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for

Cape Lookout Yacht Club Members

from

The Commodore's Council

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CLYC Greetings for the New Year: *Although the South Asia tsunami tragedy introduced 2005 on a sobering note, the Commodore's Council extends cordial greetings to all CLYC members and best wishes for a happy, prosperous, and nautical new year. Among other things, we look forward to CLYC's second year of operation.*

Increased Membership Admission Fee: *Because the costs of operating CLYC have far exceeded revenues, the Commodore's Council has reluctantly had to yield to the need to raise the Admission Fee for new members. Effectively immediately, the Admission Fee is \$500, so if anyone expresses interest in becoming a member please cite this figure to him. The Council anticipates that, upon publication of the NCboatinglifestyle magazine article on CLYC's 2004 Grand Cruise, we'll have many more requests for membership, and if that expectation proves true we may need to raise the Membership Admission Fee again, probably to \$1,000, as some current members have already suggested. Even at \$1,000, most people say CLYC membership would remain a real bargain.*

First CLYC Assessment: While we don't make a big production about the costs of club functions, the functions do incur substantial expenses, of course, so these functions must be budgeted on occasional assessments. As our CLYC Charter explains, we decided against monthly or quarterly dues, which would require too much postage, paperwork, and bookkeeping, and decided instead in favor of occasional member assessments. In due course, we anticipate that new member Admission Fees will offset the amount of these assessments, but as of today we need to assess each member for \$200. Each member is therefore asked to send a \$200 check for his assessment to Vice Commodore Bob Tuttle, Cape Lookout Yacht Club, 211 Arendell Street, Box 30, Morehead City, NC 28557, by April 15, 2005. Any new member will be required to pay this \$200 assessment in addition to the \$500 Admission Fee.

CLYC Federal Tax Number: Wachovia, which handles our CLYC account, required us to secure a federal tax number, and thanks to the good offices of Vice Commodore Tuttle we now have one and are thus classified as a "social, non-profit organization" (the Feds got it right on both counts!). Together with our establishment of a CLYC archival repository in the East Carolina University Manuscript Collection and *NCboatinglifestyle* magazine's forthcoming feature on us, this development represents still another degree of CLYC's "institutionalization." CLYC forever!

NCboatinglifestyle Magazine's Feature Article on CLYC: CLYC's 2004 Grand Cruise to Wilmington will be the featured article in the January 2005 issue of *NCboatinglifestyle* and will likely be the subject of the photograph on the magazine's cover, so keep an eye out for the coming issue. Editor Nicole Crews has informed the Commodore's Council that members will be able to purchase additional copies of the January issue. We haven't been told the price of additional copies, but you can place your order via the magazine's web site (www.ncboatinglifestyle.com) or by writing to Ballantyne Publishing, L.L.C., P. O. Box 29585, Greensboro, NC 27429.

The article on CLYC will surely generate a great deal of attention for our club and, as Vice Commodore Tuttle has observed, will immediately propel us in the rankings as North Carolina's premier yacht club. If you're asked about joining CLYC, remember to point out that membership is by invitation only. You can, if you wish, nominate

someone for membership, but only the secret membership committee has the final say about who is invited to join the club.

CLYC Blazer Buttons, Cuff Links, and Stickpin: Vice Commodore Tuttle has collected enough subscriptions to place the initial order for 10 sets of our exceedingly handsome custom-made gold-plated CLYC blazer buttons, cuff links, and stickpins, so we expect these items to be in hand by spring or summer. If you wish to place an order for the set, send your check for \$285 to Vice Commodore Tuttle.

New CLYC Gear: Members and their ladies often tell the Commodore's Council they'd like to have even more gear bearing the CLYC logo, so we intend to make new items available for our membership. Items often mentioned are hand towels and canvas bags embroidered with the CLYC logo and CLYC license plates. The towels and canvas bags can already be obtained from Yaupon Embroidery in downtown Morehead City, but we need to identify a special vendor for the license tags. If you're willing to help in procuring the license tags, please let Commodore Sparrow, Past Commodore Gibson, or Vice Commodore Tuttle know.

Preliminary Plans for 2005 CLYC Events: Aboard the "Lady Beth" with cocktails in hand, the Commodore's Council has held preliminary discussions about club events for this year, and to date we've mentioned day outings to Cape Lookout and to Swansboro and/or Oriental. In addition, we're pondering a possible overnight outing to New Bern or to River Forest Manor in Belhaven, and Fleet Captain James Fitts and Rear Commodore Wilbur King are looking into the possibility of an overnight in Washington, NC. Our plans will include a brief Captain's Meeting followed immediately by a smart-dress cocktail party the evening preceding each outing. (Thanks to the graciousness of Dock Master Denard Harris, we may well enjoy a return to CLYC's clubroom at Portside Marina, the site of our legendary "Launching Event" last year!) We'll try to announce the final plans and dates for these upcoming events as far in advance as possible so you and your lady can to plan to participate.

Function in adversity;
finish in style.