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Commodore's Report

Lauren Trolley, Commodore

Hi! For the sailors out there that I have not yet met, my name is Lauren Trolley. I am a sophomore here at the University of Iowa and am excited to be serving as Commodore. This is such a thrilling time of year! The executive council has spent hours planning and organizing for the upcoming sailing season! As MacBride thaws in the spring warmth, the Sailing Club will be out in full force.

Over the past few months UISC's website has undergone some remodeling — take a few minutes to check it out! Now accessible online is an updated calendar of club activities. This week the team is actively recruiting undergrads for intercollegiate sailing. We will kick off the season with the opening of the Boathouse this Saturday, so come out and join us! The weekend of April 5-6 Iowa will be hosting an MCSA regatta. April 7-11 we will be promoting the Sailing Club through several activities such as displaying an FJ in Hubbard Park, a Solicitation table in the IMU, and club orientation meetings! We will also be displaying a boat and promoting the club at Riverfest, April 25-27. If you are interested in helping out with any of these activities, feel free to contact any of the executive members. Check our calendar for many other club activities including club meetings, regattas, and socials. I look forward to seeing you, your family and friends there!

We are trying a different approach to teaching this spring. We will be holding several 'Intro Days', on which anyone and everyone is welcome to come out and try sailing. On these days (which will be rigorously publicized) we will be promoting a 'Learn to Sail' program. This teaching program will run three consecutive Saturdays. Anyone who is interested, joins the club and signs up to participate for three days of fun-filled sailing instruction! The advantage to this sequence is that each teaching day builds on the previous week, offering students a more thorough understanding of sailing. During the Saturday teaching sessions the students also have the opportunity to build lasting friendships with sailing-instructor-club-members and other students.

The executive council is also currently revising the club dues structure. The club is now responsible for covering its insurance costs. At this time we do not know exactly what this insurance coverage will cost. The revised dues structure will be presented with a full report at a business meeting later this spring. The club will vote on the proposal at this meeting. I will send out notification of this meeting at a later date. Any change in dues will take effect beginning this summer season.

As you can see there is a lot in progress! Any help you can offer is much appreciated! We have a great season of sailing ahead! If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me either by email at lauren-trolley@uiowa.edu or by phone (319) 353-3074.



Officers' Reports

Ian Mutnick, Vice Commodore



This past fall I moved to Iowa City to pursue an MBA at the business school. Before moving to the area I lived outside Washington DC where I designed and tested boats and ships for the Navy. On the weekends I owned and raced an interclub in the winter months and in the summer raced on J24s, lightnings, snipes, and international canoes. Since moving to Iowa I have become very involved with the club. In addition to my duties as vice commodore I have been coaching the undergraduate team. And am looking forward to working with more club members this spring and sharing some of the sailing trips and tips I have picked up along the way. We will be starting sailing lessons this spring. Lessons will be on three Saturdays at the end of April and start of May. These lessons are available to all club members and are designed to teach the novice to sail. If you have any questions about these sailing lessons or want to learn about other aspects of sailing feel free to contact me.

Dave Steinman, Harbor Master

Hey Club! Another exciting year of sailing will soon be upon us. Boathouse opening is **Saturday March 29**. Please come out and help clean up the boats and boathouse and get them ready for a great year of sailing. As this year's Harbor Master I look forward to helping keep the Boathouse better organized and keeping the machinery dry (read out of the lake) and in good working condition. I will need each and every one of you to help with that. A little bit about me: I'm a transplanted ISU Cyclone ("It helped me get to Iowa City" I say) and work in Iowa City for Pearson Educational Measurement

(formerly NCS). Tucker is my dog. I'm trying to become a better sailor. One of my goals is to be checked out on the heavy weather boats like the catamarans and scows, eventually working my way from a Heavy Weather Helmsman rating to becoming a Skipper. Maybe finish a regatta in the top 3 positions too. 😊 As one who likes to travel, I like to scuba dive and I am an avid motorcyclist and try to ride and dive whenever I can. Other interests include skiing, skydiving, and ice boating. I look forward to meeting and sailing with you!



