Saint Croix Sailing Club

2026

Fall Banquet

An Adventure

Past, Present, & Future

Agenda

6:10 Welcome Annual Banquet & Meeting

7:00 2026 Board Member Overview

7:20 Guest Speaker Jeff Henry

7:45 Nominations for 2026 Board of Directors & Vote 2026 Officers

7:55 Awards

8:30 Group Picture

8:40 Raffle

A few words from our Commodore

Thank you!



Thank you!



Board of Directors

Commodore	Bob Barbian
Rear Commodore	Ken Tenant
Vice Commodore	Craig Nordgren
Treasurer	Chris Kelton
Secretary	Garrison Adams
Regatta Chair	Ken Tennant
Program Chair	Quinn Rowe
Cruise Chair	Dan Prochaska
Ratings	John Provos
Marketing	Elizabeth Sorenson
*Principal Race Officer	Patrick O'Donnell
*Website Administrator	Chad Walstrom

Marketing update

Charting our Course – 2026 and Beyond

A year of learning, connecting, and building momentum



- **Learning the ropes** — getting familiar with our club, events, traditions, and members.
- **Keeping members connected** — promoting races, social gatherings, and special events throughout the season.
- **Setting our sights ahead** — building a more consistent, coordinated approach to club communications.

Making Waves in 2026

Keeping our members informed, engaged, and connected







…and all the emails

Expanding Our Horizons in 2027



- Expand beyond email to include social media, website updates, and print materials.
- Promote major events earlier with consistent messaging across channels.
- Partner closely with Hannah to confirm event dates and details well in advance.
- Create reusable content and a more consistent look and feel for the club.

All Hands on Deck: Growing Our Programs



Learn to Crew — Ready for Launch

- Brochure developed and ready for final dates.
- Expand promotion to social media, the website, and printed brochures.
- Reach prospective sailors and encourage new members to get involved.

Additional 2027 opportunities:

- Build advance promotional campaigns for signature events and programs.
- Highlight the welcoming community and experiences that make SCSC special.
- Create more opportunities for members to share photos, stories, and sailing experiences.

Show Your Club Spirit & Help Shape Our Future





New SCSC T-Shirt

- New club shirt available for pre-purchase tonight.
- Check out the sample in the back.
- Show your SCSC pride on and off the water!

Your Voice Matters

- Complete the survey at your table.
- Share your ideas for events, programs, and the club.
- An online survey will be available after the banquet.

Setting Sail for 2027

Building a stronger, more connected sailing community.

PRIORITY	WHAT'S AHEAD
Plan Earlier	Develop an annual marketing calendar with Hannah
Expand Our Reach	Grow social media and website communications
Build Consistency	Establish simple brand guidelines for colors, fonts, logos, and templates
Promote Participation	Increase visibility for Learn to Crew and other signature programs
Listen & Improve	Use member survey feedback to guide communications and programs

Crew Class 2026

- Dates: Late May or Early June (TBD)
- Captain Tim Tyre - steps forward to be the lead Instructor.
- Marketing: Team effort ALL MEMBERS Past & Present!

Captain Tim Tyre PhD, USN (ret)

- Flight Instructor
- American Sailing 101 Instructor
- Active SCSS Board Member – 3 yrs
- Over 50 years of offshore chartering experience
- Has developed and taught many basic and advanced sailing courses
- US Navy Captain (retired)

Crew Class 2010



Photo by Bill Hooper

SCSC GAINS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED NEW CREW By Ron Dreyer

And how! The 2010 SCSC New Crew Class members have experienced 20-35 knot winds, an afternoon of steady rain and even some nice weather. And, they kept on coming back to class. After four full days, class members have raced on four different boats and spent four mornings studying racing rules, sail trim and theory, terminology, knots, team work, and more.



Photo by Bill Hooper

Pictured above, from left to right, are Bob Barbian, Chaim Teitelbaum, Shahla Dreyer, Paul Cobian, Carl Cobian, Jennifer Moore, Tony Eling, Shallyn Simma, Joe Simma, Debi Takamoto, and Ron Dreyer (instructor).

