

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SAILING ASSOCIATION

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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SPRING ELECTIONS

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the elections meeting was held for officers of the upcoming year. Elected were:

<u>Commodore-</u>	Tim Molony
<u>Vice Commodore-</u>	John Dick
<u>Secretary-Treasurer-</u>	Dave Bundy
<u>Fleet Captain-</u>	Mike Rowe

During and after the meeting, the new officers met and set out new goals and guidelines to be implemented in the coming year. Some of these ideas are set out within this newsletter.

1976-1977 ALLOCATIONS

On March 15, the officers of the Sailing Association appeared before Student Council's Allocation Committee and answered questions about the proposed '76-'77 budget. The following provisions were made:

1. Two new Coronado 15's will be purchased
2. Traveling expenses must be cut next year
3. Non SAF funds must be increased- This means that more of the Sailing Association's money must be self generated.

We were allocated \$ 2,113.00, or 75% of the \$ 2,813.00 requested. At the present time, we do plan to purchase the two new boats for next year, with an extra mast, centerboard, and sails.

NOTICE ABOUT SPRING SAILING

At the present time, it has been brought to our attention that numerous rules have been broken out on the lake. If this disregard for the rules continues, we will lose our lake privileges and be forced to disband as a club.

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Particular problems have arisen in three areas, and we have been forced to make the following rulings:

1. Liquor will not be tolerated at the lake or on the boats. Members breaking this rule will have their cards revoked without compensation.
2. Any member bringing a non-sailor out as a crew member will be liable for any damages to the boats if the wind is blowing over 25 knots.
3. No boat will be sailed with over two people if the wind is blowing over 25 knots.

As seemingly restrictive as these new rulings are, there are several reasons for their implementation. Earlier this Spring a member with a novice crew, a bottle of wine, and a 20knot wind capsized a boat. He left the boat turtled out on the lake and swam to shore. The lake guards happened to be on duty at the time, and they rescued the boat.

This incident caused us quite a bit of trouble with the lake administration, not to mention the hazard to life and property.

The boats out on the lake are high performance racing dingys with specific load ratios. The boats are not reinforced to hold more than two people in a heavy wind.

Under certain conditions, the masts will bend and break. This is an expensive and time consuming repair problem.

Please use your judgement as to the conditions out on the lake. It may look calm, but the winds are very tricky in mountain ravine areas.

Listen to the guards! They are not expert sailors, but they have excellent judgement about the lake conditions. Remember that the guards are only interested in your safety.

BOATS

At the present time, only four boats are in sailable condition. We have been recently plagued by maintenance problems. If you have a problem with water filling the boat, sail it to a windward shore and bail it out. Then sail back to the marina and report it to Mike Rowe (293-9887).

MEMBERSHIPS

We are now offering reduced membership rates for the last few weeks of sailing. Notify your friends about this... the revenues are badly needed. Anyone interested should call Dave Bundy at 295-8195.

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