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Karen Reed, Treasurer

Hi! I'm Karen Reed and I'm the Sailing Club's treasurer for this year. I'm currently a graduate student in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and am planning to complete my PhD this summer. If you have been out at the lake in the last two years you will know that I am an avid sailor who regularly attends club regattas and events. My goals as treasurer for the upcoming year are to make sure our club has enough money to do what we want to - maintain our fleet, save enough to buy a new boat or two, etc. Additionally, I'm doing my best to make the job of treasurer a little easier for my successor by organizing and

Steve Schmid, Publicity

My name is Stephen Schmid and I currently hold the Publicity Chair. I am a freshman and a member of the Sailing Team. While in office I hope to make the University of Iowa community aware of the Iowa Sailing Club and inform them of opportunities and benefits of being a part of this club.



Ben Doyle, Membership

Hi y'all, There's a lot of work to bring up the numbers and help keep the club solvent. So, before the dues get raised this year (yeah, they have to be), take advantage of one incredible deal in a new or renewed membership. Membership for the Spring season goes for **ONLY \$19.99!!** A full tank of gas costs more! Add the Summer season for just \$34.99! You can't go wrong. A package deal with unlimited sailing days and free sailing instruction and an amazing group to hang with. At these prices they will be going fast! Don't get stuck with nothing to do on a weekend but study and f*#k! If I'd only got an Iowa Sailing Club membership, my life would have meaning and I could go sailing and my life would have meaning. (When you're out on the water, you'll understand.) Now, can this deal be any sweeter? You bet! Renew your membership and sign up a brand-new first-time member at the same time, and I will get you a \$1 refund outa my own pocket, or get you a \$5 refund from the treasurer if the treasurer will let me. (I haven't asked yet, but whatthefhell! can't harm ask'n.) Other than that, I'll see you on the water!

Team News

Jennifer Springsteen, Team Captain

Welcome Spring!!! The Iowa Sailing Team is gearing up for a short but exciting season of racing in the Midwest. We are working hard to expand our team, improve sailing and racing skills, and promote collegiate sailing at the U. of Iowa.



Joe Friction and Kristen Marin del Campo, MCSA Team Race Champs, Minnesota, April 2002.

The official start of the season was scheduled this weekend, March 29-30, at the Wisconsin Freshman Icebreaker. However, Wisco was not very successful at actually breaking up the ice, and the regatta was cancelled. We're hoping for warmer weather and less ice next weekend, April 5-6, when we host the Spring FJ regatta on our own Lake MacBride. Approximately ten teams will be traveling to Iowa to participate. You're all invited to come out and watch an exciting weekend of college racing, and there are even spots left if you want to help out!

Team practices have been organized this spring to be held Mondays at 12:30 and Thursdays at 3:30. Ian Mutnick, our volunteer coach and the club's Vice Commodore, will be running drills and mock races at these times.

Iowa/MCSA* Spring Schedule

Mar. 29-30	Freshman Icebreaker @ Wisconsin
Apr. 5-6	Spring FJ Regatta @ Iowa
26-27	Women's Dinghy Champs. @ Marquette
May 3-4	Co-ed Dinghy Champs. @ Minnesota
	Wet Willie Regatta @ Northwestern
10-11	Team Rache Champs. @ Wisconsin
17-18	B.Y.O.B. @ O.H.I.O. University
*23-24	ALUMNI Regatta @ Wisconsin
24	"Boat" Regatta @ Northwestern
25	"Fruitcakes" Regatta @ Northwestern

*For complete MCSA Schedule and NOR's go to www.mcsasail.org

Editor's Notes

-Jennifer Springsteen

Surprise! I'm guessing you guys didn't expect to find this piece of literature waiting in your mailbox, but here it is! Yes, we are finally reviving the Scuttlebutt tradition in an effort to improve communication and participation in the club, as well as to provide some interesting reading material for all you avid sailors out there. As you probably noticed, this issue is a little sparse, so my first order of business is to beg for submissions in the form of stories, interesting articles, sailing tips, photos, party announcements, or other FYI's that you want to share. I would like to get the next issue out by mid-April, so send me what every you have, or tell me what you want to see. Also, I am looking for someone to take over this project during the summer, as I plan to be out of the state, so..... volunteers welcome!