Wondering what class members thought? They said: class went by real fast; high winds led to quick changes matched by quick learning; I liked learning about the racing rules; getting sails up in seconds takes teamwork; every line has two names: the proper one and a color; a great combination of class-time and boat-time; it takes a complete beginner to a comfort level with basic sailing/racing; easy to read manual; knowledgeable skippers and crew; fun environment; that's the cheapest and most effective class I've taken; the captains were wonderful; and (on the very windy day) the first time all I thought about was self-preservation…subsequently, it was wheeee!

Still looking for crew? The new crew class directory has been distributed via an earlier SCSC email. Otherwise, you can wait for the SCSC directory or contact Ron Dreyer (sr3dreyer@yahoo.com) for an updated class roster.

Exceptional thanks goes to the 12 skippers who have volunteered their boats and crew to train our newest class of graduates. And, of course, a special thank you to Patrick O'Donnell and his crew on the race committee boat for managing great races each day.

Bob Barbian

Crew Class Graduate

Commodore (two years)

Regatta Chair

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore (future)

Treasurer's Update

High Level Finance Overview

Account Balance as of 10/31/26:

Reserved for Committee Boat Capital Fund = $9,678.66

Account	Amount
Money Market	$27,266.90
Checking	$2,221.88
Paypal	$500.00
Total	$29,988.78

2026 Budget:

	Oct 31
Income	$ 16,123.48
Expense	$ 17,538.50
YTD	$ (1,415.02)

Outstanding Income/Expenses:

Fall Banquet (income ~$500)

Capital Fund (expense ~$1,800+)

Very few other expenses

General Finance Information

Expenses	
Hard Expenses	Amount
Slip Rental	$ 5,422.00
Insurance	$ 5,883.77
Commitee Boat Maintenance	$ 429.45
Comittee Boat Fuel	$ 749.13
Banking/Paypal Fees	$ 337.89
Web Expenses	$ 352.81
US Sailing Membership	$ 265.00
Regatta/ Racing Supplies	$ 631.40
Total Estimated Hard Expenses	$ 14,071.45
Soft Expenses	Amount
Crew School	$ 24.92
Social Events	$ 3,003.85
Trophies/ Awards	$ 475.40
Miscellaneous	$ 81.00
Total Estimated Soft Expenses	$ 3,585.17
Total Expenses	$ 17,656.62
Income	
Source	Amount
Banking	$ 573.48
Ship Store	$ 52.00
Membership Dues	$ 10,410.48
Boat Race/ Regatta	$ 4,050.00
Social Events	$ 1,663.00
Total Estimated Income	$ 16,748.96

Crew School Canceled
($3,000 loss)

