	4	23	4
Ward, Cully	4	2	3	4	13	26	5
Anderson, Scott	7	1	9	6	12	35	6
Owen, Chandler	2	11	7	8	7	35	7
Cotton, Bob	8	9	5	9	6	37	8
Schillebeeckx, Max	9	8	10	10	5	42	9
Currie, Jr, Crit	11	5	8	11	12	47	10
Hempel, Rob	10	10	11	7	12	50	11

**Handicap Fleet**

SKIPPER	BOAT	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Points	Place
Klarer, Tom	Buccaneer	3	1	2	3	1	10	1
McDonald, Joey	Y Flyer	2	3	5	2	2	14	2
King, Phil	Flying Scott	1	2	1	5	6	15	3
Owens, Tony	Buccaneer	5	4	3	1	6	19	4
McCullough, Bobby	JY 14	4	5	4	4	6	23	5

**Winner of Silliman Evans Trophy:  
 William Hofmeister, Lightning**

## Letter to the HIYC Board and the Editor on *Proxy Voting*

### BACKGROUND

Only on very rare occasions has the U.S. Constitution been amended to change a previously adopted policy. Not only the framers, but also those following have given much thought to any changes. For good reason, the HIYC Constitution also makes amending difficult: Thirty days after a proposed amendment is sent to the membership, a two-thirds majority of members present in person or by proxy at a meeting voting in favor is required, repeated by a similar “supermajority” at a following meeting.

There are six situations listed in our Constitution that require a vote of the membership and an additional two are specified by the By-Laws. They are as follows: 1. Election to the Board of Governors; 2. Removal from the Board; 3. Borrowing money by the club; 4. Reinstatement on appeal of a member removed by the Board; 5. Amendments of the Constitution; and 6. Amendment of the By-Laws. Under the By-Laws, members must vote to approve the Budget, which limits spending by the Board. Also, the schedule of dues and fees is fixed in the By-Laws. As a result, changes in dues and fees require amending the By-Laws.

### WHY PROXY VOTING IS NEEDED

As I explained in my letter in the March Anchorline, a quorum—25% of the membership—must be present and voting to pass any motion. That’s why proxy voting was invented. Various proposals have been offered to avoid the kind of situation that arose last fall. As I see it, the main problem to be solved is to make sure that voting is done in the open, and NOT to keep any one or group of members from seeking to change the policies of the Board. [Times could arise, even if not wished for, when a complete change in management is needed, and such change should never be prohibited.]

I will state here my proposal for an amendment to the Constitution and to the By-Laws in the hope and expectation that the Board will consider it, and that members will offer their suggestions to modify and improve it—all with the aim of keeping everything above board and out in the open. “Transparency” is the watchword.

### THE PROPOSAL

In outline form, a proxy form should be printed in the Anchorline before any meeting at which a membership vote is required. The same issue of the Anchorline should state the agenda for that meeting and also state the motion the Board will put to the members. If the vote is for elected offices, then the Nominating Committee’s slate will be printed.

The printed proxy will appoint the club secretary to be the proxy (person) who will count the votes on behalf of the submitting member. The proxy ballot will list each candidate for office or each motion to be voted on with a box to indicate the member’s choice FOR or AGAINST or WITHHOLD (Abstain). In addition, the voter will indicate whether he/she gives or withholds the right of the proxy (person) to vote on substitute motions or other motions which members are required to vote on at that meeting. When the club secretary acts on behalf of the member, that act is essentially mechanical, except with regard to motions not printed in the Anchorline, for which reason a member may elect to withhold from the secretary the right to vote on his behalf.

To permit opposition to any motion or any nomination, any active member may solicit proxies (in any number) so long as all members are informed of the opposition proxy solicitation and that the proxy ballot spells out the same information as is contained in the secretary’s proxy: the position on each motion on the agenda and/or the name of the substitute candidate for office with FOR, AGAINST and WITHHOLD.

A tricky question is the following. Should a proxy ballot solicited by a member other than the secretary be permitted to vote on every substitute motion if the Board’s motion fails to pass? The possibility for mischief arises here, so that members having given their proxy ballots to another don’t know what that substitute motion is, or whether a specific substitute has been “engineered” by the member who solicited the proxy ballot. It may be preferable to require such a substitute motion to be voted on at a later meeting.

