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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

BY ERIK PETERSEN -15N

The 2006 season is approaching fast. Are you going to be ready for June 25th? As the season is approaching, think about taking a look at your rig. Check your throttle and steering cables, check that the boat is structurally sound and the motor is ready to go. Are you going to be the next Sluggo Award winner?

We have not set the locations of our races yet, this will be done at the April meeting. We have six days of racing with one two-day race. The upcoming season looks to be very successful. With the support of all of the members I'm sure we'll have a terrific season.

Anyone having any input in the upcoming season should come to the meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, give me a call at 516-312-8735. ■

See ya April 20th

Erik Petersen

CLUB NEWS

BY RICHARD PERRY -46N



Is it that time already? It just felt like yesterday that I was pulling my hair out trying to get the pages of the first newsletter formatted to print correctly only to have the printer jam up the initial copies into the familiar accordion shape. Hopefully the process of "getting to press", as we say in the newsletter business, will become easier with every month's efforts. I must thank the contributors for their punctual submissions. It is a great help when I sit down to put the newsletter together to have the copy ready to go in. However, I do think the club should buy Howie a new fax machine. He must have got a few clams stuck in it or spilled some gear oils into the mechanism because it is a challenge to piece together and than decipher what comes out on my end. Howie, you got e-mail on the South Fork?

Spring Is Here

Well on a cheerful note, we all can feel the warmth of spring right around the corner. With the better weather and now into

daylight savings the first race will be upon us before we know it especially for those who will also be running in the APBA races. Get that stuff out of the garage!

Reminder, if you haven't mailed in your 2006 EORC membership application don't let it go any longer. The form is on the back cover of the newsletter.

As always any comments, opinions, and newsworthy club events can be printed in the newsletter. Please send info by the 25th of the month to me at rperry@stidd.com. ■

MEETING MINUTES

March Meeting Minutes

Present: 14 members present: Erik Petersen, John Sunden, Ron and Judy Mediatore, Diane Murray, Pete Voss, Paul Sumereau, Jason Pickerell, Jim Wright, Pete Gavinski, Sr., Pete Gavinski, Jr., Mike Ebinger, Bob Lea and Joe Weller.

Old Business:

The 2006 race schedule is tentatively scheduled, subject to tide chart, as follows:

June 25

July 15 and 16 AOF ECC at Flanders Men's Club

August 27

Sept. 17

It was agreed that the July and September races will be AOF sanctioned and insured and the June and August races will be EORC races, insured with Clancy and Clancy.

Pete Gavinski contacted the Parks Dept. regarding permission to use Meetinghouse Creek as a new race site. He submitted a letter that was sent on February 28, which will be added to the minutes.

Joe Weller contacted Ken Swanson of the Boy Scouts to discuss the possibility of racing at the Boy Scout Camp (Wauwaupek) in Wading River. Mr. Swanson expressed some interest and would like to know more about our club and operation. It was agreed that the AOF video would be shown to

the Boy Scouts since it stressed the family aspect of racing at this level.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding maintenance of the web page. Apparently Sean Wilson is unable to maintain the web site at this time and the information and photos on it are several years old. Doug Pearsall volunteered to take over the web site however all agreed that Sean should be contacted before any change is made.

Discussion was held regarding having the AOF annual meeting on Long Island. Judy presented information concerning the two local hotels contacted: Holiday Inn and Hilton Garden Inn. Costs for each person to attend, including hotel room for two nights, meeting room with breakfast and lunch on Saturday and banquet on Saturday night would be approximately \$272 for the Holiday Inn and \$341 for the Hilton. Much discussion was held as to whether or not EORC should host the annual meeting in November, 2006, due to the work involved, expense and attendance. It was agreed to table discussion for a future meeting. The cost breakdown will be part of the minutes and the information will be held by the secretary for further action.

Everyone agreed that the newsletter was great. Jason advised that the deadline for articles would be the 25th of the month. Everyone was encouraged to submit articles and pictures. Bob Lea agreed to be class leader for Runabout.

Eric will print out new brochures and has made a new sticker which all seemed to like.