Next up, you got a hint of the changes that have been taking place in the club from Lauren's article on page 1. There are a lot of improvements being made, and many people who have devoted a significant amount of time to this effort. One of the major changes being implemented is the teaching series that Vice Comm. Ian Mutnick has developed. Instead of having several loosely-structured "free lesson" days throughout the beginning of each season, the club is going to try holding one "Open House" weekend where anyone is invited to come out to the lake, meet club members and see the facilities, take a sailboat ride, and enjoy delicious grilled cuisine. For everyone who decides to join the club, as well as those who are already members, an instructional series will be held on following weekends where they will be taken through the basics of sailboat rigging and handling, up to the point where they are comfortable sailing an FJ and pre-

pared to take the LWH test. This teaching series will conclude with a LWH regatta as a fun, introductory experience to racing.

Milton Audas, second-term Rear Commodore, is again planning an active and exciting season of FJ and Laser club regattas, with plans for Scow regattas in the works. Last year's club racing series proved very successful with many regular participants. This season is full of great leisure sailing and club racing opportunities, so get excited to get involved and improve your skills.

On a more serious note, the sailing club is facing many significant budget strains this year, including the issue of liability insurance, even higher boathouse rent, and the perpetual cost of maintaining our fleet and facilities. Therefore it is necessary for the club to find new and effective sources of revenue to survive. Many ideas have been discussed at the business meetings (every Wed. night at 7:00, IMU!) and they include more aggressive membership drives, creative fundraising, altering and/or raising membership dues, and selling a large portion of our fleet. All these measures can and will help generate more funds for the club, if taken seriously and with continuing determination from all members. We all enjoy the benefits the club provides, have many fond memories of sailing activities, and would like to see these continue and prosper for years to come. So it is the duty of everyone to contribute in some way. Any ideas you have or time and effort you are willing to donate is greatly appreciated and will be rewarded with continued sailing opportunity. So as my parting message, please get involved, get active, and GET SAILING!!! Have a great season everyone, and I'll see you on the water!

Club Calendar

MARCH						
23	24	25	26 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 351 1900	27 Team Orientation IMU 351 1900	28	29 Boathouse Opening 1100-1500
30 Opening Day FJ Regatta 1100-1500	31 Team Practice 1200-1500					
APRIL						
		1	2 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	3	4	5 MCSA Spring Regatta @ Iowa
6 MCSA Spring Regatta @ Iowa	7 Team Practice 1200-1500	8	9 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	10	11	12 "Intro. to Sailing" (teaching) 1300- 1700
CAMPUS-WIDE SAILING PROMOTION						
13 "Intro. to Sailing" (teaching) 1300- 1700	14 Team Practice 1200-1500	15	16 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	17	18	19 FJ Club Champ. Regatta #1 1000- 1500
20 "Intro. to Sailing" (teaching) 1300- 1700	21 Team Practice 1200-1500	22	23 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	24	25 RIVERFEST====>	26 (RIVERFEST) "Learn to Sail" #1 (teaching) 1300-1700
27 <====RIVERFEST	28 Team Practice 1200-1500	29	30 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900			
MAY						
				1	2	3 "Learn to Sail" #2 (teaching) 1300-1700
4	5	6	7 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	8	9	10 "Learn to Sail" #3 (teaching) 1300-1700
11	12	13	14 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	15	16	17 LWH FJ Regatta #1 1300-1500
18	19	20	21 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	22	23	24 FJ Club Champ. Regatta #2 1000- 1500
25	26	27	28 ISC Business Mtg. IMU 1900	29	30	31 LWH FJ Regatta #2 1300-1500

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