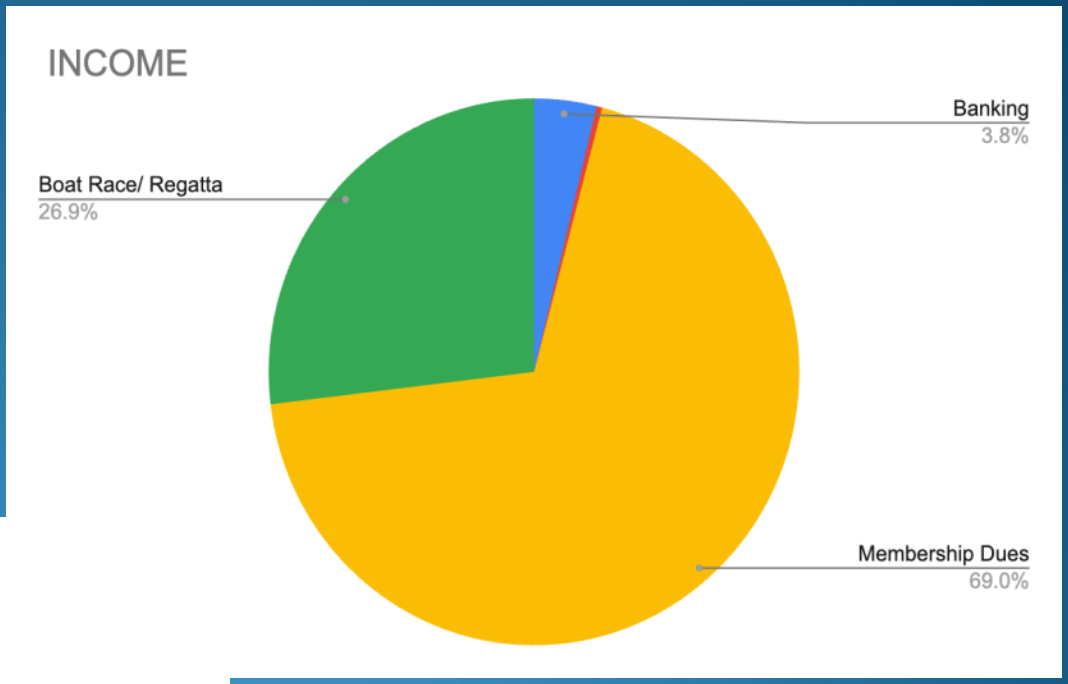
Frugal Spending = lower expenses

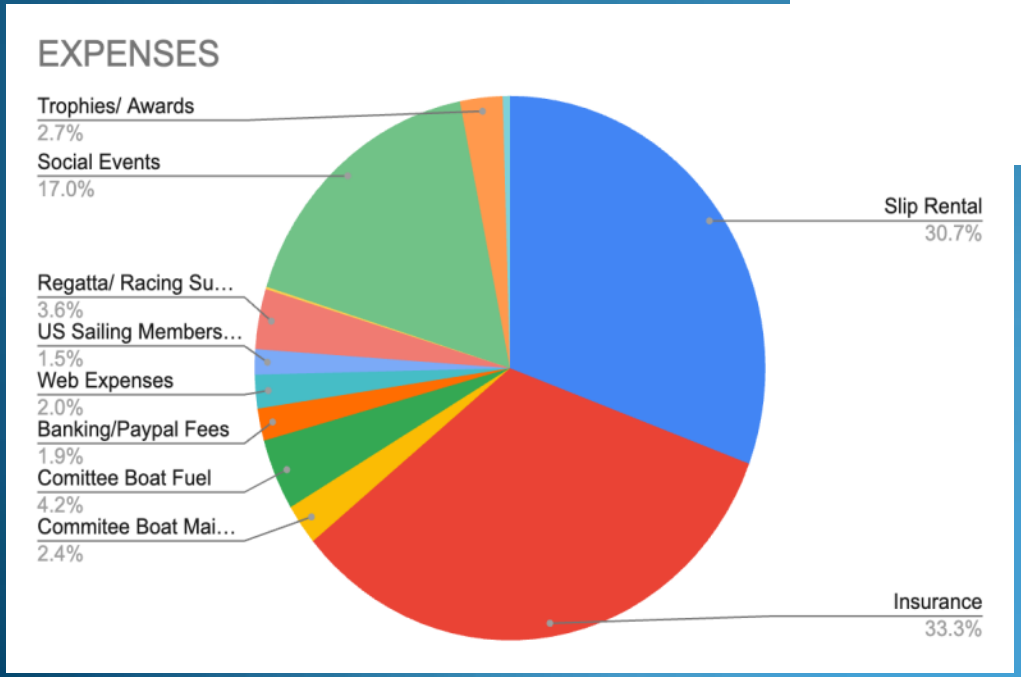
Returning members lower than predicted.

New members were higher than predicted.

ASA-101 generated $2,000 of income!

Budget Summary





Additional Financial Notes

- 501c7 organizations must be self-supported through dues and membership fees and only used on club activates
- Membership dues and membership donations are the primary source of income that keeps the club afloat. Other fundraising activities are limited by the IRS
- The board has continued to work hard to keep dues low.

Race Committee Update




SUZUKI

Guest Speaker

Jeff Henry

With an introduction from

Bill Hooper

In-water Butterfly

Sailing from 3:00 pm



films
talk
etc.

Announcing...

Formation of:

"AFTON SAILING CLUB"

THE AFTON HOUSE

6:30 Pm

Tues. July 9th

dinner $3.95-4.95

Plus $1.00 dues

AFTON on the St Croix

CALL

Candlemas Sailing
P.O. BOX 252
AFTON, MINNESOTA 55001
(612) 436-7059
"THE WIND IS FREE"