Diane advised that new buoys will be needed and she will order them. We are still using hippity hops and intend to continue the policy of "you break it, you buy it".

Pete has club equipment wrapped up at his barn.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. ■

NATIONAL AOF NEWS

BY HOWARD PICKERELL -86N

Well I think I have some good news this month. At the last SSOA club meeting it was finally put to the floor about having the joint sanctioned events. One of the questions was if AOF has insurance another was do we score APBA and AOF drivers in the same race, etc. The answers to all these questions will be supplied to SSOA and COA in black and white from APBA and AOF national headquarters.

I for one have been supporting Region 1 races for forty seven years. Many drivers in our club have been supporting Region 1 for twenty five and thirty years. The intent of the joint sanctions is to bring more drivers and boats to all racing events. Many of our EORC drivers are not APBA members and do not have APBA class equipment. All we want to do is race our boats and

keep the politics and personalities out of our sport. If they feel they can put on a race without us, more power to them.

Getting back to our EORC races, if the amount of boats shows up as predicted we are going to have to have some elimination heats at some of our sites. This will be up to the race committee at the race site. One idea would be to have two elimination heats putting the first four in the finals. Take the remaining fifth on in a two heat consolation race with the winner going into the finals. The idea is to have everybody who enters get at least three heats of racing. The intent is to have a safe and fun race for everyone entered. ■

(Editor's note: Opinions and comments are welcome and can be published in the newsletter upon request. Please e-mail your thoughts to me at rperry@stidd.com)

CLASS REPORTS

OSY400/C HYDRO, BY ERIK PETERSON -15N
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As the 2006 season approaches start thinking about promoting your class. The "C" hydro class has been one of our largest classes the past few years. Let's keep the numbers up and the competition hot. If anyone needs any help with boat and/or engines please let me know. Let's not keep anyone on the beach this season. Currently we have approximately 5 members racing this class. The equipment is around if you know of any new members lets give them a helping hand in getting started. ■

B1H, BY JASON PICKERELL -53N
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Just when you thought the numbers were staggering in B1 Hydro, a month later 2 more possible drivers pop up! We now have Don Hurd of Maine assembling an engine to run with us and apparently President Petersen has a student for which he is assembling a B1 engine for. Seems incredible but the tally is up to 12 now. By the way an apology goes out to Michael Young who was left out of last months B1H drivers list. Dang publisher!

Rumor on the street is that Richard Perry might be breaking in (or up) a brand new boat this season. Our rough water victor will be fighting for clean front water now. *(Editor's note: We'll see if he can get the funding for said craft passed through the House Ways and Means committee chairwomen)*

With all the apparent growth in this class and taking our typical race course size into consideration, we as a class may want to consider an alternate heat format. Possibly 2 eliminations, 1 final and 1 consolation heat? I thought maybe this would give everybody equal race time. This is food for thought and can be discussed at our next meeting. Please try to make it.

In related news, a B1 runabout class is beginning to formulate. There are 4 potentials as of now. There are a lot of variables involved but we will keep our fingers crossed.

I know we all have lives outside of boat racing and we can't all make every race but we are sure going to have one heck of a show to put on in B1. Once again congratulations to all of you for all your hard work and remember to keep in touch with each other. See you in the first turn. ■

25XS, BY DAVE YOUNG -94N

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I'm happy to report that since last season the 25's are growing in leaps and bounds! Doug Pearsall and myself have been hard at work literally building the 25's back into a viable class with readily available engines and parts.

