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# The Sheet

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## The Times They Are a Changin'...

By Paul Willing - Sheet Editor

Seasons change... and like someone flipped a switch - from HOT to COLD - fall is in the air. As I sit here typing this article the chilly rain is pounding outside at the club site. Just a week ago it would be amazing that no one else would be here on a Saturday. The photo at right is a trick - late fall last year - the leaves aren't that yellow yet.

The Governor's Cup is just around the corner, then the work party and then mean old Mr. W\_ \_ \_ \_ \_.



The club is changing too...

Kudos to Steve Anastos for the sauna - an amazing piece of Lego like construction. I personally haven't tried it, but all that have gave rave reviews. Apparently you're supposed to roast yourself to a golden brown, then run and jump in the lake or snow bank. Repeat as required until done.

We all miss T.L. Stanbro. T.L. is overseas serving our country and missing out on a great summer. Take care T.L. and get home safe and soon. Email him if you can, it's a little piece home that those guys really appreciate.

Tim Gould has done a great job sponsoring and organizing the summer race series. The Independence Day Regatta was fantastic.

Tim took first (big surprise)

Matt took second (Matt who? See below for answer)

Jeromy took third - Way to go Jeromy, persistence does pay off.

Matt Flickinger showed up out of the blue, dusted off his Laser and took home the second place trophy. Matt proved that submariners can still sail and he even demonstrated his unique method of 'rinsing off the sails' after a dusty race (capsize the Laser, on purpose, without getting wet -usually).



For those who don't know Matt he virtually grew up at the club. His grandparents, John and Joan McKinnon, were charter members. His mom Jan was club secretary. He's a past Governor's Cup champion and he used to publish *The Sheet*. See the 1997 [The Sheet](#) archived copies for samples of his work. He joined the US Navy after high school and has worked aboard subs most of his tour. During this visit he kept the kids enthralled with amazing Navy stories.

## Governor's Cup 2003

By Paul Willing - Sheet Editor

It's hard to believe it, but it's only two weeks until the Governor's Race for 2003.

This year's series will consist of six races; three on Saturday August 30th and three on Sunday August 31st. No racing on Labor Day.

Be there or be square.



## The Times They Are a Changin' II...

### Editorial Points of Interest

By Paul Willing - Sheet Editor

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- Things are looking a little junky around the club site since the storage shed was removed to build the sauna. We should seriously consider another one, of some type, to properly store all those things required to run a sailing club.
- New members are like puppy dogs - they need to be trained. If you encourage someone to join, you should personally take the time to explain the rules and common courtesies of the club and train them on setup and stowage of the equipment they plan on using, e.g. RL, Skipjacks, Laser, hoist, etc.
- Hopefully the spirit of the club and the thread to the club's great history will remain intact during and after all the coming changes. It is good to see open email communications and discussions on issues that affect everyone. We need to make sure all members are notified of major projects and changes, otherwise it's not a club at all.
- Family matters and other pressing obligations have prevented timely publishing of this newsletter this season. Dave's email notices have been a good and sometimes better alternative. This newsletter and the message board are VERY public so it does limit what can be published. But it does help garner new members, maintain a bond with sailors all over the world and provide a central point for photos, forms, etc.
- If you have articles and photos to submit, send them to the club email address with a notation in the Subject line like "Article for The Sheet". I can't do it alone, or we end up with Paul's newsletter. If enough articles are submitted I can just format and publish them. Just think - here's your chance to write about sailing to a world wide audience. And it is truly world wide; I get emails from people all over the world who have visited our web site.
- RL sailors, be sure to check our Links page for the new link to the RL web site. You may even see some Alaska photos there. I've corresponded with these blokes in Australia and they're a very friendly and helpful group.

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