

Crescent History

1956

The Membership chose the following to lead Crescent for the year: Commodore Leo Wubbe, Vice Commodore Harry MacFarlane and Rear Commodore Don Fairchild. It also elected two Directors, Carl McPhail, and Robert Glaesner. Robert Schroeder was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board.

The Club marked with deep regret the passing of Commodore William G. Phillips, who headed Crescent in 1947 and who served it so actively and so well for many years.

During January further face lifting went on in the Galley, and of course, the perennial yet valid grumble about non-workers went on among the hard working Members. However, our later-day Rear Commodores are a tougher breed, and a few of the non-workers found a serious lack of harbor space for themselves in the summer.

The Commodore's Ball was held at the Whitter on April 7 and Spring Workday on April 21. The ladies began holding card parties, the proceeds of which have always gone toward those little touches that make a club comfortable, but don't win any cups and trophies.

Crescent admitted its first Senior Member in 16 months during July. The Club has a full roster and a long waiting list.

The Club Regatta was held on August 10, and our usual large entry and fine weather marked the occasion.

At Put-In-Bay Regatta, Dick Hill took first in the Crescent Class and was awarded the Yacht Racing Union Bowl for developing the class named after his club.

The Crescent One-Of-A-Kind Race, which is becoming quite a local event, was held on September 29.

Charles Haug, in his Privateer, won class honors in long distance events on points and was first boat in the Grosse Pointe Bluenose.

Members Boston and Mainwaring took first and second in the DRYA Thistle class champion for the season. Mainwaring also won the Wake Trophy.

The Club Clambake was held on September 29, and after the Clambake a pseudo fashion show was held on what feminine sailors will wear the following season. Hollerbach, Glaesner, Frank Taylor, Goetchus, and Clark Taylor amazed and amused the throng with do-it-yourself Dior Creations.

A more typical Costume Party was held on October 27 and the Cabaret Dance on December 1.

One of the last problems of the year that the Flag Officers and Board of Directors faced was a need for more funds. Normal operating expenses were running Crescent in the red. At a special meeting on December 18, the Membership approved a motion to raise dues as follows: Senior Members \$60 annually; Junior Members \$10 annually and Senior Initiation Fee \$150; Junior Initiation Fees to remain the same.