Doug submitted a rule change proposal to the commissioners at the APBA national meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL. in January. He was successful in his efforts and the commission approved all of our recommended changes. The first change asked for was to eliminate the entire paragraph in rule 4 listing the part numbers for replacement blocks, rings and pistons and simplifying it to read "Any 1986 through 2005, thermostat housing equipped cylinder blocks manufactured by Mercury Marine, are legal 25XS replacement parts. Pistons and piston rings available for these 1986 and newer blocks are also legal replacement parts. Future superseded part numbers will also be legal after inspection by the SORC." The second requested change dealt with rule 13 restrictor plates. Previously only a restrictor plate that had the Mercury HPP stamping on it was considered a legal plate. Their availability was non-existent so the requested rule change was to change the wording of the rule to read "Any non-OEM restrictor plate is legal so long as it conforms to OEM specs". The third change requested dealt with rule 18 flywheels. Originally Mercury Marine made a lighter racing flywheel for the engine that was also stamped "HPP". This and the heavier service flywheels were the only option for the part. Being that the heavy flywheel is undesirable and the lighter ones were no longer available additional wording "P/N 258-82746A6 service flywheel may be machined down to size of racing flywheel P/N 258-8274A11, balanced and burst tested" was added. The fourth change was the hardest for us to do and most time consuming but it accomplished the most important aspect in making it possible as it was the only remaining missing link to build an entire engine from readily available parts. This was an addition to rule 31 adding the wording "adapter plate assemblies manufactured by Wings-N-Things are legal replacement parts for the Mercury / Mariner 25XS engines". Over the past two years Doug was able to have the part made from the original Mercury print. The first five have been sold and more are being made at this time. The part had to be sent to APBA for approval and thankfully it was so that our efforts were not in vain. Great work Doug!!!

If you are considering building one of these engines this list has all of the vendors and suppliers necessary to complete it. If you would like one of the lists e-mail me at boatguydave@optonline.net and I can send you one. Or you can call me and I can send you one via US Mail or fax.

We are currently building five new engines to be ready for this year's season and have already added five new 25 rigs to the mix on the east coast. This will definitely make for some full fields and stiff competition. See ya in the first turn! ■

RUNABOUT, BY BOB LEA -5N

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It looks like we have enough drivers to run a successful class this season (I believe 5 or 6). Participation in the runabout class last year was light. I am hoping that maybe we can rustle up a few more drivers for this season to add to the excitement. Hopefully Mike Ebinger will be joining us this season in C stock runabout as a new EORC member.

Editor's note: Kudos to Bob for taking on the role of the runabout class leader. I for one am looking forward to your contributions and resurrection of the class that was the true origin of our sport.

CLASSIFIEDS; BUY AND SELL

Feel free to contact Rich Perry with any ads that you want to list or delete. Ads can be for items for sale or items wanted. My contact info is listed on the last page.

For Sale: Complete B1 power heads, pull cord ready. Join the largest class in EORC! \$350 Jason Pickerell 765-4679

For Rent: Complete OMC power heads \$40.00 per race. Driver supplied hot rod tower, gear case, and prop. Jason Pickerell 765-4679

For Sale: CSH - Runecraft - never in water - contact Bob Grosvenor at 631-758-1648 \$3,000

For Sale: DeSilva runabout for sale (preferably to someone who will run EORC). Good condition. All hardware included less engine and throttle. (Yellow Z boat in EORC photo pages.) \$650. Clark craft Ben Hur C/D round nose hydro. Boat only. Great in rough water. \$500. Daytime Phone (631) 912-2712. E-mail Robert.s.lea@baesystems.com

Wanted: Mercury 25XS motor and or parts and pieces. e-mail me at: startyourengine@comcast.net or (732)870-8844. Thanks, Mike

Wanted: Looking for a 102 Yamato motor with gear foot. Bryan Leone; live in western Pa. 570-962-2727 home at 7:00 pm and work 570-263-7065 10-6:00 pm.

For Sale: CSH, Bezoats kit complete with all hardware and Yamoto 202 Engine. The complete rig is ready to go. Prop of your choice will be included. \$950.00 takes everything. Contact Bob Rusnak 631-849-3242 or vindiver@yahoo.com

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



NAME: _____

CLASSES (circle all applicable)

ADDRESS: _____

B1H 25xs

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

OSY400 CSR

TELEPHONE: _____

Other _____

E-MAIL: _____

E-mail EORC Newsletter to me YES _____ NO _____

RACING MEMBER(s) (\$30) _____ NON RACING MEMBER(s) (\$25) _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Monthly meeting minutes provided for reprint by Judy Mediatore

DEADLINE: 25th of the month for submission for the next issue

How about attending the next monthly meeting???

Meeting Date: Every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Town of Brookhaven Recreation Hall, 39 Montauk Hwy., Blue Point at 8:00pm



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