

From the Quarterdeck

The weather is warming up and the lake is back to its normal level. Everyone is looking forward to springtime with the warmer weather. Usually, what is on our mind the most is having fun in the sun. All of us make sure that there is sunscreen, swimwear, hats, towels, food and drink on board.

Preparing for a fun day is exciting but sometimes we neglect what is really important. Before you head out on your boat for those long leisurely days on the lake, take the time to check out your emergency equipment. If needed, these are the most important items that you will ever have on board. Fire extinguishers, life jackets, flares and other hand-held emergency gear often gets buried in the bottom of a locker or compartment. They are forgotten until needed and when you need them, you REALLY need them. Now is a good time to go through and inspect all of your emergency gear. Are your life jackets in good condition, are your fire extinguishers fully charged, are your flares out of date? Is the anchor and rode in good condition? Take care of this equipment so it can take care of you if the need arises.

March 13th was HCYC's spring clean-up day. We had a great turnout to help clean, scrub, sand and paint. Major cleaning duties included: the clubhouse furniture and bookcase; inside & outside of all windows; the entire kitchen, as well as tables; all BBQ pits; ceiling fans and light fixtures & all dock boxes. Minor repairs included: sewing chair cushions; sanding and re-staining the deck tables; hinges were replaced on the Igloo coolers; a life ring was hung on the lake side of the deck & the we installed another mast storage tube on the sunfish dock. Midway through the day, the super-charged crew took a much needed break and lunch was provided. Don't forget, each of us can all make a big difference in the clubhouse if we remember to pick up after ourselves. Also, don't forget to crush your drink cans in the crusher outside on the deck. The money generated from the cans helps to fund our youth program.

I would like to thank all of the club members that contributed their time, efforts and equipment to help improve the clubhouse, the deck and the sunfish dock: **John & Joan Anderson, Dave & Mary Beckett, Don & Marcia Carberry, Sam Fisher, Clif Hisel, Susan Hooper, Sue Huron, Capt. Bob Laymon, Pete Macler, Jim Meadows, Randle Moore, Michelle Price, Elaine Ruiz, Marsha Teague, Charlie & Carol Teat, Jeff & Pam Walne and Dan Wilson.** Please forgive me if I've left anyone out -- it was a busy day with a great turnout and excellent teamwork.

Have fun and stay safe on the lake!

John Ruiz