ST. CROIX SAILING CLUB

SAILBOATS OF RECORD
June 30, 1976

Owner	Type	Name
Anderson	Snipe	
Brandt	Venture 24	My Way
Carlson	Y Boat	Y Knot
Christoffersen	Lightning	
Evarts	Hunter 27	Antares
Field	Pearson Commander	Second Chance
Friedlander	Shield 30	Asteria II
Froke	Santana 21	
Gantzer	Sidewinder	
Garwood	Venture 2-22	Freedom
Grunke	Y Boat	Winjimmer
Hann	Venture Cat	
Hanson	O'Day 20	Zingg
Henry	Balboa 20	Aura
Hubbard	Chance 30/30	Miss America
Huber	Hobie 16	
Jamieson	Aquarius 23	Aphrodite
Jensen	San Juan 24	Laginappe
Jones	Kestrel 15	
Lind	New Horizon 25	Laissez Faire
MacMenamin	Chrysler 22	Alphida II
McCarthy	Hobie 16	
McNulty	Newport 30	Versari
Olson, D.	Newport 28	Storm Along
Olson, E.	South Coast 22	
O'Neill	Pearson Ensign	YKCUL
Ramsey	Flying Scot	
Royle	O'Day 22	
Schmidtke	Lightning	
Setzer	Hobie 16	
Sinks	Kells 23	Insouciance
Smith, B.	O'Day 23	
Smith, R.	Pearson 26	
Speer	Snark	
Sperl	Sailcraft 22	Sparrow
Stephan	Venture 17	River Spirit
Tolck	Balboa 20	Sea Deuce
Vandervoort	C&C 24	Madibu II
Wald, D.	Y Boat	Yellowbird
Wald, T.	Y Boat	
Wheeler	Sharpie	Scrimshaw
Workman	Ranger 23	

ST. CROIX SAILING CLUB
1976
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SAT	APR	10	SPRING DINNER
SUN	MAY	23	SAILAWAY, PICNIC
"	JUNE	6	RACE (STAGGERED)
"	JUNE	20	RACE
"	JULY	4	RACE
"	JULY	18	RACE (DISTANCE)
SAT/SUN	JULY	24/25	CRUISE
SUN	AUG	1	RACE
"	AUG	15	RACE
SAT/SUN	AUG	21/22	CRUISE
SUN	AUG	29	RACE
SAT/SUN	SEP	11/12	3RD ANNUAL AUTUMNAL EQUINOX REGATTA SAT - RACE (DISTANCE) SAT NITE - PICNIC SUN - 2 RACES
SAT	OCT	2	FALL DINNER 1976 AWARDS 1977 OFFICERS

ST. CROIX SAILING CLUB
1976 RACE CIRCULAR

DATES --- 7 Sundays: June 6, 20
July 4, 18
August 1, 15, 29
3-race Regatta: Sept 11-12

RULES --- Racing rules of the USYRU shall govern racing procedures and decisions.

CLASSES --- Unless by special notice, all boats start at the same time, with no class designation.

COURSES --- The course is trapezoidal with the start/finish line between the windward legs. Boats sail clockwise with southerly winds, counter-clockwise with northerly winds and pass all marks on the same side as the starting mark (exception - distance races). Note accompanying chart.

START/FINISH LINE --- The line runs between the signal flag on the Committee Boat and the start/finish mark. A blue flag indicates the CB is on station at the finish line.

MARKS --- Each mark is an orange pennant flown from a five foot staff mounted on a cube of styroform.

TIME --- The warning signal for the first class is at 1:00 PM.

STARTING SIGNALS --- Each flag shall remain hoisted for 4½ minutes.
1. WARNING: 10 min before START. WHITE flag. GUN.
2. PREPARATORY: 5 min before START. BLUE flag. GUN.
3. START: RED flag. GUN.
In starting by classes, the start signal for each class is the preparatory signal for the next class.

MISFIRE --- The hoisting of the flag indicates the signal if the gun misfires.

GENERAL RECALL --- One long blast of a horn and hoisting of the white flag. This signal is the warning signal for the restart of the recalled class.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL --- One short blast of a horn for each boat recalled. The race judges verbally announce the sail number of each boat recalled. Failure to hear his number called does not relieve the skipper of his responsibility to make a proper start.

ABANDONMENT/POSTPONMENT --- Every effort is made to conduct a race. It is the responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. Weather conditions dictating, the signal for abandonment or postponment is the hoisting of the white flag and the sounding of two guns or two long blasts of a horn; or the Committee Boat is not dispatched to the starting line. The club resails abandoned or postponed races on the next available Sunday not scheduled with a club event.

