



## **From the Quarterdeck** **by David Hazlehurst, Commodore**

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First and foremost my thanks to all the members who have helped make the 2004 season one of the club's busiest and most memorable years ever.

While we now have a significant debt, we are no longer land poor, and the addition of some two acres to our paltry three gives us the opportunity to improve small car and small boat parking, and to provide space for Junior activities closer to the water. Pending Board approval of the Short Range Planning Committee's proposals, we could find significant improvements by Opening Day, 2005.

For myself, my year as Commodore has been gratifying, and I appreciate all the support I have had from the Board and the members. All of this help comes at no cost and is essential to the smooth running of a club that is well managed, almost wholly by volunteers. I feel sure that all of us will continue to support our new Officers and Board as we move into a new season.

There was no let up in activities during October, with Fall series regattas the first weekend, and the USODA Optimist Atlantic Coast event, our largest ever with over 160 entries the second.

For the third weekend we had the Indian Summer and Laser Masters Regattas, along with the final off-shore Fall Regatta and an American Cruising Club Dinner all on two days.

For the fourth weekend, on the Saturday we had the Closing Regatta in perfect Fall conditions, followed by the Annual Meeting and the Awards dinner at the club for the second consecutive year, with over 150 attendees. Sunday was a day of rest except for one member who helped build a wooden ramp on our new property for the USODA Regatta, and single-handedly removed it that day. The final activity I saw on Sunday involved two couples taking soil samples in preparation for planting trees and shrubs that will provide a screen between the club and our neighbors.

Enjoy your winter, the holidays, and your well earned rest from this frantic pace. Perhaps we will be less ambitious with our program in 2005 so we can take time to enjoy our world class facilities. But remember that preparations for the 2005 season start in November, so please be generous with your time when you are asked to help.

Thank you again one and all for the support you have given me during the 2004 season. I have enjoyed my year as Commodore, but I would be less than honest if I didn't tell you that I'm looking forward to a change of pace.