

**Northeast Fleet, CDSOA -- Third Annual Meeting**  
**January 25, 2003**  
**Unk's Restaurant, Waterford, Connecticut**

Registration:

The meeting was informally scheduled to begin at 10:00AM. Ed Haley was the recorder for the meeting. Attendees signed in and received an identification tag. Attendees also received an updated copy of the NE Fleet Membership Roster, a copy of the meeting's agenda, a copy of the CDSOA's by-laws, and a list of those who signed up to attend the meeting. Fifty-three Cape Dorians attended including seven national CDSOA officers. Those that attended were entered into a drawing for two prizes. The first was a \$50.00 gift certificate from Sailnet, donated by Fleet Captain Michael Heintz. That prize was awarded to Sue Graefe. The other prize was a delightful breakfast basket, donated by Ruth MacDonald of the Lonesome Dove B&B. Nancy Pease won that prize.

Commence Meeting:

Fleet Captain Michael Heintz officially called the meeting to order at slightly past 11:00AM. The first order of business was the introduction of the national CDSOA officers present at the meeting. They were:

Commodore: Bob Ohler  
Vice Commodore: Sharon Kairis  
Rear Commodore: Mike Thorpe  
Secretary: Leo MacDonald  
Treasurer: Bruce Halley  
Director at Large – Memberships: Catherine Monaghan  
Northeast Fleet Captain: Michael Heintz

Commodore Ohler gave a short talk about the history of CDSOA and his visions for the CDSOA's future.

Fleet Captain Heintz then introduced the remaining officers and committee chairs. For a complete list, please see the adjoining copy of the meeting agenda.

Fleet Captain Heintz then reviewed the national meeting held in Oriental, North Carolina. He said that Oriental is truly a sailor's haven, and that the meeting went well and was enjoyed by all.

He then went on to review the first three years of the NE Fleet. There was a review of this past year's blisteringly hot July 4<sup>th</sup> rendezvous at Croton-on-Hudson and talk of another (hopefully more temperate) one in 2003, headed by Bill Goldsmith. Reviews of the other 2002 rendezvous events, including Western LI Sound, Eastern LI Sound and Buzzard's Bay were also offered.

Mike Thorpe gave a colorful description of the cruise to Maine punctuated by the perpetual race between Capt. Thorpe aboard Journey's and Captain MacDonald aboard Evening Light. A race that will surely continue until the end of time! Captain Thorpe is a man of vast experience and he pointed out that often times it is wise for a captain to heed suggestions from his crew! The visit to Robinhood Marine was a highlight. Many who could not join the cruise came to the dinner at Robinhood by car. Andy Vavolitis was the keynote speaker and he talked about the history of Cape Dory Yachts.

Catherine Monaghan spoke of the two Atlantic Highlands Rendezvous, which will today be dubbed by this NE Fleet Secretary as the annual Gale Force Get Together! From her instructional talk it appears that the only requirements for attending are heavy ground tackle, a double reefable mainsail, warm clothing and seasick pills!

#### Dave Stump Update and Hanalei Half Hull:

Leo MacDonald gave an update on Dave Stump's medical progress. Dave has made great progress since his stroke this past June. Leo reported that his progress has seemed to level off and there may have been some slippage. Those of us that know Dave sorely missed him at the meeting. We can only hope that this hiatus in his progress is temporary. We wish Dave and Carol strength in their ordeal.

Ruth Ann MacDonald told the membership of the difficulties in securing the half hull model of Hanalei for presentation to Dave Stump for Christmas, 2002. Not only was the promised delivery date disregarded by the half hull company, the workmanship was shoddy at best. Ruth Ann and some other people she enlisted to help had all they could do to make the model presentable to give to Dave. We owe her our deepest thanks for her efforts.

#### Speaker:

Sharon Kairis gave a very informative presentation on the subject of skin cancer. She was prepared with a visual presentation for all to see, as well as printed material. She also brought a skin analyzer, which is used to indicate sun damage (not cancer) to the skin. This information is extremely important to sailors who are not only exposed to skin damage by direct sunlight, but also by reflection from sails, deck and water surfaces.

#### Election of Officers:

Sam York, Nominating Committee Chairman, put the following names in nomination:

Fleet Captain: Michael Heintz.  
Fleet Secretary: Warren Kaplan.

Leo MacDonald nominated Bob Emmons for Fleet Captain but Bob declined the nomination. Michael Heintz and Warren Kaplan were elected to their respective offices by unanimous voice vote.

Future Events:

Discussion was given to the results of the “dream sheets” previously mailed to the membership. The opinion at the meeting is that next summer’s rendezvous events should center at Narragansett Bay in the Bristol, Rhode Island area. Once firm dates can be set for that portion of the rendezvous, other events before and after Narragansett Bay can be planned. The committee in charge of the Narragansett Bay event is composed of Clay Stalker, Joel Silverberg and John Pearson.

A cruise to Maine is in the offing, but its format may be altered from past Maine Cruises. Bob Emmons and Dave Potts will be planning the Maine Cruise.

Mike Thorpe talked about a planned trip to Bermuda next year. All those interested in going should contact Mike Thorpe directly.

Ed Haley reported that there is interest in forming a Great Lakes Fleet. There is interest, so far, in perhaps forming a fleet involving Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The boundaries have not yet been set, and other areas (Lake Champlain) may be included. Contact Ed Haley for information.

Great News!

It was reported that recently Mike Thorpe and Merrie Bergmann became engaged. It was also reported that Bob Luby and Karen Grava are engaged! Ahh! The unknown powers inherent in Cape Dory sailing!! Heartfelt best wishes to both couples from all of us!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Kaplan  
Secretary, Northeast Fleet, CDSOA