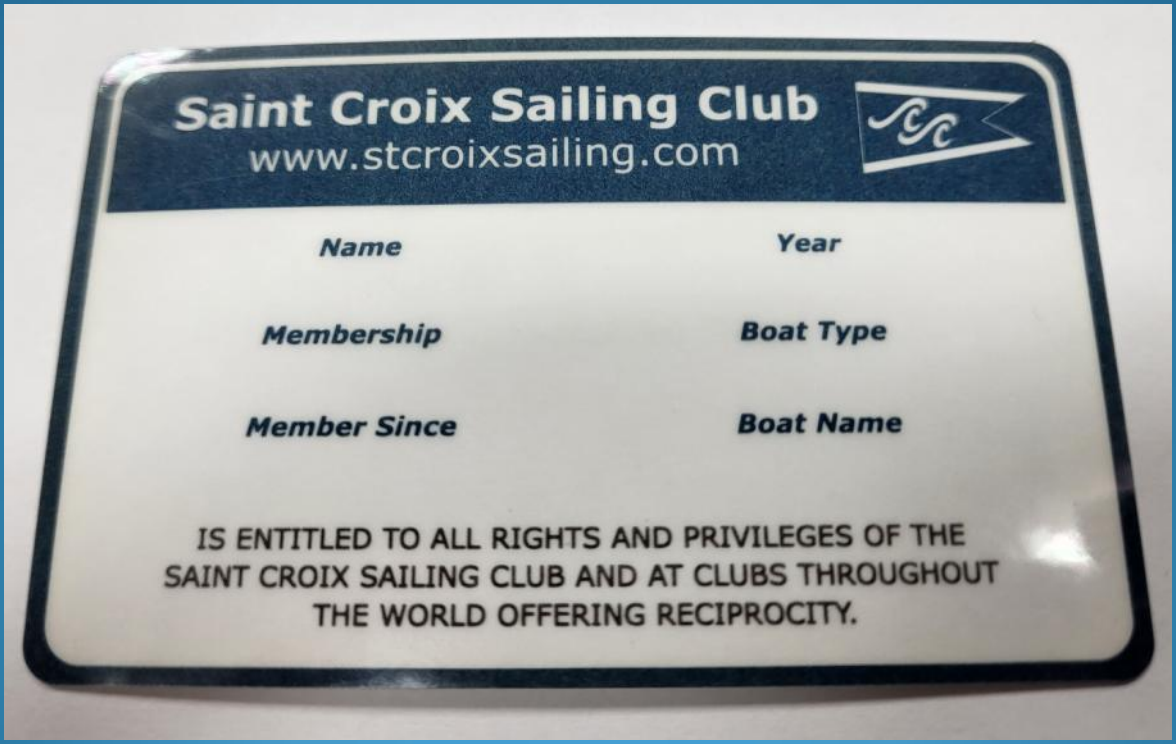
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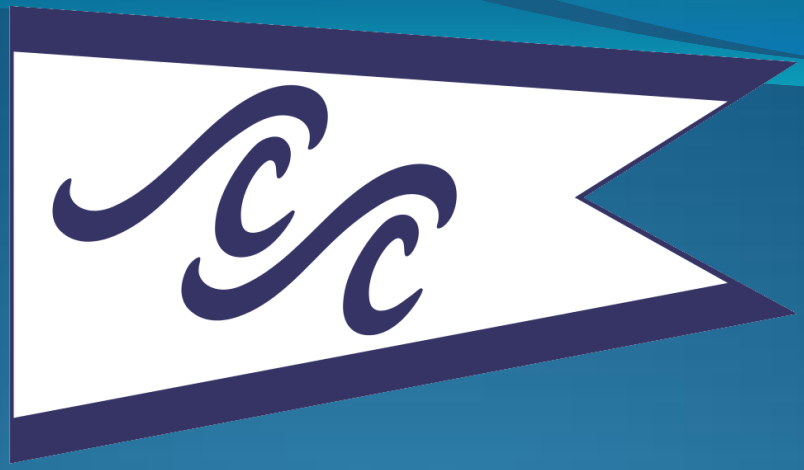
Board of Directors Nominations

Commodore	Craig Nordgren
Vice Commodore	Tim Tyre
Rear Commodore	Bob Barbian
Treasurer	OPEN
Secretary	Garrison Adams
Cruise Chair	Dan Prochaska
Program	Hannah Opatz
Ratings	John Provos
Regatta	Felix Beirbaum
Marketing	Elizabeth Sorenson