It should be a requirement that the secretary publish any competing proxy ballot in the Anchorline, including a brief statement by the solicitor of his/her reasons for proposing it. Should time be insufficient to print a competing proxy ballot and statement in the edition of the Anchorline prior to the scheduled meeting, the secretary should be required to publish the competing proxy ballot and discussion on the club’s website and to furnish a mailing list to anyone seeking competing proxy ballots, with one proviso. The solicitation of competing proxies must be sent to ALL members, and at the expense of the member soliciting the proxies.

That way, everyone is informed as to what is going on, and the issues may be discussed informally before the actual meeting when the vote is taken.

We should also take advantage of modern technology and utilize the club's website and emails to accomplish these objectives. With a few safeguards, active members should be able to vote their proxy by email, and all information pertaining to meetings and votes should be published in a timely manner on the club's website.

## MOTIONS

The following changes in the Constitution and in the By-Laws are *moved as a single motion* for carrying out these recommendations.

In the Constitution, Article VI, Section 6 is to have the words shown in *italics* added, and Section 2 is added to Article I in the By-Laws:

**Section 6. PROXY VOTES.** At any regular meeting, members who are unable to attend may give written proxy certificates to any Active Member, *subject to rules spelled out in the By-Laws*, for the purpose of establishing a quorum and voting on issues. (Remainder of this paragraph remains unaltered.) Added Section 2. PROXY VOTING to Article 1. MEETINGS. in the By-Laws:

Proxy voting shall be governed by the following rules. A) Prior to a Membership Meeting, the Board of Governors shall publish in the Anchorline and on the club's website the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting, together with any motions that the Board will put forward for a vote by the members. B) The same issue of the Anchorline and Website shall include a Proxy Ballot naming the Secretary as Proxy and stating each of the motions on the Agenda with a place to mark the Proxy FOR, AGAINST, or WITHHOLD a vote on this motion. If the motion is a nomination for a club office, the same choices shall apply. C) The Proxy ballot shall also indicate whether the member GRANTS the right to vote on substitute motions and on other matters that may come before the meeting, or whether this right is WITHHELD. D) Any Active Member may request that the secretary print in the Anchorline and on the website a substitute Proxy Ballot, naming himself as the Proxy and stating substitute candidates for offices to be voted upon at the meeting, or substitute motions in place of those offered by the Board, together with a place to mark the Proxy FOR, AGAINST, or WITHHOLD a vote on this motion. All proxy ballots shall be signed and dated. In the event a member has signed more than one proxy ballot, the one with the latest date shall be counted, and any disputes about proxy ballots shall be decided by a majority of the Board. E) Filled proxy ballots may be filed by email so long as they originate from the email address registered with the secretary and published on the club's website, but they must be filed not less than one day before the membership meeting at which voting takes place.

Marty Weingartner

## WEST MARINE

West Marine has agreed to sponsor the ladies at Helm's Regatta, second race of the summer series scheduled for Saturday, June 8. West Marine also sponsored our Change of Watch Ragatta last January.

We encourage each of you to thank Jason when you are West Marine.

## The Adventures of LE CEIL

Hello to everyone at HIYC. Ceile and I are underway again after a great time in the Spanish Virgin Islands. We've made the crossing to the Bahama's and are now in the picture postcard-perfect Georgetown, Exuma's. After leaving St. Thomas in the USVI's, we cleared customs in Calebra (even though we left a U.S. territory, we had to clear into another U.S. territory?). After a night in Dewey, we headed to Isla Culebrita where we had a wonderful anchorage all to ourselves. We hiked to the lighthouse and snorkled the waters. The next day we returned to Dewey where we anchored at Bahia Almodovar. The following morning we headed to Vieques. This beautiful jewel is in the news because of the U.S. Naval practice range on the east end. After gaining permission to anchor in Ensenada Honda (it was forbidden to go ashore, or touch any man-made items [grenads]...duh!), we enjoyed a beautiful anchorage. The next day we went to Sun Bay (a mile long white sand beach) on the western end where we could go ashore and touch things. After this, we anchored at Green Beach on the western end.

The next day we made the long trip to Salinas, Puerto Rico. After an early start, we experienced a fire in the engine compartment! After extinguishing it, we determined that the wiring harness had suffered from the stater problems in Martinique; a problem that should have been solved earlier--hindsight's 20/20. After rerouting a few wires, we were able to start the motor and limp into Salinas. While not the biggest city in PR, it has everything a cruiser needs. We decided to stay a few weeks while we made a few repairs and re-rigged the standing rigging. While there, we were visited by Steve Vague (he calls on PR for business). After a missed call, he ran into a couple of guys that had drinks with us earlier, who agreed to take him out to our anchorage. Imagine our surprise when we heard a familiar voice call out to us in the dark. It was great to have someone from home stop in. We drank Spanish wine and Portugese Porto until late in the evening (hope the next day went well Steve?).

Brad, the last of our children to visit us, came the following day for a 10 day visit. It was great to have him aboard. We rented a car and visited Old San Juan and the Caribbean National Forest (Jurassic Park was filmed here). We even got to celebrate his 21st b'day together. We then headed west on Le Ciel along the south coast of PR, stopping in Caja De Muertos, "Gilligans Island" (really Cayo Aurora, but named after the TV show because of a local that looks like Gilligan...Go figure!), then finally to Boqueron on the western coast. This is a weekend getaway for the college kids, and a jumping off place for the Dominican Republic. We rented a car here also, and visited the worlds largest radio telescope at Arecibo. It was incredible. The following morning we took Brad to San Juan airport so that he could return home

After waiting 3 weeks for our rigging that was supposed to arrive in 3 days (typical), we spent 2 exhausting days rerigging. After a day of rest, we headed to the island of Mayaguana in the Bahama's. It was a 3 day beam reach, ending with us anchoring for the night at Pirate's Well on the west end of Mayaguana for a much needed rest. The Mona Pass, the passage between Puerto Rico & Dominican Republic with not a great reputation, was a kitten for us--thanks Neptune! We're looking forward to some island hopping among the Exumas and Berry Islands before sailing back to home sweet home, USA. Sea ya',

*Thom & Ceile*

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**Wait lists as of this issue of the Anchorline**

Wood Docks	Concrete Docks	Plastic Docks	Temporary Slips	Mooring
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*Dock Admirals*

Allan Mirse                  Dave Ausbroks                  P. R Esterling

Maxwell	Jahrling	Jahrling	Maxwell	None
Bronner	Beason	Vague	Bronner	
Schiele	Vague	Boroviak	Schiele	
Vaughn	Boroviak	Campbell	Todd	
Todd	Joyner	Joyner	Liles	
Liles	Maxwell	Maxwell	Brewington	
Brewington	Bronner	Bronner	Anderson	
Mashburn	Schiele	Schiele		
	Tempelmeyer	Tempelmeyer		
	Vaughn	Vaughn		
	Todd	Todd		
	Liles	Liles		
	Brewington	Brewington		
	Mashburn	Mashburn		

Bruce Campbell and Owen Joyner have been awarded temporary space on the concrete dock in the spaces vacated by Fred Beesley and Nelson Miller respectively

Note: Anyone who loses his/her temporary space when the permanent assignee returns will need to contact the secretary to have his/her name added back to the temporary list.



From the editor:

Marty Weingartner has submitted a well thought out and well written article on the issue of proxies. I urge all to study this article carefully as this issue needs to be debated to a conclusion that reflects the informed majority opinion.

On the issue of the dues increase that was proposed for consideration at the last quarterly meeting and then withdrawn, let me apologize ,on behalf of the board, for the confusion. This issue obviously deserves more debate. If you have an opinion, please share it with the membership by submitting an article for the anchorline.

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## Harbor Island Yacht Club



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Harbor Island Yacht Club



## CALENDAR

- Lightning Districts **June 7,8**
- Lady Luck **June 8**
- Board Meeting **June 11**
- Cruising Seminar **June 15**
- Cruising Fleet Overnight **June 22,23**
- Junior Laser/Opti regatta **June 29**
- Family Fun Day **July 4**
- Board Meeting **July 9**
- Summer Series 3rd Race **July 13**
- Cruising Fleet Raft-up **July 20,21**
- Summer Series 4th Race **Aug 10**
- Lightning NA's **Aug 10—16**
- Quarterly Meeting Potluck **Aug 11**
- Board Meeting **Aug 13**
- Jr Laser/Opti End of Summer **Aug 17**
- Cruising Fleet Shrimp Boil **Aug 24**
- Iron Skillet **Sept 7**
- Opti Regatta **Sept 7**