Membership Cards

Available upon request





Saint Croix Sailing Club

2026

Awards Ceremony

Honorable Mentions

- Awesome
- Here's To You
- Magic Too
- Sir Passer
- Wild Blue

Intrepid

Division 3

1st Commodore's Cup

2nd Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta



Ripple

Division 3



1st Beercan Series

1st Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta

3rd Women Skipper

Harmony

Division 3

2nd Fall Series

2nd Breaking Waves

2nd Beercan Series



Osprey

Division 3

3rd Yacht of the Year



1st Frostbite Regatta
2nd Commodore's Cup
3rd Spring Series
3rd Summer Series
3rd Fall Series
3rd Breaking Waves
3rd Carlson Classic
3rd Autumnal Equinox
3rd Beercan Series
3rd Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta

Kindred Spirit

Division 3



2nd Yacht of the Year

1st Breaking Waves

2nd Spring Series

2nd Summer Series

2nd Carlson Classic

2nd Autumnal Equinox

Fast Lane

Division 3

1st Yacht of the Year



1st Spring Series

1st Summer Series

1st Fall Series

1st Carlson Classic

1st Autumnal Equinox

Athena

Division 1

1st Commodore's Cup

3rd Pursuit Races



Blew Bayou

Division 1



1st Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta

2nd Frostbite Regatta

Unplugged

Division 1



2nd Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta

2nd Women Skipper

3rd Youth Skipper

E.T.

Division 1



2nd Spring Series

3rd Carlson Classic

Luna

Division 1

3rd Yacht of the Year



1st Summer Series

1st Pursuit Races

2nd Fall Series

2nd Breaking Waves

2nd Beercan Series

3rd Spring Series

3rd Autumnal Equinox

Cubby Bear

Division 1

2nd Yacht of the Year



- 1st Beercan Series
- 1st Spring Series
- 1st Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta
- 1st Frostbite Regatta
- 1st Women Skipper
- 2nd Summer Series
- 2nd Carlson Classic
- 2nd Autumnal Equinox
- 2nd Commodore's Cup
- 2nd Pursuit Races
- 2nd Youth Skipper
- 3rd Fall Series
- 3rd Breaking Waves

Fillmore

Division 1

1st Yacht of the Year



1st Fall Series

1st Breaking Waves

1st Carlson Classic

1st Autumnal Equinox

1st Youth Skipper

3rd Beercan Series

3rd Summer Series

Bronze Anchor

Traveling Trophy



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #1 (part 1)

Osprey (Breaking Waves) – Getting Lost



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #1 (part 2)

Osprey – Hard Aground



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #2

Athena (Carlson Classic) – Motor Fell Off



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #3

Fast Lane (Summer 5) – Lost Hat



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #4 (part 1)

Harmony (Fall 3) – Lapped TWICE



Bronze Anchor

Candidate #4 (part 2)

Harmony (Com Cup) – “Fishmasted”



Bronze Anchor

Other Candidates

Hats Overboard: Fast Lane, Cubby Bear, Committee Boat

Falling Off Dock (admitted): Committee Boat

Aground during Commodores Cup:
Cubby Bear (twice),
Osprey (again),
Harmony (DNF)

Bronze Anchor

The WINNER…



Bronze Anchor

The Winner - Most Crew Overboard!



BEFORE

Bronze Anchor

The Winner - Most Crew Overboard!



AFTER

Bronze Anchor

The Winner - Most Crew Overboard!



Bronze Anchor

The Winner - Most Crew Overboard!



Bronze Anchor Congratulations E.T.!



Beercan wins

Ripple	4	Osprey	2
Cubby Bear	3	Harmony	2
Luna	3	Intrepid	1
Fillmore	3		

Pick up your Beercan awards after the presentation

Saint Croix Sailing Club

- Group Photo
- Raffle Drawing

See you next year!

Thank you, Raffle Donors!

- St. Croix Bakery
- Saint Croix Sailing School
- Dunn Brothers
- Paige Vadnais Realty
- Fuller Tax and Accounting
- Black Coral Pottery
- True North Company Bookkeeping
- Don R. Jones
- Southernmost Barbecue
- Sail Crafters
- My Boating Store
- Hooper's Yachts
- Afton House Inn